

**Batemans Bay Youth Foundation
2016 Annual Grants Presentation Dinner**

On 4 February 2016, at the Soldiers Club, the Batemans Bay Youth Foundation held its annual Grants Presentation Dinner.

The Foundation, founded by the Rotary Club in 1994, and now a partnership between Rotary, the Soldiers Club, and the RSL Sub-Branch, gives Grants to students who qualify to attend University or a course at TAFE or an Apprenticeship. The criteria for giving a Grant includes academic achievement, personal aptitude for further study, and a need for financial help.

In his Welcome speech, Chairman Peter Wood stated that since inception, the Foundation had given Grants with a total value of half a million dollars, to 168 students. This is an extraordinary achievement, bearing in mind that the geographic scope of the Foundation is North Durras to Nelligen to the Moruya River, and our community cannot be described as very wealthy. Of the 168 students mentioned above, 70% received Grants in the last 11 years.

This year, the Foundation's Management Committee decided to increase the Grant to \$3,500, from \$3,000 heretofore.

The following students received Grants:

Claire Andrew	B. Business Administration	Uni of Canberra
Carly Hay	B. Sport and Exercise Science	Uni of Canberra
Daina Koote	B. Exercise Physiology/Rehab	Uni of Canberra
Katie Staker	B. Nursing	Uni of Canberra
James Welch	B.Eng(Hons) Renewable Energy	Uni of NSW
Elizabeth Jack	B.Communications/Media Stud.	Uni of Wollongong
Timothy Piert	B. Computer Science	Uni of Wollongong
Joseph Tegart	B.Sc/B.Com	Monash Uni, Melbourne
Eden Faulkner	B. Vet Science	James Cook, Townsville
Millicent Nicholls	B.Physiotherapy	James Cook, Townsville

Well over 100 guests joined in the celebrations at the Soldiers Club. Musical entertainment was provided by Chloe Watts on the piano, and Harry Hadley on the guitar. Both of these young performers were Prize Winners at the St Cecilia annual competitions. The Guest Speaker was Nic Bandur, currently studying for a BSc at Canberra, who spoke about his first year at University. Nic received a Grant in 2015.

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