



Shape the future of Rotary and Rotaract in Zone 8:

Expressions of Interest for the Zone 8 Regional Council open!

Dear Member of Rotary,

As part of the Regionalisation Pilot, Rotary and Rotaract clubs in participating districts across Zone 8 will soon elect a Regional Council to represent and support them at a regional level. Expressions of Interest for positions on the Regional Council are now open.

The Regional Council will develop a consistent strategy across Zone 8, helping build a stronger Rotary brand and establish large scale partnerships with external organisations. The Regional Council will also provide greater support to clubs and members, enabling Rotarians and Rotaractors to focus on delivering the impactful projects that make Rotary great.

Club Presidents will consult with their members, then submit a vote on behalf of their club once voting opens in October 2023. All clubs will be able to cast **one vote** for each Regional Council position they are eligible to vote for, with each vote being weighted equally regardless of club membership numbers.

Club Presidents and Secretaries will receive emails closer to the date with voting instructions.

Voting is a key opportunity to have your say in who will lead Rotary and Rotaract at a regional level for the next few years. More details on the election process can be found [here](#).

Throughout the Pilot, districts and District Governors will remain in place, with certain responsibilities delivered by the Regional Council.

Calling for Expressions of Interest

Are you passionate about making a difference, have a deep understanding of Rotary's values and have strong leadership skills? If so, you should consider submitting an Expression of Interest to join the Regional Council. We need your expertise and dedication to help provide greater and more effective support to clubs and members.

This is an incredible opportunity to have a lasting impact on Rotary and Rotaract throughout Zone 8.

We are looking for enthusiastic, experienced Rotary members (Rotarians and Rotaractors) to apply for nine elected Regional Council roles:

- Chair
- Chair-Elect
- Portfolio Lead – Service Projects and Programs
- Portfolio Lead – Public Image and Partnerships
- Portfolio Lead – Membership
- Portfolio Lead – Learning and Development
- Portfolio Lead – Major Fundraising and Grants
- Portfolio Lead – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Rotaract Nominee (Only current Rotaractors are eligible for this role)

The remaining role, Rotary Communities Nominee, will be elected in 2024 once Rotary Community Leaders have been appointed.

Position descriptions and selection criteria for each role are available [here](#). Please read these carefully to ensure you are eligible and suitable for your chosen role.

Please note you can only submit an Expression of Interest for **one** position on the Regional Council.

How to apply

Step One

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.

Step Two

Once you have submitted an Expression of Interest, your chosen Club Officer will automatically receive an email containing a link they can use to certify that you are a club member of good standing. Please ensure you have notified your chosen Club Officer so they know to look out for an email. Steps one and two must be completed by **Monday 4 September 12pm AEST**.

Step Three

After your Expression of Interest has been reviewed and your eligibility confirmed, you will receive an email containing a link to apply for your chosen Regional Council position on Tuesday 5 September 2023. This application form must be submitted by **Tuesday 19 September 12pm AEST**.

Once your application has been reviewed by the Application Review Panel, you will be informed via email if you will be up for nomination in the Regional Council election.

Key Regional Council election dates

18 August – 4 September 2023	Expressions of Interest for Regional Council roles are open
5 September 2023	Application forms emailed to eligible candidates
5 – 19 September 2023	Applications open for Regional Council roles
3 October 2023	Regional Council nominees announced
17 – 31 October 2023	Voting period
1 November 2023	Successful candidates announced
1 – 15 November 2023	Objection period
Early 2024	Regional Council commences

NOTE: All dates are based on Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) or Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) when in place.

If you have any questions about the Regional Council election, available positions or application process, please email Zone8Elections@rotary.org.

Sincerely,

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Regionalisation Pilot Steering Group Chair and Deputy Chair