

Rotary

Club of Epping



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2022**

Quote

“This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it.” Paul Harris, founder of Rotary.

The pilot concept of Regionalisation is to move from the current global 527 Districts to 20-40 Regions.

Bruce's Banter

A wonderful presentation by Melanie Lewis last Monday. An amazing lady.

Mel is the Director of The Environment for a District and is both committed and knowledgeable. John has a more detailed report below. Thanks Mel.

Next Monday is a very important night. Niranjan Deodhar from the Beecroft Club will give a presentation on Regionalisation. Niranjan was Beecroft President a few years ago and will be District Governor in two years. Regionalisation, if it occurs, will be the biggest structural change, along with admitting women, that Rotary has experienced.

In September, Clubs will vote on whether to accept the pilot concept of Regionalisation.

See below for more detail on this very important topic.

The latest August edition of RDU has a report on it starting on page 44.

I'd like to thank John Royer for helping with banking and WWCC.

It is sad to inform you of the passing of an Epping Rotary stalwart in Stan Ledger aged 96.

Please see details below from PP Peter Tugwell.

Susie has forwarded a possible project for our Club to work with the Parramatta Council who we are establishing a strong relationship.

Information on this is later in Rim. Please read and see me if you have a comment, or even better, an offer to investigate and maybe lead.

Gail Getting her PHF.

Narelle and I had lunch with Gail and presented her with her PHF.

Gail has been a Board member and a committed Rotarian for many years.

Thanks Gail and best wishes.

Bruce



Last Monday's Meeting

Our guest speaker was Rotarian **Melanie Lewis**.

Melanie first joined Beecroft Rotary as Youth Chair and became a charter member of the Rotary Social Impact Network in 2020, an on-line club designed for the career minded time poor Rotarians, they are active both locally and internationally. The club aims to create and measure the individual impact and collective impact of youth, indigenous and environment.

Melanie has a Bachelor of Science and Environmental Biology and A Master of Science in research. Her work on the Blue Fish of Lord Howe Island has awarded several scholarships including University of The Sea and a mini residency at Cambridge University.

Melanie is currently a doctoral student at UTS exploring collaborative innovation to accelerate climate action and works as an expert in residence at the Macquarie University Incubator teaching design thinking and innovation.

Melanie talked about Rotarians protecting the environment as our 7th area of focus and the opportunities arising from this important area.

- Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water and Sanitation.
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development
- ***Supporting the Environment***

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years.

John Fenessy - District Membership Chair



A bit of trivia from Ian

The Lord Howe Island bluefish was the subject of Melanie's Masters Degree.

Most club members would have no idea what a bluefish is ...



Next Monday

Niranjan Deodhar Regionalisation. Background Summary

At the moment it is a pilot concept.

It aims to move from the current 527 global Districts to 20-40 Regions.

It aims to provide Regional Autonomy and provide more support for Clubs, Rotarians and Rotaractors.

It has 5 main objectives:

1. Develop a Regional Communication Strategy.
2. Develop an Improved Cultural Strategy.
3. Develop a Regional Strategic Plan and Structure.
4. Develop an Improved Public Image.
5. Develop more Effective Leadership and Pathway Programs.

Bruce

REGIONALISATION PILOT PROJECT RESOURCES

Dear Club President,

CC District Governor and Assistant Governor

You are receiving this message as the President of your Rotary Club because we want to ensure you are informed as possible about an important action you are being asked to take in September this year.

We hope by now you have heard about the Regionalisation Pilot project in our part of the world and that you have either participated in a Zoom meeting or webinar or had a club meeting about it. This is a very important project for the future of Rotary. Our region includes Rotary and Rotaract clubs in Australia, New Zealand and 14 countries.

A team has been working for some time to establish a pilot to support our clubs to explore, develop and test a new model of governing and operating Rotary that is relevant for our region. The Rotary International has agreed to support our efforts, and this support is subject to our clubs voting to participate in this pilot. As the President of your club will be asked to cast a vote on behalf of your club, whether you wish to participate in the pilot or not. This vote must reflect the views of your members.

The details of the vote are contained in the [attached](#) Vote Fact Sheet.

To help you and your club members we are providing you with additional resources to review and share.

Here is a [Dropbox folder](#) where you will find key fact sheets and two videos to share with your clubs. One video tells the story and background and the other has further details about the pilot. The files are too large to email, so if you need help to access them please ask someone to assist.

If you have not yet had a chance to have a club presentation or be part of a webinar, or need some help

clarification, please make contact as soon as you can by emailing rotaryregionalpilot@gmail.com

To learn more and find further resources please visit creatingtomorrowrotary.org

We have an opportunity to create a stronger future for Rotary to meet the needs and circumstances we experience, to create a Rotary that works for us now and in the future.

Thank you for your leadership this year.

Regards,

Regionalisation Pilot Project Team

Co-chairs Ingrid Waugh (NZ/Oceania) and Peter Frueh (Australia)

Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
8 August	Niranjan Deodhar : Regionalisation of Rotary. EC.	Epping Club
15 August	Joint Night with West Pennant Hills / Cherrybrook Club.	
22 August	Fun/Social night = John Fenessy	Epping Club
29 August	Donna Davis – Mayor of Paramatta	Epping Club
12 September	D,G, visit	Epping Club
19 September	Theresa Collignon. CEO Macquarie College and Chair Gateway Community College. PG	Epping Club
26 September	Justin Kang	Epping Club
17 October	Diversity Night	Epping Club
24 October	Primary Schools Debate	Epping Club
31 October	Epping Community Bank (BB) Community Awards	Epping Club
Date	Other events	Venue
20-22 August	Wiseman's Ferry Weekend	
24 October	Polio train ride in Sydney	Epping Station
12 November	Golden Oldies Ferry Cruise ???	Meadowbank
13 November	Mito Walk	
17 March	District Conference	Cowra
27 May	Rotary International Conference	Melbourne

Thursday Walks

This is a reminder that our next walk will be on Cockatoo Island on Thursday 18th August.

These walks will continue while there is demand.

So, if you are free on the 18th, meet at Meadowbank wharf at 8.30am to catch the 8.42 ferry to Cockatoo Island. There is a café on the island and the walking is easy. This means that you don't have to use steps if you choose not to and the surfaces are paved. This is a walk for everybody including those who are less fit, to enjoy and the walking distance is less than 4km total.

There are many features dating back to the early days of the colony on this island. This was where the worst convicts were sent. There are the solitary confinement cells, the hand-hewn graving dock and the massive grain silos. They tell a story of a cruelty that can scarcely be imagined. It became a reformatory school for girls; a place to send abandoned children and it was a prison for hardened criminals. It was also a place to build and repair ships including the Oberon Class submarines and the Empress of Australia. This was the largest roll on roll off vessel in the world at that time. How things have changed!

It is a fascinating place.

So put it in your diary: 18th August. An hour and a half for a walk around the island and a coffee and back at Meadowbank by 11.30am (10.58am ferry from Cockatoo Island).

Kind regards

Trevor

Vale Stan Ledger

Hi Bruce

As per phone call, I had a call from Mark Ledger this morning to let me know that his father and past Epping Rotary member Stan Ledger died peacefully on Monday afternoon at ARV Castle Hill.

Stan was 96 years old and while he had been physically well, he had been suffering from Alzheimers for a number of years which had taken its toll on him.

As you know, Stan was always an enthusiastic member of Epping Rotary, along with his wife Beverly who passed away a number of years ago. They were always fully committed to the Club and were willing and cheerful helpers for all the projects that were undertaken. Along with Paul Clune, Stan was the keeper of the Club history for many years.

If you could include a few words in RIM to let members know of Stan's passing that would be appreciated by the family.

Thanks
Peter Tugwell

Example of a Joint Council / Rotary Project.

Epping Rotary has a priority this year to enhance the partnership between our Club and Parramatta Council.

Susie forwarded the following as an example of what can be done.
Any volunteers to investigate this and possible lead it?

Inspiring growth at a local level

Council and Rotary working together to help the environment

St Peters Rotary Club is leading the way in demonstrating the power of collaboration when it comes to greening the City.

The Club, in partnership with the Council, is offering funding grants to community groups, schools, educational institutions and businesses to assist them to make a positive difference to the environment.

The St Peters Rotary Environmental Grants range from \$50 to \$1000 and will be offered for initiatives and ideas, including but not limited to;

- undertaking a planting day to increase canopy cover;
- providing environmental education to children;
- establishing a native garden to attract bees, birds or butterflies;
- conservation work; and
- waste and recycling systems

The grant round opens after 1 July 2022.

To find out more or get an application form, please email the President of the Rotary Club of St Peters at admin@rotarystpeters.org.au

District Governor's Message

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

I have just completed my first month as your District Governor. In that time, I have visited fourteen clubs and every visit has been a very rewarding experience with so many dedicated members who have been welcoming and friendly. However, it is the vast array of wonderful projects that have been a real eye-opener for me. Regardless of the size of the clubs, they are all achieving so much. I learned about SOKS (Saving our Kids from Suicide), the opening of a Preloved bookshop, a food drive that will support local youth support services and the Lismore flood victims, support for community projects such as Grace's Place and Parramatta Mission and projects for Timor, Nepal, Vietnam and more. There are so many that they can't all be mentioned here, and of course, there are many more projects being planned for this year

and beyond. It is very heartening to see that our Rotarians are making a real difference in their communities and globally. The only disappointing thing about my schedule is that I have already had to decline invitations to club events, but I hope to get to as many as I can over the year.

It is good to see that clubs are carrying out surveys in one form or another to find out what their members think about their club. It is important to do this so that we provide a satisfying experience for all members. Engaged and happy Rotarians will stay the distance and attract new members.

Please think about providing a short session each meeting where your members learn something new about Rotary. Every member can share in this activity regardless of how long they've been in Rotary. The more we learn about our organisation the more we will appreciate its reach.

The Regionalisation team have been very busy visiting clubs and explaining the concept. I attended one session and was very impressed with the content of the presentation, the questions asked, and the answers provided. Thank you to PDG Kalma McClellan and the whole team for your diligence in carrying out this work.

For those of you who are Bunnings BBQ'ers don't forget to thank your store managers for the opportunity and I hope that the \$3.50 snag is increasing your profits. We don't know if PDG Lindsay is solely responsible for this increase in price, having lobbied Bunnings, but if he happens to drop by you can thank him also.

I'm looking forward to continuing my official visits over the coming weeks. Enjoy what you are doing and don't forget to book for the Cowra Breakout Conference 17-19 March 2023.

Mina Howard
District Governor 2022-2023

Beirut Disaster- Rotary's Response

It's just two years since that horrific explosion in Beirut when 200 people were killed including a young Australian child.

When Past District Governor Bruce Allen from Castle Hill Rotary learned that a Rotarian visiting in a hospital not far from the explosion was one of those killed and he saw on TV the devastation of the neo natal unit in that hospital, he contacted the local Rotary Club to see how Rotary could help.

Together Bruce and the local Rotarians decided that an urgent need was the replacement of the essential equipment such as humidicribs and monitoring devices for the neo natal unit.

To finance this, Bruce coordinated the most amazing Global Grant through The Rotary Foundation. He asked for and received donations from all the Australian Rotary Districts, from the Netherlands, Moldova, Palestine, Lebanon, Bahrain, Georgia, Jordan, Armenia, Sudan, United Arab Emirates and Germany.

The total of the Grant with Rotary Foundation matching was US\$91,625.

Today all the replacement equipment has been purchased and is in use saving many young babies thanks to the generosity of Rotarians and The Rotary Foundation.

This is another example of your money at work!



The neonatal unit before and after the explosion

Monica Saville
The Rotary Foundation Director

RIM ARTICLES

Please send RIM articles to Alan at alan.baker.om@gmail.com _or_ rob@tosswill.com

Articles should be submitted by Thursday afternoon

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