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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



I was delighted to have the opportunity on Wednesday to attend Servants Housing in particular Romana's to see their wonderful art exhibition and have the opportunity to talk to some of the artists. I was also very pleased on Tuesday that Joan was able to attend Kew High School's amazing production of Chicago and I know we all enjoyed hearing about it today.

Tonight I am going to Boroondara's Citizenship Ceremony and next Tuesday a small group of us are going to DIK.

Next Thursday is footy week. For those of you who do not have a scarf, you don't need to feel left out. I have plenty of spares I can bring to share for the day. I look forward to seeing you all in your footy colours

Thank you to those who have booked for the Trivia Night. Just a reminder for others to do it. (Tell your friends what table you are at and you will have a great social night whilst also supporting the SRI (Spinal Research Institute).

Have a wonderful week

Barb



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

www.rotaryclubofkew.org.au

Dates for Your Diary

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
Opportunity for discussion on the new Rotary District boundaries for our District

Monday 17 August

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona
Film Night with the Rotary Club of Canterbury
Film - Holy Days 6pm Lido (675 Glenferrie Road)
Optional Dinner afterwards at the Glenferrie Hotel (324 Burwood Road). Please **pay** into the **club account** with description film and your surname. Bookings required by August 7

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
D9800 Club vote for Re-Districting
Before using your mobile phone (camera activated) to help with our strategic planning. Your views are important.

Dates for Your Diary Looking ahead

Thursday 22 October

11.30am RCK Board meets with the District Governor
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)

Dates for Your Diary con'd

Saturday 29 August

RCK Trivia Night

Book tickets individual or make up a table of 8 people
Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/DOERV>
or via QR code on poster
(Tell your friends what table you have booked on enabling them to add themselves to your table)



Monday 31 August

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 3 September

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Speaker Sarah Stancombe 'Introduction to change ringing'

Monday 7 September

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 10 September

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Speaker Pauline McKinnon OAM - finalist Boroondara Citizen of the Year

Monday 14 September

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona
5.30pm Board Meeting- Hengameh's

Thursday 17 September

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Speaker Michael Stillwell - Sweden

Toast

The toast today was to Rotary International, The Rotary Club of Kew and the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk. (Eaglehawk is also in its 60 year, but a smaller Club than RCK)

Thought of the Day

The thought were contributed by Cam
"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention."
Kahlil Gibran

Guest Speaker

Our Guest Speaker today, Irene Harrington, OAM, is a JP and Civil Celebrant. She was accompanied by her



husband Fred. Irene gave a very informative and entertaining talk on the history of Civil Celebrancy in Australia, including some interesting anecdotes! In 1972, in the Whitlam Government, Lionel Murphy, as Attorney General, initiated

changes to the conduct of various civil ceremonies, aiming to bring dignity to proceedings which took place in non religious settings.

Lois D'Arcy, the first Civil Celebrant in Australia, was appointed by Lionel Murphy in 1973. After the appointment was publicised, Lois received many requests from couples desiring a civil marriage celebration. 53 years later, Lois is still working, having officiated at 2500 ceremonies.

This process, started in Australia, was soon adopted in many other countries.

Civil Celebrants conduct a variety of ceremonies including marriages, funerals and the renewal of wedding vows. Celebrants must have a thorough knowledge of all the legal requirements involved and must adhere to those rules.

Irene has thoroughly enjoyed her work as a Civil Celebrant; as well as sharing the joy of wedding and other ceremonies, she has been honoured to be asked to conduct funeral services.

Irene was thanked for her talk, which gave members an excellent insight into the now very well established role of the Civil Celebrant.

Joan

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.

Raffle

The raffle was won by Peter

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

August is



Romana

A glimpse of the wonderful exhibition



Last Friday at Kew High School



Thank you Joan for attending Kew High School last Friday to assist with the planting of their Eco wall. 36 students (year 11 VCE VM class and Eco Crew students in 8, 9, 10 & 11) helped create it. It is not quite finished. If anyone has any spider plants, bromeliads, or Ferns they would like to



donate (or even plant) please Let Joan know and she will connect you with Elise at Kew High School.



Other Rotary Cubs

Rotary Club of Hawthorn – RSVP by 14 August



BEYOND THE AI HYPE: WHAT BUSINESS LEADERS NEED TO KNOW

BUSINESS BREAKFAST FOR BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

Exploring the Future of Artificial Intelligence

- Microsoft's **Anshul Chopra** outlines how enterprises are using AI today to transform operations and improve business outcomes.
- Learn how your business can turn emerging technologies into real strategic advantage.
- Explore how AI could reshape your organisation.
- Network with other business professionals.

GUEST SPEAKER



Anshul Chopra
Microsoft Enterprise Account Director
Works directly with senior leaders across major industries to help them navigate and leverage AI



DATE & TIME	VENUE	COST	RSVP BY	Click here to register!
Friday 21 August 7.30AM - 9.00AM	Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club	\$80 per person	Friday 14 August Places limited	

www.hawthornrotary.org.au

District 9800

#EndPolio

Rotary  

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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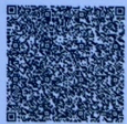


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Meeting Duty Roster

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
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	Alison 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		Barb Brook
17-Sep	Com	Jennie Gale	Club	Bob Crozier	Int	Robert Levin	Int	Mark Bourke	Int	George Verginis	Yth	Fred Payne
24-Sep	Yth	Fred Payne	Yth	Colin Burns	Com	Russell Hoath	Yth	Michael Stillwell	Com	Hengameh Amiry	Club	Gaie Maddock
1-Oct	Club	Gaie Maddock	Club	Das Devidas	Com	Sophie Torney	Com	Mike McFarlane	Yth	Joan Scott	Int	George Verginis
8-Oct	Int	George Verginis	Int	Doug Brown	Club	Wendy Garling	Com	Moh Dadafarin	Yth	Jonathan Shepherd	Com	Hengameh Amiry
15 Oct	Com	Hengameh Amiry	Club	Evelyne Perks	Yth	Allison Vickers	Com	Pam Norton	Com	Kim Wen	Com	Jennie Gale
22 Oct		Barb Brook	Club	Mah Hoon Tan	Int	Andrew Dalziel	Int	Peter Stewart		District Governor's		Visit
29 Oct	Int	Jill Forsyth	Yth	Fred Payne	Club	Bob Crozier	Int	Robert Levin	Club	Margaret Turner	Yth	Joan Scott
5 Nov	Yth	Joan Scott	Club	Gaie Maddock	Com	Cam Dias	Com	Russell Hoath	Int	Mark Bourke	Club	Joel Cohen