

**Year:** 1985-86

**RI President:** [Edward F. Cadman](#) from [Wenatchee](#), Washington, USA.



**Theme:** You are the Key

**Convention** held at [Las Vegas](#), Nevada, USA on June 1-4, with 18,426 delegates.

**District Governor:** Allan C Male, Brisbane North

**District Conference location:** Caloundra

**Club President:** Ken Hooper

Exchange Student:

Inbound:

Host parents

Outbound:

PHFs awarded:

When Club members heard that another service club had a larger food van for sale at a reasonable price, they decided to investigate. Our first van was now showing the effects of many years of use, and the labour-intensive production of Pluto Pups at so many charity fetes was making things a little difficult for a club with declining membership. The club decided to purchase this second hot food van and set about the task of renovating it.

It took several weeks of hard work by Past President Ian Craig and Rotarian Nobby Locke to scrape off layer upon layer of old paint before Past President Tom Mellers could take it for repainting and have appropriate sign writing done. At last the van was ready for use, and for some little time, the Club operated two vans.

The second van led to changes in the pattern of usage. Its basic set up was for cooking potato chips rather than Pluto Pups. As these could be obtained prepared in bulk, it required fewer Rotarians to operate the van. Our emphasis changed to the sale of hot chips.

At this time also, changes in Government policies relating to the funding of schools meant many

schools gave up their traditional annual school fetes. There was less demand for our manned hot food van. To overcome this, the club promoted the hiring of the van to other organisations. The van now travelled further afield, being stocked and staffed by hiring bodies.

The number of functions attended by the van when we stocked and manned it, were reduced. When we did so, the objective was more often a fund-raising exercise for our own community service funds. However the concept of "Helping others to help themselves" was not entirely abandoned and the van still operated under the old system when called upon to do so.

Members were becoming well skilled in supervising admissions through the gates at the Pine Rivers Annual Show at Lawnton. A small percentage of the admissions collected, was paid to our club funds. Members made suggestions to the Pine Rivers A. H. & I. Assn regarding improvements in the control of the gates, and in methods of issuing passes. Show programmes were again prepared for distribution to show patrons.

Working bees were arranged to continue work on the Safe Cycling Track, and progress made.

The Rotaract Club continued to flourish, and we retained our contacts with our Interact Club.

A Gala Evening was held at Westfields with proceeds being donated to Meals On Wheels. The Club further supported Handihome and contributed to the Orana Youth Shelter.

A Coronary Care Unit based at Chermside Ambulance became a combined clubs' project supported by several Rotary Clubs including Pine Rivers.

We enjoyed two evenings with a difference.

Mrs Yvonne Chapman, Minister for Social Services and our local member of Parliament, invited members and Rotaryans to a tour of Parliament House. We were treated to a lovely barbecue cooked by her husband Graham. We were shown through the Parliamentary Annex as well as the newly renovated chambers of the old Parliament House. A most enjoyable evening.

For our Christmas function, President Ken arranged a Bay River Cruise for the evening. We boarded the *Carlo* at the jetty in Cabbage Tree Creek, Shorncliffe. We had a five hour cruise across the bay and up the Brisbane River, to view the bridges and city lights. Everyone shared in the food and refreshments, the music and dancing. Another enjoyable evening of fun and fellowship.