

STAFFING

The Leadership Committee is of the highest calibre and has a special combination of practical skills and expertise necessary for conducting the program. Staff display a deep commitment and sensitivity to young people from diverse backgrounds. Participant supervision and safety management are paramount considerations of each program. Both male and female staff are present on each program. In addition to the Leadership Committee, the three Rotarians who are on the District RYPEN Committee are also present at the camp for the entire duration.

HOW TO APPLY

Please check your eligibility (or the person you propose to refer to us) against our Criteria in the earlier "Who Can Apply" section – and if you meet them, complete the necessary forms and return them to the address shown for the District Chair on the back of this brochure.

Due to the nature of the program, our application forms are quite comprehensive, and making an application does not guarantee the participant will be offered a place on a program.

Applications are assessed before places are offered for a specific program. The application forms should be completed and submitted at least two weeks prior to the commencement of the program. Participants will be notified at least one week before the start of the camp. Enquiries may be directed to the people listed on the last page of this Program Overview.



"I had a fantastic experience and made so many new friends. Thanks for the opportunity to learn the things I did about myself."

CONTACT DETAILS:

For further information, please contact one of the RYPEN District Committee members listed below:

RYPEN Chairman:

Rod Fletcher
PO Box 2
Wynnum Central Q 4178

Phone: 0422535730

Committee Members:

Harry Pregnell
.... (to be advised)

RYPEN Co-ordinators:

Kayla Trunks
Lisa Coad

Alternatively, contact your local Rotary Club who will be able to direct your enquiry to the District Committee.

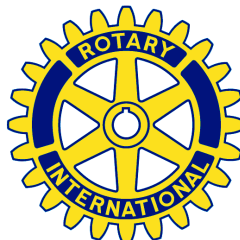
Forward completed applications to:

RYPEN District 9630
C/- Rod Fletcher

Email: rodbronfletcher@bigpond.com

or

PO Box 2
Wynnum Central Q 4178



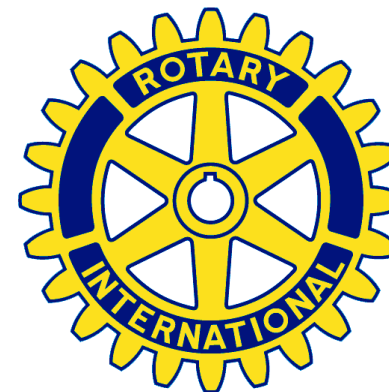
Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

RYPEN

"...the cultivation of youth"

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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THE PROGRAM IN BRIEF

RYPEN assists young Australians aged 14 – 17 to:

- Develop a greater sense of self-awareness.
- Appreciate diversity in society.
- Realise their own and other's potential.

RYPEN provides opportunities and challenges for these young people to review themselves and where they are in life, and the direction they are headed.

RYPEN achieves these aims through:

- Providing an environment in which the participants can explore their own boundaries and gain a sense of self-understanding and self-reliance;
- Challenging participants through active learning and problem solving activities designed to stretch the mental, physical and social skills of the participants, both individually and within groups.

THE PROGRAM IN DETAIL

The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) is a Rotary sponsored New Generations Program. It was the brain-child of Past District Governor Darryl Martin, and has been reshaped and moulded by other dedicated Rotarians such as Darryl Krook, and numerous other District Committee representatives.

RYPEN's ongoing success can be directly attributed to the group of inspired, motivated and dedicated people who form the Leadership Committee and support network. The Leadership Committee is made up of non-Rotarian volunteers who each bring with them a unique and special set of skills and experience that enriches the diversity of the team.

The Program is run over 2 days, commencing on a Friday afternoon, and finishing mid-afternoon on the Sunday.

The Program offers a variety of activities over the weekend, including a number of theory-based sessions that allow participants to increase their knowledge and improve their skills in leadership, team building, problem solving and creative thinking. Participants also learn about identifying personality types and understanding others.

These theory sessions are balanced with games, activities and a major "Outdoor Challenge" that provides the participants with the opportunity to put into practice the skills learned during the theory sessions.

Many of the activities are done working in small teams with an assigned Leader from the Leadership Committee. This group work enables those participants who are quieter than their counterparts to interact with a smaller group of people, and is often successful in creating greater self-awareness of team members.

WHO CAN APPLY

Selection of all participants is rigorous. Offering an Applicant a place in a program is based on creating a group of participants that will, in our eyes, give each individual in the group the greatest opportunity for development. Each program is open to both males and females, with a maximum of 36 participants.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

There are several primary criteria used in the selection of participants:

- Applicants should be aged between 14 and 17 years.
- Applicants must be able to self-manage and administer any prescribed medication. All medical issues must be disclosed in the application.
- Applicants must have a non-violent and non-psychiatric disability background.
- Applicants must be available and able to participate for the full duration of the program. This means being free of school, work, sporting or family commitments for the whole weekend.
- Applicants should ideally be considered as having a readiness to make some changes to their lives. Some applicants may have circumstances that make this difficult such as vocational confusion, decreased motivation, poor self-esteem, school failure or difficulties, or other problems.

PLEASE NOTE: *This program is NOT for applicants who are considered to be "At Risk".*

It can provide an opportunity for applicants who are experiencing some of the above-listed problems, however such applicants are not the primary target audience

COSTS OF THE PROGRAM

FINANCIAL SPONSORSHIP

Participants may apply to Rotary Clubs throughout District 9630 for sponsorship to cover the full cost of the weekend program, which is presently \$290 or \$260 'Early Bird' discount.

This includes:

- Co-ordination of transport to and from the venue (refer below);
- All meals and accommodation for the weekend; and Program materials.
- Schools and other organisations that are in a position to partly sponsor applicants, are asked to make a contribution towards the cost of offering RYPEN Programs.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS NEED TO BRING

When a place on a program has been accepted, RYPEN will send out a welcome letter that details a list of essential clothing and personal effects that participants will need to bring, such as appropriate clothing, personal toiletries and prescribed medications.

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Participants or their sponsoring Rotary Club are normally responsible for arranging the transport from their home to the camp venue at the start of the program, and the return trip to their home at the end. The RYPEN Executive Committee may be able to assist with return travel from the participants' homes to the camp venue, through volunteer Rotarians from the participants' sponsor clubs.

N.B.: *It is the participants' responsibility to bring any difficulties they may be having with transport arrangements to the attention of the RYPEN Executive Committee. More travel information will be given when an offer for program placement is made.*

SAFETY PROCEDURES

Conducting safe Programs is our first priority. A high staff to participant ratio is maintained at all times. At least two members of the Leadership Committee have current First Aid qualifications, and in the event of accidents, telephone contact with emergency services is available at all times.