



**RAWCS Southern Region
Regional Operations Committee Meeting 22nd August 2021
Regional Coordinator PDG Ken Moore**

Welcome everyone to the first quarterly committee meeting for the Rotary year 2021-22.

This was supposed to have been the day we finally got to meet face to face for the first time in almost eighteen months and conducted our annual meeting and information day. Obviously, the correct decision was made in deferring that day and it remains to be seen whether it will happen in November as now planned. Let's keep positive and hope so.

Needless to say, Covid-19 continues to impact what we do under the RAWCS banner, but regardless of this it's pleasing to see that there is still a fair bit happening as evidenced by the various reports that will be presented at this zoom meeting. It's particularly good to see opportunities being taken to spread the word concerning RAWCS, what it is, and what can be done to assist clubs and districts. One example of this is a recent article in the D9830 DG Newsletter prepared by RAWCS District Coordinator Leigh Dyson and, with his permission, I have attached a copy of Leigh's article with this report. In the face of Covid restrictions we all need to seek such occasions when we can to raise the RAWCS flag.

In that vein, a seminar via zoom has been organised by the National Board to assist District Coordinators in their role. Titled 'District Chairs Development Seminar' there are two sessions organised for next Sunday, 29th August and all district chairs are encouraged to attend either or both those sessions.

Similarly, DGE and DGN virtual briefings have been organised for Saturday 9th October to provide incoming governors an overview of RAWCS and a better understanding of their role as members of the company and hopefully gain increased engagement with RAWCS as a result.

Other points arising from Board and Regional Coordinators meetings include:

- The appointment of PDG Jerry Casburn as Director responsible for Regional Coordinators and consequently we can expect to see Jerry as a regular attendee at these quarterly meetings to help him get a better handle on Southern Region, as he will with the other four regions. Welcome Jerry.
- PDG Keith Roffey has finished his term as Director responsible for In Kind Donations and Equipment Repurposing and has been replaced by PDG Dave Clark. On your

behalf I extend a vote of appreciation to Keith for all that he has done in the past few years to assist Southern Region especially with DIK.

As you would all be aware there are a number of regional positions open for nomination and to be voted upon at our next quarterly meeting, otherwise known as our Annual Meeting. The most pressing of these is that of Regional Communications Supervisor which is currently vacant as a result of Ian Esmore already concluding his term. All appointments will be for a term of three years with the Comms position available immediately and the other roles to commence in 2022-23. Can I ask you all to please actively seek out appropriate nominees for all of these positions? We are still getting formal position descriptions together for some of these but in the meantime, if you do have someone interested in coming on to the committee there would be no better person to speak to about the responsibilities of a role than the present incumbent of that role.

PDG Ken Moore
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