



# ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

## DISTRICT 9640



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# Now I do this (nearly as exciting)







Rotary  
International



Just say yes to  
**Rotary Youth  
Exchange**

# RYE globally by the numbers



**490**

**districts certified to  
participate in Rotary Youth  
Exchange.**

**68**

**countries actively hosted or  
sent students on exchange.**

**5,371**

**participating Rotary clubs.**

**13,062**

**host families.**

**1/3 Rotary members and 2/3 non-  
Rotary members (or future members!)**

**8,183**

**exchange students.**

**30,379**

**total volunteers.  
More than half from  
Rotary.**

**5,772**

**Schools around the  
world welcomed our  
students.**

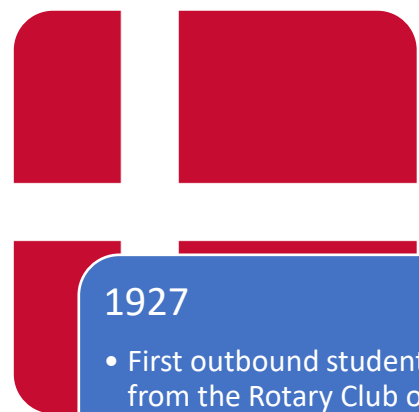
Source: 2019-2020 Annual Report from Rotary International

**One of Rotary's longest running programs: 2025 marks 50 years as an official Rotary program.**



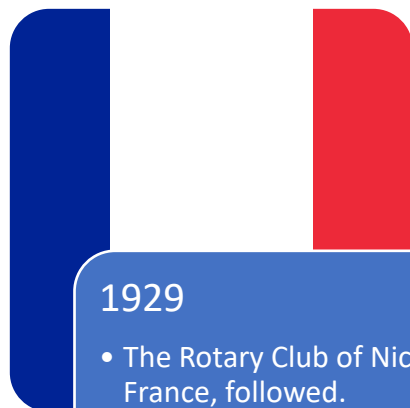


# Rotary Australia has been involved in Youth Exchange from the very beginning!



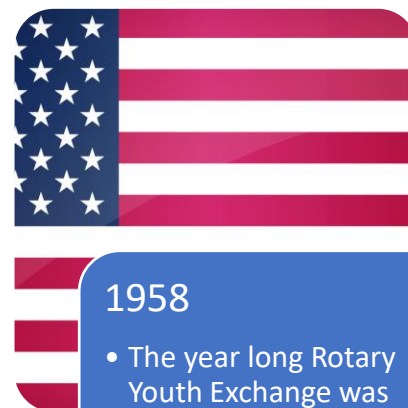
1927

- First outbound students from the Rotary Club of Copenhagen.
- 'Vacation' style exchanges.



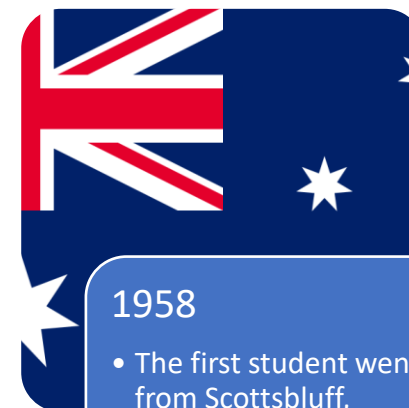
1929

- The Rotary Club of Nice, France, followed.



1958

- The year long Rotary Youth Exchange was created at the Rotary Governors' Assembly in Lake Placid, New York State.



1958

- The first student went from Scottsbluff, Nebraska, to Myrtleford, Australia.
- Two Australian students then went from Myrtleford to Grand Lake, Colorado.

# Our Impact from District 9640 – thanks to you!



**>1,700 students**

Since 1982 we've exchanged more than 1, 650 students with 30 countries.



**41,250 connections**

If each of these students connected with only **25** others, this results in 41,500 connections.



**5 million +**

Globally, over 40 years, the result would be more than 5 million connections worldwide! Many of these last a lifetime, and are the start of a connection to Rotary.



Since 2024 we have offered  
two types of exchanges:



Short-term:

3-month family-to-family swap

Long-term:

12-month district-to-district exchange

# 2023/2024/2025 - D9640 RYE in numbers!



- Sent out 23 Long Term (12 month) outbound students, inc. 1 one-way exchange from Ukraine.
- Welcomed 16 Long Term (12 month) inbound students with 8 more to arrive in July 2025.
- Sent out 8 short-term (3 month) outbound students and received 8 in return.
- 19 Rotary clubs participated
- **TOTAL of 63 amazing young people who have benefitted from Rotary Youth Exchange!**











# Red Centre Safari June 2025





# Student Impact Projects





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**Mikkels Mullet  
Madness**

Help me fight domestic violence,  
with mullets.



- I will for the rest of my exchange grow out a mullet
- Me getting the true "Aussie experience"
- All the money donated will go straight towards fighting and preventing domestic violence

Got more questions?

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Scan the QR-code to donate







# Student Impact Projects





Marlene!





# Mikkel!



# Students we will have living in our district from July



- Alexis from Mexico: Helensvale State High (Coomera Valley)
- Emmett from Minnesota USA: Southport State High (Gold Coast)
- Didac from Spain: Aquinas College (Broadwater Southport)
- Theo from Denmark: Coombabah State High (Parkwood)
- Haruki from Japan in Grafton (Grafton)
- Adam from Germany in Lismore (Summerland Sunrise)
- Amelia from Italy in Kingscliff (Kingscliff)
- Avery from USA in Murwillumbah (Murwillumbah Central)
- Ayane from Japan in Jimboomba/Beautesert (Beautesert)
- Valeria from Italy in Stanthorpe (Stanthorpe)



# We have just completed interviews for our 2026 outbound students



**Rotary Youth Exchange 2026**

Change your world!

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15 APRIL 2025



**ARE YOU READY FOR THE BEST YEAR OF YOUR LIFE?**

- Become a Youth Ambassador
- Supportive Rotary Community
- Global Education & Friendships

Apply Today!



District 9640  
**Rotary**  
Australia

rotary youth exchange

**Join us for an information session to find out more!**

Registration essential!

**Sunday 23 February**  
5pm AEST - ONLINE.

**Wednesday 11 March**  
7pm AEST - ONLINE.

**Sunday 16 March**  
2pm AEST.  
Ashmore Rotary Club  
Gold Coast.





# Costs involved for a club

## SPONSORING OUTBOUND

LTEP: Sponsorship fee in 2024 will be \$400 per student.

The sponsored student pays a program fee to cover costs – approx. \$10,500 AUD. Up to 50% less than other exchange programs.

## HOSTING INBOUND

### LTEP:

- Pocket money \$150 per month.
- Rotary meeting costs.
- Optional: school costs.
- Help us find host families (2-4) – note host families do not get paid.



# How can you get involved or help?



- Host/Sponsor an outbound student as a club.
- Host a student in your own home.
- Plan an activity with an inbound student.
- Get an inbound student to help with club activities.
- Join the committee 😊
- Donate to support another club who is sponsoring/hosting ie Summerland Sunrise in Lismore.

# Host families come in all shapes and sizes!

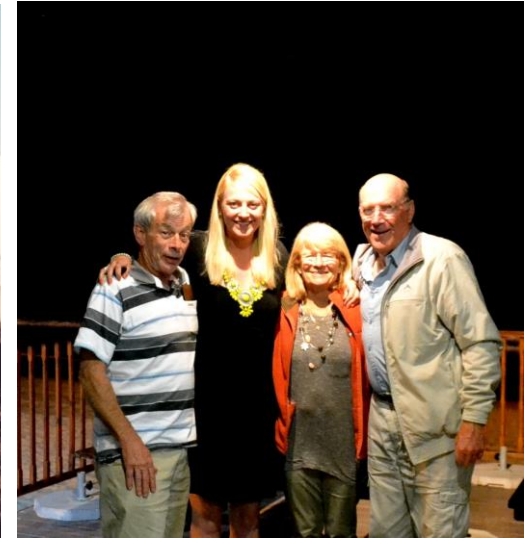




# Luca and Eric's story....



# You will have your own cultural exchange and make lifetime connections.







Questions? 