



## Youth Newsletter to Schools

June 2017

### From the Youth Director:

Queens Birthday is nearly upon us, and I am sure your staff have been very busy with report writing which usually happens at this time of the year. This is on top of all that they do for the youth of the area through your educational programmes in and out of the classroom. Life is hectic for them.

Our Club remains committed to assist our youth with a range of events and opportunities. Since my last Newsletter in February, there have been many of these which I shall highlight for you. There are others to come and I have noted these too.

The highlights have been

- the promotion of our Youth services in the Village Centre,
- the Youth Foundation Dinner in February,
- the awarding of our 2017 Educational Grants,
- two teams being selected for MUNA 2017,
- the six students who attended the first RYPEN camp of 2017,
- the youth presentations made to our Club,
- our Youth Exchange student in Denmark has been having a wonderful experience,
- our student from France is about to complete his exciting year in our area,
- interviewing and nominating students for the 2018 exchange programme, and
- hosting Year 11 students at a driving course.

We look forward to continuing to do what we can and thank you for your support.

We congratulate your staff on their work over this semester. We hope they will enjoy their upcoming break.

With best wishes,

**Alan Russell JP**  
Youth Director, 2016-2017.

## Happened

### Educational Grants 2017

Our annual Grants (\$4643) were given to three schools after careful consideration of six applications. These initiatives were exciting, new and were setting new agendas in the schools.

#### Batemans Bay High School Music Department (\$2000)

The School is 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 have 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 are introducing 'tall desks' for students to work at rather than always sitting at a traditional desk.

This is seen as particularly beneficial to those who can find it difficult to sit still!

### Youth Exchange 2018.....**APPLICATIONS CLOSED**

We interviewed two students for this programme and have nominated them both to District for the final interview process from 16-18 June. The District interviews will be in front of two panels and include some team activities. The decision will be known at the end of the weekend with 14 of the 20 candidates gaining an exciting opportunity to live in another land for a year. We wish them luck.

### RAIC- Rotary Awareness in Citizenship (6-13 May)..... **EVENT HAPPENED**

Unfortunately we had no students wishing to attend this event this year. It is a wonderful opportunity for students interested in Civics, Government or International Studies. They attend Parliament for a week at the time of the Budget. Your HSIE HoD might like to consider this as an event in 2018.

### RYDA-Rotary Driver Awareness Course (3, 4 April)..... **EVENT HAPPENED**

This course is for Year 11 students who are starting to drive. We hold this at Moruya Racecourse in the last week of Term 1. This year was special for us as it was our 10<sup>th</sup> year. We have nearly had 2000 students attend over the years. Our thanks to the schools for their support of this worthy cause.

### Barefoot Bowls evening (March) ..... **EVENT HAPPENED**

This is a community and corporate event which raises funds so our Driver Awareness programme can happen with little cost for our students. Our thanks go to Joe Scorer for the organisation of the event.

We also thank the business owners for their financial support and prizes for the raffles.

We were very pleased to again have two teams of leaders from St Peter's Anglican College play during the evening. These Year 12 students had completed the driving course the year before.

Maybe next year all High School Captains could be challenged to support the event with teams, and even challenge their teachers to put in a team.

### RYPEN-Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (13-15 May)..... **EVENT HAPPENED**

Another very successful camp was held at Old Mogo Town. Our Club sponsored six students at \$300 each to attend the weekend. We hope to do the same in September (14-16<sup>th</sup>) when the second camp of the year is held. This course is for students from Year 8-10 and students who are not necessarily your top students. The course encourages students to develop a range of skills. Maybe Career Advisors could identify possible candidates over the last few weeks of this term, and early in Term 3.

## **National Youth Science Forum (January 2018)... APPLICATIONS CLOSED**

The three Rotary Clubs in the Shire support a student(s) to this each year. This is for the most able science students in the area. Our interview panel has conducted local interviews with nominations going to the District interview stage.

What an excellent opportunity for an up and coming scientist to mix with like minded and equally talented science leaders of the future.

Your HoD Science gets information sent directly to them and I hope that next year they could keep this to the fore as they watch their students develop.

Are there any Year 11 student's already showing talent?

## **Happening**

### **Interact**

The BBHS Interact Club is working on a number of projects. The two 'big picture' projects are:

- for the local community they are hoping to raise \$5500 for a wheel chair for disabled people to use at the beach. There will be a fundraising evening and we hope secondary school leaders from our schools will come along to support this cause.
- for an International cause is to assist a community which cannot access clean drinking water by providing a special 'straw' system which will enable clean water to be sourced.

We congratulate these students on these initiatives.

We are also happy to discuss how an Interact Club could be established at other schools.

## **MUNA- Model United Nations Assembly (18-20 August). ... APPLICATIONS CLOSED**

Students interested in politics or international affairs maybe interested in representing a United Nations member and debating United Nations resolutions over a weekend in August in the House of Representatives debating Chamber in Old Parliament House, Canberra.

This year we will have two teams representing our Club. Batemans Bay High School will represent China and St Peter's Anglican College will represent Canada. Each team has three members who are researching how 'their' country views world issues so to be able to represent themselves honestly.

## **Coming Up**

### **Awards Ceremonies**

Next term the Year 12 students will complete their schooling. We have traditionally supported awards for Year 12 students should schools request this. Our President, or representative, would be happy to join the school community as these students are farewelled and honoured.

Later in the year we will also provide awards for other students as requested by schools.

### **Honeywell Engineering Summer School (December 2017)**

It was great to support four students (Rhys, Logan, Ted and Rhys) last year. These boys recently spoke of the opportunity at a meeting of our Club. Each was impressive and is working towards their goal of being an Engineer. There are so many spheres within engineering and an event such as this allows for the young to investigate what is available.

We hope the HoD Science will nominate students again this year

### **RYLA-Rotary Youth Leadership Adventure (January 2018)**

This year Brodie Cockayne (Year 12, 2016, St Peter's Anglican College) was selected to attend this Leadership Training project in Canberra. The course is for 18-24 year olds and provides advanced leadership training opportunities. Brodie spoke very well of his experience at a recent Club meeting

and we shall be seeking someone from your alumni who appears to be a leader of the future. We shall be advertising for applicants towards the end of Term 3.

### **BBYF-Batemans Bay Youth Foundation (Term 4; Awards Dinner, February 1, 2018)**

This is a wonderful Foundation and so many local students have been supported as they start their tertiary life at University, TAFE or in some other area. Information will be sent to schools during Term 3 from the Foundation but we strongly encourage school leaders to promote this amongst their Year 12 students as soon as possible. Students must be able to take up the Scholarship in 2018, otherwise they apply during November in their 2018 GAP year if they want assistance for the 2019 academic year. Maybe the information on the final page could be printed and posted in Year 12 Common Rooms and given to Year 12 Advisors soon.

## **Youth Exchange Update**

### **OUTBOUND STUDENT**

**Samantha Hanlon (Batemans Bay High School)**

**Sam has had a wonderful 5 months in Denmark. She has 7 to go and arrives back home in January 2018**

**She has been well cared for, is playing soccer in two women's teams, is enjoying her new school, has spoken at a range of events and has just completed her Euro Tour.**

**This week she is on a sailing trip.**

**We have had various messages from her throughout the year. There were the two early celebrations for her birthday as she wouldn't be with her hosts but celebrating her birthday in Vienna on her Euro Tour.**

**There were photos of her speaking at Rotary meetings and to classes at her school.**

**The most recent have been of the places she visited in Europe!  
What an experience she is having and the smile has not left her face!**

### **INBOUND STUDENT**

**Baptiste Bocquet (from France)**

**Baptiste is in his final month of his year.**

**Recently he has done his Safari around Australia which saw him climb Uluru, snorkel in the Whitsundays, visit Coober Pedy, camp in the desert and experience the vastness of Australia.**

**Baptiste has been fortunate to spend time with family groups from Long Beach to Bingi.**

**He has been to conferences and camps. He has represented his school in Athletics.**

**He has been part of the school band playing the French Horn! He has attended RYPEN, spoken to Rotary and schools, been part of Interact and assisted on Rotary events. He has assisted in the preparation of students who are now overseas and enjoyed Christmas at the beach.**

**Baptiste will make his farewell presentation to our Club on June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Baptiste will have his parents here at the start of July and they will have the opportunity to meet Rotarians and hosts at a special dinner.**

**After a short holiday with his parents he will fly home on July 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Rotary Batemans Bay**

**Our Club will have its Changeover of officers on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

The new leadership will continue with our strong focus and commitment to the Youth of the area.

The President (2017-2018) is Maureen Manning.

The President Elect and Youth Director is Alan Russell

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A new Youth Team will be announced shortly

**Batemans Bay Youth Foundation**

**Rotary Directors:** Peter Wood (*Chair*), Dave Harding, Neil Simpson, Garry Gray (*Secretary*)



# Rotary

## Information for Year 12 Students

**Apply for a 2018 Scholarship through**

**The Batemans Bay Youth  
Foundation**

**The process will open towards the end of  
Term 3, 2017.**

**Look at their web site.**

**Their Grant may assist you with  
University or TAFE fees.**