

Year: 1996-97

RI President: [Luis Vicente Giay](#) from [Arrecifes](#), Argentina.



Theme: Build the Future with Action and Vision

Convention held at [Glasgow](#), Scotland, UK on June 15-18, with 23,506 delegates.

District Governor: Brian P Doyle, Maleny

District Conference location: Caloundra

Club President: Ron Heitmann

Exchange Student:

Inbound: Cara McDuff, Canada

Host parents: Chamberlains, Youngs

Outbound:

PHFs awarded:

The highlight of the year was the dedication of the Spitfire Memorial. In a narrow sense, it was a memorial to two English airmen who, during a training flight, collided in mid-air and crashed into the ground at Young's Crossing in April, 1944. In a wider sense, it was intended as a tribute to all servicemen of all countries who served in World War II, recognising the danger faced by them at all times, while training, while in combat, at home and overseas.

The memorial was placed immediately beside the place where one of the planes crashed. The memorial is a large granite boulder provided by Rotarian Ken Young. Set into the stone is a plaque which explains the significance of the memorial. As well, a part of one of the planes involved in the collision, was recovered from the site and included in the Memorial.

The dedication took place on the anniversary of the crash. It was attended by 200 people, some of whom had actually witnessed the collision and who had helped in the retrieval of the pilots' bodies. The event brought together the Pine Rivers Shire Council, Returned Servicemen's Associations and Rotary.

Catering for the ceremony was ably performed by our Rotaryannes.

Over the years, the Club has accumulated a large amount of equipment which it has used for catering and other purposes. Some of this had been stored in the Hawkins Hassall Hall, but this was now inconvenient. A large cargo container was purchased and is housed at Ken and Jan Young's. It has since been fitted with shelves, and most of our equipment was placed in it. Room was found in it for a freezer to hold the stock needed for the van.

A significant change took place when the Country Club discontinued serving meals, forcing us to seek another place to hold our weekly dinner meetings. After some investigation, we moved to the R S. L. Services Club at Kallangur. The move was well accepted by members who were very satisfied with the standard of the accommodation and the meals provided.

Our support of the Blue Nurses of Sandgate and Pine Rivers District continued when Ian Craig, on behalf of the Club, presented them with a donation with which to purchase another car for the Blue Nursing fleet.

Some rather special dinner meetings were held this year. We celebrated our continuing relationship

with Meals On Wheels at a dinner to present 20 Year Service Awards to 28 volunteer workers who have supported the association since its formation by the Rotary Club of Pine Rivers.

At a combined meeting with the Rotary Club of Brendale to mark the Ninetieth Anniversary of Rotary, a Paul Harris Fellowship was presented to Annette Haynes for her contribution to Pine Rivers Meals On Wheels and outstanding community service work.

Later that year, a Paul Harris Fellowship was awarded to Mr Graham Chapman for his community service work and his many kindnesses to the club, especially his help in fitting out the new van.

During the year, the Club lost long-time Rotarian John Lehmhase. John inspired us all with his courage and cheerfulness in attending meetings, despite being so unwell. Through his membership of the Rotary Clubs of Mitchelton and Pine Rivers, John attained 29 years of 100% attendance.

The Club decided to add to our school prize awards, a special prize for Chemistry to be known as the John Lehmhase Award. The prize is given to the Year 11 student who tops the Chemistry subject for the school.

Several hours were given by our members in their annual fund-raising endeavours. The Swap Meet weekend now demands our full attention as we have two clubs working instead of three as previously. We continued the Rotary Tea Rooms and van at the Pine Rivers Show, and sent the van to the Bridge to Bridge Raft Race. Our first effort at the Kallangur District Christmas Festival led us to continue there. We also worked the van at an Open Day at the new Guide Dogs for the Blind complex at Bald Hills.

Shaftesbury Citizenship Campus still needed help with their Bookfests so we assisted twice in this year. Excess books with little chance of attracting buyers were collected for the Donations in Kind project.

Youth programmes continued along the lines of previous years with students attending the Siemens Science School, Kelly Watt from Pine Rivers State High School attended the CRA National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. Rowan Gollan also.

Finally, in our Exchange Student programme, we had a wonderful year with Cara McDuff, from Vermilion, Ontario, Canada.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The first President of Meals On Wheels was Rotarian Bob Bell who held this office until he passed away. Mrs Marj Bell then became President. When she resigned, Mrs Yvonne Chapman, Mayor of Pine Rivers Shire became President. Rotarian Ian Craig was Vice President. Rotaryanne Rita Williams was first Secretary. Many years later, Rotaryanne Rose Craig was Treasurer. Rotaryanne Annette Haynes was first Provider. Rotarians Neville Williams and Nobby Locke were both Committee members.

The A.P.M. hostel was a building in Mundin St, Petrie, where single employees from the A.P.M. were housed. When the need for such a building was exhausted, the Pine Shire Council took over the building. It was used as a Public Hall where many weddings and other functions were catered for. Meals On Wheels moved into the old kitchen at the rear of the building. Rotaryannes helped in the kitchen and in the delivery of meals, giving good cheer to many recipients over many years.

The building now known as Hyland Hall was upgraded in 1987. The M.O.W. kitchen was in the northern end of the building and the southern part was used as a Respite Centre. While these disruptions occurred, M.O.W. moved to a building in Strathpine (Gulliver's) and cooked and served from there. The first meal from the new kitchen was on the first Monday in October 1995, and a great celebration they had at that time.

Rotary arranged a big celebration dinner for those volunteers who had continuously helped M.O.W. for 20 years. Certificates of appreciation were presented to each. (Of course, it was the M.O.W. workers who cooked the meal for this occasion!) Since then, more volunteers have reached their twenty years of service. Rotary presents them with certificates at a regular Rotary Dinner Meeting.

The ladies of the M.O.W. Social Club work hard all year catering for afternoon teas, Council Naturalisation ceremonies and many more. The profit from their hard work pays for a fantastic Christmas celebration for the nearly 300 volunteers. It is their way of saying "Thanks". Hyland Hall is now too small for this function so it is held in the Strathpine Community Hall.

In 1995, the M.O.W. Committee upgraded the kitchen. It is now a most modern stainless steel kitchen with modern appliances. Under the guidance of Mrs Lyn Bailey, it is held as a model kitchen throughout Queensland, not only because of the facility, but also because of the high standard of meals served and the well-organised delivery service, delivering hundreds of meals each day.



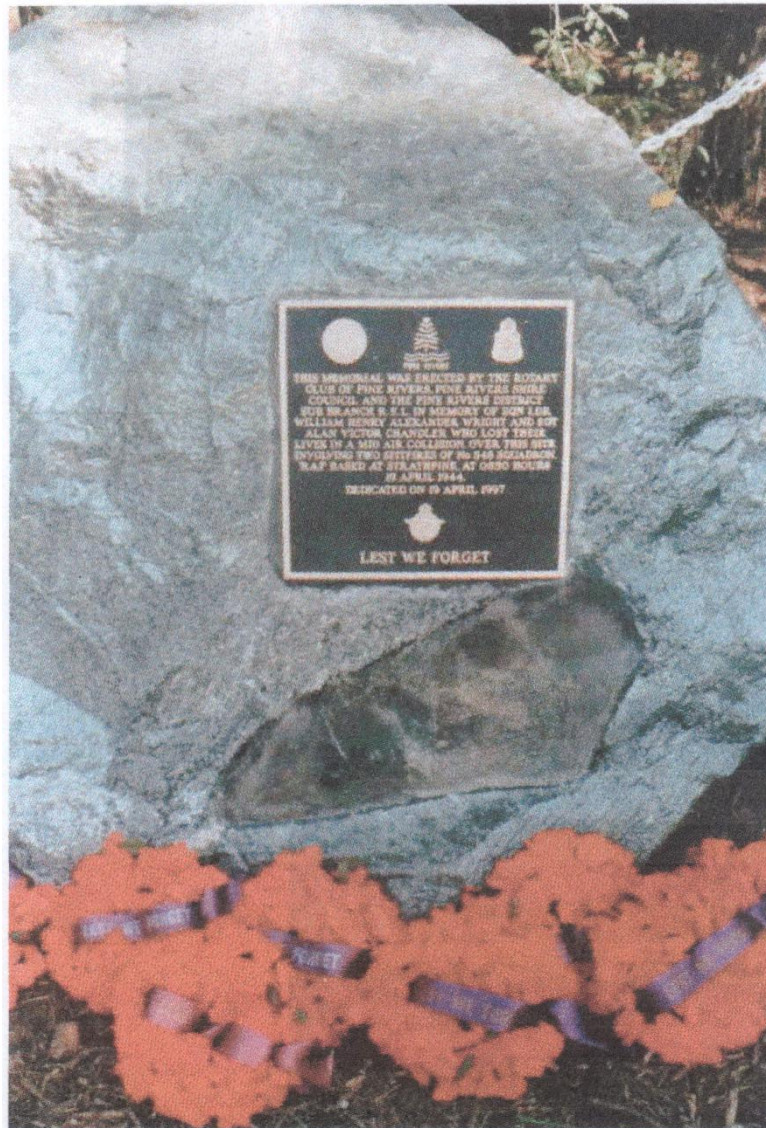
The dedication ceremony for the Spitfire memorial was a moving tribute to Servicemen.



President Ron Heitmann and Rotarian Ken Young representing the club at the dedication of the memorial.



Rotaryannes Bev Bell, Margaret Major, and Annette Haynes relax after serving morning tea to the visitors.



The plaque on the memorial rock. Embedded below the plaque is a section of Spitfire ignition harness from one of the aircraft.