

Year: 2007-08

RI President: [Wilfrid J. Wilkinson](#) from [Trenton](#), Ontario, Canada.



Theme: [Rotary Shares](#)

Convention held at [Los Angeles](#), California, USA on June 22-25, with 18,702 delegates.

District Governor: Steve Kruger, Toowong

District Conference location:

Club President: Alan Stephens

Exchange Student:

Inbound: Thais de Silva, Brazil Host parents: Rob and Janette Eckersley, Alan and Sandy Stephens, Jim and Lorraine Stirling, Geoff and Jacqui Wright

Outbound:

PHFs awarded: Ms Cheryl Wegener, Mrs Jan Young.

Police Officer of the Year: Detective acting Senior Sergeant Dave Moore – Petrie

The new food van has proven to be not as functional as had been intended. Steps were taken to sell that van and refurbish the older one.

The club is looking for more ongoing projects that can be of benefit to the local community. Negotiations were started with the Queensland Department of Training. Over recent years the system of training and recognising apprentices has meant that we have been unable to hold our previously successful Apprenticeship Awards Nights. We are hoping that we can link in with the department and sponsor similar nights. This project is proving to take some time.

The club continued to be involved in youth projects. Youth Exchange and RYLA were two. Thais de Silva arrived from Brazil and Lana returned from Japan. Simon Pitt, Agnes Fowles, and Trent Stephens were sponsored to RYLA. These young men gave a good account of themselves at RYLA, and also at our club when they spoke to us about their experiences. They have all decided to assist the Shaftesbury Campus with some new projects, and also in revitalising some older ones – including the bird aviary our club constructed many years ago.

The Interact club at St Paul's School continued to grow under very competent leadership from the students. They purchased a second ShelterBox, making them the first Interact club in the country to purchase two ShelterBoxes. That is a fine effort!

We sponsored a girl to the world tent-pegging championships in South Africa. She did very well, and other competitors were amazed at how well she did, considering that the horse was one she was assigned on arrival in the country.

With the continued growth of the Over the Rainbow Children's Home, the club has donated additional funds to permit the construction of an additional dormitory.

The Rotary Club of Strathpine, our daughter club, ran into difficulties during the year, with declining membership and no volunteers to take office. Our club decided that we should do all we could to help them through their issues. One of our members, Stephen Limbach, decided to resign and join the Strathpine club in an attempt to help that club. He took on the role of President and we hope that his efforts will be successful.

Our Kallangur Probus club has been growing significantly, to the point where there has been a desire to open a new club at North Lakes. This process is well in hand and the new club is expected to be running early in the next Rotary year.



Thais de Silva and the Collishaws



Thais and 'parents'

Over the Rainbow Children's Home



Allan and Kelly Head with their own child.



The main building – office and Heads' home.



Some of the children at Over the Rainbow Home.



View of the children's accommodation, kitchen, and play area.



Some of the dormitories



Sponsorship sign on a building, recognising our club