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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 we enjoyed our first meeting for 2026, with a focus on Fellowship. Members were very happy to catch up with each other and share holiday experiences. I'm sure many of you had similar experiences to me, catching up with family and friends. Whilst it's refreshing to have the time to

take a break from "normal" routines, it was fantastic to reconnect with members during our lunch meeting today.

Thanks again to all members who have been volunteering with activities over January, including the Aquathon, the serving of Australia Day lunches and attendance at the Citizenship ceremony. Photos were shared recently on Facebook, and are included in this Bulletin.

Of course, as I wrote in last week's Bulletin, we are all thinking of those people and communities caught up in the bushfires; some of you may have close connections with those who have been affected. We will begin to explore the best ways in which our club can support communities affected by this disaster; your suggestions are welcome.

This week I received an email from Robyn Abrahams, who was our Guest Speaker at an earlier meeting, on the topic of End Polio. I'm delighted to let you know that Robyn has recently been appointed to the Federal Government's Aged Care Council of Elders. For the past five years, the government has appointed representatives to this "cross section of the older persons community in Australia, who then deliver advice to the government on how to support older people." We congratulate Robyn on this appointment, which recognises her impressive career as a critical care nurse and advocate for people with a disability.

There are some more interesting speakers booked over the next weeks, so make sure you don't miss out!

Joan Scott

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Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 29 January

5.15pm – 8pm Aquathon Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre

Monday 2 February

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 5 February

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club Speaker Joel Matthews speaking about his role and possible collaboration

Monday 9 February

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Tuesday 10 February

5.30pm RCK Board Meeting – Colin's

Thursday 12 February

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Member Behind the Badge Hengameh Amiry
5.15pm – 8pm Aquathon Boroondara Sports Complex (Belmore Road)

Monday 16 February

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 19 February

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Speaker Peter Stewart OAM Sumba update

Monday 23 February

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 26 February

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club

Sunday 2 March

Clean Up Australia

Monday 3 March

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 5 March

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club

Thursday 12 March

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club

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

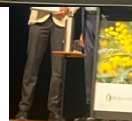
Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 November 2026

Australia Day

Australia Day was very busy for me. My day started with a Welcome to Country and a Smoking Ceremony at the Hawthorn Arts Centre before attending the Citizenship Ceremony. 130 + were welcomed as Australian citizens today but before that



happened, there was a performance by the Hawthorn Pipe Band



and then a presentation to the Young Citizen of the Year Dr Rion Ahl

The finalist for Citizen of the Year were announced and many of you will know one of the finalists Pauline McKinnon OAM

The Citizen of the Year is a Rotarian at Camberwell Teresa Molella and we congratulate her on her award and all the wonderful work that she is doing in the Community.



I then went on to RCKs luncheon for those in supported accommodation.

Barb

Australia Day Lunch 2026

Thank you to all those that assisted with the Luncheon. I was delighted that our District Governor Peter was able to visit all locations with me and see this event in progress. The Rotary Foundation contributed to the cost of this function and they are thanked for their funding.



Ivy Grange
Thank you
Russell,
Wendy
Pam and
Lorraine
And of
course



Peter who Barb
was able to take to
the 4 locations

Romanos
Thank you
Kim, Das
Miles and
Hengameh



Thought of the Day

The thought this week was contributed by Jennie
"Although no one can go back and make a brand new
start, anyone can start from now and make a brand
new ending."

Carl Bard

Australia Day Lunch 2026



Hamer Court
Andrew,
Evelyn and
Joel with
Peter

Carrical
Bob, Gillian and
Cam with Peter



Aquathons 2026

We have had the first (15 January) Aquathon , the
second is tonight and the third in a fortnight.
Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre 29 January.
Boroondara Sports Complex 12 February,
Please let Kim or Barb know if you can assist for these
late afternoon events,

Happy Birthday

February
Michael Stillwell (1st)



Happy Rotary Anniversary

February
Jennie Gale (10 years)
Samir Freijah (8 years)

Toast

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

Raffle

The raffle was won this week by Pam

Darwin Project

Les has finally been able to access a screen printing table, so he's on his way. He's printed fabric for his male fashion, Vests and ties, his ladies fashion with colourful swirling fish patterns, and tee shirts and tea towels. We will have enough products for upcoming events see attached. The sewing ladies also made bags, but not many yet, so still trying to get their products upscaled. They do now have an outlet at the Larrakia shop in Darwin.

Jill

Screen Printing Table



Les Screen printing



Darwin Project con'd

Aboriginal products



Thank you – Bottle Tops

We would like to send a quick shout out to the people saving, sorting and delivering bottle tops to the shop for our economic development and STEM project for Darwin schools

Many thanks for this. We still need more red, yellow and black ones if you have some.

Jill

Bottle Tops



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.

January's Theme – Vocational Service

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Rotary District 9800

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Past RI President Glen W. Kinross

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Meeting Duty Roster

Date	Chair	Host	Meeting Equipment	Cashier-1	Cashier-2	Thought
05-Feb-26	Scott J	Burns C	Crozier B	Amiry H	Verginis G	Hoath R
12-Feb-26	TBA	Stillwell M	Payne F	Levin R	Turner-Atkins M	Burns C
19-Feb-26	TBA	Maddock G	Tan MH	Burns C	Perks E	Dias C
26-Feb-26	TBA	Crawford J	Cohen J	Dias C	Stewart P	Crozier B
05-Mar-26	TBA	Levin R	Devidas D	Maddock G	Stillwell M	Maddock G
12-Mar-26	TBA	Verginis G	Hoath R	Norton P	Dalziel, A	Dalziel A



Brighton Classic Car Show 2026
Sunday 22 March
Firbank Grammar, 51 Outer Crescent, Brighton

For all makes, 25 years or older
Display Cars Entry 8am to 10am (\$25) - Public Entry 10am to 2:30pm

120 Classic Cars on Display
Additional Entertainment
Fun for the whole family

Adult Entry @ \$10
Juniors under 14 free
Food & Beverages available

Register your car: trybooking.com/DFLNB	Enquiries: Rob Pinchbeck 0411 729 569	Website: brightonclassiccarshow.org.au
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