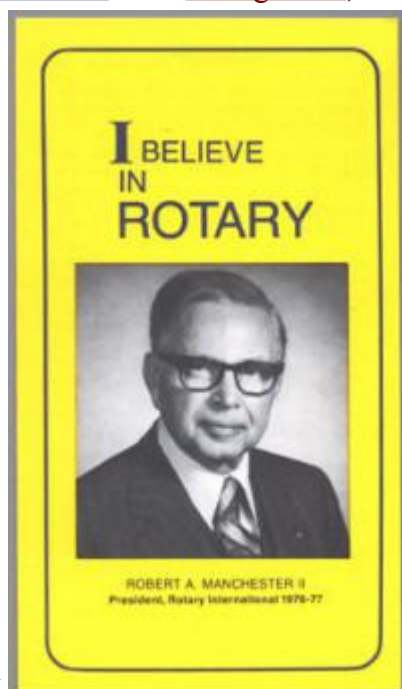


**Year:** 1976-77

**RI President:** [Robert Manchester II](#) from [Youngstown](#), Ohio, USA.



**Theme:** I Believe in Rotary

**Convention** held at [San Francisco](#), California, USA on June 5-9, with 14,168 delegates.

**District Governor:** Victor G (Vic) Honour, Mooloolaba

**District Conference location:** Bundaberg

**Club President:** Tom Mellers

Exchange Student:

Inbound: Kiyoko Hattori, Japan                      Host parents

Outbound:

PHFs awarded: Don Hawkins

Community Service was the main emphasis of activities during this year.

Meals On Wheels became a reality. Past President Bob Bell became the first President and Past President Ian Craig was Vice President. It was a significant day when the serving of meals began on 2nd August, 1976. Twenty-seven meals were served. Our Rotaryannes helped in the kitchen and also delivered meals one day each month.

Y.M.C.A's Camp Warrawee became the focus of the major club project for this year. Members built toilets and refurbished the dining room. The Bushells Trust provided a grant of \$3,000 for the purchase of interior furnishings. It was officially opened on 14th November, 1976. This project was submitted to the District Committee for consideration for a Significant Achievement Award.

The use of the Pluto Pup van was now well accepted and the van was seen at most fetes and fund raising functions organised in the area. Rotarians worked at Bald Hills State School, Pine Rivers State High School, Bray Park State School, Marsden Home for Boys, St Faith's Church of England, Strathpine, Petrie State School, Kallangur State School, Strathpine Kindergarten, and Dayboro Rodeo.

For the second year and again on a voluntary basis, Rotarians manned the gates at the Pine Rivers A. H. & I. Show.

An Art Union was held to raise further funds for the Study Girl Quest.

Further maintenance work was carried out on Rotary Park.

Through the club's relationship with its Interact Club at the Pine Rivers State High School, members became aware that Senior school students were felt to be in need of experienced guidance in selecting career options. The club then arranged the first of its careers nights at Pine Rivers State High School. These continued for several years.

When Mr L. Howard of Dayboro became incapacitated and was forced to use a wheelchair, Club members arranged a series of working bees to build him a ramp, a concrete path and a platform. This enabled him to gain easier access to his house and be able to move around more independently. A club director visited Mr Howard, reporting that he was a young man, prematurely crippled, and would spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair. A talking machine was purchased and given to Mr Howard on loan for as long as he needed it. A pathway of paving stones was laid at his house so he could move around more easily.

It was an important occasion for Past President Don Hawkins and the club when he became our first Paul Harris Fellow.

In the Student Exchange programme, Kiyoko Hattori from Gifu, Japan was hosted by our club. During Kiyoko's year with us, her mother arrived from Japan. Our Rotaryannes looked after her mother during her visit and were able to show her around the district.



One of our F AIM teams on the way to Kar Kar Island in 1978-79.  
L to R: Eric and Joan Pinches, Ivy and Charlie Black



Ian Craig left holding the baby on Kar Kar Island.



Beds, repaired and painted, for use at Gorbon Hospital