

**Year:** 2015-16

**RI President:** [K.R. \(Ravi\) Ravindran](#) from Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka.



**Be a gift to the world**

**Theme:** [Be a Gift to the world](#)

**Convention** held at [Seoul](#), Korea, on May 28 - June 1, with 44,607 delegates.

**District Governor:** John Leddy, Hamilton

**District Conference location:** Maroochydore

**Club President:** Raymond Inkpen

Exchange Student:

Inbound:

Host parents:

Outbound: Hannah Mitchell, to USA

PHFs awarded: Gary Fulton, Ken Young, Alan Stephens, Greg Bushnell

Police Officer of the Year: Senior Constable Kurt Mudgway – Mango Hill North Lakes

The fundraising project for the Leukaemia Foundation was completed. Yay! Fundraising continued with the Pine Rivers Show, Bunnings, and many other projects. We combined with a number of Rotary clubs to run the parking at the Brisbane International Garden Show (BIGS), held at Pine Rivers Park. Much fun was had, watching drivers attempt to negotiate what was to us a simple route into the parking areas. A few members ran the meat raffles at Murrumba Downs Tavern on a Friday evening. This proved successful. Rods Rock n Roll changed and became the decades festival. This was another good event for the van and our income.

Another triumph this year was our opportunity to assist a Rotary club in Brazil to build an Oncology ward at their hospital. This was greatly assisted by our International Director, Pedro Lima, who is from Brazil. The goodwill between our two Districts was greatly enhanced, with the result that they offered to help us with a Global grant. Members were visiting our club when they heard about Interplast, and offered to assist us gaining a Global Grant for that cause.

New members inducted during the year improved our club diversity in a number of areas.

Attendance at meetings has remained high, which means that the meetings are enjoyable.

The club took an active approach in seeking grant opportunities from the community, and then seeking District Grant funds to assist us in these projects. If an application was successful, our club would expend the funds for the grant, and the District would reimburse us for half of the grant value. This worked well, and we ran a number of successful projects to assist groups. One involved the purchase of Backpack Beds for the Homeless. We purchased 28 beds and gave them to the Salvation Army at Lawnton, as they said they could distribute them. Unfortunately, after some time we found that the beds had not been distributed and were being stored. After seeking alternatives, we had them moved to the Police at Petrie, who were able to utilise them for use by people who had been displaced from home because of domestic violence.

Another grant we completed successfully was for the Lawnton Scouts. They purchased additional training equipment, in the form of canoes and water safety equipment.

Other support we gave during the year was the purchase of Shelter Boxes, and support for drought

relief run by the Rotary Club of Longreach. We assisted Albany Creek club with the RYDA scheme, which is a valuable source of information and experience for young people at school, before they start driving. Mental Health was a passion of our President, Ray, and we partnered with Pine Rivers Daybreak club to run a community forum at Genesis Christian College.

Our outbound YEP student was Hannah Mitchell. (Her parents became two new members of our club.) She went to Moscow, Idaho, USA. As can happen, Hannah arrived in USA but her luggage remained in Sydney, but that was corrected after a while.

The Police Officer of the Year was held again this year. Funds to assist this project were donated by local State MP, Nikki Boyd, the member for Pine Rivers. Thank you Nikki.



## Lawnton Scout Group

With the support from Rotary International Pine Rivers, Lawnton Scouts were able to get a new canoe trailer and equipment allowing Young People to be active in life and the community.



Be Prepared...  
for new adventure!

The Lawnton Scouts received a District Grant through our club



Backpack beds purchased for use by homeless people



The RC of Londrina, Brazil, were grateful for our support in their Global Grant for a Cancer Hospital