

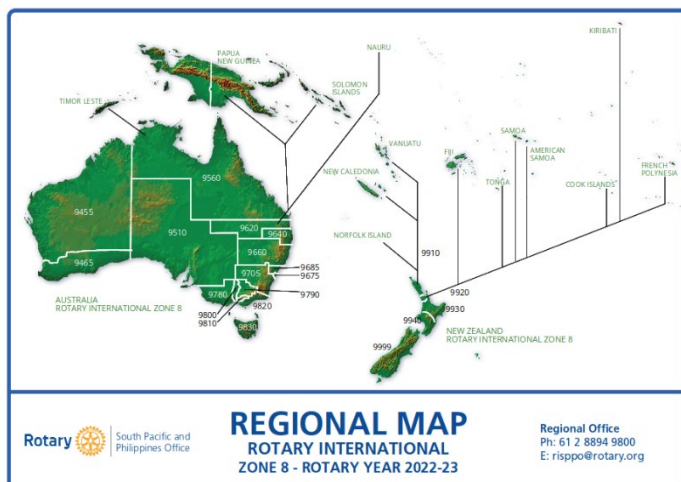
Zone 8 Regional Pilot

Our Opportunity to Create a Thriving Future for Rotary In Our Zone



Zone 8 has been granted a once in a generation opportunity by Rotary International to undertake a pilot of a new governance model which is tailored to the needs of members in our Zone.

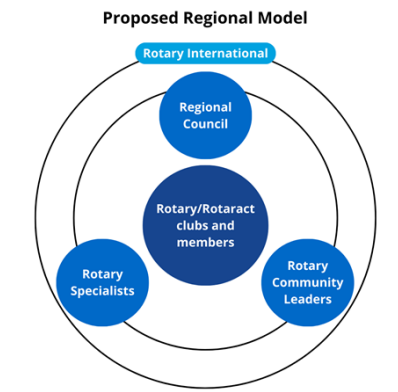
Since the successful vote by Zone 8 clubs and most districts in late 2022 there has been a lot of preparation work which has not been readily visible to clubs and members. This is all about to change with several key activities occurring in the next few months. The engagement of all members and clubs in this process is important to maximise the value of the opportunity. Now is our time to be INNOVATIVE.



The proposed model is designed to support members and clubs to maximise the value from their membership. A Regional Council will provide Governance for Zone 8 and will be the “One Voice” of Rotary for the zone. From 1 January 2024 existing District functions will progressively transfer from District to the Regional Council. Districts will work with Community Leaders and the Regional Council to ensure a smooth transition from the current model to the pilot governance model.

Clubs will be grouped in Rotary Communities. Clubs will choose the community they wish to belong to. The Community can be geographically, or interest based. Clubs can choose a second community affiliation which may be around specific activities of the club. Each Rotary Community will choose a Community Leader who will serve in the role for two years and will receive specialised training to equip them to support clubs. The Community Leader will connect clubs to the Regional Council and a network of Rotary Specialists which will provide specialist support to clubs.

There is no requirement for the internal workings of the club to change, the pilot is aimed at better connecting clubs to each other and to Rotary resources.



More information on the proposed model is available from the project website: <https://creatingtomorrowrotary.org/> I recommend you subscribe to the website to receive ongoing updates.

Webinars are being run to provide more information about the Regional Council and Rotary Community Groups. Use the links below to register.

- Tuesday 29 August at 1pm AEST - [Register here](#)
- Wednesday 30 August at 6:30pm AEST - [Register here](#)
- Saturday 2 September at 10am AEST - [Register here](#)

How can you contribute to the pilot?

Consider becoming a member of the Regional Council by submitting an Expression of Interest (Eoi) for a position. An email was sent to all members on Friday 18 August with information about the roles and position descriptions are available via this link <https://creatingtomorrowrotary.org/regional-council>.

Submit an Expression of Interest [via the online form](#). Please note you will need to select a Club Officer from your Rotary or Rotaract club (your Club President, Secretary or Treasurer) to confirm you are a club member of good standing.

Start the conversation in your club about how you would like to be grouped with other clubs. Club Presidents will complete a survey indicating the type of community their club would like to be part of. Once clubs select their Community Groups the process of nominations and elections for Rotary Community Leaders (RCLs) to mentor and support their community will begin.

When the time comes, consider nominating to be a Community Leader.

If you have skills which you are willing to share with our Zone, consider nominating as a Rotary Specialist when nominations are called for.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me

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