



PEOPLE OF ACTION

September 2023

# THE NORWOOD NEWS

## What we have done

**Club Meeting for Regionalisation Pilot Project—Update and Discussion**

**Richards Park planting and beautification project: Completion of Planting and Continue Efforts of Maintenance**

## Our upcoming events:

**Watching Video from the DG**

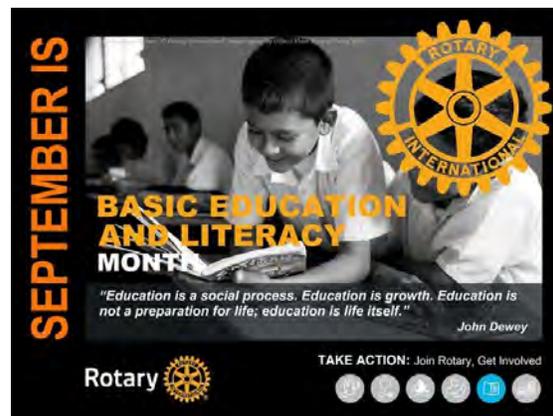
Where: The Kensi

When: October 4th, 2023, 06:30 PM

**Meeting with District 9510 Director of Governance**

Where: The Kensi

When: October 18th, 2023, 06:30 PM



Rotary  Regionalisation Project



Meetings Fortnightly Evenings: 6:00pm for 6:30pm start 1st, 3rd and 5th Wed of each month

Where: The Kensington Hotel 23 Regent Street, Kensington, South Australia

**Rotary Club of Norwood**, District 9520, R.I. Charter, 30th June, 1954

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*The Norwood Rotarian*



## CLUB MEETING FOR REGIONALISATION PILOT PROJECT— UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

On Wednesday, 20th September, RC Norwood had a special meeting at the Kensi for update and group discussion on the Rotary Regionalisation Pilot Project, District Governor Elect M-I Lees gave the presentation on the progress of our regionalisation pilot project. We were also grateful to have guests from Rotary Club of Burnside, Campbelltown, Magill Sunrise, Morialta, St Peters with Edwardstown join us at this meeting.

### **Pilot Project: an attempt to reverse the declining rotary groups**

The District Governor Elect outlined the reasons behind the pilot and focused particularly on the recent rapid decline in membership across the region: the number of Rotary members in our region has dropped from 40,000 in 2012 to just under 29,000 in 2023, the 2nd worst decline in the Rotary world. The suffering of shrinking on clubs is not alone in Australia as a lot of other volunteer organizations are not thriving as well at this moment.

Then, the DGE reviewed that back in 2017/18, Rotary started to tackle this problem and attempt to find ways to increase the attraction to Rotary clubs and better reflect our own cultures. This was how the Regionalisation Pilot Project came into being. The pilot in our region, along with another covering Great Britain and Ireland (another region with a serious membership decline), were approved by the RI Board to explore potential options on increasing the vitality of clubs and helping them reverse their decline in membership and at the same time charter many more clubs.



**District Governor Elect talked about Regionalization Pilot Project in Zone 8**



**Attendees listened to the introduction of Pilot Project while enjoying the food**

## **Introduction of Rotary Community Groups, and shift in the functions of Districts and DGs**

A Regional Council will administer the pilot with the support of the RI office in Sydney and clubs will be formed into Rotary Community Groups expected to comprise of 12-25 clubs (with exceptions), with a Community Leader elected by the clubs. The role of the Community Leader is to foster collaboration, provide inspirational leadership, connect the clubs to the wider Rotary and support the clubs to achieve the growth and change required. It is not a supervising, governing, or reporting role.

Under the pilot project, the existing Districts and DGs will remain but the duties and functions will change as the pilot assumes responsibility. The Rotary Foundation function will remain with the districts throughout the pilot, while other district functions will transfer progressively to the Regional Council.

Meanwhile, Clubs will retain their autonomy as separately incorporated entities and remain the centre of delivery for Rotary programs and projects.

### **Expectation of Pilot Project**

Euan made comment right after The DGE's introduction regarding what we hope to achieve through the pilot: It is expected this new structure, if continued beyond the pilot, will be more efficient and collaborative and may lead to a reduction in costs and membership dues. It will be helpful to significantly reduce the cost of DG training and official visits (the largest single RI cost) as well as many of the duplicated costs currently expended by districts.

### **Community Groups: What are they?**

One of the remarkable changes the Pilot Project is going to make is the introduction of Community Groups.

Clubs are now invited to express their preferences for which Community Groups they wish to belong. The groups can be geographic like Areas today but they can also be by type, e.g. E-Clubs, or follow a theme, e.g. social justice, health, community service. Clubs can join a primary group for which they will elect a Community Leader. Moreover, clubs will also have opportunity to choose the secondary groups where they may have affiliate status and communicate online with clubs from distant regions. The business plan submitted to RI Board assumed 100 Community Groups across the region. If clubs find it difficult to express the preference for a Community Group or if the preference is unable to be met, the relevant pilot established will mean the District leaders could help by consultation with Clubs to explore more possible options and assign them to a potentially appropriate group.

The Community Leaders, who will be appointed for a 2-year term, will come from within the Community Group and be elected by the Clubs. They will receive training and their expenses will be met and will have no role in the decision-making or administration of each Club. Clubs will retain their autonomy.

There will be specialist networks set up by the Regional Council to provide extra support to Clubs. These roles will be consultant roles and will access people with specialist skills across the zone. The specialist network, along with work from local experts, could give Clubs access to more people.



Regionalisation  
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### Feedback from attendees

Meeting participants expressed their general support for the Pilot Project, as well as a geographic Community Group based on Area 8 which could be enlarged. Some of the points from their comments and questions are listed below.

- It was thought appropriate for clubs in each Local Government Area to be in the same Community Group. This would help with partnerships with local government. This could mean Eastwood and Modbury Golden Grove could be added.
- The existing Area 8 clubs appreciated their existing links with their LGAs and would not like to be separated
- Euan advised that he had been told Lightsview would like also to be associated with Walkerville, Prospect and Regency Park.
- Ian suggested that clubs with similar cultures to Area 8 such as the two clubs in Unley and the three clubs in Mitcham also be considered.
- All this would make a Community Group of 19 clubs.
- Michael asked about the evaluation of success for the project and possible exit options if it fails. The DGE stated that a range of KPIs were being prepared by the pilot Monitoring & Evaluation team, chaired by PDG Paul Thomas. Membership change is one of the KPIs and was included in the business case submitted to the RI board. RI has required that District Governors continue to be trained as per other DGs and Districts remaining in place for the duration and if Clubs choose the current structure can be reinstated.



## RICHARDS PARK PLANTING AND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT: COMPLETION OF PLANTING AND CONTINUE EFFORTS OF MAINTENANCE

The final planting day for our Richards Park Replanting and Beautification project 2023 was in August, with the NPSP Council advising no further plants will be purchased this year. On 2nd September, volunteers and RC Norwood members came to Richards Park for a weeding and tidying up session, and further similar sessions are planned over the next few months.

### RECENT ISSUES DISCUSSED IN CLUB ASSEMBLY

We had discussed several issues in the September Club Assembly, some of the critical issues are as below:

- **Board members on Facebook:** Decided not to include them because Facebook is an out-facing communication and not designed as an internal communication medium. We would need to have an exclusive part of Facebook if we were to use it for club business.
- **DG visit:** Because we are not getting the official visit until very late in the year, Di will lead a discussion on the DG's priorities for the year and the club can decide if it wishes to take any of these up as well. This will be on 4 October. DG is to have an online meeting with President Rob in October.
- **Zimbabwe project:** Sigrid has gone to Zimbabwe to ensure the two final components are completed – recruit another driller to complete the bore at Muzarabani HS and ensure the WASH training program for all the students is done. She is now presenting to clubs to garner interest in a second project to build a toilet block at Muzarabani HS.
- **Richards Park Planting:** Concern was expressed that Council's Park management canceled planting on three days, including two at very short notice. Now took late in the season for any more plantings. Club to meet with Council to see if these partnership failings can be eliminated before other joint projects are undertaken.
- **Membership:** There was a discussion about how we might grow the club because if the club is to survive we need more members to share the load. Planned to have a volunteer drive early in 2024. Memberships subs seen as a disincentive. Merge with another club discussed or through the Regional pilot share admin costs across the Group or have joint meetings of clubs with individual clubs working on both shared and individual club projects.
- **Philippines and Vietnam Club foot/education program:** Paul Wade to be asked to speak at a Nov meeting on how his club Foot project might be advanced in other countries given Myanmar is no longer accessible.

Some other important issues will have further details to be confirmed in the coming weeks:

- Service Clubs Awards application
- Voluntary Grants Program (Federal Govt) applications close 8 Sept.
- World Polio Day 21 October lighting up of Norwood Town Hall
- Update on Regionalization Pilot Project as well as Rotary Community Groups discussion 20 September.
- Keiser Norwood Physio and Strength training Club invited to join RC Burnside for its Vocational visit 20 September. 50% discount to Norwood Rotarians.
- Bunnings 1 September: We've made a decent gross profit of \$1509.07. RC Norwood shared around \$1,000.
- Film night April 2024 (provisional)

## WHAT WE WILL DO

### UPCOMING SPECIAL MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

Approaching in October are two special meetings:

On the 4th October we will be showing a video from the DG on the issues and directions for Rotary in 23/24. Di will lead the discussion to follow.

On the 18th October, Andrew Johnson, the director of Governance for D9510 will talk about governance issues at Club and District levels.

We encourage all club members to join at your availability.

**When: Wednesday, October 4th & 18th, 2023, 6:30 PM Where: The Kensi**

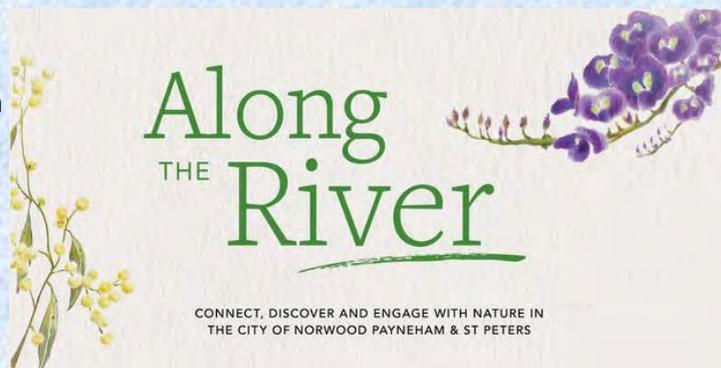
### CALLING FROM THE COUNCIL TO PROVIDE A BBQ IN ALONG THE RIVER

The Council has asked us to provide a BBQ on Sunday, 8th October, from 10 am-12 noon for 150 people taking part in an Along the River community event for families at the Felixstowe Reserve.

The Club will receive a \$200 donation and we will charge customers for sausages and drinks. It is two days after the October Bunnings BBQ

We need two volunteers – one to cook (we will cook in advance) and serve and one as cashier. Please contact Euan if you would like to volunteer.

Also, you are most welcomed to join the event by purchasing the event ticket on <https://events.humanitix.com/along-the-river>.





## *President's Message*

Dear members,

We had two very productive meetings in September. It's great to see open discussion and innovative ideas in regards to challenging agendas eg Club membership. I'm personally not in favour of merging our Club

with a bigger Club, since I feel we may lose our identity as the smaller merged Club. We had good success in recruiting volunteers for the Richards Park planting and beautification project and plan a further recruiting session next January.

As mentioned by secretary Euan, we have two important and inspirational meetings in October. I will also have a zoom-type meeting with the District Governor Craig Dowling on the 13th of October, and plan to include

feedback on his video and discussion led by Di on the 4th of October. It seems most of us will be back from holidays etc, so I am hoping for a good attendances at our meetings.

The Richards Park project has reverted to a maintenance program until next year, with occasional planned weeding and tidying up sessions.

I sense it will be challenging to gain a full consensus on the make up of our Regional Pilot Project Community or Focus Group. The idea of the Community Group collaborating on projects where varying size Clubs can effectively contribute is very appealing. The support and input from the DGE M-I Lees is much appreciated.

There have been a number of adjustments to our Calendar. Shortly a more prolonged Calendar to June 2024 will be distributed. Sunday the 8th of October is going to busy, with 3 events on that day.

The liaison and collaboration with other Area 8 and neighbourhood is an ongoing focus for me.

I'm looking forward to representing our Club at a formal reception at Government House on the 10th of October.

Yours in Rotary

Rob Rushton-Smith,

President,

Rotary Club of Norwood Inc.



## September 2023 - Education and Literacy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 BUNNINGS BBQ	2 Richards Park Planting Session
3	4	5	6 RCN Norwood Club Assembly meeting	7	8	9
10 DG Talkback	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 DLB & DLT	18	19	20 RCN Norwood Regionalisation Pilot Update	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 RYLA Graduation Dinner	30



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## October 2023 - Community Economic development

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labour Day, NSW &SA	3	4 RCN Norwood District/Rotary Governance ( speaker )	5	6 Bunnings BBQ	7
8 Lift the Lid Walk/ Walk For Mental Health  DG Talkback	9 RCN President  Invite to Govern- ment House	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 RCN Norwood Club Assembly  DGN & OGE Training	19  OGN & OGE Training	20  OGN & OGE Training	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29  DLB	30	31				



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*November 2023 - The Rotary Foundation*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 RCN Norwood International Theme	2	3 BUNNINGS BBQ	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 DG Talkback	13	14	15 RCN Norwood Club Assembly	16	17	18 Norwood Christmas Pageant
19	20	21	22	23 District 9510 Area 8 meeting To be confirmed	24	25 Rotary says NO to domestic violence
26	27	28	29 RCN Norwood Fellowship/ Membership Initiative	30		



*December 2023 - Disease Prevention and Treatment*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					1 BUNNINGS BBQ	2
3	4	5	6 RCN AGM	7	8	9
10 DG Talkback	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 DLB & DLT	18	19	20 RCN Christmas Party	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30





# LIFT THE LID WALK

PHYSICAL HEALTH FOR MENTAL HEALTH





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## CAMPBELLTOWN S.A. PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2023

[WWW.LIFTTHELIDWALK.COM.AU](http://WWW.LIFTTHELIDWALK.COM.AU)

### LAUNCHING OUR SECOND ANNUAL LTLW EVENT!

We are thrilled to join with the clubs around Australia already hosting these amazing events and launch our second annual LIFT THE LID WALK for Mental Health in Campbelltown.

#### EVENT DETAILS:

The Rotary Clubs of **Campbelltown, SA** and **Magill Sunrise** are hosting their next **LIFT THE LID WALK** on Sunday 8th October 2023!

These walks are a great way to spread awareness of the 1 in 5 Australians who are suffering from a mental illness. Help us **Lift the Lid on Mental Illness** this summer by walking with us!  
All proceeds go into mental health research through [Australian Rotary Health](#).

#### Time Details:

On the day registrations will be accepted from 8:00 am. The Inaugural Ambassador's Welcome address will be at 8:30 am before the 9:00 am walk start.

#### Location Details:

The walk is 5km, starting from Campbelltown Memorial Oval, Corner of Darley and Lower North-East Roads, linking to nearby River Torrens Linear Park, and returning to Campbelltown Memorial Oval. There is an optional 2km walk available at the end of the 5km walk, along the footpath on Darley Rd., Paradise, into the entrance of Campbelltown Memorial Oval on Lower North-East Rd, Paradise and around the Oval itself to complete a 7km walk.

To note: the entrance for all walkers is to be strictly via Lower North-East Road onto the Campbelltown Memorial Oval, where there will be ample car parks available. Thank you!

#### Fee Details:

\$30 early-bird registrations will include a t-shirt. Kids under 15 walk FREE! (no free shirt)

More Information [www.liftthelidwalk.com.au](http://www.liftthelidwalk.com.au)

Email Betty—[bettygeb17@gmail.com](mailto:bettygeb17@gmail.com)



Eastwood and Regency Park



## WALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The Rotary Clubs of Eastwood and Regency Park invite you to join them on a walk to raise Research Funds for the **Australian Rotary Health**

**Where:** Start & Finish. Beaumont Rd, Adelaide, near corner of East & South Terrace.

**How long?** Around 5 km for the full walk and 3 km for the short walk

**When:** Sunday, 8th October 2023

**Time:** 8:30am

**Cost:** Adults \$25, Teens \$10, Under 13 Free, Dogs of all ages welcome.

Free Sausage Sizzle or Vegetarian Pattie for all participants (including dogs)  
Coffee Van on site from 8am for your caffeine fix.

This year's walk features the new expansive wetlands in the parklands.

Please Register: **TRYBOOKING** (Simply key in: WALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH on 8/10/23 and event will appear)

[REGISTER HERE](#)



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## Project Partners



[www.StopCoerciveControl.au](http://www.StopCoerciveControl.au)

Walk with **RESPECT** in this **peaceful** parade  
**Saturday 25 November 2023**

**from 9am** - Meet in Victoria Square

**from 10am** - the walk starts  
1.2km along King William Street

**10.30am** - Arrive at Pioneer Womens Memorial Garden

**10.30 to 11am** - Inspirational presentations

**11am to Noon** - Mix | Mingle | Coffee | Food | Connect

One key focus will be to raise awareness of **Coercive Control**.  
An educational walk to offer the wider community an insight into key signs of  
Coercive Control against **Women • Men • Children!**

Visit our event website [www.StopCoerciveControl.au](http://www.StopCoerciveControl.au) to learn more  
or to connect with one of the many groups in South Australia who  
intimately work to support survivors of Domestic Violence.

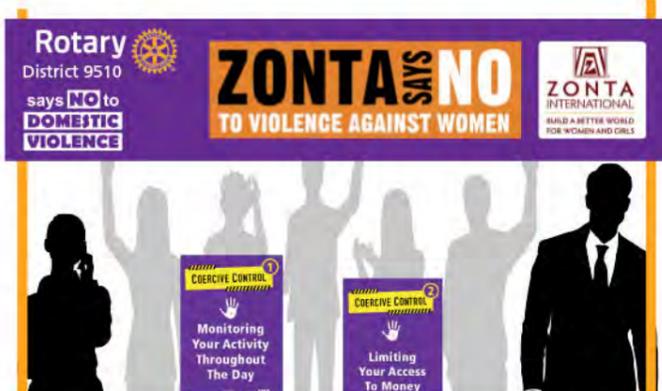


## Register to walk - FREE

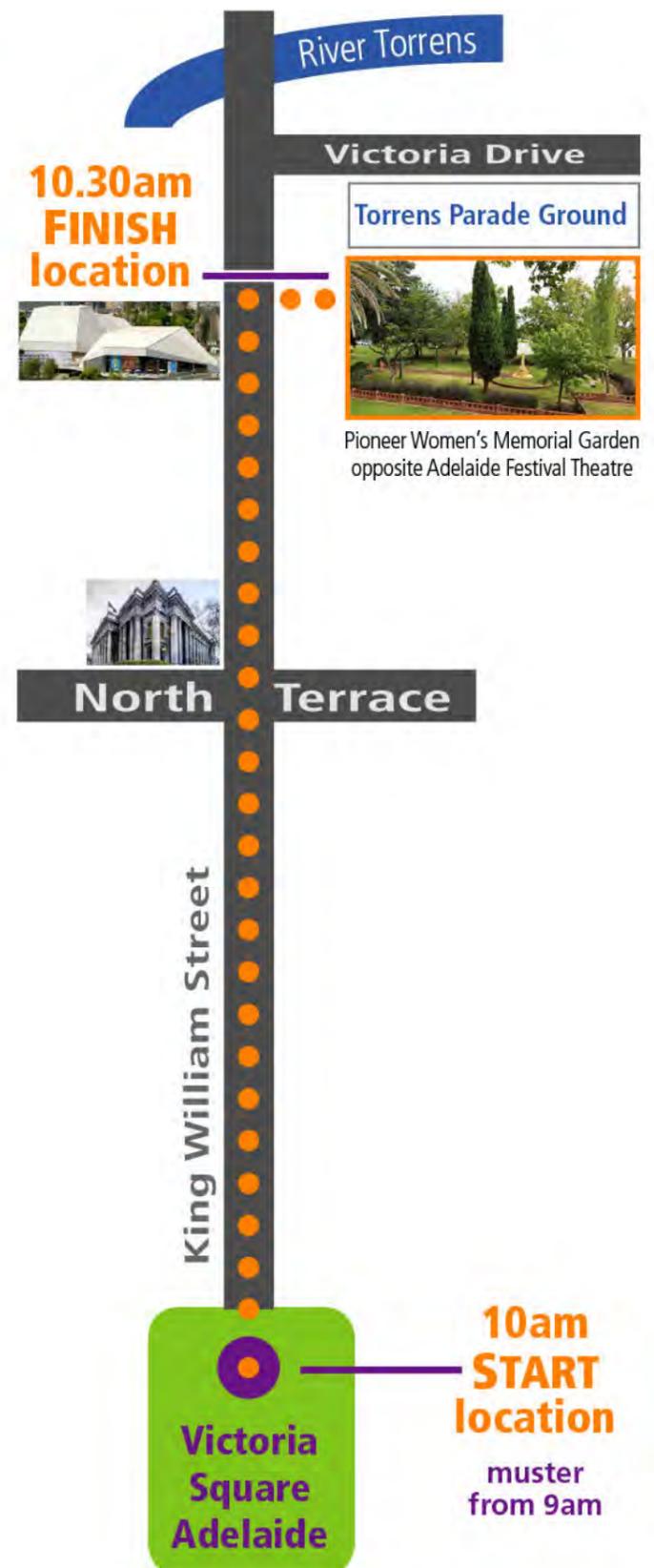
Choose the organisation / group / agency  
you want to walk with on the day!

**Yes, registering to Walk is FREE**  
*but your Voluntary Donation will be welcomed!*

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Carry the Many Signs of Coercive Control



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