



Bulletin

RI District 9800

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Celebrating 60 Years

PRESIDENT

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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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RI PRESIDENT

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Graeme Hope

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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



We were delighted to hear on Tuesday that we have received a Foundation District Grant. I thank Jill with the support of Jennie for taking the lead in this project. Connections have been made. You will be hearing regularly as students start to be involved.

On Monday the Board approved being a Supporting partner of the Zonta Club of Melbourne for ZEDx 2026 with a contribution towards the delivery of the event on Wednesday 25 November. If members would like to make an individual contribution towards RCKs sponsorship, please contact Mark. Although a very busy week for our Club member are encouraged to attend the event to be informed and inspired to contribute to the conversation about how, can we all change the culture, to prevent gender-based violence both now and in the future. (You may recall one of the speakers at our Women's Breakfast earlier in the year was from Zonta.)

I hope that you will be able to join us on Sunday when we hold a ceremony at the Peace Poles on World Peace Day (our ceremony this year will necessarily be the day before, on Sunday September 20th to acknowledge the paramount importance of Peace in the world.

After the ceremony there will be the opportunity for a walk around Victoria Park in recognition of Rotary's ongoing project to eliminate polio from the world. We ask those who choose to walk to give a donation to this cause. Following the walk, participants are encouraged to join us at the Harp Hotel for lunch. Thank you Pam for organising this.

Have a wonderful week

Barb



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

www.rotaryclubofkew.org.au

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 20 September

10.30am Celebrate World Peace Day in Victoria Gardens, before a Polio Walk and then lunch at the Harp Hotel.

Monday 21 September

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 24 September

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Speaker Teresa Molella Boroondara Citizen of the Year

Monday 28 September

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 1 October

Visit and meeting at Donations in Kind (DIK)
From 10am for Service before our meeting and lunch

Monday 5 October

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 8 October

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Speaker Wes Gault Mayor Boroondara
'What on earth do your Councillors actually do ! '

Monday 12 October

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

Wednesday 14 October

10am – 1pm Friends of Willsmere Billabong

Thursday 15 October

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Speaker Bob Slater AM -
Vocational Service: A Reflection
on this understated second
avenue of service.
Also Mad Hat Day for Lift the Lid on Mental Health.
Don't forget to wear your hat.



Monday 19 October

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 22 October

11.30am RCK Board meets with the District Governor
1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
District Governor Visit

Monday 26 October

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 29 October

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Halloween and Cup Sweep

Rotary South Pacific Conference,

30 October – 1 November 2026

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre,
www.rotarysouthpacific.org

Monday 2 November

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 5 November

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Dress for the Cup. There will even be some races.

Monday 9 November

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Wednesday 11 November

10am – 1pm Friends of Willsmere Billabong

Thursday 12 November

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Acknowledging Remembrance Day

Monday 16 November

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 19 November

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club RCK AGM

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 November Garden DesignFest

Monday 23 November

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 26 November

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club

Monday 30 November

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 3 December

1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Speaker Dr Jenny Gowan AM
"Questions to ask about your medicines"

Monday 7 December

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 10 December RCK Christmas Lunch

12.30pm Kew Golf Club

Rotary Multi District Summit 2027

16 – 18 April 2027 Warrnambool

Rotary International Convention 2027

26- 30 June 2027– Barcelona (originally scheduled for Dubai)

RCK 2027 Changeover

Thursday 1 July 6pm for 6.30pm Kew Golf Club

Guest Speaker

Our esteemed member, Michael Stillwell, attended the 78th Baden-Powell Fellowship Event in Stockholm recently. Participants shared common values- "Simply Scouting Spirit". His Majesty, King Carl Gustaf XVI celebrated 50 active years in Scouting and his 80th Birthday. Participants shared common values, collaborating on peaceful ambitious goals- Simply Scouting Spirit!



Tours to the Vasa Museum, Drottningholm Palace (Home of the King where participants were invited to lunch), Stockholm City Hall (home of the Nobel Prize Banquet), a Swedish Dinner, 'Scouternas' (Scouts) Day, seminars and other special events were included. 600 members attended, 16 new and 80 Baden Powell Fellows including Michael. The new Fellowship Chair is the Grand Duke of Luxembourg. There was a stunning Opening Ceremony followed by group debates and discussion on leadership, courage, trust etc. 2,000 participants attended some sessions. The last event was a fellowship dinner in the Great Hall attended by 800 guests who enjoyed cocktails, a superb meal and entertainment.

What sets the B-P Federation apart are strategic impact, transparent partnership and network amplification. The aim is to focus on a peaceful and inclusive world. As Lord Robert Baden-Powell said, "The real way to gain happiness is to give to others". Thanks Michael for informing us about another aspect of your many contributions to society. The RCK also aims to follow this aphorism in our work.

Evelyne

Plastic Bottle Tops

We continue to collect plastic bottle tops for our Darwin STEM project. Bottle tops can be brought to Thursday meetings or dropped at the Fair Trade and Gift Shop.

Toast

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

Friends of Willsmere Billabong

The RCK Board has supported this initiative and we thank Pam and Alison for taking on the leadership. Please support them.

Pam and Alison have formed a "Friends of Willsmere Billabong" group. Willsmere Billabong is in Willsmere Park, just along from Kew Golf Club. We will meet once a month at the Billabong to weed, plant and mulch and hopefully do some "Citizen Science", for example, counting frogs or birds. We will meet on the **second Wednesday of each month**, excluding December, January and February or days when the weather is inclement. **10am to 1pm**, and morning tea will be provided.

We are asking for volunteers for the first working bee, on **Wednesday October 14th**. The billabong is a lovely natural environment in which to spend time, and you will be doing important work for the community.

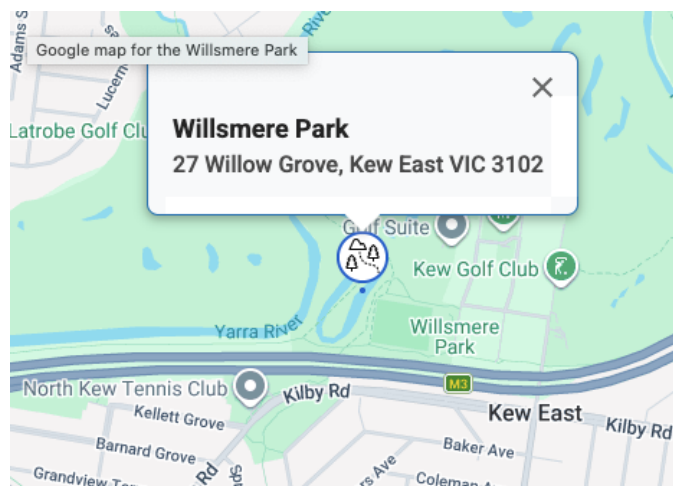
Please let one of us know if you can attend. There is a form that needs to be filled out for the Council beforehand, for insurance purposes.

You may have a friend who would like to join in and they would be most welcome, we just need to know beforehand.

Please help us to make this a successful ongoing project.

Pam 0409 667 552

Alison 0402 431 590



Thought of the Day

The thought was contributed by Fred "Small steps create the path to greatness – Progress is built incrementally not overnight."

◆ **SPECIAL INVITATION** ◆

**ROTARY 100 ONLINE INTERNATIONAL MEGA MEETING
THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY 2026.**

FROM CONFLICT TO RESOLUTION

☆☆ **BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE YOUR 2-STAR GLOBAL PEACE PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATE**

You are warmly invited to join The People's Assembly 2026, a special international online gathering bringing together people from around Australia and the world for meaningful dialogue, connection and collective action towards a more peaceful, inclusive and resilient world.

From Australia, we come together with love and an "All In" spirit for peace, reconciliation and community, recognising that peace begins with each of us and requires all of us to take active, daily steps towards understanding, respect, reconciliation and unity.

The meeting is being held in recognition of the United Nations International Day of Peace and during the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 81).

This international gathering will bring together peacebuilders, Rotary Leaders, Rotarians, humanitarians, changemakers, community leaders, and advocates for peace, justice and human rights from communities across Australia and around the world.

EVENT DETAILS ◆

Sunday, 20 September 2026

8:00 PM — Melbourne, Australia (AEST / UTC+10)

6:00 AM — New York, USA (EDT / UTC-4)

REGISTER NOW 🖱️ [HERE — FREE](#)

Please register in advance to reserve your place: 📱

PLEASE NOTE: The meeting will officially open 15 minutes before 8:00 PM Melbourne time for goodwill messages, informal connection and greetings from communities around the world.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST SPEAKERS:

We are honoured to welcome distinguished Rotary leaders and peace advocates, including:

SPECIAL GUEST — RIP. YINKA BABALOLA

Rotary International President 2026–2027

Topic: *The Message for All Peace Advocates and Rotarians: Creating Lasting impact Across Borders and Cultures*

GUEST SPEAKER — PRIP. STEPHANIE URCHICK

Previous Rotary International President

Topic: *The Magic of Peace: How People Can Create Extraordinary Change*

GUEST SPEAKER — STEVE KILLELEA AM

Founder & Executive Chairman, Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP), Sydney, Australia.

Peace Day Theme Message: *Invest in Peace – For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day*

GUEST SPEAKER — DR. SHANNON ZIMMERMAN

Senior Lecturer, Centre for Future Defence and National Security, Canberra, Australia.

Topic: *The Role of Peace Advocates in Building Sustainable Peace*

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ABOUT THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

The Rotary 100 Online International Mega Meeting – The People's Assembly 2026 will bring together Rotary leaders, Club Presidents, Rotarians, Rotaractors, Friends of Rotary, Peacebuilders, Partners, Civil Society leaders, Global Peace Ambassadors, Humanitarians, Changemakers, Social Workers, and Advocates for Peace, Justice and Human Rights from around the world.

The gathering will create a meaningful international platform to:

- ◆ Exchange ideas and experiences
- ◆ Share practical approaches to peacebuilding
- ◆ Learn from leaders and communities around the world
- ◆ Build meaningful international connections
- ◆ Strengthen partnerships and collaboration
- ◆ Inspire positive action for peace and social change

We also believe that lasting peace begins within individuals and extends outward to families, communities, societies and nations.

GLOBAL PEACE PARTICIPATION RECOGNITION FOR INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS

Every participant who attends The People's Assembly 2026 live will receive a signed digital ★ 1-Star Global Peace Participation Certificate.

The certificate will recognise participation in this international dialogue for peace and conflict resolution, held in recognition of the **United Nations International Day of Peace** and during the **81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 81)**.

A signed digital 2-Star Global Peace Participation Certificate will be available to participating Rotary Clubs or organisations that attend for **at least 50% of their club or organisation members**.

A separate registration link and QR code will be provided **after the Rotary International Presidential Message during the meeting** for eligible Clubs and organisations to submit their participation details and receive their digital certificate

PEACE IS POSSIBLE

Let us come together. Let us unite for Peace, Purpose and Progress. From Conflict → to Understanding From Understanding → to Resolution From Resolution → to Lasting Peace

Yours in Service,

PP. Ozuem O. Esiri (AmbP)

Director, International Service RC Sapele GRA | D9141 2023–2026

Peace Practitioner | Peace & Justice Advocate | Human Rights Activist

Host & Convener: *Peace Begins at Home Australia International*

The International Online Mega Meeting (The Rotary Mega Meeting)

<https://www.mega-meeting.com/>



Represent Your Club
Represent Your Region
Represent Your District
Represent Your Country
Represent Your Community
Represent Your Organisation
Represent And Be Present For Peace

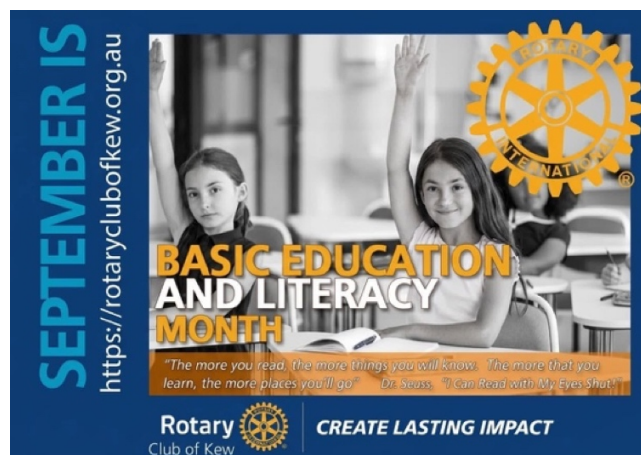


ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL & LEADERSHIP INTERNATIONAL ONLINE MEGA MEETING

MEET SOME OF OUR PREVIOUS SPEAKERS

Guest Speaker	Guest Speaker	Guest Speaker	Guest Speaker	Guest Speaker	Guest Speaker	Guest Speaker	Guest Speaker
Berry Kinsella	John Hewko	Stephanie Urech	Marie Claire de Camargo	Gordon R. McNulty	Arthur Kanegisa	Pat Merryweather	Pat Merryweather
President 2023-2025	President 2023-2025	President 2023-2025	President 2023-2025	President 2023-2025	President 2023-2025	President 2023-2025	President 2023-2025

September is



SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

<https://rotaryclubofkew.org.au>

Rotary Club of Kew

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

DIK AGM

Call for Nominations for Board Positions for Donations in Kind Inc, (DIK)

As per our new constitution we are advising that our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is to be held on Saturday 3rd October at 10.00 am at the DIK premises.

During this meeting all positions on the current Committee of Management will be declared vacant and there will be an election for the following positions under our new Board Structure. The positions are:

Chair / Deputy Chair / Operations Manager / Secretary / Treasurer

Given our club is a member of DIK, DIK are seeking nominations from Barb RCKs representative or any current members of our club who may be interested in serving on the DIK Inc Board in the roles above. There are further opportunities for members to nominate as DIK can have up to 6 Ordinary Board members. However, the AGM must first by resolution decide the number of ordinary members of the Board it wishes to hold office for the next year. Naturally, this number is not known at this point but we will be advised once this formality is completed and the nature of the role. A single election will be held to fill all of those positions. Barb has the nomination form.

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 Jill

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

Other Rotary Clubs and District 9800



ROTARY HAWTHORN

FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON

RAISING FUNDS FOR

Australian Rotary Health and Rotary Hawthorn Community Projects



GUEST SPEAKER

PROFESSOR JODIE MCVERNON AO
DIRECTOR OF EPIDEMIOLOGY,
DOHERTY INSTITUTE FOR INFECTION AND IMMUNITY

PREPARING FOR UNCERTAIN FUTURES

Jodie's team has informed local and international responses to the 2009 H1N1 influenza and COVID-19 pandemics. Her particular interest is in the population impact of infectious diseases and control interventions, and the need for a whole of society lens in preparedness and response.

DATE AND TIME	VENUE	COST	RSVP
Friday 2 October 12.30pm to 2.30pm	Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club	\$85 per person	by Friday 25 September. Places are limited.

BOOK ONLINE

Scan the QR Code on the right or visit:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DNXAL>



www.hawthornrotary.org.au

Rotary Walk with Us in 2026

1 - 31 October

Here is your opportunity to **HAVE FUN, GET FIT** and help yourself **WHILE HELPING OTHERS**



Join others this October as we get active and raise funds for Rotary's number one global project. Everyone in the community can take part and help make history by supporting the effort to eradicate polio worldwide.

Register yourself to walk solo or form a team with your family, friends and club members and seek sponsorship for every step taken.

Rotary has been working towards this goal for more than 30 years with cases of polio reduced by 99.9%. This is the final push.

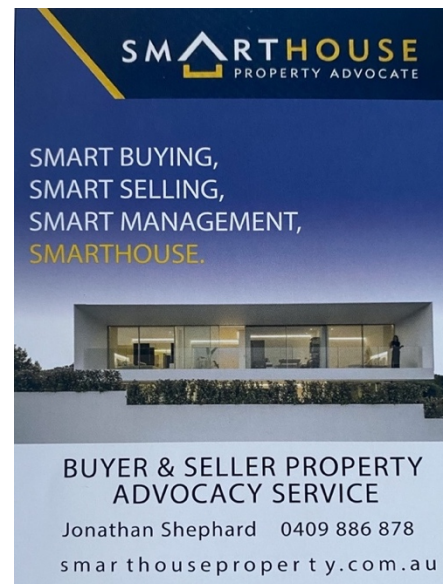
Each dollar raised will help us reach our fundraising goal of \$100,000 to vaccinate all children against polio. Each dollar becomes \$3 thanks to the Gates Foundation.

All donations are tax deductible and for Rotarians count towards your overall RI donation credits.

Register at: Rotary Walk With Us End Polio : Home

And be ready to start walking, running, cycling, swimming and fundraising on 1 October.



The Rotary Club of Kew acknowledges the ongoing support of the following businesses**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
24-Sep	Yth	Fred Payne	Yth	Colin Burns	Com	Russell Hoath	Yth	Michael Stillwell	Com	Hengameh Amiry	Club	Gaie Maddock
1-Oct Meet at DIK	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