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Celebrating 58 Years of Service

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MEETING

Kew Golf Club

120 Belford Road Kew East

Thursday 12:30 pm

Meeting begins at 1pm

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THE FOUR WAY TEST

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it benefit all concerned?

LINKS

[Garden DesignFest](#)

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President's Message



Today our "Guest Speakers were members Jill Forsyth and Jennie Gale, who spoke about the Darwin Sewing project. See details of their report later in the bulletin. Congratulations to Jill, Jennie and their team for all that has been achieved so far. We look forward to further updates.

On Tuesday the Board met for the final time this year and this was followed by a dinner. I would like to thank all Board members for their support over the past 6 months and I'm looking forward to the next part of the journey!

In my report to the Board, I proposed a refocus on committees and committee membership; this was endorsed by the board. Committees will meet monthly, outside our usual weekly lunch meetings.

A reminder about Kew High School's Community event tomorrow, December 12, from 4.00 until 8.00pm. We will be 'flying the Rotary flag' and supporting the school, from 4.00 until 6.00 pm. Details of the event are in the Bulletin. And the weather forecast is excellent!

Thanks to Margaret and her committee for the planning for our Christmas lunch next week; it promises to be a time of fellowship and celebration.

Our first meeting for 2026 will be on January 29, at Kew Golf Club.

Joan

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 12 December

4pm-8pm Kew High School Community Connect Event

Monday 15 December

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 18 December

Arrive at noon for start at **12.30pm**-2pm RCK meeting Christmas Luncheon

Dress is in Christmas colours and Christmas headwear. There will be prizes for best dressed.

There will be Christmas carols, Christmas trivia and Mother Christmas will pay us a visit



We are not having a Chris Kringle but would like everyone to bring something to donate to "Hope in a Suitcase" (Opposite is a list of the things that they need or just money in an envelope if preferred)

The cost is **\$70.00** for a mains and a dessert.

Please let Bob Crozier know if you are coming by the 11th December and guests are very welcome.

Please check the list Bob sent yesterday (Wednesday) to check that you are on it if you plan to attend and are not on it if you will not be there!

Talk to Margaret for any further details.

Australia Day Lunch 2026

You will see that our District Grant to assist with the above is mentioned in the District 9800 Foundation Matters for December.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered. A couple more people would be wonderful. Volunteers are required to serve this meal in 4 rooming houses. If you can assist on 26th January from 11.45am to approximately 2pm can you please let Barb know.

Happy Birthday

December	Bob Crozier (5) Fred Payne (16) Pennie Ibbotson (26)
January	Michael McFarlane (9) Joel Cohen (19) Jill Forsyth (22)



Happy Rotary Anniversary

Belated for November Doug Brown (6)

December	Joan Scott (5) Pam Norton (5) George Verginis (14)
January	Andrew Dalziel (15)

Dates for Your Diary con'd

Thursday 29 January (note change of date)

1pm RCK meeting resuming

27 – 29 March 2026

2026 Multi District Conference – Horsham

13- 17 June 2026

Rotary International Conference Taipei City

Thursday 18 June 2026

6.30pm RCK Changeover – Kew Golf Club

Garden DesignFest 2026

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 November 2026

Gifts for Hope in a Suitcase (bring 18 December)

Make Christmas special for someone living in crisis this year by donating items

Items to Donate

- Hard shell with wheels (carry on luggage size eg. 42cm) is preferable.
- Duffle Bags for teenagers.
- 0-1 YEAR OLD CHILDREN
- Nappies (Newborn – Size 6)
- Baby wipes
- Bottles and dummies
- Clothing items: bodysuits & singlets (Sizes 00000 to 1)
- Baby wash
- Something to cuddle (i.e teddy/bunny – suitable for age)
- Bibs
- Blanket/wraps
- Bath towel
- Face washers
- Story book
- Toy
- 2-3 YEAR OLD CHILDREN
- Pull-ups/underwear
- Pyjama's/singlets/socks
- Other clothing items
- Toothbrush/infant toothpaste
- Something to cuddle (i.e teddy/bunny)
- Blanket
- Hairbrush (clips/scrunchies)
- Toy
- Colouring books/crayons/pencils
- Story book
- Bath toys
- Kids bath wash
- 4-6 YEAR OLD CHILDREN
- Pull ups/underwear
- Pyjamas/singlets/socks



Gifts for Hope in a Suitcase (bring 18 December)

- Other clothing items
 - Toothbrush/toothpaste
 - Something to cuddle (eg.doll/toy)
 - Blanket
 - Hairbrush/hairbands
 - Toys (play dough/craft/cars/puzzles)
 - Colouring in books/pencils/crayons
 - Story book
 - Bubble bath
- 6-8 YEAR OLD CHILDREN**
- Pyjamas/singlets/underwear/socks
 - Clothes sets (eg. shorts and tops)
 - Toothbrush/toothpaste
 - Something to cuddle (eg.doll/toy)
 - Blanket
 - Hairbrush/hairbands
 - Story book
 - Toys (craft/cars/animals/dolls)
 - Colouring in or activity books
 - Pencils/textas
 - Bubble bath
- 10-12 YEAR OLD CHILDREN**
- Pyjamas/underwear/socks
 - Other clothing items (eg. shorts and tops)
 - Something to cuddle (e.g doll/toy)
 - Toothbrush/toothpaste
 - Body wash/soap (in zip lock bag)
 - Shampoo/conditioner (in zip lock bag)
 - Hairbrush/hairbands/clips/scrunchies
 - Reading book
 - Activities: i.e craft, balls, card games
 - Colouring in or activity books
 - Pencils/textas
 - Bubble bath (in a zip lock bag)
 - Journal
- 12 YEARS + CHILDREN**
- Pyjamas/underwear/socks
 - Other clothing items
 - Toothbrush/toothpaste
 - Body wash/soap (in zip lock bag)
 - Roll on deodorant (no aerosols)
 - Hairbrush/hairbands
 - Shampoo/conditioner (in zip lock bag)
 - Toiletries bag
 - Sanitary items
 - Novel/interesting facts/quote book
 - Journal/stationary items
 - Puzzles/challenge toys
 - Mandala colouring books/find-a-word/crosswords



In the RIMERN newsletter

“Thanks City of Boroondara, for including RIMERN in their inaugural Preloved Donation Day where, thanks to volunteers from Rotary Kew, Rotary Camberwell and Rotary Canterbury, we collected two truck loads of donations.”



Can You Help please?

As an upgrade is to be done to the Kew Library, RCK can go longer have a storage area under the Library. We own quite a bit of GDF equipment that is stored there. The Club is looking for a storage area. Do you have a shed or garage that would be available for RCK storage? Please let Andrew know if you can assist. You don't need to take everything. We need to be out of the library area by the end of December.

Toast

The toast today was to Rotary International, Rotary Club of Kew and Rotary in Madagascar

Thought of the Day

The thought this week were contributed by Margaret
“To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan but also believe.”

Anatole France

Raffle

The raffle was won this week by Fred

Almoner

Das continues to have regular contact with our members, and we thank him most sincerely for his continual care.

Please let Das know if you are not well or having surgery or if you become aware of other members not well.

Guest Speakers

We were delighted to have Jill and Jennie as our speakers today talking about the Darwin project. This



project began in 2023 and is modelled on the Timor Leste project with cultural heritage and hopefully small



business.

The advantage of having the Fair Trade Shop is that 100% of the money from these items is returned to the people.

Indigenous Sewing Ladies, Since 2023 the project has supported indigenous seamstresses in the NT with skill development and training. Both elders and youth have gained the skills needed to create high quality hand made goods with cultural importance. Goods have been sold at Larrakia shops for income. Relationships and trust have taken time to develop. (Those that have been to Darwin have seen the wonderful relationships that Jill and Jenny have built.)

Les Huddleston is a prolific and respected artist and cultural mentor. An Arts NT Creative Fellowship grant has been applied for in the hope of supporting his work. With the support of the Rotary Club we can continue to apply for grants like this and make a big difference to the lives of NT artists and professionals.

Rotarians are encouraged to contribute their skills

- Sewing training
- Product development
- Fashion training
- Applying for grants
- Transporting fabric or equipment to/from the NT. (Travel is self funded.)

The immediate benefits of the project are community connection, skill development and income generation. Long term benefits include stable careers, increased employment and opportunity and escape from poverty. Any economic development project costs money. The Fair Trade and Gift Shop and donations have funded so far, with grants being another source of money. However there are so many needs.

There are other projects occurring apart from the sewing, with plastic milk bottle tops still being collected. All coloured lids are being collected and Jill have an arrangement to swap any that are not red, yellow or black. These are being made into pens.

Gift Giving for You or Others

Still time for gift shopping at the Fair Trade and Gift Shop 650 High Street Kew East. Items include

	
Fair Trade-Timor-Leste Product: Crossbody wallet - Multicoloured with red/indigo highlights \$20.00	Fair Trade-Indigenous Textiles: Crossbody Bag - Taupe, White and Black mesh pattern \$110.00

Aquathons 2026

Details of the Aquathons has just arrived and volunteers would be greatly appreciated by the new co-ordinator (Joel).

Dates are

Boroondara Sports Complex

15 January and

12 February, and

Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre

29 January.

Please let Kim or Barb know if you can assist for these late afternoon events,

Salmon

There is still time to order Salmon, but Mah Hoon needs your order by Tuesday (16 December) for delivery at our Christmas celebration on Thursday (18 December) Phone Mah Hoon on 0418 336 594 to place your order. \$55.00 for one kilo.

Bank Account Details

When making payments directly to the Rotary Club of Kew Club, please use the following details:

Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000

Account 125381590

Please remember to include your name and reason for payment

Kew High School

network
Parents and Friends Association

PRESENTS
COMMUNITY CONNECT EVENT
Kew High School

Friday 12 December 4pm -8pm

Live music, food stalls & trucks,
kids' games & face painting,
fundraising raffle, auction, fun
activities & more!

Inviting parents, students,
alumni, staff (current & past),
local primary school students,
and friends of our school to
connect, celebrate and
support our 2025 fundraiser for
Level 1 classroom climate
control.

Kew High School



Support Kew High School's silent auction using the QR code above..

RCK Location at the Community Connect Event



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Meeting Duty Roster

Date	Chair	Host	Meeting Equipment	Cashier-1	Cashier-2	Thought
18-Dec	Wen K	Perks E	Hoath R	Crawford J	Bourke M	Levin R

