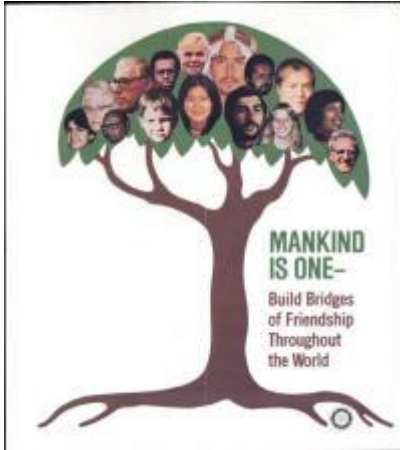


Year: 1982-83

RI President: [Hiroji Mukasa](#) from [Nakatsu](#), Oita, Japan.

Theme: Mankind is One -- Build Bridges of Friendship Throughout the World



Convention held at [Toronto](#), Ontario, Canada on June 5-8, with 16,250 delegates.

District Governor: Raymond (Ray) Skillbeck, Mitchelton

District Conference location: Caloundra

Club President: Neville Williams

Exchange Student:

Inbound:

Host parents

Outbound: Tracey Hooper, to USA

PHFs awarded:

After many years of running Safe Cycling courses with makeshift facilities in the grounds of the Pine Rivers S. H. S., Club members conceived the idea of providing permanent facilities for this purpose. Central to this concept was the construction of a bitumen riding track on which safe riding skills could be taught. The idea was adopted and planning began. To our disappointment, this project took several years to finalise.

President Neville began negotiations with the Pine Shire Council to obtain a suitable area of land on which to construct the track. After lengthy discussions, we were eventually granted permission to build the track on part of Les Hughes Sports Ground, in an area facing Casuarina Drive North, Bray Park (now adjacent to the Police Youth Club). A track layout was prepared. This included plans for the cycle track complete with road markings and traffic lights, etc. A shelter shed suitable for teaching small groups of children was to be built and finally the area was to be fenced and landscaped with shade trees being an essential part of the scheme.

Several working bees were held to get the plan under way and some progress was made.

At other working bees held at the home of a handicapped person in Argyle Street, Petrie, Rotarians built a path and a ramp so the occupant could have easier access to and from his home.

Keeping the gates of the Pine Rivers Show was a major task occupying a full three days. We assisted in the development of the grounds at Dakabin for the Pine Rivers United Soccer Club. Rotary Park received some attention.

After several years of work, the Pluto Pup van showed signs of wear and tear. It was repainted and refurbished. Hans, whose sausage wieners we used, donated \$100 towards the cost. It was another busy year for us working at school fetes at Bald Hills, Dakabin High, Bray Park, Pine Rivers High, Undurba, Petrie and Our Lady of the Way. We were also seen at fetes at the Roman Catholic Church in Sparkes Road, Marsden Boys Home and Parish of Pine Rivers Anglican Church.

Members attended meetings of our Rotaract and Interact Clubs, to help and advise.

We helped in Doorknock Appeals for Handihome and the Queensland Cancer Fund.

Donations were made to Rotary Bush Fire Appeal (South Australia Dist 952) and Victorian Disaster Relief Fund (Victoria Dist 980).

A small district project begun this year and supported by us for many years was the collection of used stamps. Those with lots of correspondence simply snipped the stamps from the envelopes and saved them. The stamps were passed to the district committee who then arranged their sale. The money gained was used for international service projects. This year it was the vaccination of children in Bangladesh.

At a special dinner meeting, we hosted the girls who were at the Shaftesbury Centre. This was an interesting and different experience. A club visit was made to International House to learn of the work being done there and to meet some Rotary Foundation Scholarship students.

For RYLA, we nominated Kelly Marshall and Danny Smith.

Our outbound student was Tracey Hooper who travelled to Vermont, U.S.A. Our South African student, Minyon Avent returned home.