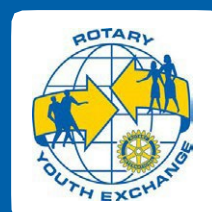


# Rotary



**Rotary Youth Service Programs in District 9810**

January 2023

# Introduction

**This booklet provides information for secondary school principals and teachers about a range of the Rotary District 9810 youth personal development and leadership programs available to local secondary students.**

Most of the programs are sponsored by Rotary Clubs and always aim to provide enriching opportunities for young people. We all know that this will have a positive benefit on the future of our country and this world.

The programs introduce students to Rotary and involve them in the ideals of community service, as well as showing what other opportunities are available to them in the future.

The past participants are exceptional ambassadors for Rotary and for the programs – they continue to contribute to Rotary and the development of the programs

The Rotary Clubs in our District aim to work as partners with local schools in order to provide additional opportunities to support and supplement the programs provided within schools.

If you are not already in touch with a local Rotary Club, please use the list of clubs in District 9810 at the back of this booklet to make contact with a club

Thank you to all the Rotarians in our district who work so hard to provide the opportunities for students in these valuable programs.

## Acknowledgements

This booklet is based on materials prepared by the program organising committees – thank you for that contribution.

Thank you to Grant Gittus for updating this publication.

For updated information throughout the year, please look at the relevant page via the links on our youth programs (New Generations) page:

**<http://operations.9810rotary.org.au/youth-service>**

For information about where and when our district Rotary Clubs meet, please search via:

**[www.9810rotary.org.au/club-search](http://www.9810rotary.org.au/club-search)**

For any other information about or assistance in working with Rotary, please contact:

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Youth Service Chair

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# Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)



## Participants:

Year 10 and Year 11 students

## Program information:

- This 1 day program simulates sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations (UN). It encourages young people to learn about other countries and appreciate the workings of the UN
- A team of two students is allocated a member country of the UN. They are required to investigate that country and represent its views as they debate a range of selected resolutions
- An Online Workshop Webinar will be held in July to support delegations
- Students are asked to dress to represent their country's national costume
- Delegations will take part in a flag procession prior to opening the General Assembly
- MUNA is held in the Auditorium, Nossal High School, Berwick
- Rotarians role play specific positions in the mock General Assembly
- Prizes are awarded for Best Delegation (perpetual trophy), Best Delegation Runner-Up, Peace Prize (perpetual trophy), People's Choice Award, Governor's Commendation, Best Country Dress, and Encouragement Award
- All participants will receive a certificate. Award recipients also receive a gift voucher
- Lunch and smorgasbord dinner provided for delegations. More information will be uploaded on the MUNA website

## Benefits for participants:

- Opportunity to learn about other countries and their perspectives on international issues
- Display an ability to team work effectively
- Development of debating & public speaking skills and effective communication skills
- Develop leadership skills and increase self-confidence
- Commitment to & planning for deadlines – balancing responsibilities
- Networking and socialising opportunities for delegations during event

## Dates:

Friday 19 August 2023, Auditorium, Nossal High School, Berwick

## Applications:

Open: Friday 19 May 2023. Close Friday 16 June 2023. School councillors will complete the online application. Parents must give permission for students to participate in MUNA 2023

## For more information:

A local Rotary Club. Webpage is currently being updated to MUNA 2023. Rotary clubs are encouraged to contact local secondary schools to promote interest in the youth program

## Cost:

Paid by sponsoring Rotary Clubs (possibly \$250. Registration fee TBA)

## Contact:

Di Harrison (Combined Youth Activity D9810 & D9820)  
muna@rotary9820.org.au 0428 893 507

February 2023

# Camp Awakenings



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## Participants:

Year 9 students

## Program information:

- 2½ day personal development camp designed to help with the specific challenges students face in Year 9. This group is often faced with choices that may affect their future lives dramatically.
- Camp Awakenings uses an intensive, non-stop program of activities, dancing to loud music and team challenges to take students out of their comfort zone and help them discover their own worth in an environment that is totally different to their normal home or school.
- Team Leaders help them build support networks through friendship and trust. The Camp aims to empower students with their own ways of managing the challenges they face in their world.

## Benefits for participants:

- Developing a deeper understanding of and belief in their own abilities
- Developing the ability to make better life choices
- Developing life skills and the ability to manage challenges in a positive way
- Making new and supportive friends
- Continuing support after camp – “Recharge” experience

## Dates:

Mount Eliza: Friday 13 April - Sunday 15 April 2018

## Applications:

Mount Eliza: Wednesday 1 March 2018

Note: Students are selected by consultation with Year 9 Co-ordinators at participating schools. Clubs can select which schools in their area they would like students sourced from, if possible.

## For more information:

A local Rotary Club or [www.campawakenings.com.au](http://www.campawakenings.com.au)

## Cost:

\$300 per student (TBA). – paid by sponsoring Rotary Clubs

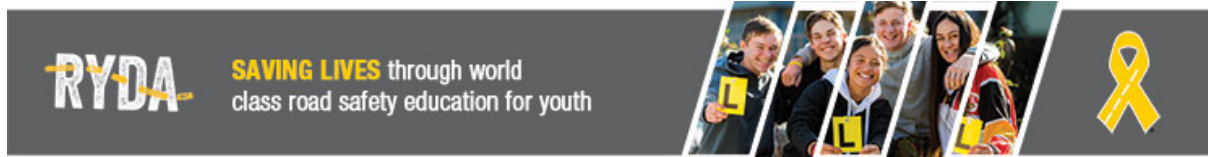
## Contact:

Sandi Seiger

0417 164 591

[sandisieger@gmail.com](mailto:sandisieger@gmail.com)





## **RYDA (Formally Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)**

### **Participants:**

Senior High School students Year 10 - 12

### **Program Information:**

RYDA is the leading and only national road safety education program for youth in Australia, providing young people with the skills and strategies they need to stay safe on the roads.

The RYDA workshop features highly engaging practical demonstrations, real-life narratives, videos, quizzes and interactive role-play.

The RYDA approach supports youth development in several areas, including social resilience and anticipating and managing risk.

At the workshop, students attend six interactive sessions at a dedicated venue over the course of a school day. At most workshops, schools are supported by local Rotarians. Back in the classroom, we give teachers everything they need to continue the learning throughout the school year.

### **Benefits for participants:**

Created for senior high schools, RYDA gives students a unique opportunity to set road safety goals and build strategies alongside the friends they will most likely be riding with as drivers or passengers.

### **Dates:**

Schools can book a date directly through Road Safety Education (a not-for-profit organisation) which provides the program with support from local Rotary clubs.

### **Applications:**

Throughout the school year

### **For more information:**

Contact the RYDA Coordinator for Victoria Anton Hockey via email [vic@rse.org.au](mailto:vic@rse.org.au) or mobile 0412 625 847 or your local Rotary club

### **Cost:**

\$25 per student (Local financial support may be available to reduce this price)

### **Contact:**

Bob Williams RC Nunawading 0448 149 106. Email [bandbwil@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bandbwil@bigpond.net.au)



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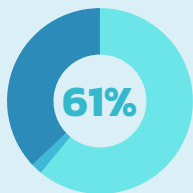
Creating opportunities to inspire and connect young Australians with diverse science and technology pathways.

## NYSF YEAR 12 PROGRAM

Opportunity for year 11 students interested in STEM

- STEM lab visits
- Specialist lectures
- Expert workshops and masterclasses
- Personal development including critical thinking and Great Debate!
- Social events with fellow STEM enthusiasts

## 2023 Snapshot



61% of participants identified as female (2% gender-diverse)

**451**

2023 NYSF Year 12 Program participants

**289**

Australian schools



41% of participants were from remote, rural or regional Australia

**78%**

of participants said the program expanded their options or changed their study and career choices.

**8**



STEM Hubs around Australia in Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Newcastle, Perth, Sydney and Digital

**122**



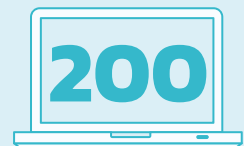
In-person STEM visits around Australia and 33 online sessions

**98**



NYSF Year 12 Program participants were awarded an NYSF Access and Equity Scholarship

**200**



STEM professionals interacted with NYSF participants over the 3 weeks

# The Science Experience

# THE SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

## **Participants:**

Years 9 & 10 students with an interest in Science

## **Program information:**

- This 2 - 4 day national program, conducted by the Australian Science Industry Association with tertiary institutions in the school holidays at 38 participating universities
- It encourages students in Years 9 & 10 to consider science and technology as interesting and worthwhile career choices
- The format is “hands on” science practical activities in laboratories as well as a visit to a local research or industry site
- There is no selection and students only need to be endorsed by a local Rotary Club to enrol

## **Benefits for participants:**

- Broadening scientific knowledge and understanding
- Personal development
- Meeting other students with shared interests
- Understanding more about possible careers in science
- Developing presentation skills

## **Dates:**

See Science Experience web site for dates and locations (expected mid to late February.)

## **Applications:**

See Science Experience web site for relevant closing dates

## **For more information:**

A local Rotary Club or [www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au)

## **Cost:**

\$150 / \$200 depending on program length – paid by sponsoring Rotary clubs or by the participants

## **Contact:**

Paul Taranto

0402 086 249

[paul.taranto@qenos.com](mailto:paul.taranto@qenos.com)

# Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)



## Participants:

18–30 years old

## Program information:

- This 6-day live in program is an intensive leadership training course for community minded young people. Participants are chosen for their leadership skills and their potential to have an impact on their community.
- The participants discuss issues of professional responsibility, human relations, ethics, leadership, and communication skills.
- The program incorporates a range of seminars and workshops as well as team and skill building activities.
- Participants also learn about Rotary's purpose and service to the community as well as the elements of community and global citizenship.

## Benefits for participants:

Development of a range of skills –

- Leadership
- Communication
- Organisation and time management
- Team building and teamwork.
- Problem solving and conflict management.
- Impromptu and prepared public speaking.
- Ability to step out of their comfort zones challenge themselves and realise their potential.

## Note:

Schools are encouraged to discuss with a local Rotary club the possibility of having RYLA participation as an award for a student who demonstrates a commitment to community service and leadership in Year 12

## Dates:

RYLA will be held during one week in the Winter School/University break, 24<sup>th</sup> June -9 July 2023.  
Venue TBC

## Applications:

Open: Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Close: 20 Jun, 2023.

## For more information:

A local Rotary Club or <https://www.9810rotary.org.au/Page/ryla>

## Cost:

\$1250 TBC paid by sponsoring Rotary Clubs

## Contact:

Trish Carr

0417013103 or [trishcarr@9810rotary.org.au](mailto:trishcarr@9810rotary.org.au)



# Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)



## Participants

14-17 years old

## Program information:•

- This 2.5 day residential program is designed for young people who want to develop their potential.
- The program aims to encourage young people to create a successful and fulfilling life; deal positively with a variety of issues which affect their lives; and to make a difference, at home, at school as well as in the broader community
- It uses a mix of presentations, discussions and demonstrations with practical applications; it includes personal challenges, outdoor activities, music, theatre and sport
- Participants work together in groups, within a supportive environment

## Benefits for participants:

- Developing skills to enhance self-awareness and self esteem
- Development of personal values and life skills
- Working in teams, and building team dynamics
- Understanding how to set goals and the importance of goals in all areas of life
- Learning how to create motivation for oneself and for others
- Opportunity to focus on community as well as how and why we contribute

## Dates:

Dates: 8 – 10 September 2023 ,Oasis Camp, Mt Evelyn

## Applications:

Open: 1 July 2023

Close: end 31 August 2023

## For more information:

A local Rotary club or <http://operations.9810rotary.org.au/new-generations/rypen/>

## Cost:

TBA – paid by sponsoring Rotary Clubs

## Contact:

Diane Fisher

0417508414

[dianefisher@thebalanceapproach.com.au](mailto:dianefisher@thebalanceapproach.com.au)

# Year 10 Four Way Test Public Speaking Contest



## **Participants:**

Year 10 Students

## **Program information:**

- The program promotes public speaking for students in Year 10. The theme of the speeches is Rotary's Four Way Test which is to be applied to any topic chosen by the student
- Speeches last for 4 minutes and at least two selected elements of the Four Way Test are woven through the speech
- There is a maximum of two participants per school
- Prizes are awarded

## **Benefits for participants:**

- Developing planning, research, organising and presentation skills
- Understanding the importance of effective communication
- Improving ability to speak effectively in front of an audience
- Improving self-esteem and confidence

## **Dates:**

Heats: August & September 2023

Semi Finals: October 2023

Grand Final: November 2023

## **Applications:**

Open: July 2023

Close: mid-August 2023

## **For more information:**

A local Rotary Club or

<http://operations.9810rotary.org.au/new-generations/d9810-year-10-four-way-test-speaking-competition/>

## **Cost:**

\$100 per student – paid by sponsoring Rotary Clubs

## **Contact:**

Marlene Sinclair

0449 261 388

[marlenes.smallfish@bigpond.com](mailto:marlenes.smallfish@bigpond.com)

## **Participants:**

14-18 years old

## **Program information:**

- A school Interact club is sponsored by a local Rotary club which will work with the school to form, develop and support the club
- The club needs a teacher to support the students and work with the Rotary club as required. This is also a very rewarding experience for teachers
- Clubs have a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer who form a Board. There are committees to focus on completing agreed tasks within the club
- An Interact club in schools enables students to work together with a focus on community service, while learning how to support others and make things happen
- Meetings are held twice a month
- An Interact Manual is available which provides a good 'how to' guide for schools and clubs

## **Benefits for participants:**

- Involvement in local community projects
- Development of skills – leadership, team work, organising & running meetings
- Opportunity to work with other people with shared interests
- Support & mentoring from sponsoring Rotary Club
- Participation in a worldwide network of Interact clubs
- Opportunity to make new friends
- Ability to make a difference – locally and globally

## **For more information:**

A local Rotary Club or <http://operations.9810rotary.org.au/new-generations/interact-clubs/>

## **Cost:**

- Membership fees are decided by the Interact Club
- Establishment costs would normally be covered by the sponsoring Rotary Club

## **Contact:**

Salwan Shahine

0438 652 565

[selwyn9810@gmail.com](mailto:selwyn9810@gmail.com)

**Members:**

18-35 years old

**Program information:**

- Has the key themes: Help, learn & enjoy.
- An organisation of young people that works on a local, national, and international scale to serve the community.
- Provides members with opportunities for personal and professional development.
- Has a strong social aspect.
- Connected with other Rotaract Clubs around Australia through the Multi-District Information Organisation, Rotaract Australia.

**Benefits for members:**

- Develop personal and leadership skills.
- Connect with an international community of like-minded people.
- Sense of pride in contributing positively to the community.
- Develop understanding of needs and challenges in local communities.
- Gain the knowledge and skills to make a difference in the world around them.
- Meet others with shared interests and have fun.

**For more information:**

A local Rotaract Club or <https://9810rotary.org.au/page/rotaract>

**Cost:**

- Membership fees are decided by the Rotaract Club
- Establishment costs would normally be covered by the sponsoring Rotary Clubs

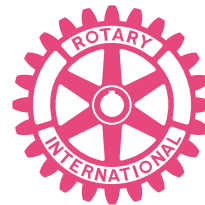
**Contact:**

Michael Ellinger

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0447 911 728





## Participants:

Primary aged students in Years 5 – 6 overseeing a whole school program.

## Program Information:

- EarlyAct is a school wide service club for primary school students, overseen by Years 5/6 and is sponsored by one of the local Rotary Clubs in the area in which the school is located.
- The purpose of EarlyAct activities is to engage students in character-building activities, to prepare them for leadership roles and to identify and carry out meaningful projects which benefit their school, local and international communities.
- The EarlyAct Club needs a teacher to support and guide the students and work with the Rotary Club as required.
- Clubs have a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer who form a Board to lead and assist the three major committees (School, Local, International).
- Meetings are held at least twice a month, there are no membership fees and a Rotary member will usually attend each meeting to provide additional guidance and support.
- A standard EarlyAct Constitution and Meeting procedure is available and an annual Leadership Training Day for incoming EarlyAct committees is conducted in December.

## Benefits for participants:

- The students learn to develop committed citizenship, leadership qualities and the importance of respect, dignity and caring for all people.
- EarlyAct clubs have the chance to partner with a worldwide network of similar clubs.
- Students work with school teaching staff, other involved adults and the sponsoring Rotary club members who act as facilitators, mentors and role models.
- In a practical manner students: learn how to construct meeting agendas; how to conduct meetings using correct procedure; how to lead small project teams; how to enhance their public speaking ability; experience working together with others in a team to achieve a common purpose; come to realize the importance to all communities of serving the needs of other people.

## For more information:

A local Rotary Club or <http://operations.9810rotary.org.au/new-generations/>

## Cost:

There are no membership fees and a sponsoring Rotary Club will undertake to supply some set-up items, such as a banner and meeting gavel.

## Contact:

Kathy Monley

0417 116 979

[kj.monley@gmail.com](mailto:kj.monley@gmail.com)

# Primary School Speech Competition

## Program participants

Grade 5 and Grade 6 students in Primary School.

## Program information

- Students are required to present a 3 minute speech from a list of predetermined topics judged by Toastmasters.
- Schools hold preliminary events to select their two representatives for the finals at their Rotary club level.
- The winner at club level participates in a District Final. Students, their families, friends, school representatives and Rotarians attend these finals.
- Currently more than 100 Primary Schools participate in the program each year.
- District Final currently held in November.

## Supporting clubs – each usually running a competition

- Mont Albert & Surrey Hills
- Monbulk
- Templestowe
- Forest Hill
- Emerald
- Healesville • Rowville - Lysterfield

## Benefits for the participants

- Provides an opportunity for primary students to gain valuable public speaking skills at an early age.
- Raises awareness of Rotary International amongst primary school age students and their parents, who represent the ideal target groups for participating in Rotary youth programs and Rotary membership respectively.

## Applications

Clubs engage with Primary Schools to initiate the program. School teachers oversee the selection of participants and finalists are selected at a Rotary Club level. The competition culminates in a District Final night organised and attended by Rotarians and judged by Toastmasters.

## Cost

To Rotary – could include hire of venue for finals, refreshments, printing of programs and judges' gifts. A fee of \$50 for the grand final of all schools/ clubs in October/November

## Contact

Marlene Sinclair to obtain new list of topics and book a night:

0449 261 388

[marlenes.smallfish@bigpond.com](mailto:marlenes.smallfish@bigpond.com)

A Manual for Running a Primary School Speech Competition is available on request.

# Rotary Youth Exchange



## Participants:

15 -17 years old

## Program Information:

- This year-long program provides an opportunity for selected students to live and study in an overseas country while living with approved families.
- There is a two-stage interview process and students are allocated to a country according to availability and suitability.
- The selection process is followed by an orientation program to prepare students and families for the experience.
- Students from the exchange countries currently in Australia are part of the preparation process.

## Benefits for Participants:

- Understanding and adapting to living in a new culture.
- Learning another language.
- Becoming more independent and confident.
- Developing personal organisational skills.

## Applications:

Open: February 2024

Close: April 2024

Interviews follow.

## Dates:

Departure: January 2025

Return: January 2026

## For more information:

A local Rotary Club or [www.rotaryyouthexchange.org.au](http://www.rotaryyouthexchange.org.au)

## Cost:

Costs vary – please contact Bronwen Lamond for details.

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Tim Bray

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A man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a grey sweater over a light blue shirt, is leaning over a desk and pointing at a book. A young boy with dark hair, wearing a white shirt and a hearing aid, is looking at the book. The background is a bright, out-of-focus classroom setting.

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