

**RAWCS Southern Region**  
**Regional Operations Committee Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020**  
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Welcome everyone to what has become the new norm, meeting online in a virtual face to face. We have a very good attendance today compared to our usual quarterly meetings and I'm tempted to suggest that we continue this format once Covid-19 is done and dusted. Maybe every second meeting via zoom and I'd be interested in hearing peoples thoughts on that later.

I'd like to take this opportunity especially to welcome those who are either relatively new to a Southern Region quarterly meeting and those who haven't attended for some time.

Since our last meeting in February I have attended a National Board meeting (via zoom); that was on 15<sup>th</sup> March. Personally I found it very difficult attending as an observer because the regional coordinators were not copied into reports prior to the meeting. Consequently, we were listening to discussion of items that we had no prior knowledge of. A bit difficult to get the gist of things and make sense of the discussion without prior reading on the topic via the reports that the directors were a party to. Likewise we coordinators have not received minutes of the meeting either so, all in all, its hard to see the value in continuing in this format.

In fact there is likely a further change afoot with the Board meeting without the coordinators one month to focus on policy etc. and then the next month including the coordinators in what could better be described as an operational meeting. Certainly sounds better than the current arrangement.

I mentioned in my report in February that the regional coordinators were tasked with answering the question "What do individual Rotary clubs need from RAWCS?" We have started the process of identifying those clubs that are not active with RAWCS and finding out why that is the case.

For the Southern Region I can report that at the time I surveyed the RAWCS project database there were a total of 154 projects being undertaken by the 323 clubs within the 6 districts that make up the Southern Region. Determining what I term the RAWCS Participation Rate, which is simply the number of projects initiated in a district divided by the number of clubs in that district multiplied by 100, reveals the following:

D9780	18%
D9790	38%
D9800	85%
D9810	63%
D9820	23%
D9830	57%

We need to bear in mind that this represents a snapshot in time of district by district participation in RAWCS, in terms of the number of projects emanating from that district. It takes no account of size of project, involvement of clubs in one district in

projects from another district (or region for that matter), the duration of projects and so on. However, it does start to give us an idea of where we perhaps need to be focusing our attention when it comes to promoting RAWCS programs to achieve greater buy in to RAWCS in general.

I need to sift through the data further to determine the engagement with RAWCS at a club level and I expect to find that in each district there will be clubs that have multiple projects which will then have an effect on the district rate above. The figures above will end up being adjusted up or down depending on the actual number of clubs out of the total in a particular district that undertake RAWC projects.

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