

Year: 1984-85

RI President: [Carlos Canseco](#) from [Garza Garcia NL](#), Mexico.



Theme: Discover a New World of Service

Convention held at [Kansas City](#), Missouri, USA on May 26-30, with 12,920 delegates.

District Governor: Mike Elfis, Caloundra Pacific

District Conference location: Caloundra

Club President: Ron Cook

Exchange Student:

Inbound: Tina Moller-Kristensen, Denmark Host parents

Outbound: Lisa Donald, to Japan

PHFs awarded:

President Ron determined that this year we would complete the Safe Cycling track. With lots of enthusiasm and fellowship, significant progress was made. Road works were completed and road markings put down. Most of the fencing and the tree planting was done. The sets of traffic lights, a feature of the track, were subject to repeated vandalism and had to be reconstructed. That plus excessive rain delayed its completion.

After three or four years of activity and fundraising with support from our Club, the first Handihome was opened on 20th October, 1984. Past President Ian Craig and Rotarian Nobby Locke were members of the Executive Committee. An aviary was donated to Handihome so that the residents might enjoy and learn to care for their own birds.

A significant event was the loss of Rotary Park. The Club was approached by the Pine Rivers Shire Council asking that we surrender the park land so they could realign the street frontage and carry out other works thought necessary to improve traffic flow through Petrie. As this was our Club's first community service project, club members were reluctant to do so but the reality was they had no choice. The Council undertook to re-landscape it and otherwise maintain the park as far as possible. Over the years since, more and more of the old Rotary Park has been used for other purposes. The Council suggested that the Club develop another area of land and name it Rotary Park, but the areas offered proved unattractive at that time. Club members removed and stored the archway name sign which had been placed at the entry to the park, in the hope that it might be re-used if ever we developed another area.

In working the gates at the Pine Rivers Annual Show, members were frequently asked questions about programme details and times for events and so on. We were often unable to answer correctly. To overcome this, the Club produced a programme booklet, free to the public, and paid for by sale of advertising to local businesses. Gate keeping for three days raised community service funds for our Club but the number of gates to be controlled and the determination of some members of the public not to pay for admission, sometimes stretched our manpower to its limit. Meanwhile, our Rotaryannes were very busy in the Hawkins Hassall Hall where each year they ran their Rotary Tea Rooms earning a good name and developing a regular clientele with their excellent foodstuffs.

Two club visits with a difference.

With our Rotaryannes, we combined with Strathpine Rotary Club to attend a performance of *The Pirates of Penzance* staged in the new Lyric Theatre. Unfortunately for us, our trip occurred during some power restrictions when the use of air-conditioning was not permitted. We enjoyed the stage performance but not the heat.

Once more with our Rotaryannes, a really enjoyable night was had at the Abbey Museum at Caboolture. The Abbey staff provided us with a most enjoyable dinner and then took us on a tour of their Museum. They displayed a wonderful collection of artifacts, chiefly from Europe and Asia - a collection of some 43,000 items, some of which pre-date Man.

RYLA, Rotaract, and International House received the support of members.

To raise funds, the Pluto Pup van appeared regularly at most school and church fetes.

A fund-raising day with a difference was organised for a major car race meeting at Lakeside.

Through President Ron's contact with the management, our Club was granted a site adjacent to the race track on which we could place a large marquee. Club members sold places in the marquee, and the public who viewed the races from there were supplied with food and other sustenance during the day. The catering for this was done for us by Meals On Wheels.

The club had always been represented at District Conference. This year a special effort was made to raise the Club's profile and a number of our Rotarians attended. Accommodation was arranged in the same block of units and the members enjoyed great fellowship as well as the Conference programme.

At the end of her year, Troy Tomsych returned to the United States and the club was asked to host Tina Moller-Kristensen from Denmark. Outbound to Japan was Lisa Donald.



Rotaryanne Vera Hooper donates to Handihome.



The cycle training track was a significant undertaking.



• *LAST Saturday morning Pine Rivers Rotary Club started a five-week bicycle safety course at Pine Rivers High School. Based on the Queensland Safety Council programme, children are taught cycle safety and road manners. Daniel Edwards, Kallangur, is pictured having his cycle checked over by a Rotary Club instructor prior to starting the course.*

Gary Fulton checks a bike.



Lisa Donald went to Japan on Youth Exchange