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**Four Way Test
of the things we
think, say or do:**

Is it the **TRUTH**?
Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

*Hope all Rotarians are heeding the advice given to us to stay home. We are all busy people and I know some are finding it difficult to stay at home. It is the best thing we can do to stop the spread of this shocking virus.
We received a donation to the Mogo project from the Rotary Club of Fairy Meadows this week and we are expecting another donation from the Rotary Club of Jedburgh, which is situated on the border between England and Scotland. Rotarians helping Rotarians.
Stay safe and well this week.
PS Jeff has only ticked off one job so far from his long list!*

RYDA UPDATE

RYDA has been cancelled for March because the Government has banned schools from all school excursions. While there is a chance that we can hold RYDA later in the year, there are many challenges, including securing the presenters and venue and fitting in with all school calendars.

Year 11 students do exams in late September and start their Year 12 HSC work in October, and if schools close soon I would predict that all face-to-face learning time will be very precious! So, once the coronavirus bans are lifted, there is not much opportunity to get it running for this year.

As a reminder, RYDA gives students an extensive introduction to road safety across a number of topics from understanding how personality impacts risk, to the impacts of a crash and how to buy and maintain a safe car.

In the RYDA workshop, students work with their peers to come up with strategies to be better prepared and make good decisions, both as drivers and as highly influential passengers.

RYDA is a joint youth project of the Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma Rotary Clubs – let's hope it can happen in 2020!

Neil Simpson

MEETINGS

MEETINGS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

CANCELLATIONS

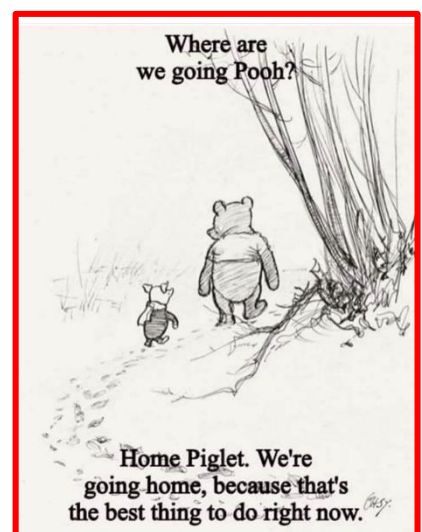
**TUESDAY 24TH MARCH – Lifeline Course at Tomakin Sporting Club
WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH – Interviews with Doctors re Grant Application
MONDAY & TUESDAY 30TH & 31ST March
RYDA**

BREAKFAST CLUB

**BREAKFAST CLUB HAS BEEN CANCELLED
WILL ADVISE WHEN THIS RETURNS**

THANK YOU BUNNINGS

Following the Cancellation of sausage sizzles, Bunnings have donated a \$500 Bunnings Voucher to all Community groups booked in for BBQs for the next 4 weeks. Received the voucher this week.



We received the following 2 emails from Floren detailing how the \$1000 we sent to RC of Intramuros is being spent. Authority was given to use the balance of funds to support the people of Intramuros, who are doing it very tough .

For your information, Intramuros operates like the Vatican. It is governed by the Intramuros Administration which is under the Department of Tourism and not by the city of Manila. It seems Manila is prioritizing its own constituents as far as food distribution is concerned.

Because of the lack of food and other supplies, we have to respond to the request of the IA Administrator to help the poor people who lived in the "squatter" areas of Intramuros and the security guards.

Although you gave us the discretion to use the amount your club donated, I want to inform you that we will use this amount Aus\$1000 to buy food and other items which we shall augment with funds we have. This is a long haul crisis. I do not know how it can be sustained. We are in touch with the Intramuros Administrator to hopefully continue to help.



As far as the Aus\$1000 fund, very timely, we received it. According to Aries, we were credited Php30,000. I expected a better exchange. But the good thing, it will serve a big purpose in helping Intramuros. For the first tranche of RCI giving, the food package will be given to roughly 70 personnel of Intramuros Administration composed of Security guards and office workers as requested to us by the Intramuros Administrator, Atty Guillen Asido, who is an honorary member of RCI. The 70 food packs cost Php400 each composed of rice, noodles, canned goods, soap, face masks, alcohol. Aries Balanay arranged for the purchase and packing of the items. These have already been packed and ready for pick up by the people of Atty Asido. (see photos) The accounting we made on the funds you sent for the construction of the second phase of the Inararo learning center and Vision project reflected a saving of roughly Php25,000. I would like to request your permission to allow us to use it for a possible second tranche of RCI giving to Intramuros. It will help the very poor people of Intramuros. When the government is unable to sustain its food distribution, the possible food pack from RCI will help bridge the starvation of these people who are out of work and have no means of livelihood. May we know your sentiment on this matter. We assure you that we shall submit an accounting to liquidate our expenses on our purchases after accomplishing our goal.



At the last Board Meeting it was decided to donate \$850 to the Batemans Bay Football Club. They were finding it difficult to obtain sponsors in this climate. The money will be used to buy shirts for the Under 13's and these will display the Rotary logo. Rhonda Forner came to pick up the donation.

