

Year: 2012-13

RI President: [Sakuji Tanaka](#) from Yashio, Saitama, Japan.



Theme: [Peace Through Service](#)

Convention held at [Lisbon](#), Portugal, on June 23-26, with 19,717 delegates.

District Governor: Dai Mason, Ashgrove - The Gap

District Conference location:

Club President: Paul Stapleton

Exchange Student:

Inbound: Olivia Modalen, Sweden

Host parents: Stephens, Wrights, Edmunds, Roberts

Outbound: Kirsty Jones, to Switzerland

PHFs awarded: Steve Wanmer, Paul Reis

Police Officer of the Year: Sergeant Peter Long – Petrie

This year was noteworthy for an unfortunate reason - our daughter club, Strathpine, handed in its charter. The membership had decayed to a point where it could no longer function as a club. Some members were lost from Rotary, while others moved to our club or to the Pine Rivers Daybreak club. Our club took over some projects, notably the Jock Mitchell Bursary. This bursary was targeted at Pine Rivers State High School, and intended to support students in Years 11 and 12 who would not have continued to those grades unless some financial support was provided. The funds were donated to the school, where staff determined how the funds would be used to support the student.

A number of club visits took place. We visited the Leukaemia Foundation's ESA Village at Boggo Road. On another occasion the club visited Parliament House in Brisbane. Since Parliament was sitting at the time, our host kept departing for votes in the chamber - a good example of the hectic life of a Parliamentarian.

Our club hosted the Combined Service Clubs Dinner, which was well supported. The Interact club held a Mocktail night, which was enjoyed by the attendees, and we held a combined meeting with the Pine Rivers Daybreak club. Members attended the District Conference, and the Rotary Peace Fellows seminar at UQ.

During the year we continued to donate medical equipment to PNG and the Solomon Islands. We also donated a carton of Life Straws to Solomon Islands. The club purchased more Shelter Boxes. Fundraising was successful again, with the Pine Rivers Show, Guide Dogs open day, Christmas in the Park, and two Bunnings Sausage Sizzles a month, among other smaller events. One new event we tried was running the van at Rods, Rock n Roll at Pine Rivers Park. It was a great fundraiser.

Meals on Wheels was supported, as were the school bursaries. The Police Officer of the Year was very successful, with some 12 nominations. It seems to be well regarded by the Police as well. The

function this year was attended by Police Commissioner Ian Stewart, as well as DG Dai Mason. Our inbound Exchange student was Olivia Modalen, from Angelholm, Sweden. She arrived in July and spent a great year with us. Our outbound Exchange candidate, Kirsty Jones, departed in January for Switzerland. She has kept us well informed through her blog, and has had her first experience of snow. Lindsay Taylor attended NYSF in Perth. Terry Vo, our Ambassadorial Scholar, arrived from USA for her 18 month course. Adam Major attended RYPEN as a student, although he was on crutches at the time. Adam returned the following year as an instructor at RYPEN. A good achievement.



Exchange student Olivia Modalen at Australia Zoo.



Olivia at the Pine Rivers Show.



A bedspread by Annette Haynes for Olivia



Christmas in the planned Rotary Park in Kallangur