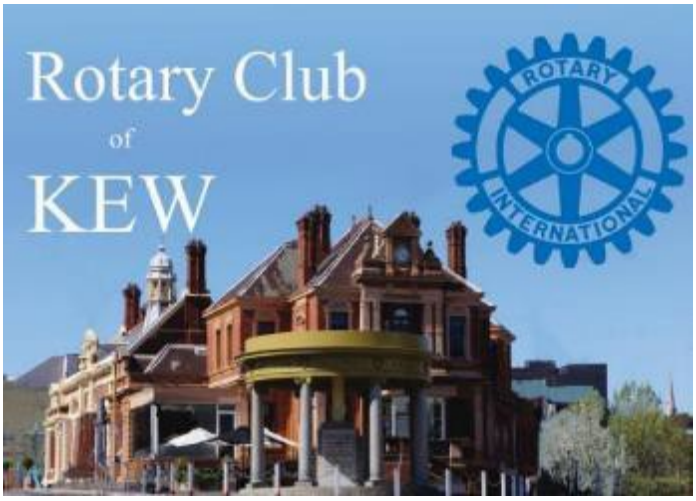


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RI District 9800

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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?

Rotary Club of Kew

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Links
Garden DesignFest
Facebook
Rotary D9800

President's Message



Just over 5 weeks till it is Garden DesignFest (GDF). The Committee has been working extremely hard on our major fundraiser with the support of a number of members and I know we thank them all. We will have final details soon, so that we can all be rostered onto gardens. Please keep as much of the weekend free as possible to assist on the roster.

A first for RCK at least in recent years is a Bunnings BBQ this Saturday. The Youth Committee under Joan is leading this activity – funds earmarked to support the RYLA student we are sponsoring.

Thank you to all those who have supported our Mad Hats today as we raised funds for Lift the Lid on Mental Health. You all looked fabulous.

Please read the information on page3 about Working with Children Cards.

Don't forget to come and purchase a Sausage from Bunnings Hawthorn on Saturday to support our Club.

Have a wonderful week
Barb

Rotary Club of Kew CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 17 October
8am – 4pm Bunnings BBQ Hawthorn
Co-ordinated by the RCK Youth Committee
Please contact Joan if you can assist on the roster.

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

Saturday 24 October
World Polio Day

Monday 26 October
10am RCK Coffee Fellowship - Via Verona

Thursday 29 October
1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Halloween, Cup Sweep & Fellowship

Rotary South Pacific Conference,
30 October – 1 November 2026
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre,

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
Speakers Leon Savaris & Justin Cavenagh "Living with Low Vision"

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

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

Guest Speaker

We were delighted to have today as our speaker our own honorary member Bob Slater AM who spoke on Vocational Service, how it has been one of his keen interests and how Vocation is a key to Rotary Service. Vocation with Fellowship was the beginning of Rotary with everything else to follow.



We were provided with a historical overview of Rotary before moving to a specific case.
Bob talked of the Art Show (which Kew handed on), Garden DesignFest and the Fair Trade and Gift Shop
He also mentioned Life after Stroke, Sumba and Timor Leste all of which use Vocational Service to help others help themselves.
Bob shared how he used Vocation after his wife had a stroke. There was a need for rehab, he shared the challenges and also the wonderful outcome when he set up stroke recovery..
We came away knowing Vocation can do much – we just need a trigger

Lift the Lid on Mental Health – Mad Hat Day

Thank you Margaret for organising certificates and prizes for our winners today We all had fun
Most Formal Hat - - Jennie
Sportiest Hat - George
Best Decorated Hat - Pam
Prettiest Hat - Jill
Smallest Hat - Joan
Tallest Hat - Colin
Thank you everyone for taking part.







Lift the Lid on Mental Health – Mad Hat Day









Working with Children Check (WWCC)

From October 19, anyone applying for or renewing their WWC Check must complete a mandatory online child safety training module.
The module takes about 45 minutes and is completed on the Service Victoria website as part of your application, not through individual organisations. Current WWC Check holders don't need to do anything until their next renewal. Please check your expiry date and allow extra time when renewing.
For more information, click here.
You can renew your card up to 6 months before its expiry date.

Toast

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

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.

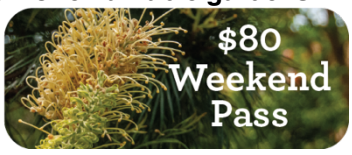
The best way to experience Garden DesignFest

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



Support Endeavour Foundation



Thought of the Day

The thought was contributed by Jennie

Few things in the world are more powerful than a positive push. A smile. A world of optimism and hope. A 'you can do it' when things are tough. Perpetual optimism is a force to be reckoned with!

Anonymous

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

Friends of Willsmere Billabong – Our First Working Bee

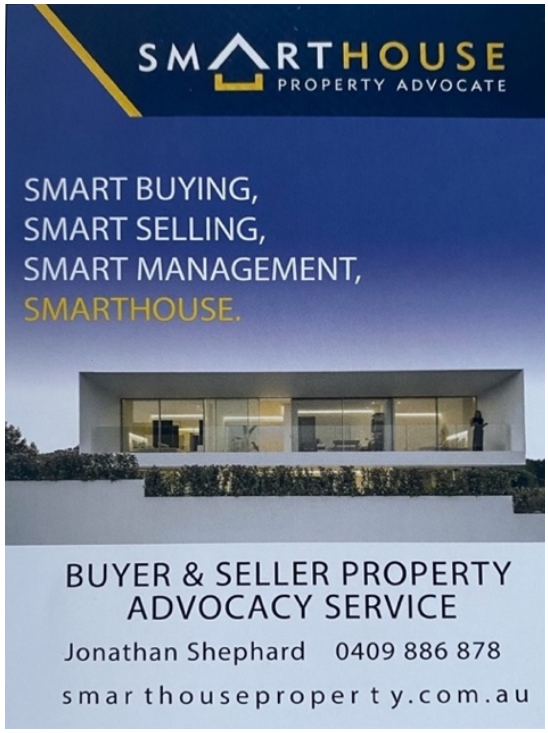


Our inaugural Friends of Willsmere Billabong gathering was a wonderful start!
We mulched, learnt about the billabong's plants and wildlife, and enjoyed a tour of this beautiful and special place in Kew. We also spotted plenty of birdlife, including Eastern Rosellas.
Join us on second Wednesday of the month at 10am to help care for this local gem. Interested? See Pam for details.

Alison

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
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	Jonathan Shepherd	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	George Verginis	Yth	Fred Payne	Club	Bob Crozier	Int	Peter Stewart	Club	Margaret Turner