

Year: 2008-09

RI President: [Dong Kurn Lee](#) from [Seoul](#), Korea.



Theme: [Make Dreams Real](#) **Make Dreams Real**

Convention held at [Birmingham](#), England, UK on June 21-24, with 16,062 delegates.

District Governor: Wayne Morris, Honiara

District Conference location: Caloundra

Club President: Jim Madsen

Exchange Student:

Inbound:

Host parents:

Outbound: Spenser Gibson, to Sweden

PHFs awarded: Allen Collishaw, Leigh Ewart

Police Officer of the Year: Sergeant Kelly Gurski – Pine Rivers

This year has seen us start the Probus Club of North Lakes, with about 40 initial members. That number was growing at each meeting, so that their club is now running very successfully. The year also saw the 10th anniversary of the Kallangur Probus Club.

The club was mindful that this year would take us to the club's 50th anniversary in May. Planning for a successful night was commenced before Christmas, with the purpose of many club meetings being planning for the event. This planning culminated in our anniversary dinner at Norths leagues Club on 23 May. Max Walker, the patron of ROMAC was guest speaker, and 140 attended. A significant feature of the evening was when two ROMAC patients saw themselves on the slide show we had running. The girls had been badly burnt years before and were being hosted by the Albany Creek club while they underwent plastic surgery and recovery. The proceeds of the night went to ROMAC and Polio Plus. A commemorative Port was also bottled and sold to raise funds.

To mark our 50th year, the members also wanted to do something in the local community to mark the milestone. Our relationship with one councillor in particular has been very close, and David Dwyer had been able to secure a park for our club to develop. A committee has been working on this project and we anticipate having good news to share with everyone at our 50th anniversary dinner on 23rd May. The park is quite large and lends itself to development in stages. Unfortunately it seems that we will be unable to do much hands-on work because of the changing insurance climate, but we should be able to control the type of development that does take place. The club has naming rights as well, with resurrection of Rotary Park high on the list. It is likely that sections of the park will then be named after individuals. This project will be a lasting reminder of the work our club does in the community.

Projects of the club included manning the van at the Guide Dogs Open Day, purchasing an urn for the Vineyard Mercy Centre at Lawnton, and support for Steve Grech when he participated in the World's Greatest Shave. We assisted in the river clean-up run by the Moreton Bay Regional Council. Christmas hampers were again donated to the Salvation Army, and members assisted in their Red Shield Appeal.

Vocational visits were made to Power Torque Performance Engines' at Brendale, and to Aluminium Boats Australia at the Company's boat building operations at Hemmant. We also visited Meals on Wheels for a meeting and a meal as served to their clients each day - delicious.

The club farewelled Thais in January, and also despatched Spenser Gibson to Almhult, Sweden. Spenser is our outbound Exchange Student for this year. Plans are well in hand for us to host a new inbound student from July.

RYLA this year saw us meet one of Alan Stephens' employees, Scott Perel, from Rockhampton, who was chosen by the Club to be our candidate. Scott oversees IGA stores in Gladstone and Rockhampton. The camp was run at Easter time and there were 30 attendees. As part of the weekend they were broken up into four groups and asked to plan a Community Project. Scott and his team planned an International Dinner.

The Interact club suffered a major change of membership at the end of the school year, and has taken some time to regain its footing. Fortunately many of the office bearers are in grade 11 and should be able to provide stability for the next 18 months or so. They have decided to hold their election of officers around September each year so that they can gain more stability in the club when the senior students concentrate on their final exams.



Max Walker - Patron of ROMAC - Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children

***Members of the
Rotary Club of Pine Rivers Inc.
on 23 May 2009.***

Jim MADSEN	President
Alan STEPHENS	Immediate Past President
Ron HEITMANN	Secretary, Bulletin
Gary FULTON	Treasurer
Stewart BELL	Vice President and President Elect
Tom MELLERS	Sergeant-at-Arms
Jan YOUNG	Club Administration
Geoff WRIGHT	Club Service Projects
Allen COLLISHAW	Youth Service
Ian CRAIG	The Rotary Foundation
Leigh EWART	Club Public Relations
Steve WANMER	Club Membership Development
Gordon ALLAN	
Kevin DAVIS	
Len DEVERALL	
Rob ECKERSLEY	
Steven GRECH	
Brian HAYNES	
Ted LITTLEJOHN	
Paul STAPLETON	
Ken YOUNG	

Honorary Members:

Len Chamberlain	Keith Craig
Yvonne Chapman	Dick Dancer
Phillip Major	Dennis Silcock
Cheryl Wegener	



Outbounder Spenser Gibson and his family