

**Year:** 1968-69

**RI President:** [Kiyoshi Togasaki](#) from [Tokyo](#), Japan.



**Theme:** Participate!

**Convention** held at [Honolulu](#), Hawaii, USA on May 25-29, with 14,453 delegates.

**District Governor:** R W (Rod) Voller, Chermshire

**District Conference location:** Brisbane

**Club President:** Eric Pinches

This year, a major decision was taken which has influenced the direction taken by the Club ever since. Members decided to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange Programme as a host club. The District Committee was asked to include our Club in arrangements for the next group of incoming exchange students. Before committing the Club to this course of action the Board examined the expenses to which they would be committing the Club for the next year and future years. They decided to provide the student with pocket money of \$3 per week, and the host family with \$7 per week for expenses, a total of \$10 per week. School expenses were estimated at \$30 for the year.

The major community service project undertaken this year was the furnishing of the Casualty Room at the Ambulance Station at Petrie. A ceiling was put in the Girl Guides Hut to make things more comfortable for the girls. Several other days were devoted to on-going projects such as cleaning up and painting at Rotary Park and other maintenance activities at Camp Warrawee.

The Marsden Home for Boys was not forgotten. The boys enjoyed another Rotary Picnic at Bribie Island, and on another occasion, the members played a cricket match against the Marsden Boys. (There is no record of the scores.)

Donations to several organisations were made during the year, including books to Pine Rivers S. H. S. and financial help given to the Pine Rivers Repertory Club.

A club visit with a difference was a social night at the Albion Park Trots