

Year: 2001-02

RI President: [Richard D. King](#) from [Niles in Fremont](#), California, USA.



Theme: Mankind is Our Business

Convention held at Barcelona, Spain on June 23-26, with 17,000+ delegates.

District Governor: Bill Dethlefs, Mooloolaba

District Conference location:

Club President: Dennis Silcock

Exchange Student:

Inbound:

Host parents

Outbound:

PHFs awarded:

This year saw us participate in a number of projects that have been ongoing for several years. In April we supported the memorial service for the 548 and 549 Squadrons at the Merv Hewitt Reserve, Petrie. The RAAF Association presented a plaque to the Rotary Partners and friends in appreciation of their continued support for each service since 1997.

Pine Rivers Meals on Wheels celebrated their 25th anniversary. Our club hosted a dinner to mark the occasion.

A Pride of Workmanship Awards evening was held in October. Its main purpose is to build recognition in the community of those people who do a good job and are recognised by their employers. We presented awards to five employees from the area.

Our club provided two mentors for the Shell Livewire business competition. This is open to young people with a business idea, and provides mentoring and assistance in putting together their business plan. One of our students was awarded second prize at the state awards in November.

One project started during the year was "Pat a Cop on the Back". This is promoted as an opportunity for community members to say "Thanks" to the local Police officers who have gone the extra mile in the course of their duties, or through their service to the community. The club provides \$500 for the winner to donate to a charity of his/her choice.

During the year the club decided to commence construction of a new food van. Experience has shown that the large van now in use is often more than is needed by most hirers. Usually they simply want to sell hot chips, and do not need the extra facilities available. In addition, the size of the van means that it is not able to be towed by other than a large vehicle. A smaller van would be more easily handled by smaller vehicles, and our pool of towers would become larger. The new van will be fitted with deep fryers and fridge and freezer.

Fundraising continued with our van at the Guide Dogs Queensland open day at Bald Hills. This ongoing project allows us to raise some funds and also make some available to the Guide Dogs.

Another project that really started to roll this year was the Premature Baby Diary. Pam Owbridge

and president Dennis found their niche in working together to promote the diary and in producing bags of goodies to go with them. It also gave us good publicity, with many people in the community getting involved in knitting garments for premature babies – things that you can not buy.

We were successful in having a candidate attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January. Lachlan Marshall, a student at St Paul's School, was our candidate, and he told us that the programme would be a great help to him in the future.

Investigations into forming an Interact club at St Paul's School continued, with the club likely to begin in the next Rotary year.