

Year: 2002-03

RI President: [Bhichai Rattakul](#) from [Dhonburi in Bangkok](#), Thailand.



Theme: Sow the Seeds of Love

Convention held at [Brisbane](#), Qld, Australia on June 1-4, with 14,147 delegates.

District Governor: Russ O'Malley, Ashgrove - The Gap

District Conference location:

Club President: Dennis Silcock

Exchange Student:

Inbound:

Host parents

Outbound:

PHFs awarded: Geoff Crawford, Mrs Joan McConochie

Police Officer of the Year: Constable C Stafford – Albany Creek

The club continued with its support of many local events – both to assist fundraising and also to assist the community. At the Cartmill Riding for the Disabled centre at Burpengary, we have donated funds to purchase food, and have adopted and sponsored a horse, called D Dancer.

We hosted the Pine Rivers Combined Service Clubs Dinner this year, and introduced a new Community Service Award to be presented to a man and a woman from the community. The first awardees were Councillor David Dwyer and Mrs Margaret Hickey. The award is to be presented each year, and nominations are to be sought by the club hosting the event.

A feature of one of our meetings was the attendance by Elaine Morgan and Chin, a boy from Vietnam. He had been brought to Australia by ROMAC, and underwent many operations to straighten his leg that had been broken when he was very small but never set and healed correctly. The RI International Convention was held in Brisbane during the year, and some of our members attended.

On the international front, members attended our rostered days to assist in filling containers to be sent away as part of the Donations in Kind project.

POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR HISTORY

In 2002, our president, Dennis Silcock, had visited a club in another state, and found that they were conducting a project to recognise the good work that Police officers do. He thought that this was a good idea, as the Police are one sector of our community that do very difficult work, often in trying circumstances, and are not generally recognised by the community.

In addition, Rotary strives to promote high work ethics through our Vocational Service avenue of service. For many years, Rotary has used the Four-Way Test as the basis for high standards in business. This test asks four questions of the things we think, say and do:

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

We believe that these questions should all be answered in the affirmative, and trust that the police officers we recognise would conduct themselves in this way.

Our Police Officer of the Year project is the community's chance to highlight the many positive results that police officers in the Pine Rivers area achieve, above and beyond their call of duty. The award gives the public a wonderful chance to show their appreciation for Police officers they have had the opportunity to interact with during the past year. It also promotes a positive view of the Police Service. The award winner receives a plaque with their name attached, and can display the plaque at their place of work for the next year. The winner also receives a cheque to the value of \$500, which they give to a charity of their choice. This gives the Police officer a chance to recognise a part of community with which he or she has a strong bond.

The award was initially presented during our club's annual changeover of presidents and officers in early July. In 2010 the club decided that this award was too important, and we moved the event to a night of its own, where we can pay the respect due to the nominees and the Police Service in general.