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PRESIDENT Stephen Apps:



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Program and Roster:

ROYAL HOTEL

Wednesday 13th July

**SPEAKER
Bill Pentney**

**Chairman
Barrie H**

**Treasurer
Sandie H**

**Rotary Grace
Robyn R**

**Loyal Toast
Rosemary F**

**International Toast
Ian K**

**Rotary Information
Stacey P**

**Sergeant's Help
Ian B**

This week's meeting was the first for our new **President Stephen Apps**. President Stephen held an assembly and discussed his plans for the coming Rotary year, 2022-2019.

1: President Stephen thanked all the Club members for coming to Change over last week and stepping up for positions for the year:

Reminder of the Board and Other Positions:

Board:

President	-	Stephen Apps
Vice President/Immediate Past Pres	-	Deborah Rowe
President Elect and Service Projects	-	Bill Bott
Secretary	-	Margaret Brown
Treasurer	-	Paul Miegel
Membership	-	Rosemary Ferguson
Public Image	-	Robyn Rhodes
Rotary Foundation	-	Barrie Hunter
Federation Director	-	Gary Poidevin

Other Club Positions:

Sergeant at Arms	Neil Davis
Meeting Advice/Apologies	Deb Rowe
Bulletin	Bill Pentney
Programs	Graham Brown
Youth Services	Meredith Miegel
Youth Exchange Counselors	Deb Rowe and Neil Davis
Family of Rotary	Howard Scheetz and Graham Brown
Alumni	Margaret Brown
On to Conference (if required)	Gary Poidevin
Web Master	Margaret Brown
Social Media	Stephen Apps, Deb Rowe, Bill Pentney, Robyn Rhodes & Meredith Miegel
Tim Fischer Oration	Rosemary Ferguson and Robyn
B&S Ball	Gary Poidevin
Market Co-Ordinator	Graeme Campbell

President Stephen also thanked Club members for their help at the Race Gates, Markets and the Australian Government Drought Recovery Event at Oaklands on the 1st of July. Thank you, Rotarians Meredith, Bill B, Neil and Paul, for doing the BBQ and travelling to the event representing our club.

Present Stephen also mentioned that from now on, if you fail to let Vice President Deb know if you are **NOT** coming to the meeting, **YOU WILL BE INVOICED FOR A MEAL**. We cannot afford to pay for extra meals when members don't apologise for not attending meetings.

2: DG's Visit: District Governor David McPherson is scheduled to visit our club on the 27th of July. Board members are reminded to be there 30 minutes early to meet the DG and AG. **Dress TBA.**

3: Endangered Orchids: Bill Bott spoke about the reintroduction of 3 endangered Orchids (Crimson Spider Orchid, Sandhill Spider Orchid & Oaklands Donkey Orchid) at Urana & Oaklands: Planting will take place soon. If you are interested speak to Bill B for information or ring Judy Kirk on 0417 858 533

Assembly



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4: Assembly: All members present were asked if they had any issues or comments to make. Most were a “No, all good”. Others had a few announcements/comments.

Gary P: Fences: B&S Ball layout of fences being investigated and the committee is revising B&S areas for 2023. Bill B also said he had been looking at equipment for the fences re: donations etc.

Graeme C: Chairs and tables will once again be put out at the Market after easing of Covid restrictions. Cleaning Issues? Do they need to be sprayed before/after?

Meredith M: Spoke about our new outbound exchange student Niamh Lavis (pronounced Neeve) she was chosen to represent our club as our 2nd exchange student for next year. Niamh is the daughter of Rotary Alumni, Tamara Lavis (GSE Brazil) and Paul Lavis who many members know and he has spoken to us about the cricket club.

Outbound Student Cooper Connell will be leaving Australia for Germany on the 5th August. Inbound Student Andrej Smizansky from Slovakia will be here in Australia on the 6th August. First host Family Deb and Guy will meet him at the airport.

**** Notice: Meredith has asked of you are interested in being a Host Family next year can you please let her know when the best time for your family to take a student is. We may have 2-3 students (depending on if they send one for Cooper!)**

She can be contacted on miegelpm@bigpond.com or Mobile 0417 246 546 **

5: AG Paul Miegel:

**** After the Assembly, Club member Paul Miegel spoke to everyone in his role as Assistant Governor for our District Group 6.**

AG Paul’s project for Group 6, and hopefully it will spread to other AG’s and Groups in the district, is to challenge the clubs to sponsor a Rural & Remote Scholarship or an Aboriginal Health Scholarship over the next 3 years. These Scholarships are an investment of \$2500 each year but with each club donating \$500 a year, for 3 years, it would be easily achieved.

As a club we have helped sponsor an Aboriginal Scholarship before where we have sponsored a Nurse to learn, live and practice in rural and remote communities. Something that is much needed and worthwhile.

The Group 6 Clubs in AG Paul’s area are: Corowa, Rutherglen. Central Murray Sunrise, Euroa, Yarrawonga-Mulwala and Benalla. This issue will be brought up at the next Board meeting and the club will vote on the project at a future meeting.

**** Paul also spoke about the Proposed ZONE 8 (Australia – NZ - Pacific Islands) Changes.** It is proposed that Zone 8 would VOTE to restructure the way the Leadership in Australian Rotary is structured. Many see this as a positive step forward with the opportunity to streamline Rotary leadership and help clubs grow. It would cut out multiple information handling and costly measures regarding the top leadership tier of Rotary Australia.

Paul stated it would not change local clubs much as we would still maintain our independence, but we would have more help from higher Rotary hierarchy. I have included 2 information sheets in the bulletin for you to read and speak to Paul if you have any questions. We will vote as a club in early September.

Rotary Grace:

Oh Lord, the giver
of all good,
We thank you for
our daily food.
May Rotary friends
and Rotary ways,
Help us to serve you
all our days.
Amen.

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For Good Food,
For Good Fellowship
And the opportunity
for service in
Rotary,
We Give Thanks.
Amen.

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Today we are
thankful for all
we’ve received.
However we live, we
firmly believe
All is a blessing that
we must pass on
No matter our status
or where we have
gone. Kindness and
generosity are what
we impart
Showing the world
what’s in Rotary’s
heart.

Rotary 4 way Test:

- 1: Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2: Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3: Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4: Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Creating tomorrow.

A better Rotary for members, clubs and communities.

Jyoti, Rotarian since 2016



Rotary International is considering a project to address membership, public image, communication, leadership, and fundraising challenges to help define a more sustainable future for Rotary.

Our region, or Zone 8, which includes Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands, has been selected as one of two potential regions from across the globe to pilot a regional approach to governance.

It is important that you, our fellow Rotarians, are consulted throughout this process. In fact, the project cannot proceed without the support of members and clubs.

A local Regionalisation team made up of Rotarians from our zone has identified five key project objectives:

- Support clubs to engage members, volunteers, and communities
- Create new attractive leadership roles and development opportunities
- Build a stronger unified Rotary brand
- Encourage partnerships
- Improve efficiencies and reduce duplication.

To help achieve these objectives, the project seeks to develop and test a streamlined governance approach to:

- Allow clubs sharing geography, culture, and language to organise in ways that suit them.
- Eliminate duplication and remove layers of hierarchy to make Rotary more responsive and cost effective
- Bring together the best resources from across the region and make them easily accessible to every club.
- Improve communication effectiveness to enhance club and member engagement.
- Grow membership through new club types, flexibility, and partnership options reflecting our diversity.
- Attract more community, corporate, and government sector support by communicating with one voice.
- Enhance leadership and personal development activities to better suit our modern world.
- Foster more diverse perspectives in decision making.
- Reduce the burden of administrative responsibilities placed upon leaders.

The overarching aim of this project is to provide better and more direct support to Rotary and Rotaract clubs through a less layered and more devolved contemporary approach.

In addition to potentially releasing members time for humanitarian service by reducing administrative duplication, any new structure must foster more vibrant club environments and provide doable and attractive roles accessible to all potential Rotary leaders.

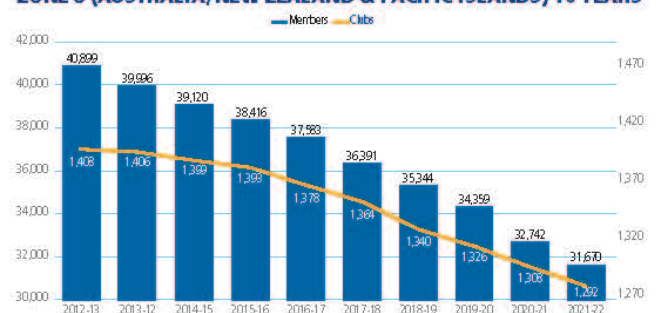
Why is this project so important?

Over the last 10 years Rotary International has recruited approximately 1.4 million new Rotarians but total membership has remained constant at 1.2 million. In Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, the trend is even worse with a loss of 23% in Rotarian membership over the last 10 years.

Changing volunteer needs and ageing demographics demand new opportunities for innovation and collaboration in the ways we serve our communities, enjoy fellowship, engage participants, develop leaders, and grow Rotary.

The time has come to address some of our most persistent challenges in ways that are more impactful, relevant, and attractive to future generations who share our passion for service and leadership. We must do so whilst enhancing what is great about Rotary.

ZONE 8 (AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND & PACIFIC ISLANDS) 10 YEARS



Our journey so far.

A local project team first looked at ways to reorganise 10 years ago. Building on that groundwork, the current local project team, which commenced in February 2019, has surveyed members, identified key issues, established working groups, and considered a proposal by Rotary International's Shaping Rotary's Future Committee (SRF).

Being aware of the extensive amount of work done in our Zone, the Board of RI considered us pre-qualified to be one of two regions in the world to develop and pilot a new governance solution. In February 2022 they endorsed us being a pilot subject to approval of the Council on Legislation [CoL] and the agreement of clubs and districts by 1st October 2022. CoL approved our Zone being a pilot on 13th April 2022.



Regionalisation Project

“Creating a more sustainable future for Rotary together.”

Frank, Rotarian since 1983.



A new governance approach.

To meet future challenges, it is believed we need an approach that recognises the central role of members, clubs, projects, and programs relative to impact, reach and engagement. An approach that works with groups of clubs or other collaboration configurations based on affinity, modern volunteering, and leadership expectations.

One voice marketing and national partnerships for greater fundraising and membership growth are also envisaged essentials, as is access to the best support available to help clubs evolve and be attractive to both new and mature generations.



RI's Shaping Rotary's Future Committee has provided a "framework" for us to explore, test and develop. It allows for Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands to be governed by a Regional Council that would lead and manage regional operations with the assistance of vibrant committees and specialists supporting clubs to address the challenges we all face.

It is envisaged that the role of the Regional Council would be to strategically lead and manage the activities of the region, whilst recognising the nuances and requirements of the different countries, territories, and states, set membership dues and govern Rotary in our region.

Work has already commenced to explore the framework with key stakeholders. Final aspects, which are yet to be determined, will be developed and piloted in full consultation with members, clubs, and districts both prior to and during the pilot.

What are the next steps?

Several processes are required before the project can proceed, including significant consultation with members, clubs, and district leaders across the zone as well as ongoing discussion at RI Board level:

- From the 15th May 2022, extensive club communication and consultation is scheduled to commence.

Written 1st June 2022.

- In September 2022, the clubs and districts in our zone are scheduled to vote on whether to participate.

Other important facts should the pilot proceed are:

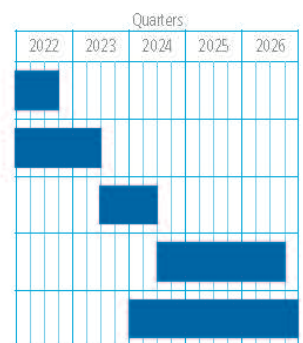
- Existing districts will remain in place with District Governors and the Regional Council sharing management and leadership. District personnel will be crucial to ensure continuity and support for clubs.
- The districts will remain in overall control of the direction of the pilot with District Governors playing an important leadership and advisory role during the pilot.
- Regular monitoring and evaluation will occur to confirm effectiveness and efficiency and that we improve the overall membership experience, grow Rotary and Rotaract, create opportunities for leadership growth and welcome more diverse perspectives in decision making.
- Decisions on any permanent change will be subject to approval by the RI Board, after consultation with Districts and members.

Timeline for Pilot

The following table depicts possible steps during which there will be extensive and regular communication and consultation with Rotary and Rotaract members, clubs, and district leaders as the pilot proceeds:

OUTLINE OF POSSIBLE STEPS

- Stage 1:** Approval to develop and pilot
- Stage 2:** Development phase
- Stage 3:** Partial regionalisation
- Stage 4:** Regionalisation (with districts remaining)
- Stage 5:** Evaluation and assessment



For more information and the opportunity to contribute, please visit creatingtomorrowrotary.org (or click this QR code)

Should you like a specific presentation to your Club, contact your local **Regionalisation District Representative** (click here) or email rotaryregionalpilot@gmail.com if you need contact details.



Reminder to pay your Annual Subs:

\$240 per person

These can be paid on line with:

Reference: Subs and your surname

Account Name: Rotary Club of Corowa

BSB: 082 559 - Account No: 692 592 173



Annual Sub payments can be made in instalments over the year if this is more convenient.
e.g. \$120 in July and \$120 in January or 4 x \$55 (a payment every 3 months).

Rotary Club of Corowa:

Website:

<http://corowarotary.jimdo.com>

We are also on FACEBOOK!

<https://www.facebook.com/corowarotary>



Raffle:

Presidents Muscat: Neil Davis



Cut the Cards: Neil Davis



Meeting Date	WED July 20th	WED July 27th	WED August 3rd
Venue	Royal Hotel	Royal Hotel	Royal Hotel
Program	Helen Duncan Induction	District Governor's Visit	TBA
Chairman	Alan W	Stephen A	Sally B
Treasurer	Barrie H	Alan W	Bill B
Rotary Grace	Sandie H	Barrie H	Alan W
Loyal Toast	Robyn R	Sandie H	Barrie H
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Rotary Information	Ian K	Rosemary F	Robyn R
Sergeants Help	Stacey P	Ian K	Rosemary F

and on the lighter side: HAHAHAAAAAAAAHA



Q: Why did the ghost ride the elevator?

A: To lift his spirits

Q: Why did the scarecrow win an award?

A: Because he was out-standing in his field.

Q: What do you call a fake noodle?

A: An impasta

Q: Did you hear about the kid-napping at the pre-school?

A: He woke up.

Two antennas got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

An old lady at the bank asked me if I could check her balance. So I pushed her over.

Q: What do you call a retired cowboy?

A: Deranged.

Q: What does a mermaid wear to math class?

A: An algae-bra

Punography

funny-joke-pictures.com

I tried to catch some Fog. I mist.

PMS jokes aren't funny. Period.

When chemists die, they barium.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.

A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

Energizer Bunny arrested: Charged with battery.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it!

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

What do you call a dinosaur with a extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type O.

A dyslexic man walks into a bra.

Broken pencils are pointless.



Not Funny... But a big thanks to all who came to the market early and set up. There were a lot of people away sick so CHEERS to all who came out. Spotted in the early morning was Rotarian Jeff who had a fire built by the Men's Shed to keep him warm!!

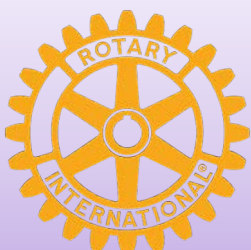
Please remember to notify **Deb Rowe** if you **CAN NOT** attend our weekly meetings or if you wish to bring any guests.

If you are arranging a guest speaker, please advise Deb of the number of people attending and if they need a screen of projector.

Deb can be contacted by:

Phone or text: 0413 122 884 or email: seeshell84@hotmail.com

**YOU WILL BE INVOICED FOR A MEAL
IF YOU FAIL TO NOTIFY IF NOT ATTEENDING.**



The Rotary Club of Corowa meets every **WEDNESDAY**
at The Royal Hotel: 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start

President 2022-2023: Rotarian Stephen Apps

Secretary: Rotarian Margaret Brown

Treasurer: Rotarian Paul Miegel

Vice President: Rotarian Deborah Rowe

President Elect 2023-24: Rotarian Bill Bott

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