

Year: 2017-18

RI President: [Ian Riseley](#) from Sandringham, Vic, Australia.



Theme: Rotary: Making a Difference

Convention held at Toronto, Canada, on June 23-27, with ? delegates.

District Governor: John Lane, Ashgrove - The Gap

District Conference location: Maroochydore

Club President: Stephen Limbach

Exchange Student:

Inbound: Eduardo Junqueira, Brazil Host parents:

Outbound: Anja Anders, to Austria

PHFs awarded: Kevin Davis, Geoff Wright, Ray Inkpen

Police Officer of the Year: Senior Constable Kerri Edwards - Mango Hill North Lakes

The club had, for some time, allocated funds to a water project from Supurunda in PNG, for which a Global Grant was being arranged. When the grant was approved, we provided our funds, even though many members did not fully understand the project until we had the co-ordinators from our District speak at the club about the completed project. In effect, it took about 13 months to get the project approved, and six weeks to complete. It was an amazing project, and all villagers helped in its completion. There was dancing in the streets when people finally had fresh running water on tap. It gives us a thrill to see these projects come to fruition. There are about five more similar projects in line for approval and completion.

Funds for these projects, as always, were raised by the efforts of members at the usual events. Bunnings, Pine Rivers Show are the regulars. This year we assisted with parking and ran our van at a new Garden Fair held at the show grounds. The event was moderately successful for us, however we kept our name in front of the community. We also supported the Moreton Bay regional Council's Aussie Arvo on Australia Day at the Lawnton Aquatic Centre. We joined with the Albany Creek club to sell pop corn and fairy floss - now there is a messy job!

We ran two good District Grant projects. One involved donating cricket equipment to the Brumbies Blind Cricket Association. In the other project we donated storage shelving to Pine Rivers Meals on Wheels, as they were running out of storage space. Funds were also donated to the Choir of Hard Knocks, Alzheimers Australia, and MND and Me. The latter included a few projects we were involved in.

Our Police Officer of the Year night was well supported, and MP Nikki Boyd again supported the event with a donation. Senior Constable Kerri Edwards from the Mango Hill North Lakes Station was the winner this year. We congratulate all the nominees.

The Rose Craig Bursary was won by Kristen Burey, who had attended Bray Park State High School, and was studying a Law/Business Honours Degree at QUT. It was also wonderful to welcome Rose's daughter Sherryl back to our club and she presented the bursary to Kristen. She then shared some personal memories of her mother and enlightened the club about how Rose had striven to live her life - "Work hard, be kind, value your friends. Make the most of the opportunities offered to you,

and last of all, enjoy life”.

Our NYSF involvement this year was an outstanding success. We received three nominations, and considered them all to be of sufficient quality to recommend to District. All three were subsequently accepted, which imposed some strain on our funds - but it is worth the pain. They were Joshua D'Souza from St. Benedict's College, Zoe Roetteler from St. Paul's School, and Caitlin Svehla from Mueller College. They all gave interesting insights into their love of science with their presentations to the club before attending NYSF. Later, all were enthralled with their experiences at the Forum, and their inspiration was evident in their presentations to the club afterwards.

We were also very proud to acknowledge that Bethany Conroy, who attended NYSF in 2017, had been selected to attend the London International Youth Science Forum, based at Imperial College, London, in August 2018. Bethany graduated Year 12 with the Academic Gold Achievement Award (DUX) and has gone on to study engineering at QUT with a scholarship. She is a very motivated student who helped the District Committee with the interview process for the 2018 NYSF candidates. In April, Bethany approached the club for a donation towards the cost of attending in London and the club generously donated \$500 plus the proceeds of a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle that Bethany manned with her dad, Mike and her friend Andy in June. We heard that Bethany had a wonderful time when we heard her presentation on return.

Another Rotary initiative that continues to be very popular with the club is the Rotary International Youth Exchange Programme. Firstly, our outbound exchange student, Alesandra Dumlao, returned from Japan in January and gave an entertaining presentation on her adventures to the club. Not only did she encounter much formality with Japanese manners and customs, and the language proved difficult to learn, but also, she had trouble with the toilets which were very high tech and Alesandra never knew which button to press.

Anja Anders, our outbound student for 2018 then left for Salzburg, Austria in late January. Anja graduated from Grace Lutheran College and used this wonderful opportunity to sample the social and cultural experiences that living with another culture brings, and pondered her future career pathway.

Eduardo Junqueira arrived from Brazil, and he has been entertaining us since with his charm and perfect looks! Eddie has embraced life here in Queensland, enjoying all the social and cultural opportunities that he has been offered. He has also been a success at school with his sporting attributes, making the First soccer team immediately. Unfortunately Eddie broke his left clavicle while playing rugby union for the school. This has shortened his sporting career but Eddie has continued to support his friends during their training and final matches.

Again this year, with Alan's generosity, a student was fully financially supported to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) in May.



The spring-fed weir with clean, fresh water



Around 7 km of trench was dug by hand to contain the pipes



Mr Osivo Ombuano, the Rotarian in charge of the project in his office



Senior Constable Kerri Edwards was our Police Officer of the Year



The Police nominees and winner - congratulations to you all.



Cricket equipment donated to Brumbies Blind Cricketers



Farewell to Eduardo, YEP student from Brazil



Eddy was pleased to receive a Youth Exchange tie with Aussie animals