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December 2023 Update

What a year! Regionalisation full steam ahead

In this update:

- The year that was
- Apply for vacancies on the Regional Council
- Learn about the potential future state of Rotary and Rotaract in Zone 8
- Regional Council learning and development program a success



The Regional Council is
ready to serve you!

Dear Rotary and Rotaract members,

It was great to see so many of you at our Pilot update webinars last month. Access a recorded session and the accompanying slide deck [here](#).

The 2023 year

What a year it has been for the Pilot!

Dedicated Rotarians and Rotaractors across the Zone have contributed thousands of volunteer hours to achieve many exciting milestones.

The Pilot has grown from being endorsed by clubs in late 2022 to receiving financial approval from the Rotary International Board in April 2023, and we are now on the eve of the Regional Council commencing on 1 January 2024.

The Regionalisation team has held more than 100 meetings with members and key stakeholders over the last twelve months, allowing members and leaders to gain insight and give input into this revolutionary project.

Apply for Regional Council roles

We are looking for talented Rotarians or Rotaractors to fill three vacancies on the Regional Council:

- Portfolio Lead: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (member of the Regional Council) - [Learn more](#)
- Treasurer - [Learn more](#)
- Corporate and Administration Lead - [Learn more](#)

These positions will be appointed rather than elected, after a careful assessment of applications and interviews with candidates.

Submit your application by **5pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) on Tuesday 30 January 2024** so you don't miss out!

Apply Now

Rotary Specialists

From February next year you can apply to become a [Rotary Specialist](#), providing expert guidance and support to clubs in your area of expertise.

The Specialist role is designed especially to give clubs easy access to highly qualified experts in a range of fields, regardless of their location.

Rotary Community Groups

The Regionalisation team is currently sorting clubs into [Rotary Community Groups \(RCGs\)](#), working closely with District leaders who are using their deep local knowledge of clubs to create the best groupings possible.

Clubs will be notified of their RCG in February.

Each RCG will elect their own leader in April, with Rotary Community Leaders due to commence their role in July.

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What couldn't we achieve?

*Why put a limitation on something with
so much possibility?*

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- Response to question in the RCG club preferences form, "What do you imagine your club could achieve with increased support and collaboration?"

New report on potential future for Rotary and Rotaract

Recently, the Future State Workshop was held to imagine what Rotary and Rotaract could look like in Zone 8 once the Pilot ends.

We have now released a report summarising the outcomes of the Workshop, along with a [presentation and webinar recording](#).

The proposals in the Report are *not* final – we need your feedback and input to ensure we can further develop and strengthen our vision for our future.

Read the full report

Congratulations to the inaugural Regional Council

Incoming members of the Zone 8 Regional Council recently participated in an intensive learning and development program, tailored to equip them with the skills and knowledge they need to lead and represent the Zone.

Facilitated by incoming Rotary International Zone 8 Director Jennifer Scott AM, the program gave Regional Council members a chance to get to know each other and establish strong working relationships.

Learn more

Stay connected with us!

The Pilot's Facebook page will continue to provide updates. We encourage you to [like, follow and share our page](#) with your club members to stay updated.

For more regular updates and to be part of our reference group, [subscribe here](#). You can have your say by visiting creatingtomorrowrotary.org or emailing us directly at rotaryregionalpilot@gmail.com.

We hope you have a restful holiday period and are able to spend time relaxing with loved ones. May 2024 bring you and your family peace, joy and happiness, and we look forward to continuing the great work of Rotary together.

Sincerely,

Neville Parsons and Ingrid Waugh

Regionalisation Pilot Steering Group Chair and Deputy Chair

NOTE: This email is being distributed to current Rotary and Rotaract members in Districts participating in the Zone 8 Regionalisation Pilot



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