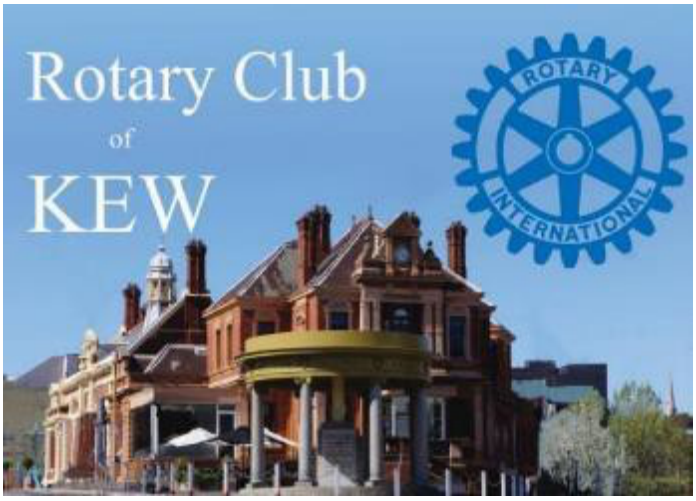


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RI District 9800

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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



Last weekend sae Colin, June, Alison and I attend the Rotary South Pacific Conference, and I am delighted that June was able to share some of that Conference with you all – at our meeting today and in this Bulletin.

Coming up next week is Remembrance Day. If you have a family member you would like to share with us next Thursday (2 minutes max) please talk with me during the week and send me a photo

I have asked Joan or she may delegate it to a member of her Committee to please compile a list of youth RCK has previously sponsored to events.
I am asking members who are aware of these people to please make contact with Joan and provide any details they know of their whereabouts.

Andrew now has paper copy Raffle tickets for GDF for those who prefer them to the online option. Please take some to sell.

There are many opportunities for Service above Self within our Club at the moment. Please talk to Russell, Margaret or me if you can assist and haven't already volunteered.

Have a wonderful week
Barb

Rotary Club of Kew CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 6 November
10am Avenue of Service Chairs Zoom

Wednesday 11 November
10am – 1pm Friends of Willsmere Billabong
10.30am Remembrance Day Service at Kew Cenotaph RCK are laying a wreath.

Thursday 12 November
1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Acknowledging Remembrance Day and Fellowship

Thursday 19 November
1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club RCK AGM

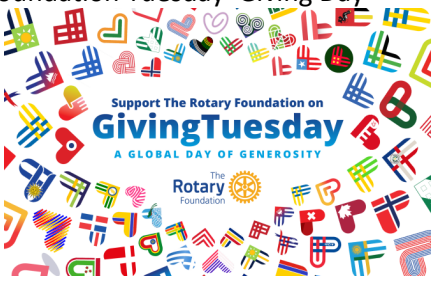
Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 November
Garden DesignFest

Thursday 26 November
Speakers Justin Cavenagh "Living with Low Vision"

Saturday 28 November
7.30am Democracy Sausage Fundraiser at Kew East Uniting Church (Please see Margaret to assist on the roster)
12 noon Woolworths Food Collection for BCO

Sunday 29 November
12 noon Woolworths Food Collection for BCO

Tuesday 1 December
Rotary Foundation Tuesday Giving Day



Thursday 3 December
1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Speaker Dr Jenny Gowan AM
"Questions to ask about your medicines"

Saturday 5 December
12 noon Woolworths Food Collection for BCO

Sunday 6 December
12 noon Woolworths Food Collection for BCO

Thursday 10 December RCK Christmas Luncheon
12.30pm Kew Golf Club $71.00

Thursday 17 December
Informal get together details to follow

Thursday 21 January
Informal get together at Victoria Park BBQ area, Bring own items to BBQ
(Extreme heat or wet an alternative location will be provided)

Tuesday 26 January
Serving lunches at supported accommodation venues (Please see Russell to assist on the roster)

Thursday 28 January
1pm RCK meeting 1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Welcome back

Thursday 4 February
1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club
Speaker Beverley Pinder OAM 'From Pride to Prejudice"

Thursday 11 February
1pm RCK meeting Kew Golf Club Chinese New Year

Rotary Multi District Summit 2027
16 – 18 April 2027 Warrnambool

RCKs 60th Anniversary
Wednesday 16 June 2027

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

Happy Birthday for November

23rd Peter Stewart



November Rotary Anniversaries

Congratulations to
Doug Brown (7 years)

Toast

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

Items Suitable for Camcare

At our Christmas luncheon there Is the opportunity to donate item to Camcare.
Item suggested are
Most needed food items:

- A carton of UHT dairy milk (1 litre)
- A packet of rice
- A tin of tuna
- A tin of vegetables (not legumes)
- A tin of fruit
- A container of cooking oil (1 litre maximum)
- A jar of coffee
- A savoury spread
- A sweet spread
- A packet of savoury biscuits
- A packet of sweet biscuits

Most needed grocery items:

- Personal hygiene products → deodorant, soap, tooth paste, tooth brush, shampoo, etc
- Pet food
- Toilet paper (single wrapped or a 2 or 4 packet)
- Cleaning products → dish washing detergent, surface sprays, clothes washing detergents (1 litre/kilogram packets maximum)

Please note that the size suggestions are because many clients use public transport or have mobility or physical conditions that do not allow them to carry heavy weights.

Thought of the Day

The thought was contributed by Joel
" Democracy consists of choosing your dictators, after they've told you what you think is what you want to hear".
Alan Coren

Cup Day Sweep

1st Das
2nd Gaie
3rd Russell
Last Helen
Scratched Bob



Guest Speaker

The South Pacific Conference was held this past weekend 30th October to 1st November 2026 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.
Barb, Colin, Alison and I attended. Barb asked Alison and I to provide some feedback but Alison is in India so I will do my best to provide you with the important Rotary specific information. There were many other topics of interest but to keep this short I will highlight the Rotary input of relevance.
RI President Elect Larry Lunsford is an excellent speaker and started by giving the history of Rotary South Pacific. It was in 1921 that 2 Rotarians from Canada came to Sydney with the intention of starting a club but that didn't materialise so they made their way to Melbourne.
He used the acronym GPS – not the familiar Global Positioning System – but rather Growing Partnering Service. This will give Rotary a great sense of direction.
The theme of the Conference was People Planet and Peace and discussed how we get there – GROWING - Partnership with Maori, Aboriginal and South Pacific islanders.
PEOPLE -We need to provide great experiences and foster membership belonging. Be catalysts of belonging but first ask people what they want.
PLANET Protecting the environment is who we are. South Pacific is a leader in that area. Rotary must be active – locally and globally.
PEACE Presence of Justice, Opportunity and connection.
PE Larry also stressed:
Lead boldly – be flexible and create a sense of belonging
Collaborate deeply – partner with people you serve.
Act with purpose.
Rotary will be 125 years old in 2030 and the goal is to reach 1.25 mln Rotarians and 125k Rotaractors by then at the Chicago Convention to be held that year.
Jennie Herring Chair Rotary South Pacific started her presentation with an Einstein quote "We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them".
She spoke on Stronger Clubs, Greater Impact and how regionalisation is powering our future. A document about this will be on the Rotary South Pacific website today.
We must choose to evolve and change as the real threat is standing still. Make Rotary more relevant to the community.
Public Image must increase visibility. The Learning and Development team have E-learning

Guest Speaker con'd

opportunities. Fundraising works best through strategic partnerships.
Diversity Equity and Inclusion – there are practical resources. DEI was a thread through the conference and that we should weave Diversity into everything we do.
Use the CLUB ASSIST programme.
Together we can strengthen Rotary if together we honour our diversity.
DEI (Belonging) –
D is a fact
E is a choice
I is an action
Belonging is an outcome.
5step Membership growth continuum is:
Aspire Assess Architect Act Advance
Identify Rotary campaigns that are already actively promoting DEI in their community.
Some Clubs host cultural awareness events. A suggestion for such was to get a grant for Australia Day and use it in a DEI activity.
By 2030 we must be renowned for multi-culturalism and every meeting should include the 7 focus point of Rotary.

How does your Club sustain momentum:

- Equity – equal opportunity. Shared roles in Constitution
- Appoint DEI Champion
- Set-up buddy system

On the final day of the Conference **PE Larry Lunsford's address** was entitled:
Strengthening Rotary's Future through Membership Growth and Vibrant Clubs
GPS Growing Partnering Serving are true Rotary values he said.
GROWING: About people, improving communities. Steady sustainable growth will change the trendline. 10% growth in membership is needed. Growth must be a consistent message over the next 4 years. Start new conversations "Where do you want your club to be in 2030?"
PARTNERING: For lasting impact look to Chambers of Commerce, Partner with Rotaract Clubs, work on Basic Education and Literacy – educating people stays with the person.
SERVING: Serving others always comes back to you. Goals must be tangible and desirable.
Jennifer Scott RI Director 2025-2027
A Region at a Crossroads- Reshaping Rotary South Pacific
HOPE is the most common word looked up on the internet.

Guest Speaker con'd

Social Resilience is support you receive from relationships. Communities with strong Social resilience help people bounce back. Belonging is a buffer.
Change from being a club to much more. Gather together to design a safety net for our neighbourhood.
"Start Selling Action".
We need to expand our REACH
Enhance Participant ENGAGEMENT
Increase our ability to ADAPT.

The other presentations were excellent with a few standouts namely:
Dr Jill Gallagher AO who is the CEO of the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation.
Simon Kriss – Emerging Technologies and the Role of Civic Leadership
Dr Seb Kempf – Geopolitics of Cyberspace
Annette Schneider – CEO of Together for Humanity
This conference was well presented with interesting speakers. The next South Pacific Conference will be held in Auckland from 5-7 November 2027.

June Crawford

People Planet Peace
ROTARY SOUTH PACIFIC ZONE 8 CONFERENCE

BCO Food Collection

Shop in the Store, Drop at the Door is back
We are assisting with this food collection at Kew Woolworths for the BCO hampers.
Saturday and Sunday 28 & 29 November (also doing Democracy Sausages Sizzle on the 28 at Kew East UC) and Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th December.
These are 2 hour shifts starting at 12 noon, 2pm and 4pm. Please let Barb or Russell know your availability Natalie require the list returned at the end of next week.

End Trachoma – Banners on display at the Conference





Order Rotary Christmas Cake and Puddings

Order can be placed online by using the QR code. Jennie will have your order at the Christmas Party for collection or earlier if that is what you want

Raffle

The Club raffle today was won by Mike

Garden DesignFest



Garden Volunteers
We need your help and hope that all RCK members will be able to assist. Please ensure Barb knows of your availability for the weekend. RCK has 9 gardens open 4 shifts (Saturday 9.30am-1.30pm Saturday 1.15pm – 5.15pm, Sunday 9.30am-1.15pm Sunday 1.15pm – 5.30pm). Thank you to those who have already let Barb know of their availability.

Our gardens to supervise in Kingsbury, Ivanhoe East, Ivanhoe, Northcote (2), Fairfield (2), Hawthorn, Merricks North

the GDF raffle site is now live
https://www.raffletix.com.au?ref=6r6g2

Total prize pool = $7,400

1. $2,000 gift certificate for Artist Photographer – Family studio portrait session and finished photo
2. $1,800 Stihl - Battery operated gardening equipment
   All the right battery powered equipment for all your garden needs - Lawn mower (incl. battery and charger), Shredder (skin only, same battery as mower), Pruning set (incl. battery and charger), Battery lopping shears (incl. battery and charger)
3. $1,500 Natural Gold Nugget Pendant
4. $1,500 Lighting consultancy and installation work for garden landscape lighting
5. $600 Oil Painting - Michael Britter 'Princess Bridge' (Melbourne)

1 for $5	$5.00 per ticket
2 for $10	$5.00 per ticket
5 for $23	$4.60 per ticket
10 for $40	$4.00 per ticket

Paper tickets are also available to sell.

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

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

Foundation Month

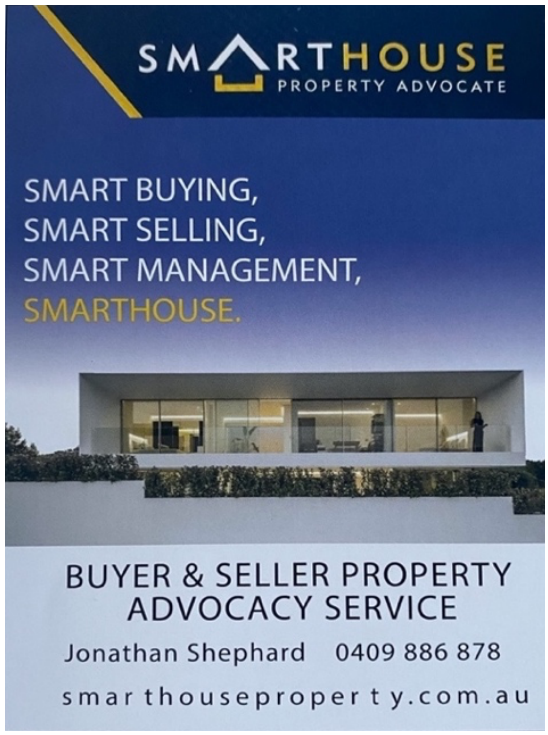


Social Time

A Coffee group continues to meet each Monday at Via Verona (193 High Street Kew) for those who want some social time. Come any time between 10am and 12 noon. No need to book.

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
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
28 Jan	Yth	Michael Stillwell	Com	Kim Wen	Club	Gaie Maddock	Com	Cam Dias	Int	Robert Levin	Int	Mark Bourke
4 Feb	Com	Mike McFarlane	Club	Mah Hoon Tan	Int	George Verginis	Yth	Colin Burns	Com	Russell Hoath	Yth	Michael Stillwell