

**Year:** 2016-17

**RI President:** [John F. Germ](#) from [Chattanooga](#), Tennessee, USA.



**Theme:** [Rotary Serving Humanity](#)

**Convention** held at [Atlanta](#), Georgia, USA, on June 10-14, with 33,000+ delegates.

**District Governor:** Alan Stephens, Pine Rivers

**District Conference location:** Caloundra

**Club President:** Gary Fulton

Exchange Student:

Inbound: Noe Zeller, Switzerland  
Anne Williams, Fultons.

Host parents: Mitchells, Inkpens, Warren Jones and

Outbound: Alesandra Dumlao, to Japan

PHFs awarded: Yvonne Chapman, Les Pedler

Police Officer of the Year: Senior Constable Jacqueline Riddell, Mango Hill North Lakes

This year was a momentous year for our club! Our club provided a District Governor for the first time. It was a pleasure to have Alan Stephens as District Governor, and we could proudly display the banner "Home of the District Governor". As a result, there was some shuffling of officers of our club. For example, Geoff Wright was going to be President for the year. Alan asked Geoff to coordinate his District Conference, so Geoff deliberated and decided to take on that role, which meant that he resigned from his club President role. This was ably handled by Gary Fulton.

DG Alan's wife, Sandy, selected the Choir Of Hard Knocks as her charity for the year, and the club was proud to support her in fundraising for that group. The club has since experienced the wonderful music delivered by that group of people, as well as the sheer joy on their faces when they receive unexpected gifts.

Members of our club took on the role of Sergeants at the District Conference. They looked at the job and decided that they needed some form of identification. A number of sashes were made and used to identify the sergeants at the conference. This proved very successful, and the sashes were loaned to a conference in Tasmania, before returning for use at future conferences here.

We had a mini tradition going, where a rooster was displayed at the head table during meetings. The President was the rooster, and the Immediate Past President was the feather duster.

Our fundraising during the year was through the normal channels that had developed over many years. We again did the parking at the Garden Show, in conjunction with other Rotary clubs. Some of these funds were used locally. The Undurba Kindergarten was supported a number of times during the year, to assist them in providing external entertainers to enthuse their young children. We also supported LinC (Love in the Name of Christ), a local programme of several churches who provided transport services free of charge to locals who need assistance in getting to medical and hospital appointments. Bursaries were awarded to local schools, as has been done for many years. The club also donated to a RAWCS appeal after Cyclone Debbie attacked North Queensland.

The Interact club at St Paul's School continued to operate very strongly, supported by excellent teachers and club members. One project was to donate 2,000 birthing kits during the year. Each kit

cost \$3, so it was not a small undertaking. During the year they had days when the kits were assembled, in co-operation with Zonta. This year they started a garden club, with the aim of growing fresh food for the Home Economics department, as well as private use. Other fundraising projects were also run.

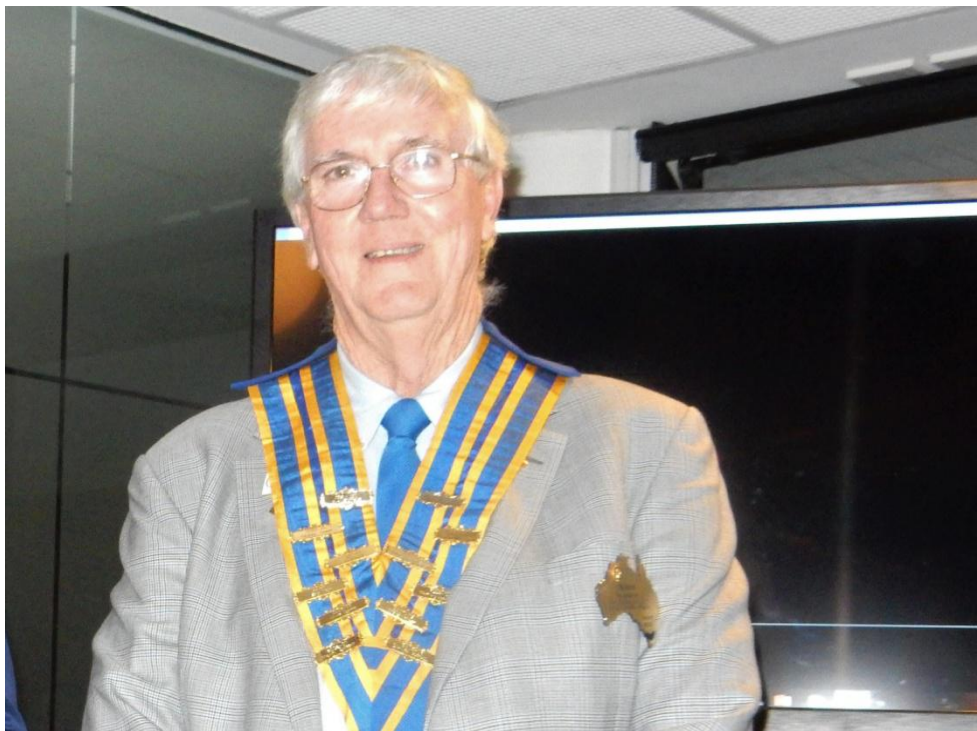
While we had no representative at RYLA this year, we did support Ryan Hurley, who been a participant, and then a junior leader. This year he was a senior leader, enjoying his time at RYLA. Following our success with a Global grant, we identified one closer to home, in PNG. The club wanted to do something for clean water in villages. Representatives from other clubs in the District are working on the project and we will follow its progress with interest. Significant funds were donated to The Rotary Foundation, as is the club's practice. The first \$US1,000 went to the Polio Plus fund to assist that worthwhile project.

Sadly, during the year we saw the passing of two of our long-term past members. Phillip Major and Ken Hooper were farewelled at their respective services. Minyon Avent, an Exchange student from the early eighties, had recently returned to live in Brisbane and she was a comfort to Vera Hooper during that sad time.

We were very fortunate to have Police Commissioner Ian Stewart present the Top Cop award to Senior Constable Jacqueline (Jacky) Riddell, from the Mango Hill North Lakes station. Again, the club was fortunate to have Police Commissioner Ian Stewart in attendance.

While we had been the trustees of the Rose Craig Bursary for some years, it took a while to get the formalities finalised. This year we made up for the previous years and awarded three Rose Craig Bursaries. The recipients were Emily Coates, former student at Bray Park State High School, Kristen Burey, also from Bray Park State High School, and Nirelle San Agustin, from Genesis Christian College. All were continuing their education towards a business career by undertaking at least one degree at University. We were joined on the presentation night by members of the Craig family, including Ian. Two of Ian's daughters are involved in education, and Sherryl gave an uplifting address to the recipients.

Continuing our Youth Exchange tradition, Alesandra Dumlao, our outbound student, is in Japan and enjoying her time there. Our inbound student was Noe Zeller, a young man from Switzerland. He coped well with the differences between our two cultures.



Alan Stephens, District Governor 2016-17



District Conference Sergeants and their new sashes



Former State MP, long-time Mayor, Yvonne Chapman received a PHF



Senior Constable Jacqueline Riddell and Commissioner Stewart



The Police nominees and their certificates



Gary Fulton became the new rooster and Ray Inkpen the feather duster after Gary's induction