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Happy New Year!

I trust you all had a fabulous festive season and the new year started off with a BANG! I'm looking forward to re-visiting Clubs to listen to their project successes and the impact they are making in their communities.

The new incentive scheme is helping Clubs consider new strategies to increase awareness and build their public image in so many brilliant ways, and I hope to run this again in the future depending on the success of the current initiatives.

MORE IMPORTANTLY Congratulations to **Kerry and Abby Parsons**, and **Jeffery Spickett** (Attadale RC) and **John Iriks** (Kwinana RC) on being recognised in the 2026 Australia Day honours list! This recognition is a testament to their remarkable contributions to both local and international communities.

Their achievements have brought about significant positive change, worthy of this honour. They are an inspiration to us all.

Well done!

Veronica

Regional Pilot Update

Thank you to the Clubs who sent feedback on the discussion paper on redistricting and extension of the Pilot. Your comments were much appreciated and were sent on to Ingrid Waugh at Regional Council.

As I have just returned from International Assembly there was much discussion on the redistricting of Districts in our Zone, and the state of the Pilot. These discussions took place between Zone District Governors Elect, Jennifer Scott (Rotary International Director, Rotary South Pacific), John Hewko (RI General Secretary) and Michelle Berg (Deputy GS).

Following on from those discussions, the Rotary International Board made the following announcement:

The RI Board:

1. agreed to extend the Zone 8 Regionalization pilot through 2027-28;
2. directed the districts in Zone 8 to pause elections for District Governor 2028-29 to allow Director Scott to convene a working group that will propose new districts starting 1 July 2028;
3. by a three-quarters vote, approved US\$149,941 from RI Reserves to fund dedicated pilot staffing in Australia for 2026-27; and
4. agreed to reallocate a portion of the district funding in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Zone 8 Regional Council in the amount of US\$176,823.

A further meeting with RID Jennifer Scott will be held on Sunday 25 January to discuss the implications of these decisions to Districts in our Zone.

International Assembly Out-takes

Four intense days of speakers from around the world, left me breathless and full of energy and motivation after the release of the new RI Presidential message for 2026-2027.

Our District fares very well compared to other Clubs in the world - thanks to our club leaders for their enthusiasm in keeping our members involved and interested.

WA appears to be safe from further re-districting as we have a healthy 1700+ members and only Districts with less than 1100 are being considered to merge with other similar/smaller Districts - **HOWEVER** this is not the time to rest on our laurels - we need to keep up with the Rotary Action Plan to assure our future:

- Increase our Impact
- Expand our Reach
- Enhance Participant Engagement
- Increase our Ability to Adapt

If you need any help with any aspect of your Club membership and engaging in the Rotary Action Plan then feel free to call anyone of us on the District Leadership Team or your Rotary Community Leaders - we are all here to help!

The RI Presidential message for 2026-2027 was released at International Assembly and RI President elect Yinka Balabolola's message is **"Create Lasting Impact"** and I know many of you are already doing this - so let's keep 'Uniting For Good' to Create Lasting Impact - together!



Dates for your diary 2026...

District Conference:

13-15 March 2026, Northam.



PETS and District Assembly dates:

PETS Metro - 21-22 February
Grants Seminar - 8 March
Southern Coast DA - 28 March
Southwest DA - 29 March
Metro DA - 12 April
Wheatbelt DA - 19 April
Goldfields PETS - 2 & 3 May
MidWest DA - 9 May

Ask your secretary for a copy of the flyer with venues.

100 years of Rotary:

15-18 April 2027



Club Opportunity

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- The intern must be supervised for the duration of the placement by a suitable professional in the student's field of study (e.g. a marketing student should be supervised by a marketing professional)
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- All rotary Clubs are invited to showcase their special projects at the District Conference. For more information please contact Jane O'Leary on janeg1956@yahoo.com
- Please join me in Congratulating Simon Cubitt, President of Willetton RC who has replaced me as the Rotary representative on the NYSF Board. Simon will be an asset to this great program with his extensive knowledge, experience and passion for NYSF. I do hope Clubs will support Simon and the program.

Please send any Club information/changes to dg@rotarywa.au

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