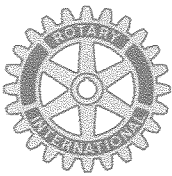


INQUIRY INTO YOUNG DRIVER SAFETY AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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the Rotary Clubs of:*

- Batemans Bay
- Batlow
- Bega
- Belconnen
- Berrima District
- Berry-Gerringong
- Bomaderry
- Bombala
- Bowral Mittagong
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- Canberra City
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- Canberra Sunrise
- Canberra Weston Creek
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- Gerringong Sunrise
- Ginninderra
- Goulburn
- Goulburn Argyle
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- Sussex Inlet
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- Yass

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Re: Submission into Young Driver Safety

Dear Mr Corrigan

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this very important programme. I have enclosed a summary of our Rotary District 9710 activities in this area that includes some opinion based on the objectives of the courses. However, as Rotary is somewhat bureaucratic, we have not had time to go into further detail.

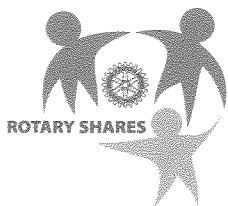
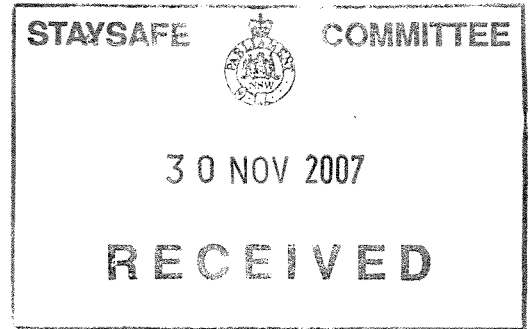
I hope that our response is helpful and ask that if you wish to have further input from our district, please contact me (or the people listed in our response) and I can guarantee a more detailed resume of the work done by Rotary.

As you can see, we do have a few years of statistics available but many of our clubs are just starting similar programmes.

Thank you again for the chance to participate; we do think that a state-wide approach is worthwhile if it can be coordinated.

Yours sincerely

Bernie Rodgers
27 November 2007



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Submission: Inquiry into Young Driver Safety and Education Programs

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the members of the Rotary Clubs in Rotary District 9710, I congratulate the Staysafe Committee on initiating this Inquiry into Young Driver Safety and Education Programs, and thank you for the invitation to make this submission.

Rotary clubs are constantly striving to improve the quality of life in our local communities, and the loss of a young person is deeply felt by our entire community.

Rotary is responsible for the conduct of a number of youth development programs in our community including:

- RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) and
- SKYDS (Skilled or Killed Young Driver Safety).

These programs both address the issues faced by young drivers, and aim to give students exposure to information which will enable them to make better choices in regard to road usage, particularly covering risk, hazard perception, the effects of drugs, alcohol and fatigue.

SKYDS

The Skilled or Killed Young Driver Safety Program was developed exclusively in the city of Shoalhaven between the Shoalhaven City Council, local police and ambulance and other parties, and is designed for year 10 students.

The program has been running in the Shoalhaven since 2001, with some 1500 students now attending each year.

It is the aim that all year 10 students from all schools in the Shoalhaven City Council area attend the SKYDS program.

The program was modelled on the U-Turn the Wheel program which was developed by Wingecarribee Shire Council in 1999.

RYDA

The Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program was initiated by Rotary Clubs in the northern suburbs of Sydney in 2000, and has now been extended to many areas in NSW including Illawarra, Taree, Central Coast, Dubbo, Penrith, Western Sydney, Cowra, Bathurst, Orange and Bega, as well as some locations in Western Australia, Tasmania and South Australia.

The program is directed to year 11 students. Over 50,000 students have participated in the program since its inception.

Objectives:

Both programs have similar objectives and are conducted as a one day program, conducted away from the school environment. (*Note: The two programs have been developed concurrently in different geographic regions*)

Course content is presented by professionals in the fields of Health and Safety, Emergency Services and Driver Education, with subject matter resulting from consultation with the respective government departments, including the RTA.

The courses also include a presentation by young people who have experienced a major accident, and whose life has now been severely impacted. These sessions are particularly enlightening for the students who are frequently astounded by the short term and long term effects on the individuals family, friends and career.

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Rotary Clubs would like to see the NSW state government providing support of programs like RYDA or SKYDS in order that they would become an integrated and compulsory part of the school curriculum to be available for all year 10 or year 11 students.

It is preferred that this training be provided to all students, before they leave school, and prior to actually obtaining their driving licences.

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