



MEETING 1614 ISSUE 9 WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022



### Rotary Year 2022 - 2023

District Governor	Neville Parsons
President:	Richard Hardwick
Secretary:	Vicki Cooper
Treasurer:	Dennis Maunder

### *Combined meeting with Sunrise for DG Neville Parsons visit*

Pictured: Chas McKenzie, President of Sunrise, AG Simon Guest, DG Neville Parsons, and of course our fab President, Richard Hardwick



# Richard's Notes

## Joke of the Week:

I saw a microbiologist last week.  
She was much bigger than I expected.

Well for once the old saying “look at the room full of Rotarians over 60” got changed today to “look at the 60 Rotarians in a room.”

A big thank you to Sunrise and President Chas for making their meeting space available to co-host a great meeting for the visit by DG Neville Parsons. We certainly had it all today, great food, great company, great presentation and a suitable amount of sledging between the two clubs. I would like to thank all the members who came along to see where DG Neville is taking the new District for the next 12 months as part of his tour to visit all clubs in the new 9660 District.

DG Neville has already passed on his appreciation for the warm welcome he received from both Clubs today and has asked to pass on the link for today's presentation. This is below for those who are interested:

- <https://1drv.ms/b/s!AvKOPuKWThflhJFeEkx8P-noDelqCg>

I look forward to seeing everyone next Wednesday at our normal day and venue for more fun and fellowship.

Richard









# Rotary News Around the Globe



Rotary Club of Young NSW  
5 h · 🌐

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Rotaract Club of Wagga Wagga is with Matthew Thomas and Clare Lawlor.  
1 d · 🌐

Earlier today our members Matt and Clare spent a few hours selling sunflower seeds on behalf of [Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Sunrise Inc.](#) All funds raised will go directly to humanitarian efforts in Ukraine! A fantastic project started by [Coolamon Rotary Club.](#)



Rotary International ✓  
3 d · 🌐

Picture it-- a festive gala in Lviv, Rotary members raising their glasses to toast, friendships are being kindled, and spirits are high as a group of Ukrainians are welcomed to the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians. The next day, the Ukrainian members show visitors around former Eastern Block aircraft at a military base turned general aviation field.

Flash forward just a few months, and Russia invades Ukraine. Members of the flying fellowship leaped into action to help their fellow pilots as soon as the war began.

But this is just one example of how Rotary Fellowships amplified Ukrainian Relief Efforts. From the International Fellowship of Healthcare Professionals to the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians, Rotary responded to the war in Ukraine.

Learn more: <https://on.rotary.org/3vF6TMN>





Rotary Oceania  
20 h · 🌐

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The Regionalisation Workshop group met face to face for the first time in 3 years in Sydney at the Rotary South Pacific Offices over the weekend. We had very positive discussions in preparation for the Club and District voting process which begins in 5 weeks time. #GrowingRotary



## Social Event:

An Afternoon of Records listening  
Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> August at 12pm

Hosted by Brian Logan

BYO Drinks & Records

RSVP to Marina

0403 759 148 or [marina.lawrence4@gmail.com](mailto:marina.lawrence4@gmail.com)



# Guest Speaker Notes – DG Neville Parsons

To view the presentation slides: <https://1drv.ms/b/s!AvKOPuKWThflhJFeEkx8P-noDelqCg>

**A short recap has been provided below**

2022/ 2023 is a year for the history books. With RI President Jennifer Jones being our first RI female President in the history of Rotary. As well as our new District - 9660 being formed.

Highlights from Nevilles presentation:

- RI Preseident, Jennifer Jones - the perfect inspirational leader.
- Theme - Imagine Rotary. 'You don't imagine yesterday, you imagine tomorrow.'
- Goal - would like to see 4 new clubs this year.
- Diversity - becoming more diverse in membership, enlisting DEI roles in clubs and district.
- Currently 97 clubs in D9660. If a club isn't looking towards tomorrow, it can pass by the wayside.
- Support foundation - 2 for 1 on donations from Bill Gates Foundation. We are this close to eradicating polio! Makinge use of donation \$\$\$ to get more bang for our buck.
- Pay it Forward & Tutu Desks - District Projects. (what ideas do you have that our club may be able to pay it forward??)
- District Conference, March 2023 - hosted by Tamworth, yay! Lights, Rotary, Action!

"Rotary is defined by what it does, not by how and when it meets"

Thank you to Rotary Club of Tamworth Sunrise for hosting todays meeting and to DG Neville Parsons for being our Guest Speaker; motivating us towards a brighter, more diverse and positive future of Rotary.



# 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

	Quarters				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Stage 1	█				
Stage 2	█	█			
Stage 3			█		
Stage 4				█	█
Stage 5				█	█

For more information and the opportunity to contribute, please visit [creatingtomorrowrotary.org](http://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](mailto:rotaryregionalpilot@gmail.com) if you need contact details.



**Regionalisation Project**





## First Light Club Shirts! Purchase & Embroidery from Monogram IT, Bridge St.

Contact Marina if you need assistance.

Formal: Ladies or Men's Ambassador

Short or Long Sleeve

Colour: Blue



PS32A WINNER POLO Ladies' Colour: Sky blue Navy or Navy Sky Blue



PS31 WINNER POLO Men's Colour: Sky blue Navy or Navy Sky Blue



Other items such as hats, umbrellas, generic Rotary shirts, golf balls and many more can be purchased from Rotary Down Under (RDU) Supplies: <https://rdusupplies.com.au/>



Rotary Large Umbrella

\$48.40



Rotary Bucket Hat

\$18.00



Rotary Cap

\$20.00

# Funny Corner

It's got a wooden frame, wooden engine, wooden wheels, and a wooden gas tank. Did he ride it? No, wooden start...



**The King of Spain has been quarantined on his private jet.**



**That means the reign in Spain stays mainly on the plane...**







Rotary Events Calendar	Date
Zone 8 Conference - Canberra	28 - 30 Oct 2022
District Showcase & AGM – Tamworth	26 – 27 Nov 2022
District Conference – Tamworth	24 – 26 Mar 2023
Rotary International Convention – Melbourne	27 – 31 May 2023

Social Calendar	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post Office Raffles Social Night</li> <li>• Lunch Social Walk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month</li> <li>• Mondays 12.30pm, Bi Park Gates</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Afternoon of Records Playback</li> <li>• Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner</li> <li>• Paint &amp; Sip</li> <li>• First Light Art Gala</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> August</li> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> November</li> </ul>

Tamworth First Light Website - <https://www.tamworthfirstlight.org.au/>

Our Club Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/tamworthfirstlightrotary>

Member Portal Link: <https://www.dacdb.com/>

<b>President</b> - Richard Hardwick	<b>Secretary</b> - Vicki Cooper
<b>Treasurer</b> - Dennis Maunder	<b>Executive Secretary</b> - Brodie Shields
<b>Club Admin</b> - Liz Gill	<b>Membership</b> - Louise Mathews
<b>Public Relations</b> - Peter Bell	<b>Community Service</b> - Steve Martin
<b>Youth</b> - Dimity Betts	<b>Rotary Foundation</b> - Steve Hawkins

## Rotary First Light 2022 Changeover Speeches - YouTube

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjRh3a-hcSf6jejk6EcMvCPyA7VBQnxOr>



## The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- **SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- **THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.
- **FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

### Tamworth - First Light

Meets each Wednesday

6:30 for 7:00 am

West League Club

Chillingworth Room

Phillip Street

South Tamworth

### Club Officers and contact details

[President — Richard Hardwick](#)

[Secretary — Vicki Cooper](#)

[Treasurer – Dennis Maunder](#)

### Other Clubs meet:

Monday PM – Tamworth West

Tuesday PM – Tamworth

Wednesday PM - Calala

Friday AM - Sunrise

### Seven Areas of Focus



### Rotary Grace

O Lord and giver of all good  
We thank Thee for our daily food  
May Rotary Friends and Rotary ways  
Help us to serve Thee all our days

### The Four-Way Test

of the things we think, say or do

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?

	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Centrecare/ Hearspace Clinical Mental Health</b>	<b>Sustainability &amp; the Future of Regional NSW</b>	<b>TFSS (Homelessness &amp; Youth)</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Wests</b>	<b>Wests</b>	<b>Wests</b>
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Josie Hofman	Joanne Stead	Belinda Kotriss (TBC)
<b>Sergeant</b>	Malcolm Turnbull	Malcolm Turnbull	Malcolm Turnbull
<b>Corporals (fortnightly)</b>	Louise Matthews Bruce Hemmett	Louise Matthews Bruce Hemmett	Liz Gill Steve Martin
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Luke Massey	Mitch Soree	Brian Logan
<b>Door Team</b>	Hannah Woods Bev Fletcher	Ian Howle Naomi Blakey	Luke Massey Terry Robinson
<b>President Assist</b>	Deb Barnes	Phil Lyon	Courtney Priestley
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Val Hellmann	James Treloar	Peter Leonard
<b>Welcome</b>	Paul Stevenson	Brett White	Helen Tickle
<b>Bulletin Notes &amp; Introduction</b>	Michael Smith	Barry Biffin	Graham Dooley
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Terry Robinson	Val Hellmann	Deb Barnes
<b>POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:00 – 7:00PM</b>			
<b>19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>Courtney Priestley Brian Thompson</b>	<b>Brian Thompson Hannah Woods</b>	<b>Hannah Woods Paul Stevenson</b>	<b>Paul Stevenson Luke Massey</b>
<b>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS</b>			
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Nil		
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Margaret Lyon, 22 Aug		
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Nil		
<b>Club Induction</b>	James Treloar, Aug 17 (10yrs), Chris Watson, Aug 19 (1yr)		
<b>Attendance</b>	71%		
<b>Make-Ups</b>	Nil		
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	AG Simon Guest , PDG Jane Bradford		
<b>Visitors</b>	Nil		
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	Nil		
<b>Raffle</b>	Nil		

**Now you have read the roster, make sure you read the rest of the bulletin!!**