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Celebrating 60 Years

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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?



CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Rotary Club of Kew Changeover

Last Thursday night's Changeover Dinner, held at Kew Golf Club, was a wonderful celebration, with reflections on the highlights of the past year, and with President Barb Brook outlining her plans for an exciting year ahead.

Distinguished guests present included District Governor Peter Shephard, Dr Monique Ryan and Mayor Wes Gault. An apology was received from MP Jess Wilson, who had parliamentary and family commitments; she sent her best wishes to everyone and her congratulations to Barb as she takes on her new role.

A number of representatives from other clubs were present, as well as honorary members of Kew Rotary Club.

Attendees were delighted to be entertained with choral performances by Mandy Brook who happens to be the new President's daughter! Highlights of the evening were the actual Changeover Ceremony, the presentation of a Paul Harris Fellowship to Pam Norton, Past President, and the announcement of the Murray Chessell Rotarian of the Year, awarded to Pennie Ibbotson, a very worthy recipient!

Certificates celebrating 25 and 40 year Rotary Club of Kew memberships were presented to Michael Conyers and Michael Stillwell. MC for the evening was Club member Russell Hoath, who was congratulated for his excellent management of the proceedings, for keeping the event on time, and for adding an element of fun to our 2026 Changeover Dinner!

Joan Scott IPP

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RCK Changeover



RCK Changeover – Barb's Speech

Thank you Joan for everything you've done over the past year as President of the Rotary Club of Kew. You have led the club well as you managed your many commitments. (presented with a camellia plant) Thanks to all of you – our special guests acknowledged earlier by Russell (our wonderful MC), community leaders Natalie and Amanda (who was a late apology), Kew Rotarians, Honorary members of the Rotary Club of Kew and my friends and family for coming tonight to help us celebrate the Changeover of Presidents and to welcome in the new year for the Rotary Club of Kew.



Projects, Projects, Projects – This has been a long established tradition at RCK and I hope we can continue and expand it over the next 12 months. Projects provide service above self. They also make a lasting impact whether it be for those the project is focussed on, or for the volunteers where they can also provide friendship and fun. As has always been the case, projects and activities have been wonderfully supported by our members but they may also provide a specific place of belonging, or a unique sense of purpose to others that want to join us. After being brought to RCK by Pennie, my introduction to the Rotary Club of Kew was End Trachoma. RCK had faith in me to co-ordinate the RCK part of the project, but you all supported the project and also me and I will never forget that – sewing, of bags, a person coming to the front door with money to support the project, items being brought to Rotary or money given to me to shop, a way to transport the items to Tenant Creek and Katherine and the regular enquiries As I was preparing for tonight, I was delighted to read that Trachoma has been eradicated in Australia. You also trusted and supported me with Chairing GDF in 2024 but what I again saw was the wonderful Team supporting the project and again supporting me. Every member that was able and others were involved in that event.

I had a wonderful introduction to Rotary. I was very privileged as a young youth leader when the church organist suggested I might like to go to RYLA. He was a Rotarian and following this wonderful Rotary experience with another person sponsored by the Club, this other young person introduced me to Rotaract. Rotaract also provided me with opportunities including going on exchange to Japan, but also hosting many

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young people when they came to Australia and later on their families. The opportunities we provide at RCK will be different to my experiences, but the projects that continue in Sumba, Timor Leste and Darwin will have a lasting impact on the people that have benefitted. I was privileged to see that last year in Darwin – thank you Jill. Our youth programs in the local Kew area which Kim and Joan have been spear heading also provide opportunities for youth and the educationalists that support them.

The Rotary Club of Kew is in its 60th year. This year I want to look to the future but not forgetting our history and the wonderful projects that have and are occurring. For tonight I have put a few items of our past over towards the door. Some of the items are still our future – the 4 way truth, our charter. You may like to look at them a little later if you have not done so already. There are also

banners of clubs our members visited or members of those clubs that visited us
and a list of items of history stored at the Kew Historical Society of a club RCK sponsored.

Although our 50+ year member cannot be with us tonight, we have many long standing members in our club and another one of 25 years who is about to join them. It is lovely to have you celebrating tonight with us Mike. <<Joan presents Michael Conyers with his certificate>> We also have a 40 year member Michael. I am sure that these wonderful members and other long standing members can share with you much more of our history than is on display. <<Joan presents Michael Stillwell with his certificate>> Michael and Fred are about to undertake our history from 51 – 60 years.

Thank you for entrusting me to be part of a wonderful Team for 2026 - 2027 as we start our 60th year since charter. All club members are part of the Team and I am very conscious I have not mentioned you all by name tonight, but I know I will be on occasions during the year.

Committees are important for our functioning and I would like to ask committee leaders to stand at their tables.

Pam – Environment and Sustainability,
Russell and Hengemah who will share Community and
Joan – Youth

Peter who is travelling will look after International and also travelling is

Margaret Club Service.

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I would like to introduce The Team making up the Board. As you name is called please come out. I have asked Dr Monique Ryan to present you with a badge, before she says a few words. Please come out
Jill Vice President

Mark Treasurer

Jonathan – Finance

Colin who is at the World Convention in Taipei –
Foundation

Margaret who is with family in the UK Club Admin

Wendy Activities

Kim Public Image & Marketing

Joan (who has her badge) but please still come out)
past president.

Thank you everyone. Please enjoy the rest of the night.



Thanks Kim for the photos

Save the Date

RCK Trivia Night

Saturday 29 August

Location - Sackville Grange

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 29 June

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 2 July

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club

Projects, Projects, Projects

Monday 6 July

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 9 July

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club

Speaker Mike McFarlane

My 2 years as World President of IFFR

Monday 13 July

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

5.30pm Board Meeting – 38 Rotherwood Rd Ivanhoe E

Thursday 16 July

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club

Speaker Colin Burns the Rotary World Summit - Taipei

Monday 20 July

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 23 July

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club

Speaker Colleen d'Offay Donations in Kind (DIK) CEO

Monday 27 July

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 30 July

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club

Speaker Murray Chessell OAM "More fun than the Olympics"

Monday 3 August

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Dates for Your Diary con'd

Thursday 6 August

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club

Monday 10 August

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

5.30pm Board Meeting – on Zoom

Thursday 13 August

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club

Footy day and Fellowship

Dates for Your Diary Looking ahead

Garden DesignFest 2026

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 November 2026

Rotary South Pacific Conference,

30 October – 1 November 2026

Early registration discount, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, \$325 - \$424 AUD see

www.rotarysouthpacific.org

Rotary Multi District Summit 2027

16 – 18 April 2027 Warrnambool

(On to Conference Co-ordinator Joan)

Rotary International Convention 2027

26- 20 June 2027– Barcelona (originally scheduled for Dubai)

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Meeting Duty Roster

Date	Chair	Host	Meeting Equipment	Cashier-1	Cashier-2	Thought
25 June-26	Garling W Sergeant Burns C	Brook B & Wen K	Scott J	Shepherd J	Bourke M	Vickers A

The new roster will be available soon. Please make sure Fred is aware of any duty you do not wish to assist with.

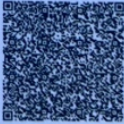


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