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**and**  
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**guests to**  
**Rolf Gimmel**  
**the Tuesday**  
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## RYDA



This week is Youth Week and around the Shire, there are many and varied activities for students and young people in general. One of the most beneficial is RYDA.

Held at the Moruya Jockey Club on Tuesday, for Narooma and Moruya High students and Wednesday, for Batemans Bay, Caroll College and St Peters, as always, it has proven to be of invaluable help and support to our Youth.

Organised by Roger Pearson from the Batemans Bay Club, this program is aimed at Year 11 students who are about to get their licence and head onto the roads by themselves, and often with their mates in the car.

The simple message which was reinforced throughout the day was "You're Responsible". Students were reminded by Police, Fire brigade, accident victims and parents who have lost children, that the consequences of their actions have far reaching effects and ramifications.

Rogers's team worked hard to put this program together and he was disappointed in the response from local students. In Narooma we were prepared to pay for two buses but only enough students to fill one presented - despite Roger writing personally to each parent.

Moruya Club provided a great lunch for all the students during which the Moruya Fire Brigade demonstrated rescue equipment.

Students were very attentive and each went away with lots of knowledge on Road Safety and much to think about.

*Photo: Narooma High Students Eloise Harper and Patrick Armstrong with Sgt Brett Gruber of the Batemans Bay Highway Patrol.*

**TONIGHT:** Youth Week with  
Conor Atkins from Narooma High School.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

Bob and Merinda Antill celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on the 12<sup>th</sup>

## COMING EVENTS

14 <sup>th</sup> April	Club Assembly and Fellowship
21 <sup>st</sup> April	St John Ambo Ray Johnston
24 <sup>th</sup> April	MARKETS
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Combined with Bega at Bermagui – Terry to supply map!!
5 <sup>th</sup> May	TBA
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Oyster Festival planning
13 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> May	OYSTER FESTIVAL - Van
15 <sup>th</sup> May	OYSTER FESTIVAL – Van and Parade
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Board Meeting and Oyster Festival de-brief
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	MARKETS
26 <sup>th</sup> May	TBA

TASK	7 <sup>th</sup> April	14 <sup>th</sup> April	21 <sup>st</sup> April
Cashier	Kris Elphick	Jeremy Ferguson	
3-minute talk	George Barker	Angie Ulrichsen	
Wheel	Bob Aston	Laurelle Pacey	

## INTERNATIONAL TOAST:

Rotary Club of Victoria, British Columbia. Canada.  
The Club was chartered in 1914 and has 84 members.  
They meet for lunch on Thursdays at the Union Club of British Columbia.

“Nothing fixes a thing so intensely in the memory as the wish to forget it.”

*Michel de Montaigne, quoted in the Illawarra Mercury*

## Short words from bob ant

*This week has been fairly hectic, and it's only just started.*

*Yesterday, (Tuesday), I joined with Angie and lots of Rotarians from around the district to assist Roger Pearson and his team at RYDA.*

*I arrived late, due to work commitments, finding things well under way. Roger had organised a great program but the turn out from students was very poor. Less than 50% of those eligible!*

*We must do better than this! The High School and our Club need to look together at how we can get all students involved. Parents are written to directly but this is not enough to motivate them and their teenagers.*

*Roger has some fresh ideas and we, (in Narooma) need to give him and this program our full support. One day it may save the life of someone you know. Fred Faulk, (Mr Shelter Box), is organising a Shelter Box to bring down for the next Markets. This will be a great visual opportunity to show our community what we do. Also see story on page 4.*

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### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

At New York's Kennedy airport today an individual was arrested, later determined to be a Public School teacher, trying to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a slide rule and a calculator. The Home Land Security believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-gebra movement. The man was being charged with carrying weapons of math instruction. "Al-gebra is a very fearsome movement indeed" the Home Land Security reported. "They desire average solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on a tangent in search of absolute value. They consist of shadowy figures with names like "X" and "Y", and although they are frequently referred to as "unknowns" we know they really belong to a common denominator and are part of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country. "As the great Greek philanderer Isosceles used to say, there are three sides to every triangle." When the President was asked to comment on the arrest he said, "If God had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction he would have given us more fingers and toes."

## STOP PRESS....

At last week's board meeting it was decided to:

Pay out to the Shared Bike Path Committee \$2,000; to St John Ambulance \$500 and give the VRA \$1,000 toward equipment. This is similar to last year and the discussion on continuing the Bike-a-thon has been referred to the Club Assembly.

Also referred is The Oyster Festival. Many members will be away and we need a firm commitment from those who can help. It will be a huge undertaking and we must, as a Club, decide if we can fully support this or not.

Our Exchange student has been locked in for John's year and final housekeeping is happening.

Pride of Workmanship will be organised with Bob Antill to report on changes for this year.

Ian and Terry and Jack are going to be, and/or are away in the next few months. They have applied for leave and this was granted.

James Linsell was presented with his bike, a prize for the Bike-a-thon.

## .NEWS FROM SHELTER BOX

ShelterBox has been busier than ever in recent months, but never more so than during the aftermath of the recent Japanese earthquakes and tsunami.



Takanori Hirai, Director of the Climate Change and Energy Policy Division for the Iwate Prefectural Government in Japan said, "We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kind donation of ShelterBoxes after Japan's horrible earthquake and tsunami disaster.

"These ShelterBoxes will be used in a variety of ways; as shelters in the affected areas, protecting the privacy of those living in shelters and creating a space for families to live in.

"we have the deepest respect for the efforts that ShelterBox is carrying out throughout the world. We hope that your organisation will grow even larger in the future."

To this end, you will find a ShelterBox donation envelope inside the plastic wrapper in which your April edition of Rotary Down Under is contained.

Please use it generously.

Arrived by email on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April.  
Is anyone able to join with our friends in Bermagui next Monday?

## Probus Club of Bermagui Inc.

Dear Bob,

Our Twentieth Anniversary will take place during the second week of April (yes it is 20 years since your club sponsored ours) commencing with a general meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April in the lower auditorium of the Bermagui Country Club followed by a sausage sizzle on the BBQ at the rear of the BCC. The Tuesday event, a wine tasting at Belgrave Winery and South Coast cheese tasting is fully booked but there is ample room for more at the BBQ at Corunna Lake on the Wednesday (BYO everything) the music afternoon on Thursday at the CWA Hall and Ambrose Golf Competition on Friday morning followed by the Anniversary Luncheon at the BCC.

On behalf of our club, I hereby extend an invitation to you and your partner to be a guest at the Friday Anniversary Luncheon to be held on the 15/4/11 in the Main Auditorium of the Bermagui Country Club at 12.30 for 1.00pm. Due to catering arrangements please advise me if you can attend by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>.

You are welcome to attend any of the other functions if you wish please contact me for further details.

Regards,

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