

Year: 2010-11

RI President: [Ray Klingensmith](#) from [Kirksville](#), Missouri, USA.



Theme: [Building Communities -- Bridging Continents](#)

Convention held at [New Orleans](#), Louisiana, USA, on May 22-25, with 17,487 delegates.

District Governor: Eric Wood, Pine Rivers Daybreak

District Conference location: Caloundra

Club President: Alan Stephens

Exchange Student:

Inbound:

Host parents

Outbound: Ellie Roberts, to Denmark

PHFs awarded: Stephen Limbach

Police Officer of the Year: Senior Constable Kerri-Ann Edwards

Early 2011 saw about a quarter of Queensland flooded. Appeals for assistance were running hot all over the state. Close to home, Dayboro was badly affected, but overlooked by the big picture. We looked for ways to help in that locality. The Dayboro Little Athletics had their facilities and equipment destroyed. They reported on their needs, and this involved raising some \$18,000 to get them going again. Their season was not too far away, so we worked to get them ready quickly. Bunnings Sausage Sizzles and collection tins were conducted. Through Len Deverall's contact with his previous club in Glenorchy, Tasmania, we secured a donation of \$10,000 from that club. What a great gesture! This was partly in response to the assistance they had received due to bushfires. Yes, we got the Little Athletics going again. Donations were also made to the District flood appeal.

In July, our Club hosted a family day we named, 'Santa's Vacation in the Park' at the Pine Rivers Rotary Park. This is a parkland divided into four precincts along Glasshouse Circuit in Kallangur which, in conjunction with Councillor David Dwyer and the council, our club helps by overseeing park issues and its future development. This was a fun day for the kids of the area with a live show, rides, jumping castle, and, (thanks to Tom Mellers) a visit by Santa himself.

Apart from the regular Bunnings days, our main fundraisers were the Pine Rivers Show, and Christmas in the Park. Both gave us good returns, and were well supported by club members. On Australia Day we supported the council again with the van for the Aussie Arvo. This was a great success. Thanks to the ladies who attended to support our Rotarians. The volume of chips and dagwood dogs that went out of the van in such a short time was unbelievable.

Paul Stapleton, our International Director, had contacts where we could source battery powered medical equipment at good prices. This type of equipment was needed in PNG, as the electricity network is very unreliable. The clubs in PNG were grateful for the equipment supplied. Also on the International front, between our club and Rotaract, we purchased three Shelter Boxes for future use.

Vocational visits were conducted to the Museum at North Pine Country Park, to Crest Electronics, and to the CREEK organisation at Burpengary. All were very much enjoyed by the members.

The club sponsored Nicky Wall to RYLA. Nicky was a waitress at the Tavern, and served our meals at our meetings. She enjoyed interacting with the members and gained great benefit from attending RYLA. On the NYSF front, we saw Brandon Binnie go to Heidelberg, Germany for his International Youth Science Forum. He is an amazing young man. We sponsored Georgia Cunningham to NYSF in January.

The community service aspects of our club were active during the year. Over \$34,000 was donated to many causes. Guide Dogs and The Salvation Army were two regular recipients. We also made donations to the Dayboro Uniting Church, Riding for the Disabled, Angel Flight, and the Brisbane Strikers Soccer club.



Ellie Roberts and her parents, ready for Youth Exchange.



The ladies work at the Pine Rivers Show.



Nicky Wall returns from RYLA.



Ken Young receives an award for his dedication and loyalty to the Rum Industry and Rotary.



Medical equipment on display.



Our second, smaller, food van did not suit our needs, and was donated to the Brisbane Strikers, for use at a ground on Brisbane's south side.



Georgia Cunningham went to NYSF.



Our Police Officer of the Year receives the trophy from Past President Dennis Silcock.