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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

President's Message



This has been a busy week for RCK members. Thank you Pam, Russell and Lorraine for assisting Hamer Court to get their garden back in order.

Thank you Mike for attending the Endeavour Foundation this morning. There has been a long and important association with the Rotary Club of Kew. Mike has detailed this on page 3. It also links to Garden DesignFest (GDF) when we will hold the 10th GDF in November.

While Mike was at the Endeavour Foundation, I with other members was at DIK. We met a number of very dedicated people some who are there at least twice a week, sorting and preparing items to help others. Jill and Carl each brought a car load of items which are being sent to Timor Leste and whilst we were there other clubs also brought in items whilst we were there to send overseas.

We are still taking part in Operation Uplift till the end of October. Please assist by spreading the word that bras can be left at the Fair Trade and Gift Shop or brought to an RCK meeting.

Page 5 has a link to an online form. Please consider completing this form so that you can assist at Friends of Willsmere Billabong under Pam and Alison's leadership. The form only need to be completed once.

Travel Associates is assisting us with our fundraising. They have invited us to an event. Details on page 6. I hope some of you can go.

Have a wonderful week

Barb



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

www.rotaryclubofkew.org.au

Dates for Your Diary

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

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

Hamer Court

On Monday, Russell, Lorraine and Pam went to Hamer Court and did some much needed weeding, and Russell also mowed the lawn. I took them some seedlings that I got cheaply and they will plant. The garden looks really great now.

Thanks to Russell and Lorraine.

Pam



Endeavour Foundation in Kew

Today, representing President Barb, I visited the Endeavour Foundation in Kew, a place that some members may remember as the former **Vatmi**, and before that, **NetworkQ** in the late 1990's. Kew Rotarian and Past President **Lindsay Noss** was the CEO of NetworkQ in the early days. In 2005–06, following the success of our inaugural **Garden DesignFest in 2004**, the Rotary Club of Kew made a substantial donation towards the fit-out and garden

beautification of the newly completed building – almost 21 years ago.

It was wonderful to see today that the good work continues through the Endeavour Foundation, guided by the same simple but powerful belief: **every person deserves the opportunity to learn, grow and belong.**

The Foundation continues to lead the way in 2026, reflecting the remarkable changes and progress that have taken place over the years.

There was a time when people with intellectual disability had few rights, limited choices and little, if any, support. Children with intellectual disability were often excluded from classrooms, while opportunities for education, employment and meaningful participation in community life were scarce.

But a small group of determined people around Australia refused to accept the status quo. They dreamed of a different future for their children – one where they could receive an education, learn new skills and participate fully in community life. A future where their abilities and potential were not simply recognised but valued and celebrated.

That vision has helped shape the organisation we see today – and it is heartening to know that, in a small way, **Rotary Club of Kew was there at an important stage in that journey**, and its support still very much appreciated to this day.

A pictorial of the visit is attached showing the hands-on activities including packing of food, gifts and other goods together with the creative work of the team at Q-Art. “Onwards & Upwards Always”,

Mike



Donations in Kind (DIK)

Today we visited DIK to provide some Service, have fellowship time, a delicious lunch – thank you Margaret and the opportunity to see Rotary at work. Thank you to those who were able to attend.



Doug

Thank you
Mark

Fred



Carl

Margaret

Kim



Cam (can you see her?)



Jill



Thought of the Day

The thought was contributed by George
“What counts in life, is not the mere fact that we have lived ... it is what difference we have made to the lives of others, that will determine the significance of the life we lead”
Nelson Mandela

Happy Birthday for October

Evelyne Perks (2nd)
Andrew Dalziel (25th)
Mah Hoon Tan (29th)



October Rotary Anniversaries

Alison Vickers (4 years)
Peter Stewart (27 years)

Fair Trade and Gift Shop

This Saturday is the first Saturday of the month and



Sometimes the Fair Trade and Gift Shop has items that need to be disposed of. It would be wonderful if a few items could be added to your hard rubbish collection. Please see Barb or Jill if you can help

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.

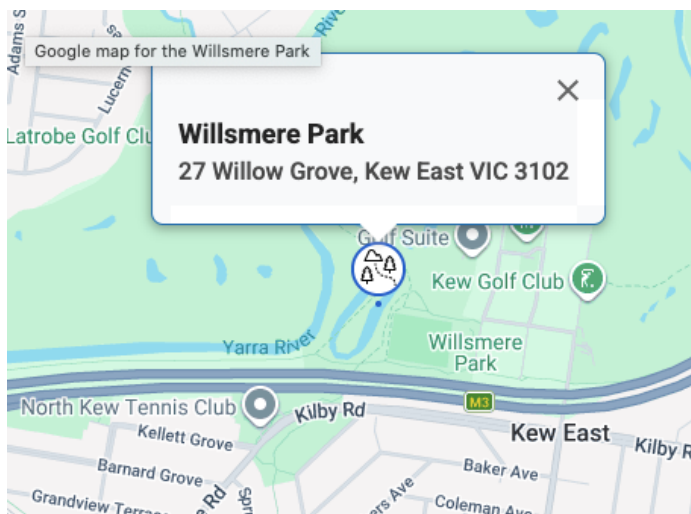
Friends of Willsmere Billabong

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).

Please fill out the online form to meet Council's requirements.

[Information - Volunteer Agreement – Boroondara eForms](#)



Other Clubs and District 9800



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

Other Clubs and District 9800

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

Rotary Walk with Us in 2026
1-31 October

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

Rotary District 9800 **END POLIO NOW**

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.

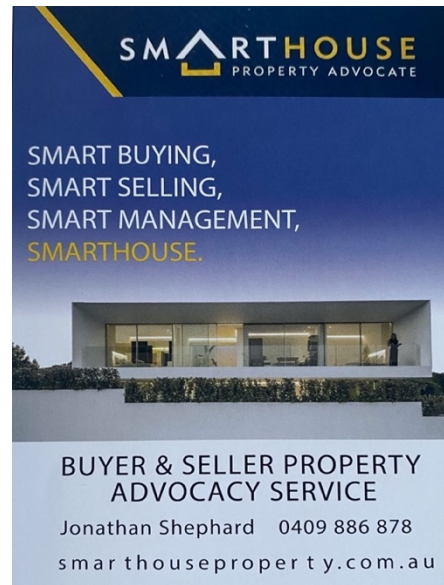
Rotary has been working towards this goal for more than 30 years with cases of polio reduced by 99.9%. This is the final push.

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



Travel Associates are assisting RCK with their fundraising and have shared the following
We will be offering free concierge fees up to the value of \$250 per person for the month of October - T's and c's apply*.

You are invited to

Discover a world where the journey is just as remarkable as the destination - an Exclusive Travel Experience with Travel Associates Kew & Journey Beyond

Tuesday 6 October, 10:30am – 12:00pm Travel Associates Kew - 201 High Street, Kew

As part of Kew Seniors Week, we invite you to join us for a special morning of inspiration, discovery and extraordinary Australian travel. Enjoy a relaxed morning tea with champagne, coffee & tea, while discovering inspiring ideas for your next great adventure.

From iconic rail journeys aboard The Ghan, Indian Pacific and Great Southern, to spectacular Outback adventures and unforgettable luxury resorts, Journey Beyond offers some of Australia's most exceptional travel experiences. Join the Travel Associates Kew team and Ines from Journey Beyond as we explore the extraordinary ways you can experience Australia, in comfort, style and with a touch of luxury.

Spots are limited so ensure you RSVP by 02 October 2026

Email: kew@travelassociates.com

Phone: (03) 8803 3300



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
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
12 Nov	Yth	Jonathan Shepherd	Int	George Verginis	Yth	Colin Burns	Com	Sophie Torney	Yth	Michael Stillwell	Yth	Jonathan Shepherd
19 Nov	Com	Kim Wen	Com	Hengameh Amiry	Club	Das Devidas	Club	Wendy Garling	Com	Mike McFarlane	Yth	June Crawford
26 Nov	Club	Mah Hoon Tan	Yth	Joan Scott	Club	Evelyne Perks	Yth	Allison Vickers	Com	Moh Dadafarin	Com	Kim Wen
3 Dec	Club	Margaret Turner	Club	Joel Cohen		John Day	Int	Andrew Dalziel	Com	Pam Norton	Club	Mah Hoon Tan
10 Dec	Int	Mark Bourke	Yth	Jonathan Shepherd	Yth	Fred Payne	Club	Bob Crozier	Int	Peter Stewart	Club	Margaret Turner