



Youth Newsletter to Schools

February 2018

From the Youth Director:

Welcome back to a new school year and to the important work which lies ahead of you. I know that the students returned last week but that you have been preparing for their arrival for some weeks, and possibly already need a break!

You will have received lots of emails and information over the last month and here is another! Sorry....but we are committed to the young people in this area and I hope that we are able to provide your students with some support during the year.

In this Newsletter I plan to highlight some of the many opportunities that we are able to provide the youth of Batemans Bay. Each year we spend over \$26,000 supporting the many projects, opportunities as well as your particular requests so that our youth can do as well as possible. Please take five minutes to read through, and understand our commitment to your students and to the youth of this region.

I wish to welcome the new Principals to their posts, and to those Acting in the role, I hope that you all enjoy the challenges and the wonderful opportunity you have to be leading the professionals on your team and the students you serve. I had the privilege of filling the Principals role for 23 years at three very different schools and each year was such a good one! I hope this one is a good one for you.

I wish you well and look forward to hearing where we can assist you.

Alan Russell JP
Youth Director, 2017-2018

First major event...The Batemans Bay Youth Foundation Awards

This Awards ceremony happens THIS Thursday, 8 February, at the Soldiers Club, 6.30 for 7pm.

The 2017 Year 12 students will be congratulated at a wonderful dinner event.

Congratulations to the 13 winning students...I hope everyone has a great night.

Congratulations to the music students invited to perform on the night. These are some of the top musicians in the area.

Dress: Jacket and tie.

Applications for the 2019 awards open at the start of Term 4...and close in November.

Second major event – Applications for an Educational Grant

Educational Grants 2017

These initiatives were exciting, new and were setting new agendas in the schools.

Batemans Bay High School Music Department (\$2000)

The School was sponsoring a Band for the two feeder primary schools-Sunshine Bay Public School and Batemans Bay Public School and required funding for instruments.

Carroll College (\$1143)

The students had reorganised the schools waste management system. One phase of their comprehensive plan was to place specialist recycling bins in each classroom

St Peter's Anglican College (\$1500)

The Special Education Department were introducing 'tall desks' for students to work at rather than always sitting at a traditional desk.

This was seen as particularly beneficial for boys who can find it difficult to sit still!

Educational Grants 2018

We would love to hear from your school.

Once again we wish to support an initiative you may have to build education capacity within your school.

In the past we have directed funds towards Numeracy (2012), Literacy (2013) and the Performing Arts (2015) with specific donations to each school.

In 2016 and 2017 we sought your ideas and gave to programmes which were designed for your school and to meet your students' needs.

This year we have increased our commitment to \$5000 to be shared amongst the projects.

The letters of application, with an outline of the project, educational outcomes hoped to be met through the programme and a budget for the project, close at the end of March 2018

(THURSDAY 29th MARCH).

**We shall make the announcement on Friday 13th April...
not a Black Friday at all!**

**Letters of application to
Youth Director
Rotary Club of Batemans Bay
PO Box 199
Batemans Bay
NSW 2536**

Happened

Honeywell Engineering Summer School (December 2017)

For many years we have sent Year 11 students to the Honeywell Engineering School in Sydney. In 2016 we sent four and in 2015 we sent three students. The students interested in Engineering as a career have the opportunity to tour University facilities, research labs and engineering businesses. Over the week they fine tune their engineering dream.

Unfortunately we had no student apply for the 2017 opportunity but we hope that in December of this year we may be able to assist a student(s). Information is sent to us and to the HOD Science at all secondary schools each year.

RYLA-Rotary Youth Leadership Adventure (January 2018)

This year Frances Kerkham (University of Wollongong student formerly from Batemans Bay High School) attended this Leadership course. This high level, weeklong January course, for 18-25 year olds, assists our future leaders to set goals for their career and life.

We have sent candidates every year for the last four years and hope to find another worthy candidate for January 2019.

Awards Ceremonies (December 2017)

We were delighted to assist schools with donations for prizes last year. All but two schools accepted our offer of assistance and we were excited to be able to attend most of the events. It is always a thrill to congratulate the students on their wonderful achievements.

These donations are available from the start of Term 4 each year. We give \$50 to primary schools and \$75 to secondary schools. Please note this in your end of year presentation file now!

Our Year 12 donations are always available for the end of Term 3 final assembly events.

Interact- Batemans Bay High School

The BBHS Interact Club completed a wonderful year with the highlight being the presentation of a beach wheel chair worth \$5500 to the Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club. Congratulations to the team at BBHS- a Community Project well done.

They are also presenting money for a special drinking straw scheme. This will allow villages in some of the poorest parts of the world to access drinking water. The straws filter the dirty water so it is clean for consumption. Congratulations on your International Project.

In March the Interactors will hold their Changeover night. A new President and team of Directors will set the agenda for 2018. Well done to Byron Manning for his year as President and for his dedicated leadership. Thank you to Batemans Bay Principal Greg McDonald for his support and assistance.

We are happy to discuss how an Interact Club could be established at your school.

Coming Up

RYDA-Rotary Driver Awareness Course (Moruya Raceway- March 26 & 27)

Once again our Driver Awareness programme will be held over two days for Year 11 students. We do hope that schools (who attend only one of the two days) will encourage as many students as possible to attend. This year our 2000th student will be amongst those coming from the five Shire High Schools.

Information should be with Principals already and we look forward to your support.

RYPEN-Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (September 14-16).

This course is for students from Year 8-10. The course encourages students (we seek the good average student-not necessarily the confident, high achieving all rounder) to develop a range of skills. There will be two camps in 2018....18-20 May and 14 -16 September.

We shall be contacting you in March for nominations.

RYE – Rotary Youth Exchange 2019.

We have been very successful in placing people on Youth Exchange over the last few years. We have also been very good hosts to those who have come to live amongst us.

This year our nominated student was selected to have a year in Finland but unfortunately had to withdraw. We hope that we may be able to support a student to travel in January 2019. Applications open in March. There will be a local interview, a District interview and two “Orientation” camps should the candidate be successful. The students have two Counsellors while they are away – one in their host Club and one in our Club. These are support personnel for the student. There is also a debrief camp once the student has returned home.

The last two Outbound students have done exceptionally well. Taryn McDonald (St Peter's) spent a tremendous year in Germany and Samantha Hanlon (Batemans Bay High School) has just returned for a wonderful year in Denmark where she won Best Exchange Student in the District which was hosting her.

Both girls brought credit to their schools, family, our Rotary Club but mostly to themselves.

Youth Exchange-Welcome Home Samantha Hanlon (Batemans Bay High School)

Sam had a wonderful year in Denmark.

She arrived back home on January 6th, 2018

She has been on two Tall Ships adventures in the Baltic Sea; has been with her soccer team to Spain to play in a competition and they got third; completed her Euro Tour; attended school where they speak another language; spoken to her host school about Australia; spoken to her Rotary Club on arrival and as she left, and made a presentation to the Rotary District Conference.

She loved her school experience and the four family groups which hosted her.

Her birthday was well celebrated before her Euro tour with her hosts and also on the tour with fellow exchange students.

She will have so much to tell us in April when she addresses the Club!!

Congratulations Sam....you took this opportunity and made the most of it.

MUNA- Model United Nations Assembly (Old Parliament House, 17-19 August).

Students interested in politics or international affairs from the five Shire High School have represented a United Nations member and debated United Nations resolutions for several years. The three Shire Rotary Clubs were delighted to be able to arrange for all schools to have a team in this National competition last year. We look forward to being able to support teams again this year.

The Batemans Bay Rotary Club has traditionally supported Batemans Bay High School and St Peter's Anglican College. Moruya Rotary has had Carroll College and Moruya High School and Narooma High School have been supported by Narooma Rotary. We hope this will happen again this year. With the knowledge and experience now in the schools we hope that early preparation may start so debating skills could be prepared.

More details will follow including when and where we will have our training day before the event. Last year St Peter's kindly hosted us for the afternoon.

National Youth Science Forum

The three Rotary Clubs in the Shire supported some of our very top students to this event in January.

This is for the most able science students. We hope to support nominations again for January 2019.

School Science Foundation Experiences (various dates and locations TBA)

Shortly the information will be sent to us, and to the HOD Science about the various science opportunities available in 2018. We hope that you may have students from various levels of school who may be interested in attending.

Primary students

All of the events noted so far have been for secondary students!

We want to support primary students and would be interested in the events which you have coming along....the School Leaders training day for Eurobodalla schools may need our support; students attending gifted and talented camps at Wollongong University or elsewhere could qualify; students who need financial assistance to attend an event could be another....

We want to support all ages and look forward to receiving an application for assistance.

Happening

Our Rotary year is up and running. We were busy at the Races on Christmas Eve and the excellent sum of money we raised will be presented on February 21st to the Shires three Surf Life Saving Clubs.

We supported the Australia Day event at Corrigan's Beach; have repaired the Rotary Clock in Batemans Bay and have planned for our **biannual cabaret (25 August, 7-11.30pm)** with the Australian Army Show Band once again providing the music at the Soldiers Club (a great way for community groups (including P&C groups) to be involved and to raise funds for their cause...more to follow).

We hope to assist you on your journey this year and I am happy to meet and discuss ideas with you or your staff as the year goes along....but please remember our Educational Grants close on Thursday 29 March....right on Easter.

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Batemans Bay Youth Foundation

Rotary Directors; Peter Wood (*Chair*),

Dave Harding, Neil Simpson, Garry Gray (*Secretary*)

The other Directors are from the Soldiers Club and the Returned Services League.

New members are always welcome....do you like to Serve others in the community....then maybe you could do so through our Club.

Please contact me if you wish for more information.