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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

President's Message



On Monday night the Board met and I was pleased to give a report at the Meeting today. I was also delighted at today's meeting to present a certificate of transfer to RCK and welcome Hengameh and also present a badges to our President Elect – Colin Thank you both for taking on these role.

Thank you so much Pam for contacting RCK member to attend Canterbury Rotary's Trivia night in which funds raised go to RIMERN. There is still time to join the RCK tables. It will be a fun night. I hope that some more of you can join us. Another social opportunity and also very geographically suitable for RCK members is the Polio Plus Society afternoon tea. (Detail on page 2)

Thank you Jonathan for all your work as Treasurer with your last task before handing over to Mark to send out the fee notices. I ask all members to please pay punctually preferably by direct debit. Thank you to the 50% of member who have already paid.

I am pleased to also be able to announce and thank Mike for taking on the role of Membership Chair for 2026 - 2027. Thank you Mike.

After starting the month with Rion as our speaker, and then our own Mike and today our own Colin, next week we welcome Colleen from Donation in Kind (DIK). This is an organisation we support but there are many ways that they also can support our projects and have already been doing so.

Have a wonderful week

Barb



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Links
[Garden DesignFest](#)
[Facebook](#)
Rotary D9800

www.rotaryclubofkew.org.au

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 20 July

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona
6pm for 6.30 Rotary Club of Canterbury Trivia Night
\$30.00 Auburn Bowls Club

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

Thursday 6 August

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Speaker Irene Harrington OAM JP - Leading the world in civil celebrancy

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

Monday 17 August

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona
Film Night with the Rotary Club of Canterbury
Film - Holy Days 6pm Lido Optional Dinner afterwards
Margaret will finalise details on her return

Thursday 20 August

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Celebrate 94.1 Radio 21 years speaker Ian Salek

Monday 24 August

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 27 August

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club

Is it in your Diary?

RCK Trivia Night

Saturday 29 August

6pm – 9pm

Location - Sackville Grange

Dates for Your Diary Looking ahead

Thursday 22 October

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
District Governor Visit

Garden DesignFest 2026

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 November 2026

Rotary South Pacific Conference,

30 October – 1 November 2026

Early registration discount available until 31 August, 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- 30 June 2027– Barcelona (originally scheduled for Dubai)

#EndPolio Rotary POLIO PLUS SOCIETY

You are warmly invited to the District 9800 POLIO PLUS SOCIETY AFTERNOON TEA

Our Guest Speaker will be PDG Murray Verso who will speak on the "Cultural History of Poliomyelitis".

All Rotarians and friends are welcome along with our Polio Plus Society members.

On: Saturday 5 September 2026

Starting at: 2.30pm

At: Camberwell Uniting Church Hall
314 Camberwell Road, Camberwell

Parking: Camberwell Road or behind Petbarn in Butler Street

Cost: \$10

Dress Code: Smart casual

RSVP: By 1 September 2026

Questions?: To Jane Pennington
Email: Jane.Pennington@Rotary9800.org

Booking via Trybooking:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DNVBF>
or using the QR Code

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Donation in Kind (DIK)

I felt very privileged the first time I visited DIK and saw all the wonderful work that was being done by Rotary and the items they were able to provide to me as RCK Community Director to assist our local Kew Community. I am sure many of you next week will come away with ideas of how we can develop projects with the assistance of DIK including setting up partnerships. I know I have one in mind. Our Club has been a member of DIK and this year has rejoined thanks to a very generous donation from the Fair Trade and Gift Shop. This donation covers our membership for the years 2026-2027 and 2027- 2028. Barb

Guest Speaker



Our esteemed member, Colin Burns, spoke about the Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan which he attended in June. Colin has been a Rotary Member for 37 years which he described as the best years of his life. He has held many positions in Rotary

in that time and will become the RCK President next year! He was a Metallurgist and Environmental Engineer working in PNG and 3 States of Australia.

Taiwan is the Republic of China: population 24 million, 1/5 the size of Australia, about 1/2 the GDP per capita of Australia and the major export is computer chips! It is a spotless, safe and welcoming country - no crime but security cameras are in use. Their infrastructure is amazing; learned from the Japanese. Food delicacies include pineapple cake, dumplings and skewered items are readily available. There are 60 mountains over 3000 metres and people live along the coast as flat land is used for housing and growing rice. There are temples everywhere, night markets (24 Hours), lots of lanterns and food is cheap so most people can eat out.

The Convention had 37,000 Registrations- with 25,000 of the 40,000 of Taiwanese Rotarians attending. 150 countries were represented; the House of Friendship had 230 Booths including one managed by Mike McFarlane! There were two main venues- the Convention Centre and the Taipei Dome which held 50,000; each venue was above a railway station. The highlights were the opening ceremony, entertainment, the chance to meet so many other Rotarians and the excellent speakers. One, Malah Yousafzai, escaped Iran and is very involved in the plight and role of women in Rotary. We must remember that Rotary is much bigger than this room!



Questions to Colin raised the fact that change is happening; we need to be open to do things differently. In Taiwan, respect for each other including the Taiwanese indigenous people is very strong. The Taiwanese are less worried about China than we are even if they cannot buy a Chinese car! This was a very interesting and informative session and we thank Colin most sincerely.

Evelyne

Darwin

While some of us were preparing for the RCK Changeover – that day 18 June - our Darwin project had a visit from the NT Arts Minister and the visit has now appeared on his Instagram page



I think you will all agree it is a lovely to see a photo of Jennie and also Edda with some of 'our sewing ladies'. (Jill was in Melbourne that day.) As you are all aware Jill and Jennie have done an enormous amount of work to ensure the success of this project.

Toast

The toast today was to Rotary International, The Rotary Club of Kew and the Rotary Club of Bendigo

Thought of the Day

The thought was contributed by Gaie.
"Problems are not stop signs, they are guide lines"
Winston Churchill

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.

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 payments

Raffle

The raffle was won by Michael

Thank you Alison

Alison was today presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship by our cluster Chair and fellow member Michael



Meeting Duty Roster

With the new roster, if you cannot complete your duty, you are asked to please find your replacement from your Avenue of Service Committee (AoS) and please let Bob know preferably by Tuesday, so that the meeting agenda is as accurate as possible

Those on the Thought are asked to please email it through to the Bulletin editor preferably before the meeting
Fred is thanked most sincerely for all his work on completing the roster

DATE	AoS	CHAIR	AoS	SETUP	AoS	CASHIER-1	AoS	CASHIER-2	AoS	HOST	AoS	THOUGHT
23-Jul	Yth	Allison Vickers	Com	Mike McFarlane	Club	Mah Hoon Tan	Int	George Verginis	Com	Cam Dias	Pres	Barbara Brook
30-Jul	Int	Andrew Dalziel	Com	Moh Dadafarin	Club	Margaret Turner	Com	Hengameh Amiry	Yth	Colin Burns	Club	Bob Crozier
6-Aug	Club	Bob Crozier	Int	Peter Stewart	Int	Mark Bourke	Yth	Joan Scott	Club	Das Devidas	Com	Cam Dias
13-Aug	Com	Cam Dias	Com	Russell Hoath	Yth	Michael Stillwell	Club	Joel Cohen	Int	Doug Brown	Yth	Colin Burns
20-Aug	Yth	Colin Burns	Com	Sophie Torney	Com	Mike McFarlane	Yth	Jonathan Shepherd	Club	Evelyne Perks	Club	Das Devidas
27-Aug	Club	Das Devidas	Club	Wendy Garling	Com	Moh Dadafarin	Com	Kim Wen	Com	John Day	Int	Doug Brown
3-Sep	Int	Doug Brown	Yth	Allison Vickers	Com	Pam Norton	Club	Mah Hoon Tan	Yth	Fred Payne	Club	Evelyne Perks
10-Sep	Club	Evelyne Perks	Int	Andrew Dalziel	Int	Peter Stewart	Club	Margaret Turner	Club	Gaie Maddock	Com	John Day

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