



IMAGINE ROTARY

Membership Month – Rotary WOW Moments.



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Program and Roster:

Stephen Kent

**Venue:
Royal Hotel**

Wednesday 7th September

**Chairman
Wally C**

**Treasurer
Graeme C**

**Rotary Grace
Graham B**

**Loyal Toast
Ian B**

**International Toast
Sally B**

**Rotary Information
Bill B**

**Sergeant's Help
Alan W**

This week's meeting was about Membership and how do we attract new members. Membership Chair Rosemary asked the club to tell their "WOW" Rotary moments on why or how they became Rotarians. Many members spoke on their initial introductions to Rotary and the reasons why they stay.

- **Rosemary** talked about Rotary and membership and asked some Rotarians to share the WOW/Ah Ha moment for joining Rotary.
- **David Potts**, 2nd longest member, was invited along and found it to be very strict back then with procedure and dress code etc. He found it to be a great bunch of men (women came in a bit later) that provided a difference for conversation other than work and an opportunity for different experience. He has held most of the roles in the club over his time in Rotary
- **Deb Rowe** wanted to join after being on preschool, school, sport, community committees her whole adult life and after a few years break was looking for a group of community minded people. Her Ah Ha moment was to do with fellowship a part of Rotary she hadn't considered as important until Covid Restrictions kicked in and we were unable to all get together.
- **Barrie Hunter** joined as to put it in his words "As a result of, secret women's" business between Robyn & Sandie and as an afterthought he was also invited along to Rotary. He realised it was an organisation that suited them both.
- **Norm O'Flaherty** who has a long history of Rotary with a South Australian Club and now Corowa talked about how great it is to step up and take on District roles where you truly find out just how much Rotary achieves worldwide. He also touched on the importance of membership.
- **Meredith Miegel** was originally an exchange student as a teenager, spending her time in Japan. On return she joined Rotex for a while, but then work, family and life kept her very busy for a long time. At times she spoke at Rotary but she waited to join at a time when she could fully commit to Rotary and what she wanted to achieve. Now as the District Chair for Youth Exchange we are very lucky to have her in our Club.
- **Ian Brooks** was originally not welcome to join Rotary as he wasn't qualified in his profession and his nomination was rejected. A few years later he was nominated again and has now enjoyed many years with Rotary.
- **Neil Davis**, our longest serving member, was hoodwinked into Rotary after his 18 years with Apex came to an end at the ripe old age of 40. Neil's daughter was involved in youth exchange, so he felt he owed it to Rotary to give it a go. He found it to be a great to be able to talk about all sorts of stuff other than farming and make new connections. He finished with "Rotary can be as little or as much as you make it"

NOTIFICATIONS:

- **International Toast** – Rotary Club of Los Vegas, Nevada USA.
- **Market on Sunday** – again a few people are away.
Morning – Graeme, Stacey, Emily, David T, David P, Ian K, Neil, Wally.
Late – Bill, Margaret, Graham, Neil, David T, Norm, Eleanor, Rosemary.
ANYONE NOT AT THE MEETING THAT CAN COME AND HELP, PLEASE DO SO.
- Tuesday 13th September is the next **race meeting** – will get numbers next week.
- **No plastics** can be used by anyone, including volunteer organisations by November. We have a considerable amount in the shed. If any Rotarians want some for their own use, please let Meredith know. Otherwise, they will be donated to schools to try to use up before the ban comes into place.
- **RYLA** will be going ahead in late November at Malmsbury, regardless of numbers. This is great leadership training for a week, for 18- to 30-year-olds costing only \$80 per participant, the rest subsidized by Rotary. Meredith asked members to have a think about anyone they feel would like to go and benefit from the training.
- **Whitehead St Wetlands** are a cacophony of sound with the frogs. The swans have cygnets again. Worth having a look but wear your gumboots
- **No anniversaries or birthdays** this week, previous week was Barrie Hunter on the 24th and David Potts on the 27th.



President Stephen then spoke about the upcoming vote for the changes to the structure of Rotary in Australia.

- Voting coming up on the 14th of September. President Stephen asked all members to look over the information in the next few weeks, so all members are fully informed to vote. The vote is by majority and will be held on the night of the 14th of September. In case members were away when AG Paul spoke about it, he will recap on the night. If you are going to be away let Secretary Margaret or President Stephen know your vote by 14th Sept.
- For members who are unsure or wish to know more information it can be found here: creatingtomorrowrotary.org.

A screenshot of a website banner for the Rotary Zone 8 'Creating tomorrow' project. The banner features a woman wearing a hijab and a light-colored shirt, looking directly at the camera. The text 'Opportunities to develop my leadership skills' is overlaid on the image in a light orange font. The website header includes the Rotary logo, 'Regionalisation Project', and navigation links for 'FACT SHEETS', 'FAQ', 'RESOURCES', 'SUBSCRIBE', and 'MY SAY'.

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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.



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.

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

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?

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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

	Quarters				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
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.



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Zone 8 Regionalisation Project Facts about the vote.

To be read in conjunction with the Zone 8 Regionalisation Pilot Fact Sheet and information on <https://creatingtomorrowrotary.org/>

Why are we having a vote?

Our region, Zone 8, which includes Australia, New Zealand, and several Pacific and other Island nations, was approved by the Rotary International Board to be one of two regions to pilot a regional approach to governance. For the past three years, a group of members have been working on a pilot project to consider how we can enhance Rotary and Rotaract to ensure we remain relevant for the future while also addressing some of the challenges we have been facing.

As part of the Board's approval, the project can only proceed with the support of clubs, to be shown through a vote of each Rotary and Rotaract club in each District.

In September 2022, the clubs and districts in our zone will be asked to vote whether they approve participation in a pilot to develop, test and evaluate a new regional approach to supporting and governing Rotary and Rotaract clubs and members in Zone 8 from July 2023 to June 2026. A Yes vote would enable the pilot to develop a framework and trial it in full consultation with members, clubs, and districts. It should be noted that the pilot aims to support the core work of clubs and their members, not to change things within clubs. A two-thirds Yes vote of the clubs in each district is required for the pilot project to go forward.

How will the vote work?

Step 1 – Club Decision

- All clubs will have the opportunity to view an informative presentation about the pilot.
- While the President will cast a vote for the club, club members are encouraged to have open and robust discussions about which way their club would like to vote.

- The Club President shall seek a decision by the club membership, as to the club's vote (yes or no). This can be completed at a regular club meeting via show of hands or similar process as per the club's governing documents.

Step 2 – Club President Vote

- Voting commences on Thursday 15th September at noon AEST and will remain open for 15 days, closing on Thursday 29th September noon AEST.
- The club's vote will be by electronic ballot, managed by the Rotary International South Pacific and Philippines Office.
- The club president will receive an email enabling them to vote on their club's behalf from vote@simplyvoting.com
- The club president shall cast the vote in accordance with the members decision and then confirm having done so back to the members.
- The President will cast the digital vote on a smartphone or computer, through email access.
- Each club will have one vote. There is no club weighting based on membership.
- Club presidents will be advised 15 days before the ballot opening.
- It will be a confidential vote, open for 15 days. (This gives clubs 30 days' notice of the vote.)
- Nobody will know the decision of a club's specific vote, however, a receipt of a cast vote will be issued to the president.



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The vote will read:

“This club approves participation in a pilot to develop, test and evaluate a new regional approach to supporting and governing Rotary and Rotaract clubs and members in Zone 8 from July 2023 to June 2026.” Yes or No

Step 3 – District Governor Vote

Assuming two-thirds of the clubs in the district vote in favour of the Regionalisation Project, District Governors will be asked to endorse the proposal. As Governors are the officers of Rotary International and will play a critical leadership and advisory role during the pilot, their vote indicates their commitment. The Governor will be aware of their districts' results before voting.

How can you prepare for the vote?

From early June 2022, extensive club communication commenced. Every club will have the opportunity to have a representative of the pilot from their district come and speak to them in person or via zoom. This will continue in July and August.

Online meetings will also be held in July and August, open to all Rotarians in the zone at different times.

The dedicated website has a Frequently Asked Questions section and the opportunity for you to send your questions to the pilot planning group - 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.

Below is an example of the club vote received by each club president via email.

Rotary Club of Corowa:

Website:

<http://corowarotary.jimdo.com>

We are also on FACEBOOK!

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



Raffle:

Presidents Muscat: Graeme C



Cut the Cards: Wally C – King of Clubs



Meeting Date	WED Sept 14th	WED Sept 21st	WED Sept 28
Venue	Royal Hotel	Royal Hotel	Royal Hotel
Program	Assembly / Voting	Dr Joanne Billette	TBA
Chairman	Kerrie C	Helen D	Rosemary F
Treasurer	Wally C	Kerrie C	Helen D
Rotary Grace	Graham C	Wally C	Kerrie C
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Sergeants Help	TBA	Sally B	Ian B



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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Please remember to notify **Deb Rowe** if you **CANNOT** 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.**

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**BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY
MONTH**

"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."

John Dewey



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