



## Youth Newsletter to Schools

October 2017

### **From the Youth Director:**

The final term of the year is about to start and I hope all of your staff have had a great break so to head into the hectic weeks ahead with energy and commitment. I gather there are changes happening in the local schools with Principals having retired, left, or about to leave from three of our schools. I wish to thank each of them for the assistance they have given to us as we have promoted Youth events in the region.

Our work with the Breakfast Club at Batemans Bay Public School has been most successful and the first Early Act Club in our District was established at Mogo Public School where the students assisted in several humanitarian projects. We continue with the Breakfast Club but would like to establish Early Act in schools so primary students can look at global issues and assist with fundraising and by developing links with less fortunate primary aged students.

Throughout the last term there were many projects undertaken. Of these, the highlight must be having all five High Schools in the Shire competing at MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) at Old Parliament House in August. Our thanks to St Peter's who hosted the training day, to the teachers and students for their passion and commitment and to the Moruya and Narooma Rotary Clubs for joining with us to make sure all schools took part. Everyone did very well and we were pleased that St Peter's won the Highly Commended Prize.

Over the years our results at this prestigious event have been outstanding. We have collected many awards over the last nine years including Carroll College being placed second; Batemans Bay High School having had two Highly Commended awards and St Peter's have this year's Highly Commended award to go with the Peace Prize and Costume awards of previous years. It is always exciting to see our students achieving so well against schools from throughout the country.

Now we look forward to acknowledging your students at the end of the year for their efforts and achievements. Already we have presented an award to the Year 12 students at Batemans Bay High School at the final assembly for these students. As in other years we look forward to supporting an award at your school. Please let me know how we may assist and if we could have these requests by November 12<sup>th</sup> we can make sure the prize is with you in good time. We also look forward to being able to attend your ceremony so to congratulate all of your achievers.

## **FUN, LAUGHTER AND BOWLS FOR OUR DRIVER AWARENESS PROGRAMME**

**This term we have our annual Barefoot Bowls night on October 26<sup>th</sup> at Malua Bay Bowling Club.**

**This is to raise funds for the 2018 Year 11 Driver Awareness Programme (RYDA) which will be held at Moruya Racecourse at the end of Term 1, 2018.**

**We are looking for teams of four (4) at a cost of \$15 per player. There will be food available at the end of the games and wonderful raffle prizes. If you have a team at school please let me know. There is a theme for the day....."Best painted foot/feet/shoes" so maybe some imaginative minds could design something special.**

**Over the last four years we have had student teams from St Peter's incoming student leadership team. We hope they will be there again, and that some of the other schools could send Year 12 students as well. These students will have attended our Driver programme this year, so they know how important this event is. Please assist us and come for a great night.**

**In the past we have had staff teams from Sunshine Bay Public School, Batemans Bay High School and general community teams. We want a great turn out this year...so come for some fun and laughter.....dress up, paint the feet and play Barefoot Bowls.**

**Thursday 26 October  
5.30pm for 6pm  
Malua Bay Bowling Club  
Teams of 4 at \$15 per person  
Dinner provided after the games (about 7.30pm)  
Prizes for scores, decorated feet and as part of the raffle.  
*Bowls are provided.***

I also note our 2018 Educational Grants, and the Batemans Bay Youth Foundation Awards within this Newsletter. Each of these will assist your students so please encourage

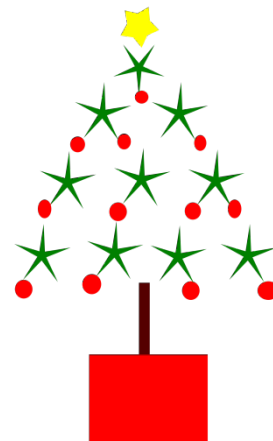
- your staff to think about an educational initiative you may like to introduce next year , and
- your Year 12 students to seek financial assistance for their tertiary studies/ apprenticeship.

I wish you a great term. I hope your Year 6 Leavers look forward to this final term and the new journey ahead of them, and your Year 12 students have put in the work for the upcoming HSC examinations and what 2018 holds for them

To your staff, may we thank them for all they do for the youth of the area and wish them a great term and well deserved Christmas break.

With best wishes,

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



## Thinking caps on for 2018

### **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.**

**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 (Friday 30th March).**

**We shall make the donations on Friday 6 April.**

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

## Happened

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

Students interested in politics or international affairs represented a United Nations member and debated United Nations resolutions over a weekend in August in the House of Representatives debating Chamber in Old Parliament House, Canberra. This year we had two teams representing our Club. Batemans Bay High School represented China and St Peter's Anglican College represented Canada.

As mentioned earlier this event has happened and St Peter's won the High Commended award.

The Batemans Bay High School team made contact with the Chinese Embassy and were welcomed to the Embassy as part of an introduction to Chinese culture. The Embassy also sent greetings to the team as the competition started. Some schools had Embassy staff at the formal dinner...maybe our teams could issue similar invites in the future.

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

This course is for students from Year 8-10. The course encourages students to develop a range of skills. Once again we were able to support this camp with a candidate (*unfortunately another had to withdraw*) who had a wonderful experience. There will be two camps in 2018....May and September, so we shall be contacting you in March for nominations.

### **Youth Exchange 2018.**

One of our nominated students was selected to travel overseas in 2018. She was to have a year in Finland but unfortunately had to withdraw. However, another student nominated by another Club has been fortunate to have gained this opportunity.

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

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 nominated three students this year and all three have been selected. This is fantastic news and we wish them well for an exciting week in January.

## Happening

### **Interact**

The BBHS Interact Club continues to work 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. **WELL DONE....FUNDING NEARLY ACHIEVED.**  
The Club will hold a Stall at the Corrigan Beach Markets on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>...please visit them while you are at the Seaside Carnivale next door.
- for an International cause it 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.  
**WELL DONE....FUNDING ACHIEVED**

We congratulate these students on these initiatives.

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

## Coming Up

### **Awards Ceremonies**

As mentioned we would like to be able to celebrate the achievements of your students. Please apply to me for a contribution towards a prize by November 12<sup>th</sup>. If we could know the date of your ceremony our President, or her representative, would enjoy being with you for the occasion.

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

There are so many spheres within engineering that it can be confusing for students who are keen on this as a career. Over the last four years we have sent students to the week long Summer School in early December. Applications are now open and we look forward to supporting a student(s) your HoD Science believes would benefit from this experience. Students tour university engineering schools, work places and meet students undertaking these studies. This is for the 'new' Year 12 students.

We hope your 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 week long Leadership Training project in Canberra. The course is for 18-24 year olds and provides advanced leadership training opportunities.

Shortly we will be advertising for the 2018 applicants. Do you know a former student who is showing leadership potential, a young member of your staff, a neighbour or a friend who we could consider? Please let me know as soon as possible so they could be considered for this prestigious award.

### **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 have been 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. Reminders at the end of each HSC examination, posters on walls near the HSC examination centres, comments in letters of good wishes to your students and highlighting the Foundation in your Newsletters would assist these students who have so much on their minds, to not forget to complete their application form. We would hate them to miss out on extra funds for the new academic year.

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. *(Do you know of last year's students who took this year off to travel, work etc who may wish to apply....then please be in touch with them and encourage them to view the Foundations website)*

## **Youth Exchange Update**

### **OUTBOUND STUDENT**

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

**Sam has had a wonderful time in Denmark. She arrives back home in January 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, completed her Euro Tour and is having great success. She has spoken to her school, to her Rotary Club and made a presentation to the Rotary District Conference.**

**She is so busy that she has hardly been in touch with her Counsellor back home!!**

You may have read of her experiences in the Bay Post over the year as her host Club and Counsellor send articles they have printed in their papers and notes to her parents.

She will have so much to tell us in 2018!!

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

### **INBOUND STUDENT**

**Baptiste Bocquet (from France)**

Baptiste had his parents here at the start of July and they were our guests a special farewell

dinner. Baptiste's Dad says that on his return home, Baptiste went to a Scout Jamboree in England, to Spain for a family holiday and met his relatives throughout France, and has now settled back into school. Our thanks to the staff at Batemans Bay High School, host groups and the Club for supporting Baptiste's year.



# **Information for Year 12 Students**

**Apply for a 2018 Scholarship through**

## **The Batemans Bay Youth Foundation**

**The application process has opened.**

**Look at their web site.**

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

## **Rotary Batemans Bay**

Our Club had 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.

### **Officers 2017-2018**

#### **President**

Maureen Manning

#### **President Elect and Youth Director**

Alan Russell

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#### **Secretary**

Hugh Scott

#### **Treasurer**

Bruce Clarke

#### **Directors**

Club Administration: Pam Thorpe  
Vocation: Ivan Ryrie  
Community: Jeff Thorpe  
Special Projects: David Ashford  
International & Rotary Foundation: Vere Gray  
Membership: Jenny North  
Public Relations: John Harper  
Market Manager: Neil Simpson  
Van Manager: Bruce Gruber

#### **Youth Team**

Alan Russell, Maureen Manning, Hugh Scott, Joe Scorer, Brian Jones

## **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.**