



Bulletin

RI District 9800

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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

Links

[Garden DesignFest](#)

[Facebook](#)

Rotary D9800

President's Message



Saturday may be the AFL grand final, but it is also 100 days since RCKs changeover.

I have reflected on what has happened in that time and it includes the following

RCK received a very generous donation from the Fair Trade and Gift Shop to enable us to be members of DIK.

This has enabled us to support

Dress for Success with a van full of items

We have also partnered with The Performing Arts section of Scouts Victoria with fabric for their Production

We have received items to support our fundraising for SRI as well as items for BCOs Christmas hampers.

Items have also gone to The [Philippines to Kadasig Aid](#) to support the work of a speaker last year - Glenys Gayfer OAM.

We are members of RIMERN and Pam and I have done the case managers course and this has been put into practice. Thanks Kim for being our rep.

Jill and Jenny have been in Darwin making connection and further developing Empowering Community Connections

We had a grant intention accepted and now have been provided a 1:1 grant for \$5000.00 to develop a new program in Darwin

A most successful Trivia Night was held - thank you Margaret and Wendy and the Club Team (Evelyne, Gaie, Bob, Das, Joel) and those that organised tables (Pennie, Pam, Doug, Gaie, Wendy and Evelynne). A \$2500.00 donation will be presented to the Spinal Research Institute (SRI) via Doug.

Our RAWCs program "Job Creation in Timor-Leste" continues, managed by Jill.

Gaie, Evelynne and Joel continue to involve Sackville Grange residents in supporting RCK collections.

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We welcomed Michael Maher (SRV) back and Joan was able to formally present him with \$5000. We heard how Michael was able to use the money with Freemasons Victoria with a 1:4 grant and open Stroke Recovery Centres.

Peter has visited Sumba to continue that long term project.

We have supported Kew High School led by Joan.

Members have supported other Cluster Clubs (Balwyn, Balwyn North, Camberwell, Canterbury, Glenferrie, Hawthorn) in attending Changeovers and their fundraisers. Thank you Michael for Chairing the cluster.

We were assisted by Kew East Community Recycling to collect 55.85kg of bras - still to be counted for a numerical number (which are going to Fiji) as well as another 150 + so far via social media posts, most being delivered to the Fair Trade and Gift Shop. We continue to collect till the end of October. This project is a partnership with the Rotary Club of Hawthorn, supporting a project of the Rotary Club of Portland. Thank you Kim and Hengameh for collecting at the Recycling Centre.

We have had our 5000th Facebook view. Kim has produced Social media posts on many of our speakers. Thank you. Thank you also to those that 'like' and therefore assist in sharing our posts.

We have held our 1 year celebration of the Peace Poles in partnership with the Rotary Club of Canterbury and linked a walk for Polio Plus to this. Thank you Pam for co-ordinating.

Thank you Michael (along with Jillian Canterbury Rotary) for being the first host family for Andy our exchange student (shared with the Rotary Club of Canterbury) and organising the schooling. Thank you Jonathan for being a counsellor.

We have started work on our Strategic Plan.

Pam and Alison have set up a Friends of Willsmere Billabong which members are encouraged to support.

Cam has regularly been delivering bread to Ivy Grange.

Mah Hoon has organised some fundraising by continuing the sale of Salmon.

We have some advertisers – thank you Robert and Jonathan.

We have welcomed Mike back from his World Rotary role and he has started work as Membership Chair.

During all this time a Group of members led by Andrew and Mark have been working most diligently on Garden DesignFest, gardens have been procured - thank you Pennie, sponsorship and advertising obtained thank you Pam and Russell, and promotions are occurring, thank you June and Alison. Tickets for the event, including bus tours are about to go on sale.

We have had the opportunity to meet each Monday for Fellowship as well as our Thursday meeting and we have heard from a variety of wonderful speakers with topics including AI, Change ringing, Commonwealth Games rep, Leading the world in civil celebrancy, 2 years as World President of IFFR, the Rotary World Summit in Taipei, Baden Powell in Stockholm and 21 years of Community Radio. We have also had Fellowship time with the Rotary Club of Canterbury with a film night and dinner. Thank you Margaret for co-ordinating.

Thank you Hengameh for all the background work you are doing including that as Secretary and all other Board members and Committee Chairs.

Thank you everyone for the wonderful work you do for Kew Rotary including all those that ensure our weekly meetings run smoothly particularly Bob, Fred, Colin and George and the care you show to all of our members led by Das.

There will be other fabulous things that are occurring within the Club and I apologise if I have not included them.

During the next 100 days let's aim to further expand our work.

Have a wonderful week
Barb



CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Thought of the Day

The thought was contributed by Gaie
"The moment before letting go is when we hold on the hardest."

Monday 28 September

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona
10am Gardening at Hamer Court

Thursday 1 October

Visit and meeting at Donations in Kind (DIK)
From 10am for Service before our meeting and lunch
Shed 39, 400 Somerville Road Footscray West

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 and Fellowship

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

Monday 14 December

10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 17 December

Informal get together details to follow

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

World Peace Day

One Year of Peace, Unity & Friendship!

A beautiful morning celebrating the first anniversary of our Rotary Peace Pole at Victoria Park, Kew, together with fellow Rotarians and community leaders.

A simple yet powerful message: "May Peace

Prevail on Earth." 🌍

Peace begins with each of us, through kindness, understanding and

the connections we build in our community. ❤️

Kim

Thank you Pam for all your organising of a wonderful morning. We were delighted to have the District Governor present and also 2 Counsellors – Shimu and Sophie.



And then the End Polio Walk



Guest Speaker

Teresa Molella was elected 2026 Citizen of



the Year by Boroondara Council and it was a privilege to hear her speak about her volunteering at our Rotary lunch. She trained as a Secondary Teacher, then studied Sociology then worked in Market Research. Later, in the Education and Training Division, Housing

Division and then as a volunteer in several organisations, she joined Rotary Camberwell in 2013. Despite serious health issues in 2003 (Brain aneurism, losing her sense of smell) she married Les Parker in September of that year.

Teresa lives by , ' Service above self', and in her 13 years as a member of Rotary, she has worked on many committees and on the Board. Her primary role has been management of the Hawthorn Makers Market since 2015, raising \$30,000+ annually, which requires often daily consistent effort. She is a Board Member of Servants Community Housing, supporting people at risk of homelessness via community building projects. She was a Board member of Boroondara Cares Foundation, addressing issues eg educational disadvantage, homelessness, social isolation, drug abuse and family violence. Teresa also supports young people through the Chances program and coordinates a fortnightly Friendship Group for Our Lady of Pentecost Parish (Deepdene).

Teresa enjoys many benefits from her volunteerism- she always has plenty to do, she enjoys the community building focus, she enjoys the company of other people and she was awarded the title of 2026 Citizen of the Year which she very well deserves.

Evelyne



At
Hawthorn
Arts Centre
360
Burwood
Road
Hawthorn

Plastic Bottle Tops

We continue to collect plastic bottle tops for our Darwin STEM project. At present we are only looking for **# 2** and **# 5** bottle tops as described below for the moulding (to make pens).

Bottle tops can be brought to Thursday meetings or dropped at the Fair Trade and Gift Shop.

Plastic Lid Recycling Breakdown

Number 2 (HDPE - High-Density

Polyethylene): Commonly found on milk and water bottle caps. Because it is highly versatile and durable, it is shredded, melted, and injected into specialized **product moulds** to create everyday items like plastic bricks, park benches, and reusable tools. [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#)]

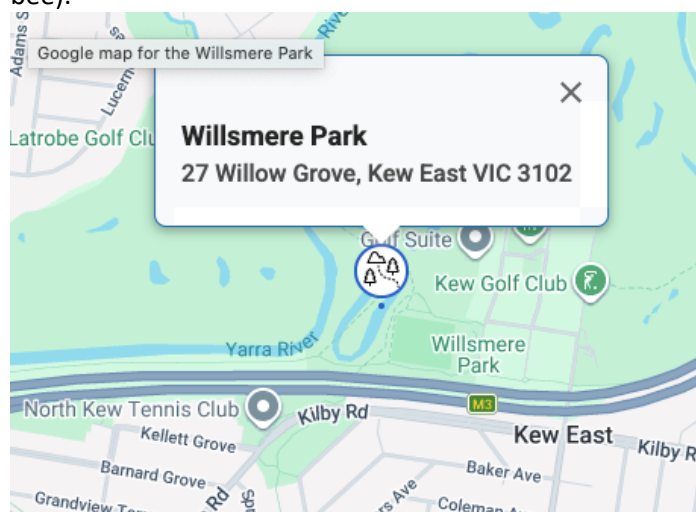
Number 5 (PP - Polypropylene): Commonly used for soft drink and juice bottle lids. It features a high heat tolerance and is often injection-moulded into auto parts, heavy-duty crates, and construction materials. [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#)]

Jill

Friends of Willsmere Billabong

Meets 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.

The first working bee, is **Wednesday October 14th**. Please let Pam (0409 667 552) or Alison (0402 431 590) know if you can attend. An insurance form needs to be completed (before your first working bee).



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.

Toast

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

Raffle

The raffle was won by Teresa

Bank Account Details

When making payments directly to the Rotary Club of Kew Club, please use the following details:

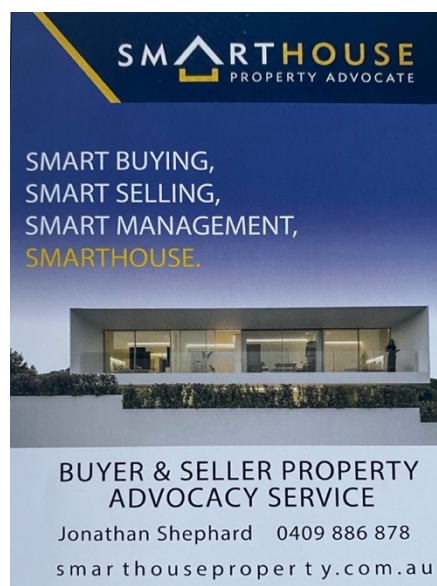
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Please remember to include your name and reason for payments

District 9800

Register at <https://www.rotarywalkwithus.org>

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
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