



## Youth Newsletter to Schools

21 January 2016

### **From the Youth Director**

Another school year is about to start and we hope that it is a most successful one for your school and the students you care for each day.

Our Rotary Club has a strong reputation for assisting the youth of the Shire and we wish to continue this tradition in 2016. This second Newsletter highlights some of the events we have on offer and what has happened since I last wrote to you.

I know that you are busy with emails and the start up for the year, but please take a couple of minutes to skim through then forward this Newsletter to relevant staff and possibly to the President of your Parents' Association.

To be successful in supporting the youth we need to make sure our message is circulated widely. I ask that this Newsletter is therefore 'flicked' on to those who may be able to organise one of these activities for your students.

As the Principal you cannot organise them all but you could send in the application for a Grant for your school (*See our School Grants section-closes March*), and encourage your Parents' Association to be aware of what is available and maybe provide some financial assistance for your students.

We are also keen to establish Interact Clubs (Secondary school Rotary) and EarlyAct Clubs (Primary aged Rotary) where 'Service above Self' guides the activities of these groups in our schools. In today's world helping our fellow man must be a most noble calling for us all and we wish to encourage this in our youth.

I hope that your school may find one of our programmes valuable to your school and to your students.

**Alan Russell JP**  
Youth Director, 2015-2016.

## **Recent Happenings**

### **Congratulations to students**

Our Club was delighted to be able to support awards presented at school Awards' events last year. Thank you for the invite for a representative to attend, and where we were able to do so, thank you for your kind welcome and hospitality.

### **Honeywell Engineering Summer School**

Two students attended this school from December 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Over 100 students from throughout NSW and the ACT attend to learn more about Engineering as a career. They attended lectures and demonstrations at five Sydney university sites. All aspects of engineering are covered and we were delighted to send Shane (BBHS) and Kai (St Peter's) to the course.

### **Youth Exchange student arrives in Germany....anyone interested in a place in 2017?**

Our 2016 Youth exchange student, Taryn McDonald has left for her year overseas. She has arrived in Germany and to much cooler temperatures. Taryn met her host family, visited her school and has taken the family dog for a walk through the snow!

Our Club is keen to hear from students who may be interested in following Taryn and to live overseas during 2017. All applications open on February 2<sup>nd</sup> with a Rotary Club. The Club then nominates suitable candidates to the District for selection as an exchange student.

### **Youth Exchange student from Denmark**

Our exchange student, Magnus has had a very busy holiday period. He has been well hosted and has travelled widely. Over the summer he has been camping, travelled up the coast to Coffs Harbour and had a week in Tasmania.

In Tasmania he was with a past exchange student who had been hosted in Denmark by Magnus' grandparents. These bonds last a life time.

## **Coming events**

### **Batemans Bay Youth Foundation Awards Dinner 4 February-Soldiers Club- \$30 per head-Dress; Lounge suit**

This annual event will celebrate the Year12 students from 2015 who are moving to tertiary study. The students will be presented with Awards following their application, interview and successful completion of Year 12.

Each year the Year 12 students are sent information and application forms so to apply for these financial grants. We strongly encourage schools to promote this to the students, and then to follow up the students during their HSC to make sure the application is completed and submitted. As the 'HSC season' is a busy time for students, your assistance in encouraging them to complete the application is greatly appreciated. It will certainly be appreciated by the students on the Awards night!

Thank you to the schools that encouraged their students for this year's awards and we hope to see you supporting your successful students at the Awards Dinner.

Bookings are necessary-please contact Chairman Peter Wood (4472 5306) or Secretary Peter Kable (4472 4214) if you have not already reserved a seat(s).

### **School Grants 2016**

We wrote to Principals of all schools seeking applications for a Grant which could be to a maximum value of \$1500. The Grant is to contribute towards a major programme or event being planned for the new school year.

Applications close at the end of March 2016 and the Grants will be presented in April 2016.

Thank you to those who have submitted an application and we look forward to others before the closing date.

In the past we have given all schools Grants for Numeracy (2013), Literacy (2014) and Performing Arts (upon application 2015).

We look forward to continuing to support all students of the area through these Grants.

### **RYDA....Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Programme.**

This is held each year at the end of Term 1 for students in Year 11. The five Shire High Schools send students over two days (**Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 April**) to hear about road safety and safe driving. This is particularly valuable as they are about to start driving.

Schools will have the dates already and know which day has been allocated for their school. We encourage all of our secondary schools to send all Year 11 students.

### **RYPEN...Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment.**

Students from 14-17 years meet twice a year at Old Mogo Town for a weekend of activity and speakers. In 2015 we had students at the May (5) and September (6) camps and both groups gained much from the experience. This was evident as they spoke of their time at a recent Club meeting. Some of our candidates have been invited back as Camp Counsellors which is great recognition of their talents and ability as leaders.

We will be seeking candidates from March (**Applications close May 8<sup>th</sup>**) for the next camp (**13-15 May**) and hope to have students from all our schools participating. This is for the students who are good solid citizens-not the high flyers who 'go to everything'; but for the boys and girls who are a little more quiet and reserved.

### **RAIC...Rotary Activity In Citizenship.**

This programme is for a student who is interested in politics and government or who may have a desire to study International Affairs. Frances Kerkham (BBHS) attended in 2015 and had a wonderful time meeting the Governor General, the Prime Minister, and the Treasurer, having time in our MP's office as well as attending Parliament.

The programme is held in May (**7<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> inclusive**) during Budget week and the students are involved in the Budget week events. They attend the Budget and the Budget in Reply; they meet Members of Parliament and Cabinet Ministers and they live the Canberra experience.

**Applications open on Monday 22 February and close on Sunday 17 April.**

### **MUNA....Model United Nations Assembly**

Details for the 2016 event have been sent to schools. **Applications close on 31<sup>st</sup> May**. The students represented a UN nation and speak for them on resolutions which do appear at the UN in New York.

If you are able to watch these students at Old Parliament House debating the resolutions, you would be amazed at their knowledge and debating ability. Students represent schools from throughout NSW, ACT, Victoria and even Tasmania.

Last year St Peter's Anglican College won the Peace Award and Batemans Bay High School won the Encouragement Award for the second time in five years. Two of the five awards presented came to teams sponsored by our Club-we were delighted.

I wonder what can be achieved this year!

## **YEP....Youth Exchange Programme.**

Applications for the 2017 Youth Exchange Programme will open on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We encourage students to think about this wonderful opportunity.

## **Regular contributions to the community**

### **Batemans Bay Public School Breakfast Club**

For several years we have been a proud supporter of the Breakfast Club at Batemans Bay Public School and look forward to doing so again this year.

We support the Club through the time given by our members four mornings a week, a donation of funds and through the donation of goods for the pantry as a Christmas Gift.

### **Interact Club**

We have a junior Rotary Club operating the Batemans Bay High School. The Club has raised funds for a number of projects. Some members will assist us at the Australian Day event at Corrigan's Beach this year.

We are keen to develop Clubs in other schools and are happy to meet with staff to discuss this concept of 'Service above Self'.

### **Early Act**

This is a Primary School Rotary Club where the students look at ways of supporting projects through some fundraising events.

We are developing one at Mogo School at present. But we are keen to expand this to other schools just as we are with our Interact Club.

### **Rotary Batemans Bay**

The Club has a strong commitment to the Youth and this is being led through our Youth Directorate.

The personnel are

Youth Director: Alan Russell (MUNA, Interact)

Team: Neil Simpson (RYDA), Alison Powell (RYPEN), Maureen Manning (RYPEN, EarlyAct)  
John Law (RYDA), Frances Southon (MUNA), Sue Leslight (RAIC), Nicole McDonald (YEP)

The Club officials are

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Any of these people would be happy to answer questions or attend an Assembly, Staff meeting or a Parents' Association meeting to highlight our programmes.

We would especially enjoy the possibility of introducing the Interact Club and EarlyAct Club concepts to you for your consideration as a Co-curricular activity within your school.

During the year the Club will invite you to some of our meetings and events. We hope that you may be able to join us, especially when the Youth of the area are our special guests.

**Should you wish to make application for any Grants and/or require information, please contact the Youth Director, Alan Russell (0468 745 751)**