

**Year:** 1978-79

**RI President:** [Clem Renouf](#) from [Nambour](#), Qld, Australia.



**Theme:** Reach Out

**Convention** held at [Rome](#), Italy on June 10-13, with 14,429 delegates.

**District Governor:** Reginald E (Reg) Pain, Bundaberg West

**District Conference location:** Bundaberg

**Club President:** Greville Easte

Exchange Student:

Inbound:

Host parents

Outbound:

PHFs awarded:

Police Officer of the Year:

Using a scheme promoted by one of the major insurance companies, the Club undertook the construction of an Achievement Track in John Bray Park. Its objective was to promote community health and fitness. Along the track, a number of stations were created. At each station, a piece of equipment was installed together with directions for the proper use of that equipment. The aim was to have members of the public walk or jog or run around the track, stopping at each station to use the equipment and perform the exercise. In this way, whole body health and fitness would be promoted. Several working bees were held throughout the year to work on the scheme.

Rotarian Neville Williams worked hard for the formation of the Pine Rivers Association of Water Sports (Sailing Club) operating on Lake Samsonvale. Eventually, the Brisbane City Council and the Pine Rivers Shire Council agreed to allow the lake to be used for some water sports. The official opening of the Sailing Club was held on 1st April, 1979 and our Rotary Club donated six Rescue Flags to enable that club to commence its programme of activities.

Club members continued many service activities which by now, had almost become fixed on the

club's calendar. These included the operation of the gates at the Pine Rivers A. H. & I. Show at Lawnton, nominations for R.Y.L.A., a Careers Night at Pine Rivers State High School, support for our Interact Club at Pine Rivers High, and working at the Combined Service Club Cabaret with proceeds going to the Special School at Lawnton, the Trash and Treasure Stall which had moved to the Sunday morning markets at Aspley, and the annual Art Union. Rotarians helped voluntary collectors in a doorknock appeal for the Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Sports Association.

Several working bees were held to paint the house used as an office helping unemployed youth (C.Y.S.S.) at Petrie.

And of course the Pluto Pup van occupied several Rotarians at several places. It operated at fetes at Pine Rivers State High, Bray Park State School, Lawnton State School, Lawnton Kindergarten, Strathpine Infants School, Kallangur State School, Dakabin State High, Strathpine State School as well as the Marsden Home for Boys and Lawnton Girl Guides.

A major change in the direction of Rotary International occurred when our Past District Governor Clem Renouf became its world President. He introduced concepts to improve the world's Health, Hunger and Humanity, in his 3H Programme. An important aspect of this scheme was the desire to eliminate poliomyelitis from those countries where it still flourished in epidemic proportions. From this initiative developed R.I.'s Polio Plus programme, which has almost succeeded today in achieving its objective of having children throughout the world vaccinated against this disease. Naturally in this Rotary year, our club accepted the challenge of R I. President Clem Renouf and supported his programme and his objectives.

A FAIM team, largely of Rotarians and Rotaryannes from Pine Rivers visited Kar Kar Island in Papua New Guinea again to carry out more work for the hospital there. Team members from our Club were Eric and Joan Pinches, Ian Craig and Charlie and Ivy Black.

Don Hawkins attended Rotary's International Convention in Rome. While in Europe he travelled in several countries and made up at many Rotary Clubs enjoying the different experiences of Rotary. On his return home through the United States, he visited our former exchange student Jack Frederick and his family in Michigan.