

Year: 1981-82

RI President: [Stanley E. McCaffrey](#) from [Moraga](#), California, USA.



Theme: World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary

Convention held at [Dallas](#), Texas, USA on June 6-9, with 13,222 delegates.

District Governor: Kenneth B (Ken) Campbell, New Farm

District Conference location: Brisbane

Club President: Dick Dancer

Exchange Student:

Inbound: Minyon Lou Avent, South Africa Host parents

Outbound:

PHFs awarded:

Our chief aim was to complete the Hawkins Hassall Hall on time. The Club had to meet a deadline in taking down and removing the old building and replacing it with the Hawkins Hassall Hall in time for the show the following year.

What a lot of work it was but the fellows enjoyed tremendous fellowship during the many working bees. After the concrete slab was poured, we used the large shed of then Rotarian and builder Ross Smith where the building was cut out and assembled ready for erection on the slab. Most of the work was done by club members, and tradesmen were then employed for brickwork, cabinet making and in a few other areas beyond the expertise and time of our members.

The building was carpeted, furnished and provided with all equipment required for the uses anticipated at that time. The servery was fitted with cupboards, sink, hot water system and refrigerator and is still used today by our Rotaryannes for their well-known Rotary Tea Rooms at the annual show. Of course since then the uses to which the hall is put have changed considerably, but it still seems to function well.

A Club Honour Board was erected in the meeting room on which the names of Rotarians who passed away while still on service could be recorded.

District Governor Ken Campbell officially opened the Hawkins Hassall Hall, on Sunday, 6th June 1982, in good time for the show in August.

Although this project occupied a considerable amount of the Rotarians' time, club members still followed through on their annual commitments. The Trash and Treasure Stalls were held, and a monster Art Union with another splendid Rocking Horse (last year's had been very well accepted) had members selling tickets wherever possible.

A night with a difference was the Funny Money Night held in the Lions Hall, Lawnton. What a lot of work went into this function! And how much did we learn about the nature of our fellow man? People were invited to purchase "funny money" in which huge sums could be cheaply obtained. This money was then used in a variety of games. Some of our luckier friends were able to acquire large sums of the "funny stuff". Some, not so lucky, had to restrain their bidding. At the end of the evening, an auction of a wide variety of very good items was held. Those bidding used their "funny money" to pay for the items at auction. The evening was very successful as a fund raising venture, and was generally enjoyed by those attending.

Other time was devoted to the Safe Cycling Courses and maintenance in Rotary Park. Our RYLA nomination was Patricia Hassall. Another Door Knock Appeal - this time for Handihome - was aided by our members, and we were involved in a tree planting scheme in Leis Park, Petrie.

In International Service, D.G. Ken Campbell introduced the idea of matching clubs with a club in Papua New Guinea and our club was matched with Mt Hagen. We accepted with them, the responsibility for a reticulated water scheme, which was to be a combined project. For this, both clubs submitted an application to Rotary Foundation for a subsidy to help meet the cost of the project.

Our plans for a Rotaract Club in our territory had continued apace and we were able to arrange a Charter Night for the new Rotaract Club of Pine Rivers in the R.S.L. Club, Kallangur on 27th March, 1982. This was a great night and the enthusiasm and initiative of the young people were a delight. Merryn Pain was the club's first president, and they met monthly in a room at the Carawatha Special School for several years. Regrettably, membership became a problem and the club folded during the 1990s.

One of the early activities of this new club was the annual Rotaract Raft Race which they conducted on the North Pine River.

Our in-bound exchange student this year was Minyon Avent, from Vanderbijlpark in the Republic of South Africa. She returned home and studied pharmacy at a South African University. After graduation, Minyon travelled to the United States and continued her studies. She was awarded a doctorate. She specialises in the correct uses of medicine, particularly for infants. On receiving her degree she returned home to South Africa where she spent some time in establishing university courses. She has now returned to the United States for further experience and is employed in hospitals there.

Another delightful Progressive Dinner arranged by our Rotaryannes got our Christmas season off to a good, early start.



Completing the final touches for the Hawkins Hassall Hall.



Hawkins Hassall Hall ready and waiting for the first wood chop.