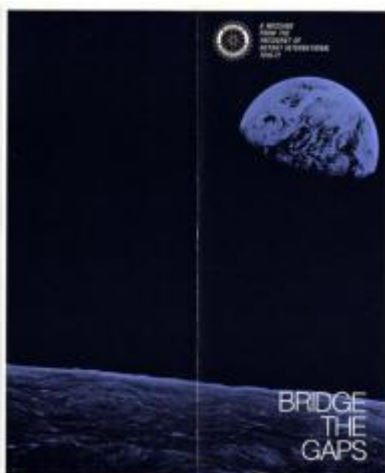


**Year:** 1970-71

**RI President:** [William E. Walk](#) from [Upland](#), California, USA.



**Theme:** Bridge the Gaps

**Convention** held at [Sydney](#), NSW, Australia on May 16-20, with 16,646 delegates.

**District Governor:** Charles E Thomas, Windsor

**District Conference location:** Bundaberg

**Club President:** Keith Shaw

Continuing projects occupied much time and effort but this year saw some different functions being arranged.

The first Combined Services Ball was organised with proceeds being used to help the local Ambulance Centre and the Opportunity School at Petrie.

Together with the Chamber of Commerce, a very popular Mardi Gras was held in Petrie. It is noted that Rotary members also sold hamburgers at this function. This is probably significant as the first time Club members engaged in the preparation and sale of food items, which has become such an important part of the Club's fund-raising activities.

On 29th September, 1970 the first meeting of the Interact Club was held at the Pine Rivers State High School, attracting 35 members.

Past President Bill Fry used his heavy earthmoving machinery to help in the levelling of an oval for the Pine Rivers Junior Rugby League.

Our associations with Papua New Guinea continued when members hosted RYLarians from Papua New Guinea, and when books and Scout uniforms were sent there.

A Group Study Exchange team from Germany was hosted by club members who were responsible for showing them around several business firms and places of interest as well as conducting them to special meetings with other Rotary Clubs of the District.