

Year: 1990-91

RI President: [Paulo V. C. Costa](#) from [Santos](#), São Paulo, Brazil.



Theme: Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm

Convention held at [Mexico City](#), Mexico on June 2-5, with 15,638 delegates.

District Governor: Duncan J Bird, Strathpine

District Conference location: Caloundra

Club President: Paul King

Exchange Student:

Inbound:

Host parents

Outbound:

PHFs awarded:

Completion of the aviary at the Shaftesbury Citizenship Campus was the chief objective for this year. Several Saturdays were spent in finalising the project. Unfortunately for President Paul he took a tumble from a ladder on the job and fractured his ankle. A sad moment in our history.

At a special dinner meeting held at the 'Campus on 20th November 1990, the Aviary was officially dedicated to Past President Phillip Major whose inspiration, drive and foresight had led to the construction of such a marvellous undertaking. On the same night, the Barbecue Complex at the Centre was also dedicated to Past President Ian Craig for his magnificent efforts in co-ordinating and assisting in the construction of such a valuable asset.

Further help was given to the Shaftesbury Centre when \$1,000 was donated to assist Past President Ian with plumbing and sewerage installation.

By this time, the Shaftesbury Campus had nearly finished developing Maconochie Lodge. A donation of \$3,500 was made for the purchase of bed linen so Maconochie Lodge could commence its operations.

A significant grant was made to the Peninsular Enrichment Programme, to enable them to purchase a new van for the transport of students.

Tree planting was undertaken at Gold Scrub, Lake Samsonvale with the Men of the Trees.

The Sevana Sarana Foster Parent Scheme led to the development of "Sister Club" or "Twin Club" status with the Rotary Club of Colombo East. This club helped us consistently with contacting our foster children and we maintained a steady flow of correspondence and exchange of club material and reports.

Discussions were conducted with the Pine Rivers A. H. & I. Association concerning the operations of the gates at their Annual Show. The Association had problems. It decided to ask for tenders from organisations which might be interested in controlling the gates at the show. Our Club submitted a tender, but after some later discussion with the officials of the Show Association, withdrew its tender. After 1991, our Club ceased to be responsible for the supervision of the gates. Our Rotaryannes have continued to provide top class service to show patrons through the Rotary Tea Rooms and Rotarians were now free to help and expand the service with the hot food van.

A Charity Golf Day at Pine Rivers Golf club was enjoyed by local golfers and raised funds for the Club. Our main source of income however was again the Swap Meet. Again members needed 100% commitment to cover all the duties of this weekend.

Increased fellowship between club members was one of President Paul's aims. A series of

hospitality dinners were begun in which groups of members visited and enjoyed the friendship of long time members in their own homes.

Our Christmas function was held at the Pony Club centre. At this dinner we said goodbye to our Rotary Foundation Scholar Kym Crabtree who was returning to North Carolina. We also farewelled our Exchange Student Irene Karassellos who was returning to Zimbabwe. That evening Irene was accompanied by her sister Marina who had come to Pine Rivers to visit her and accompany her home.

Toys, food and money collected that evening were donated to Ensign John Tatters of the Salvation Army for distribution among those in need in our area.

Our Rotaryannes had been very busy as usual, and supported financially Strathpine Handihome; Pine Rivers Riding School for the Disabled; Nursing Mothers Association, Kallangur; Drug Arm Idea Kit for Undurba State School; Blankets for Maconochie Lodge; and a tape player for blind craft activities for the Blue Nurses Pilgrim Hospital.



Good footings and a bricklayer Smirnoff get the Bird Aviary at Shaftesbury under way.

Who was a Smirnoff?

The Shaftesbury Campus at Burpengary was an extension of the Shaftesbury Centre at Spring Hill in Brisbane.

The Spring Hill centre accepted young people from the courts and worked with them to divert them from a life of crime.

One of the primary early functions of the Burpengary Campus was to help rehabilitate prisoners who were transitioning from incarceration to release. Maconochie Lodge was established at the Shaftesbury Campus to house these people, known as Smirnoffs, because of the motto on the Vodka bottles. They provided labour to develop the campus. There were no gates or fences to hold these people in, but if they left they would be immediately returned to prison.

Our club provided regular weekly speakers to their Wednesday morning breakfasts to inform the inmates about life options.



Work progresses and the roof goes on. It's a long way up there!



The completed aviary awaits feathered friends.



President Paul King dedicates the aviary in honour of Phillip Major, the source of inspiration for the complex.



PDG Allan Male (the drive behind the Shaftesbury Campus) dedicating the Barbecue area to Ian Craig.