WORKSHOPS FOR MUNA 2019 DELEGATES 23 and 24 March 2019 Information and Program

Rotary District 9820 will again hold the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) at Phillip Island Adventure Park over the weekend 17 to 19 May 2019. Schools in the District are being invited to nominate students in teams of two, with each team (or Delegation) to represent a member State of the United Nations. Six resolutions will be debated during the weekend.

To assist students to prepare for the debates, the MUNA Committee is sponsoring two workshops to unpack the resolutions and provide guidance for further research. The same workshop will be held twice, on 23 and 24 March 2019, as follows:

- Saturday 23 March 2019, at Nossal High School, Sir Gustav Nossal Boulevarde, 100 Clyde Road, Berwick VIC 3806, and
- Sunday 24 March 2019 at Traralgon College, 154-184 Grey St, Traralgon VIC 3844.

Both workshops will start at 9.30 am and finish at 1 pm.

All Delegates are expected to attend the workshop of their choice.

Counsellors and other interested teachers and parents, as well as Rotarians, are also invited to attend.

Our twin aims are:

- To promote a high standard of presentation and debate at MUNA through appreciation and understanding of the background and intent of each resolution, and
- To enhance the representation by the Delegates of their country's position on each issue.

We will analyse each resolution in turn, to clarify the issues and the recommendations, and their possible impact. Delegates will be encouraged to identify workable solutions consistent with their own country's position.

A particular focus will be on practical measures that could improve the chances of the aims and objectives of the Assembly's recommendations being achieved, and not simply on passing the resolution.

A high level of participation at the workshop is important. It is expected that Delegates will have done at least some preliminary research ahead of the workshop and arrive prepared to discuss the issues, both in general terms and also from the standpoint of the country they will represent. Each Delegation should be able to articulate its country's position on at least one resolution. The discussion will be led by Mr Alf Reina, a Rotarian from Casey Rotary Club, who has had an extensive career with the United Nations, the Australian Government, NGOs and International Organisations working in the fields of migration management, human rights, refugees, peace keeping and development.

To assist with venue and catering arrangements, please confirm your intention to participate by registering by email to <u>muna@district9820.org</u>.

Workshop Program

(Timings are indicative)

09.30 Welcome and Introductions

09.45 Resolution 1 – Nuclear Disarmament and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea)

10.10 Resolution 2 – Syrian Arab Republic: Avoiding a free-for-all in Syria's North East

10.35 Resolution 3 – Protection of Global Climate for Present and Future Generations of Humankind

11.00 Break

11.15 Resolution 4 – Refugees (with particular reference to Climate Change as a major cause of refugee flows)

11.40 Resolution 5 – Yemen: Prospects for Peace

12.20 Resolution 6 – Islamic Republic of Iran: Salvaging the Nuclear Deal after the US Withdrawal

12.45 Summing up; Final Questions

13.00 Close