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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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RI PRESIDENT

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

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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?



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President's Message



Garden DesignFest is getting closer. This is our major fundraiser. The Committee, in time will ask you to assist with supervising gardens, but we also need you to help with encouraging people to purchase tickets – bus tours, weekend passes and individual garden tickets. There are more details on page 3.

Last Saturday I was back at DIK and attended the DIK Annual Meeting as the RCK rep.

The following were elected as the Board for the next year

Mary Barry – Chair (RC Melbourne)

Pascal Ochi – Deputy Chair (RC Wyndham)

Colleen d'Offay – Operations Manager (RC Brighton)

Bronwyn Stephens – Treasurer (RC Brighton)

George de Souza – Secretary (RC Camberwell)

There will be 4 ordinary Board member and the area identified for these member are

Digital Technology Director

Legal Governance Director

Grants and Corporate Giving Director

Public Image Director

Whilst RCK I in it 60th year, the Rotary Club of Camberwell is celebrating its 70th birthday on 28 October. I hope that a number of you will be able to join me on this evening. Further details including the booking link are on page 5

Please remember your hat next week as we support Lift the Lid on Mental Health.

Have a wonderful week

Barb



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

www.rotaryclubofkew.org.au

Dates for Your Diary

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. \$10.00 to wear a hat
\$20.00 not to wear a hat. Margaret has organised
prizes. Enjoy the fun



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
Speakers Leon Savaris & Justin Cavenagh Useful and
impactful technology for low vision and what is done
at Quantum

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
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RIMERN

RIMERN recently launched their Aboriginal Homemakers' Program to support clients of our 8 Aboriginal referral agencies with no charge fridges, washing machines and delivery within 10km of the warehouse, as many of the agencies had no funding for these things and clients were missing out. Uptake has been enthusiastic the \$6,500 from Rotary Balwyn and \$1,700 from Rotary Fitzroy has been used up, the Foundation funding from the 7 Club Consortium (Fitzroy, Collingwood, Prahran, Chadstone/East Malvern, Albert Park, Port Phillip and Carlton) alas won't cover deliveries, only white goods and other purchased essentials like microwaves, so we're trying to fundraise wider to keep the delivery side of things covered for a bit longer. Last week we set up a donation page on Zeffy as it's free and doesn't charge Not-for-profits any commission

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-AU/donation-form/aboriginal-homemakers-program>

All donations are fully tax deductible.

Susie Cole

Kim is our rep on RIMERN

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

Raffle

The raffle was won by Michael

Guest Speaker

Today we were delighted to welcome Boroondara Mayor, Cr Wes Gault, as our guest speaker. Wes has been a resident of Boroondara for 22 years, was elected to Council in 2020 and re-elected in 2024. He was Deputy Mayor in 2021-2022 and is now Mayor for 2025-2026.



Wes regularly serves on many advisory committees and was a founding member of Electrify Boroondara; his concern regarding the changing climate was a primary factor in becoming a councillor.

In his presentation, Wes emphasised the “mini parliamentary” nature of local council, with its strict guidelines, procedures and overall governance. Experience on council is an effective “training ground” for entry into state and federal politics.

Within Boroondara council there are 11 councillors; although each councillor is assigned to one of the 11 wards, councillors primarily represent the wider municipality of Boroondara. Councillors may work on a variety of Advisory Committees, including Environment, Strategic Property, Social and Affordable Housing, Heritage Advisory Committee, Climate Action and many others.

Wes highlighted that within any municipality there is a need for a wide mix of people, making up a diverse society; council therefore aims for more affordable housing, including social housing.

Annual architectural awards focus on excellence in the design of new buildings, under the oversight of the Urban Design Awards Committee.

Wes also stressed the role of young people, with many opportunities for youth to be involved in matters relating to their future, and also opportunities to highlight their talents.

Members thoroughly enjoyed the Mayor’s presentation, which gave us a greater understanding and appreciation of the workings of Boroondara Council. Further details can be found on the council website; well worth a look!

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

Garden DesignFest



There are 18 Gardens being opened this year located in Kingsbury, Ivanhoe East, Ivanhoe, Northcote (2), Fairfield (2), Hawthorn, Camberwell, Glen Iris, Caulfield South, Mornington, Mount Martha, Merricks North, Merricks, McCrae, Rye, Blairgowrie.

The best way to experience Garden DesignFest

Weekend Pass \$80

For garden lovers who don't want to miss a thing! Your \$80 Weekend Pass gives you entry to all 18 gardens across both Saturday and Sunday, giving you the freedom to plan your own itinerary and explore some of Melbourne and the Mornington Peninsula's most inspiring private landscape designed gardens at your own pace.

One pass. Two days. 18 remarkable gardens.

Book your
Weekend
Pass



Sit back, relax and let us do the driving GDF Bus Tours

Make a day of Garden DesignFest without worrying about maps, parking or planning your route. Our hosted Bus Tours visit 8 or 6 outstanding gardens, with morning tea, lunch, snacks, water, garden entry and tour notes all included. Just hop aboard, relax and enjoy a wonderful day of garden design.

Places are limited – book early to secure your seat.

Book your
Bus Tour



Choose your favourites Individual garden tickets

Short on time, staying local, or spotted a garden you simply have to see? Individual garden tickets are just \$10, with one feature garden at \$15. Choose the gardens that interest you most and create your own Garden DesignFest experience.

Pick a garden. Bring a friend. Be inspired.

Book your
Garden
Tickets



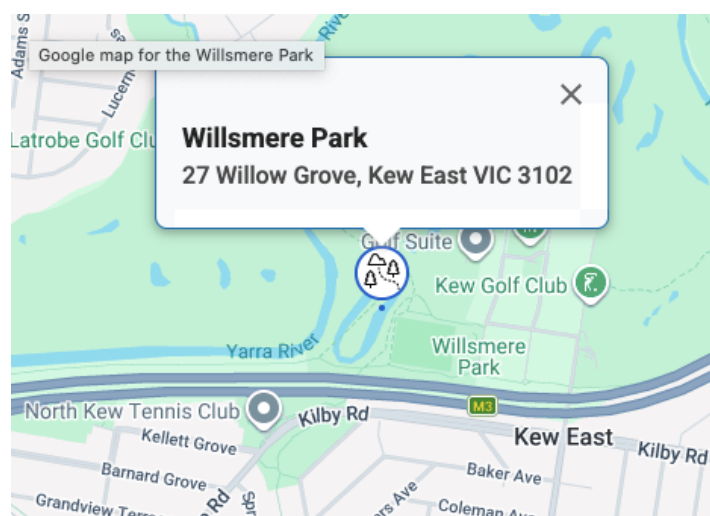
Friends of Willsmere Billabong

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](#)



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 Melbourne

Thought of the Day

The thought was contributed by Hengameh
"There is no need to cage a bird, you love. Set it free. If it comes back, it's yours. If it doesn't, it never was."

Please join us as the Rotary Club of Camberwell celebrates 70 years of Service Above Self.

Since 1956, our Club has brought people together to strengthen our local community, support projects across Australia and change lives through international partnerships.

This special evening will celebrate our history, honour the members whose service has shaped our Club and share inspiring stories of the difference we have made together.

More than a reflection on the past, our 70th Anniversary is also an opportunity to look forward — to renew our fellowship, welcome the next generation of Rotarians and continue creating lasting impact in the years ahead.

We warmly invite current and former members, partners, friends and supporters to share this important milestone with us.

Together, we have made a difference for 70 years.
Together, we will make a difference for many more.
Together we are Better Than Our Best.

Wednesday, 28 October 2026 at 6.00 pm

Studley Grounds, 121 Studley Road, Kew

1. Cost is \$95.00/person

Which Includes Welcome drink, appetisers, 2 course meal

2. Acceptances closes 14th October

3. Dress is Formal

For more information, please see attached flyer and QR code to register.

Daya

President Daya Govender Rotary Camberwell

Rotary
Club of Camberwell

CELEBRATING
70 Years
OF SERVICE
1956 – 2026

70 YEARS OF Service Above Self

Seven decades of making a positive difference in our community and around the world.

LOCAL IMPACT. NATIONAL REACH. GLOBAL DIFFERENCE.

- Strengthening our local community
- Supporting projects across Australia
- Changing lives through international partnerships

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR PAST, HONOUR OUR MEMBERS, AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28TH 6:00PM

STUDLEY GROUNDS
121 STUDLEY ROAD
KEW

DINNER, CELEBRATION & INSPIRING STORIES OF IMPACT

**Together, we've made a difference for 70 years.
Together, we will make a difference for many more.**
<https://camberwellrotary.org.au/event/club-70th-anniversary-celebration-dinner/>

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The Rotary Club of Kew acknowledges the ongoing support of the following businesses

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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
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