

**Year:** 2009-10

**RI President:** [John Kenny](#) from [Grangemouth, Central](#), Scotland, UK.



**Theme:** The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands

**Convention** held at [Montreal](#), Quebec, Canada, on June 20-23, with 17,909 delegates.

**District Governor:** Walter Buchanan, Aspley

**District Conference location:** Caloundra

**Club President:** Stewart Bell

Exchange Student:

Inbound: Jonathan Boger, Germany      Host parents: Rob and Janette Eckersley, Alan and Sandy Stephens, Jim and Lorraine Stirling, and David and Tracy Gibson

Outbound:

PHFs awarded: Mr Roy Bailey, Mrs Lyn Bailey, both from Meals on Wheels

Police Officer of the Year: Sergeant Noel Grealy – Pine Rivers

This year saw the resignation of our last Charter member, Ian Craig. For some time his health had been deteriorating and he had been unable to drive himself to meetings. He had been determined to see the club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As Rotary does not have a system of life memberships, Ian was invited to be an honorary member, and each subsequent board renewed this invitation. He continued to attend all of our major functions in the company of his daughter, Ros Lim, until his passing in 2017, at the age of 92.

During this year we had come to the conclusion that our current meeting place did not want us there. A new potential location had recently opened at Murrumba Downs, so we decided to investigate that option. The club moved its meeting place, for the second time in its history, to the Murrumba Downs Tavern. This proved to be very successful and we have always been made to feel welcome there.

As usual, fundraising was an issue. President Stewart wanted to address fundraising and membership. We managed to secure a steady source of income by operating Bunnings Sausage Sizzles at Lawnton, and occasionally at other locations. The van was manned on a number of occasions, namely the CREEC open day in Burpengary, the Shire Council employees' Christmas party, Christmas in the park at Strathpine Park, the Australia day celebrations for MBRC, and Guide Dogs open day. The van was also repainted this year and credit goes to Dale Young and Rian Bell for their help with this matter. Dale gave us free use of his shed and power, and Rian painted it for us.

We donated to Guide Dogs, Shelter Box, ROMAC, Righteous Pups, The Starlight foundation, and River Church group. Five high schools received bursaries. Our Interact club also gave to Shelter Box and Guide Dogs. A room at the Guide Dogs centre was painted using our manpower and (?) skills.

Our nominees for RYLA and NYSF were positive. This year Katie Graham was the club's nominee for RYLA. The event was five days on the tall ship, "South Passage". The *South Passage* left Manly Harbour with some 35 students on board and sailed up through Tangalooma and on to Fraser Island, then back to Tin Can Bay and home. Brandon Binnie, our science nominee for the January round,

was chosen to go to Germany on an International Youth Science Forum study trip - a very special honour. He was from Petrie, and was interested in the genetic aspects of Cancer research. During his time in Canberra and in Germany he worked with the world's leading researchers in that field. The club held a social weekend away when a number of families attended Opera in the Vineyard near Stanthorpe. Accommodation was found at Tenterfield, and the final morning saw us enjoy a frosty morning in Stanthorpe before returning home (via a number of vineyards).



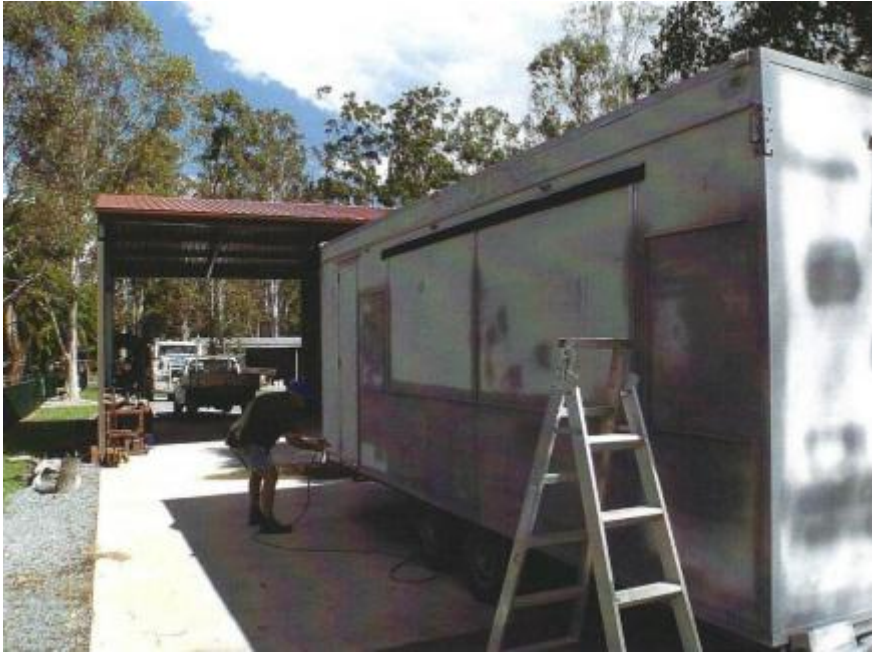
Jonathan Boger



Katie Graham and the tall ship



The van gets a makeover



At Dale Young's place - thank you



Rian Bell gives it a lick of paint