

RYLA

DISTRICT 9800

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

What is RYLA?

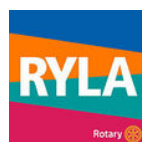
The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is a residential camp unlike any other. Over seven days, participants are immersed in a program centered around four key themes: Challenge by choice, diversity, community, and time out. We challenge young people - providing opportunities for personal growth and leadership development.



Dates for 2016:
Sunday 3rd to
Saturday 9th
December

Who runs RYLA?

RYLA is run entirely by young people, who have all been participants in the program. Our team are passionate about providing this year's participants with the same enriching experience.



"Within 24 hours, I knew I was in for a fantastic week"



"RYLA was such an eye-opening experience. The lessons learned and friends gained will stay with me forever."



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Visit www.ryla9800.org.au for more information

Am I eligible?

Anyone who is aged 18 to 25 and lives, works, volunteers or studies within District 9800, or have a connection with a Rotary Club in District 9800. Head to www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au, follow the "Clubs" tab and enter your postcode to check your eligibility.



Who pays for RYLA?

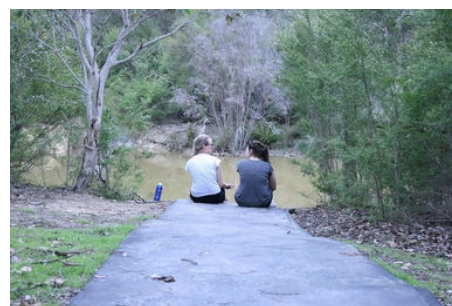


Each candidate is sponsored by a Rotary Club from District 9800. This sponsorship covers all costs, including transport, meals and accommodation.

How do I apply?

Applications are accepted from May to November, and we encourage you to apply early to avoid missing out.

Fill in an application form from our website: www.ryla9800.org.au.



"RYLA helped me trust in the strengths I have."



We encourage all applicants to contact their local Rotary Club regarding sponsorship. Our team will help to find you a sponsor club if you are yet to make contact.

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Why should our club sponsor a RYLArian?

RYLA offers young people in District 9800 a unique opportunity to engage with others in the community and develop personal leadership skills.

Young people involved in RYLA gain the skills required to be engaged members of our community.

RYLA provides a direct connection between young people and Rotary.

Evaluations and participant feedback indicate that young people have a greater knowledge of Rotary following involvement in RYLA.

Sponsoring a young person to attend RYLA will benefit the Club through providing a direct link to young people in our local community.

Participants on RYLA overwhelmingly report a positive experience that gives them tools that are effective in their personal and professional lives - and are thankful to Rotary for having provided the opportunity!



Building Community:

RYLA brings together a diverse group of young people and encourages teamwork, collaboration and co-operation.

Who would make a good RYLA candidate?

Any young person between 18 and 25 years old who:

- is willing to challenge themselves;
- displays an interest in becoming more self-aware;
- has an interest in community development;
- shows potential leadership qualities; and
- is open to new ideas and new experiences.



What are our responsibilities as a club?

Rotary clubs that sponsor young people to attend RYLA enjoy a number of benefits. There are also some key responsibilities involved in sponsoring a RYLArian:

- To provide financial sponsorship of the candidate to attend RYLA;
- To make contact with and liaise with the young person prior to the commencement of RYLA;
- To organise transport for the young person to International House to meet the bus at the commencement of RYLA;
- To organise transport for the young person from RYLA back to the participant's home at the conclusion of RYLA;
- To invite your RYLArian to speak at your club after RYLA about their experiences;
- To share your experiences of Rotary and demonstrate Rotary's commitment to youth.

3rd – 9th December 2017 at Oasis Youth Camp, Mt Evelyn

Please get your application forms in by the end of October - **start looking for a RYLA candidate now!!**

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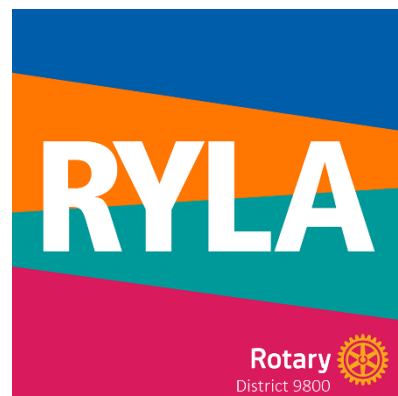
Where would I find a potential RYLARIAN?

- Local Government Youth Services (great PD opportunity for young staff)
- YMCA
- Scout Groups (e.g. Rovers or Leaders)
- St John Ambulance/Victoria Police/CFA etc.
- TAFEs or Universities
- Registered Training Organisations (e.g. Apprentices and Trainees)
- Local community interest groups (e.g. theatre, music)
- Sporting clubs
- Local businesses
- Religious groups
- Ethnic community groups
- And of course Rotaractors and young Rotarians!



If you can't find a young person yourselves, contact the Co-Directors (Chris and Jess) and they will assist you.

We strongly encourage clubs to source their own candidates. By sponsoring a young person from your local community you are investing in the future of your community and increasing the likelihood of your RYLARIAN becoming involved in your Rotary Club in the future. If you have exhausted all avenues and still have not found a suitable young person, there is a pool of applicants who have applied directly to the Co-Directors and are looking for club sponsorship. We endeavour to match clubs with participants living as close to the club as possible.



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RYLA Information and Application
Forms

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It's time to start looking for your 2017 RYLA candidate. You never know where you might find them!

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"Thank you Rotary
for sponsoring me to attend such an empowering program. Your faith in my abilities has allowed me to develop more than I could have ever imagined!"

