Hi all,

Welcome to our second update! I trust you’re settling into your role nicely and not feeling whiplash from any associated inbox spikes. By the way, please copy-paste liberally from these updates into your own club publications, pages and grapevines. Let’s dig in!

**From DG Amanda Wendt**

**Our community will know us by the results we achieve**

Paul Harris said, “Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known for the results it achieves”.

Rotarians are world leaders at making a difference. And we haven’t achieved successes such as bringing Polio to the cusp of eradication by not trying new things. As our community – our job – grows significantly, how should we balance the familiar with the imperative to adapt and grow with it? To be able to continue to make that difference for our community?

Consistency for its own sake doesn’t guarantee us success. Continuity of what works and what is crucial, combined with new methods, is how we’ll find the right balance. To **Imagine** what Rotary could be, and deliver on RI strategic priority #4 **to be adaptive**, while ensuring our members can see themselves in the results.

A great example is our wealth of community service projects, particularly those now working with District Service Director Lili Teichman. These projects are working to incorporate the characteristics that – research and experience tell us – are most popular with those 3-in-10 Australian adults who volunteer.

This Saturday, Lili and her team of project leaders are demonstrating how to adapt your existing project – or start one from scratch – to be meaningful, hands on and convenient. The amazing WERN, RIMERN and Donations in Kind are fantastic examples of how meaningful, hands on, convenient participation can benefit those clubs that support them with new members. Many of whom will go on to become community leaders and fulfil project and club succession, mentored by our more experienced members.

This adaptation of the familiar with innovative new approaches is how we will continue to achieve results for our community, while ensuring a future our members can see themselves in.

I encourage you to attend Lili and team’s workshop, and imagine how your club can connect with more volunteers from across our community.

View our action plan to grow club service, as well as material from Lili’s event: [growmyclub.org/service](https://growmyclub.org/service?fbclid=IwAR1oz5WTYIUY8mpB0Cn0mn1Xb0rUPXBXNrBkuhFPJunBy0Ofbfvz47ncQ90)

Yours in Rotary,

DG Amanda Wendt

**Hands on volunteering workshop with Lili Teichman**

This Saturday, 23 July, 9am – 2:45pm

Join District 9800 Service Director [Lili Teichman](https://www.facebook.com/groups/5501223849/user/100034306479306/?__cft__%5B0%5D=AZWMXcDZG06y4QFauowR1Mkqr0VxTClYpUxebdj35evKbpfK8NXL_li4UtdCAXKGmpuVbB5qHVlNPG98b3o1lAVUceDjipF3SKt_5jIPVoNIG_unZ1vvVE4xr3mOrI_1Vp_FX5IAC9X2EZZmsagg-jPX9Vuebj7eoezwT-3UvWGyHWfN3nnTNOIUVcOs-DdfqVg1FF-EqO5G1DhVBsUadWAG&__tn__=-%5DK-R) and other experts to:

* Discover how to connect with more volunteers by incorporating the project characteristics they're seeking
* Hear from successful hands on Rotary projects who are seeing more volunteers – and more members – as a result
* Learn how District 9800 will help our hands on projects to connect with more volunteers in the community

Whether you're a club president, service director, project lead or thinking of kickstarting a project, do not miss this exclusive opportunity to find out how to grow your club's service.

Cost of attendance and lunch provided by District 9800, but SEATS STRICTLY LIMITED.

\*REGISTER NOW\*

[www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=929204](https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=929204&fbclid=IwAR0PX70r4JhBwMa5txe6PXQnhUEEf1oFUzeb9jmqcstH1uCWTDdwd2Q63u8)

Event material and our action plan to grow club service: [growmyclub.org/service](https://growmyclub.org/service?fbclid=IwAR1oz5WTYIUY8mpB0Cn0mn1Xb0rUPXBXNrBkuhFPJunBy0Ofbfvz47ncQ90)

Facebook event to let everyone know you're attending: [fb.me/e/eTiylgemY](http://fb.me/e/eTiylgemY)

**Hands On Volunteer with the DG**

**National Tree Planting Day** Sunday 31 July 2022 coordinated by **Rotary Melbourne**

The sites are likely to be in Clayton and Kensington. Bring your gardening gloves and wear sturdy footwear! This is a great event to invite family and friends along to, so we can all make a meaningful difference, together.

Email Peter Berg, Rotary Melbourne:

pberg8@bigpond.net.au

**Your Path to President feedback for updates**

One year in and we've seen fantastic engagement with [growmyclub.org](http://growmyclub.org) (formerly [Greenhouse](http://Greenhousemyclub.org)) and its **Path to President** page. The website has seen **4,501** **pageviews**, and Path to President **1,372 pageviews**. These are unprecedented engagement levels for a district capability (L&D) resource, and even more amazing given we have ~65 clubs.

Now is the time to provide your feedback on Path to President monthly task, resource and reading recommendations, to help aspiring leaders prepare for their year of leadership. Review month-by-month content at [growmyclub.org/path-to-president](http://growmyclub.org/path-to-president) and provide feedback at [**growmyclub.org/feedback**](http://growmyclub.org/feedback)

**Official DG cluster visit (in-person)**

Several clusters are now booked in, with Heritage kicking off 6pm Wednesday 10 August at Kelvin Club, Melbourne. Keep an eye out on how you can attend and get a preview for your own cluster. And be sure to have your AG or cluster representative book your cluster visit at:

[growmyclub.org/dg-amanda-calendar](http://growmyclub.org/dg-amanda-calendar)

**DG meeting with club boards (online)**

Discuss your club’s successes, ambitions, relevant considerations and how District and other Rotary apparatus can support your club. Book a date and time that suits for DG Amanda to meet with your club board at:

[growmyclub.org/dg-amanda-calendar](http://growmyclub.org/dg-amanda-calendar)

**Club special events and hands-on volunteering projects**

Please keep District Secretary Anne King in the loop throughout the year on your club’s plans, special events and hands-on volunteering projects, as DG Amanda would love to participate in as many of these as possible.

**Changeover recognitions and photos**

Please let District Secretary Anne King know of any club members who have received awards or recognitions during changeover season, and don't forget to send your favourite changeover photo to me to collate so that everyone can share in the excitement of the event in Networker due out later this month.

**Update ClubRunner**

There are two important areas for you to update:

1. Your club executives and this is important so that they receive the emails about their particular area of focus i.e. Youth, Foundation, Public Image, Vocational etc. It is important that your secretary is listed in the directory so that they can also receive this newsletter and help you with any matters which require action.
2. DGE Ron Payne is keen to make sure that you have a President Elect nominated for the year so that he can commence his planning and training for next year. Your PE is therefore a very important person to include in you club executive in Club Runner.

You should also include your club goals in My Rotary. If you need any help with these please contact District Secretary Anne King.

**Rotary Leadership Institute Program**

Learn about Rotary's history, global structure and successful initiatives. For experienced Rotarians, new members and interested public. Sessions held 14, 21 and 28 August.

ClubRunner (sign in): <https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/learning-and-development/rotary-leadership-institute>

Facebook (public): <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10228786566034771>

**Zone 8 Regionalisation Pilot**

Many of you would have heard about the proposal to restructure Zone 8 as an RI pilot. It is natural to have plenty of questions, so District encourages you to invite a Pilot representative to visit your club to explain. Book ASAP as a club vote on the proposal will be held in September. Visit [creatingtomorrowrotary.org](http://creatingtomorrowrotary.org) for more info.

**Anne King**

**District Secretary 2022 / 2023**

**District 9800**

Please note that I am a volunteer, but also have a full time job. I will endevour to get back to you as soon as possible