

A summary of the Gala Day, and our next plans..... Coordinated by the Rotary E Club of Brindabella.

Firstly – our main **CONTACTS** on the project are still, from the Rotary E Club of Brindabella:

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THE GALA DAY REPORT: on Tuesday 20th March, some 110 people were at the Nowra Showground, for a memorable day. Participating schools were Bomaderry PS, Vincentia HS, Havenlee SS, Budawang SS and North Nowra PS – with a total of 60 students having a great day. They were supported wholeheartedly by High School students from Bomaderry HS and Nowra HS, who provided both Team Leaders and Station Supervisors for the whole day, helping the many Rotarians present. The Rotary contingent provided parking management, registration, kitchen facilities in the Committee Rooms, the BBQ sausage sandwiches, apples and bananas and water for everyone, plus a great audio system to deliver speeches and instructions to everyone, thanks to the Shoalhaven Sunset Cinema. The day was opened by Ann Sudmalis, Federal Member for Gilmore, and attended by our 2 major sponsors, Eraring Power represented by the Manager, Mark Feeney and Bendigo Bank, Sanctuary Point represented by manager, Keith Robinson – we thank them sincerely for their support. We'll definitely schedule our next annual Gala Day for early in 2019 and hope to involve even more schools next time – standby!

We hope to have a nice little video of the day completed soon, will distribute this for your enjoyment when finished,

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SUPPORT: special thanks to Bomaderry HS and Nowra HS who provided the manpower for the Gala Day! They were fantastic.

COORDINATORS: Two local Shoalhaven Rotarians, **Steve Smith** of Gerringong Rotary, and **John Britton** from the Rotary Club of Tuggeranong, have taken these roles. They'll be leading all future clinics and our planned annual Gala Day, next in 2019, and be a regular local liaison point with the schools involved, willing to provide manpower and guidance when schools plan to use their kits at regular sports days.

CLINICS so far: four Clinics have been held so far and school kits donated to:

25/10/2016 – Sanctuary Point PS – School kit courtesy of Rotary E Club of Brindabella

2/5/17 - Sanctuary Point PS

3/5/17 - Vincentia HSC - School Kit courtesy of Eraring Power Station

24/5/17 – North Nowra PS plus Havenlee SS, Bomaderry PS – School kit courtesy of Rotary Club of Gerringong Sunrise.

We now have 2 Coordinators kits courtesy of Eraring Power Station and Bendigo Bank.

Shoalhaven Rotary Clubs have combined to provide operating funds and volunteers for both the clinic days and the Gala Day.

PLUS of course the first Shoalhaven Gala Day on 20th March 2018.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED CLINIC is at Sanctuary Point – at the Francis Ryan Oval – on Wednesday 30th May 2018. Registration forms will be sent out after the April holidays. Contact Margaret for further information.

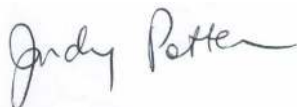
SPONSORSHIP: since our last Newsletter, we've received further funding thanks to

- Bomaderry Bowling Club – assistance with the Gala Day

FUTURE PLANS:

- Our 2 local coordinators will contact all schools so far participating, to offer support for the schools' managing regular use of the kits for special needs sports activities.
- We'll also chase a couple of other Nowra schools who've not yet managed to join our Clinics.
- It is hoped to involve Gerringong PS and maybe some schools in and around Kiama, as they've expressed great interest in Dream Cricket.
- Will also try for a clinic based in Milton (with Budawang special school) to extend southwards.

If you have comments, suggestions, or requests, please don't hesitate to contact either Margaret Britton or myself.



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