

**Year:** 1977-78

**RI President:** [W. Jack Davis](#) from [Hamilton](#), Bermuda.



**Theme:** Serve to Unite Mankind

**Convention** held at [Tokyo](#), Japan on May 14-18, with 39,834 delegates.

**District Governor:** Jack R Stephenson, Ashgrove

**District Conference location:** Caloundra

**Club President:** Malcolm Douglas

Exchange Student:

Inbound: Donna Wilfong, USA                      Host parents

Outbound: Julie-Ann McNamara, to USA

PHFs awarded: Tom Mellers

Police Officer of the Year:

For the purposes of Rotary administration, the boundaries of our District were redrawn and renamed District 960.

As usual a number of community service projects were undertaken this year. Further help was provided to Mr Howard when members completed paving a pathway and constructed a hoist to lift him in and out of his pool, Other activities were directed towards providing the Ambulance Centres at Petrie and Dayboro with dressing trolleys. Playground equipment was provided for the Petrie Opportunity School. Again, members controlled the gates for the Pine Rivers A. H. & I. for their annual show at Lawnton.

Several fund raising projects were tried. A Trash and Treasure market was held at Don Hawkins' business at Lawnton. A feature of the market was the sale of a number of staghorns and orchids provided by some of our Rotarians following a bush-walking venture. Our Rotaryannes held another Cent Auction in the R.S.L. Hall. The sale of laminated wooden trays featuring a Rotary wheel was introduced. A special barbecue was held to raise funds for Brisbane Valley farmers and graziers.

The Pluto Pup van continued being a regular contributor to the funds of district organisations. Members worked the State School fetes at Bray Park, Bald Hills, Kallangur, Lawnton, Petrie, Strathpine Infants as well as the Marsden Home for Boys, Lawnton Kindergarten, and Pine Rivers Kindergarten. Members ventured a little further afield this year, taking their van to the Hamilton Mothers' Union and to the Mooloolaba Prawn Festival. The van was hired to TAA for the period 9-19 November, to be an operations Centre during the Queensland Parachute Championships at Caloundra.

On 23rd August 1977, in-bound exchange student Donna Wilfong arrived from Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, U.S.A. At Christmas that year for about six weeks, Donna went to Sydney to be hosted by Rotarian Jock Mitchell's daughter and the Baulkham Hills Rotary Club. In tum we hosted their student Yadi Sadirsan, who came from Indonesia. Donna is now married to Jack Shelbourne. They have a son, Jack Reed III and are moving from Holland in Michigan to Greenboro in North Carolina. Past President Tom Mellers became the Club's second Paul Harris Fellow.

Our out-bound student was Julie-Ann McNamara who spent a year in the United States of America attending the Westhampton Beach High School.

The club's bonds with Kar Kar Island and the Gorbon Hospital, became closer when Eric Pinches and Ian Craig were part of a F AIM team to go to Papua New Guinea to continue their work in the

construction of buildings needed by the hospital.