



Rotary 
Club of West Wollongong

Rotary Club of West Wollongong New Generations/Youth Programs

Rotary has always had a keen interest in preparing the youth of today to increase their leadership potential because Rotary knows that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. To assist with this endeavour, it offers opportunities for leadership training at different age groups during high school development.

Please take a few minutes to read through this booklet and see if any of the programs would be suitable to assist you to improve students' career options.

If you find a program you would like students to attend please feel free to contact Ken Potter New Generations Director for West Wollongong Rotary Club on 0417 707 879. He is happy to answer all your questions and hear from any school.

If you would like more information please check our website;

<https://westwollongongrotary.org.au/SitePage/rotary-youth-programs>

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Rotary Youth Driving Awareness

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) is a series of practical and powerful workshops that aim to change the way young people think about road safety. As part of an interactive one-day experience, students gain an understanding of braking at different speeds, devise travel strategies that will work for them in the real world and get tips from road safety experts on how to protect themselves, their friends and family. Perhaps the most impactful moments come from the personal stories of loss and survival. The aim is to get young drivers and passengers to develop a personal action plan of things they can do to keep themselves and their friends safer on the roads.

In one session, students watch a powerful and emotional video on the life and tragic death of an eighteen-year-old provisional driver and her best friend. In another, they sit with a crash survivor and hear first-hand how one poor choice can change a life forever. RYDA students are divided into groups of 15-25 with sessions running at 30 minute intervals.

RYDA is designed for 16 – 18-year-old students (Years 10 or 11) who are approaching that crucial time in their lives where they start to drive independently or are travelling as passengers of novice drivers.

At RYDA students will:

- Identify risks of car travel (to young driver and passenger) including long-life consequences.
- Identify contributing factors to crashes and understand how these are preventable (crashes aren't accidents).
- Identify what a low-risk driver/passenger is and compare to self (in relation to low-risk attributes)
- Investigate ways to manage and eliminate road risk by developing and rehearsing personal strategies.
- Prepare steps (safer driver and passenger behaviour changes) to lower identified personal risks and be a socially responsible road user.

RYDA is provided by Road Safety Education Limited (RSE), a not-for-profit organisation with a commitment to the reduction of road trauma through the delivery of evidenced based road safety education programs. For further information or to make a booking, please visit www.rse.org.au.

COST: Prices may vary depending on sponsorship gained by RSE but generally \$15-\$25 per student.

ATTENDANCE: This can be **incursion** (held on school grounds at any time during the school year) or **excursion** (held off site at Kembla Grange Racecourse usually March-April or August-October). Payment will be calculated on the number of students attending on the day.

RYDA Illawarra Liaison: Ken Potter on 0417 707 879 for more information about the program.



Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) is an Australian designed project for young people between the ages of 14 and 16 years (usually Year 9) and caters for students who have shown qualities and application in everyday life which deserve further development. RYPEN uses the common bonds of learning, co-operation and friendship to design activities which facilitate trust and self-esteem. RYPEN seeks to broaden each participant's horizons culturally, socially and academically, providing the inner foundations for a strong future.

- This 2-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.

Benefits for participants:

- Developing skills to enhance self-awareness and self esteem
- Development 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 to it.

Nominations from High Schools are directed to the RYPEN Committee through their local Rotary Club. The Year co-ordinator is encouraged to nominate a candidate to attend. The sponsoring Rotary Club usually carries the cost for the weekend with assistance in transport etc. Parents and Rotary Club members are invited to attend the final session and lunch on Sunday at a cost of approximately \$25 per person. RYPEN participants, as with other New Generation programs nominees, are asked to address their sponsoring Rotary Club on their return and talk about their experience.

Timeline:

Applications forms are available closer to the date.

Our camp is Telford, Royal National Park, Friday to Sunday August each year.

Cost: is \$300 per student and is generally covered by the student's local Rotary club.

Contact your local Rotary Club or Ken Potter on 0417 707 879.



Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)

The Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) is an annual event that is part of an International Rotary project to educate senior high school students on the United Nations organisation. It has now been adopted by a number of Rotary Districts and is enthusiastically supported by the United Nations. It shows the way the UN promotes world peace, in addition to improving health, education and living standards around the world.

Each team will be allocated a country, Schools are asked to nominate their preferred country with two alternatives. Teams will be notified by email of the country they have been allocated as well as the resolutions. A Rotary Club or District sponsors each participating team. Teams are made up of three Year 10 or 11 student.

Notes for the student:

Research your country from a stance on each resolution and choose your national costume.

As participants (now known as delegates) you are encouraged to do as much research as possible to improve your understanding of the country allocated and its issues. One delegate will be asked to present a one-minute speech detailing an overview of the political, economic and social conditions in your country.

Use your research to form a stance on each resolution. You will be entitled to propose any amendments to resolutions for open debate at MUNA. (Due to time constraints, it is advised you limit these amendments to one or two resolutions). Be prepared to argue your position on each resolution and any of your amendments so you can convince the assembly to vote in your favour.

You are also strongly encouraged to adopt your country's national dress. There will be a separate award to the team with the most appropriate/interesting national dress. You may approach the national embassy for your country and request further information.

TIMELINE:

Applications open: March each year.

Applications Close: early May each year.

Venue: NSW Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney.

Date: June each year 9am-4pm.

Cost: \$495 per team. This is subsidised by your local Rotary Club. The School arranges all transport and supervision.

Successful applicants will be required to visit their nominating Rotary Club and give a short talk on their experience.

Rotary Contact: Ken Potter on 0417 707 879.



The Science Experience

The Science Experience is a fun 3-4 days of science activities designed for Years 9 and 10 students who have an interest in science. It provides them with the opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution.

The program provides information about further studies in science, technology and engineering. It highlights the wide range of careers that allow students to pursue their interests and abilities in the sciences. One aspect of the program often commented on by participants is the opportunity to meet and share ideas with students from different schools. Each program includes a BBQ or other social activity.

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

COST: Is usually subsidised by your local Rotary Club in conjunction with the student. No accommodation is included in the cost.

Universities Involved:

Macquarie University (Sydney) October each year.

Closing date for applications early August.

University of Technology (Sydney) September each year.

Closing date for applications early July.

Dates may vary depending on the universities.

<https://www.scienceexperience.com.au/when-where/new-south-wales>.

Rotary Contact: Ken Potter on 0417 707 879.



The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) provides a unique experience for Year 11 students who have demonstrated an outstanding interest in science, technology, engineering, medicine and math (STEM) subjects.

The NYSF is a 10-day residential program designed to give students a broader understanding of the diverse study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to encourage continued studies in these fields.

At the NYSF Year 12 Program run in January each year, participants will:

- Visit science and technology related laboratories and facilities
- Take part in workshops
- Go on site tours
- Listen to lectures
- Participate in group activities that improve communication and presentation skills
- Go on social events

For this program you can self-fund or gain a Rotary endorsement, (where a Rotary Club may provide some funding assistance). Please note, however, while Rotary Clubs can often offer support in this regard, Rotary Clubs have no obligation to offer any funding towards the fee for you to attend the program. The NYSF may also provide funding assistance through Equity Scholarships.

Rotary is a Founding Partner of NYSF and Rotary Clubs are responsible for the identification of students within their community and for the processing of applications to the Rotary District Selection Committee. This process is usually in conjunction with the School Year Co-ordinators. A lead-time of some eight months is required for administrative purposes.

COST: is approximately \$2,990 per student.

Timeline: – April/May is the closing date: Applications are available on line and students will need a local Rotary Club in their area to endorse them. A non-refundable application fee of \$65 and payment is required by October each year.

Successful applicants will be required to visit their nominating Rotary Club and give a short talk on their experience.

Interview: All candidates must be available for panel interviews in late July at a CBD Sydney.

Forums are held in Canberra and Brisbane in January each year.

Rotary Contact: Ken Potter on 0417 707 879.



The Science and Engineering Challenge

The Science and Engineering Challenge is a one-day event designed to show Years 9-10 students that science isn't just for nerds. It is a lot of fun so should be considered as subjects to study in Years 11 and 12.

Each school sends a team of 4-6 students to compete against teams from other schools in 8 challenges.

The activities involve the involuntary application of principles of science, engineering and technology with a minimum of introduction and theory.

What is the Science and Engineering Challenge?

- The Science and Engineering Challenge is a nationwide STEM* outreach program presented by the University of Newcastle in partnership with communities, Rotary Clubs, universities and sponsors.
- Through the Challenge students experience aspects of Science and Engineering which they would not usually see in their school environment.
- The Challenge runs a range of programs but focuses on inspiring students in Years 10-11 to consider a future career in science and engineering by choosing to study the enabling sciences and mathematics in Years 11 and 12.
- There is no cost to the students or school. Invitations are sent to all high schools in March for events held at various venues in June and July each year

Venues and Dates are placed on the website:

<http://www.scienceandengineeringchallenge>.

*STEM is the acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Location: University of Newcastle and University of Wollongong.

For more information contact **Ken Potter on 0417 707 879.**

Successful applicants will be required to visit their nominating Rotary Club and give a short talk on their experience.

There are 3 levels in the SEC Competition Regional, State and National.



Interact is a club for young high school students aged 12-18 who want to join together to tackle the issues in their community, with the assistance of their school and local Rotary Club.

Through Interact young people

- Carry out hands-on service projects
- Make international connections
- Develop leadership skills
- Develop interdependent and teamwork skills
- Participate in a variety of Rotary youth programs
- Have fun

The purpose of Interact is to provide opportunities for young people to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding. An Interact club is organised, sponsored and supervised by a Rotary Club and where school based, it is approved and encouraged by school authorities. There is a standard Interact Club Constitution prescribed by Rotary International which each club must adopt. Local by-laws provide limited flexibility.

Typical projects undertaken by Interactors are:

Painting of school property; church halls, scout/guide hall; making toys; minor repairs for senior citizens; helping sick and aged pensioners with lawn mowing and gardening; providing aid to flood and bushfire victims; assisting disadvantaged students; supporting primary school reading programs; running primary school breakfasts.

Clubs raise funds through BBQs, dances, fashion parades, raffles, etc.

Current Interact Clubs in Illawarra Area:

St Mary Star of the Sea College - Sponsoring Club - RC of Fairy Meadow

Keira Technology High School - Sponsoring Club - RC of Wollongong.

Rotary Contact: Ken Potter on 0417 707 879.



Rotary Adventure into Citizenship (RAIC)

Rotary Adventure into Citizenship (RAIC) is an intensive and fun filled weeklong program to help prepare young adults for full participation as citizens of Australia.

Each year around 35 students from Year 11 (the delegates) are sent by their local Rotary Clubs to Canberra. They are taken out of their comfort zones into new places, set amongst new faces and asked to do new things.

For a week, RAIC puts the delegates “inside” Canberra.

Run in partnership with the Parliamentary Education Office the delegates are immersed behind the scenes in Parliament House.

They view Parliament in action, including the Budget speech and Question Time; meet their Federal Member of Parliament and Press Gallery Journalists. Through role-play, delegates participate in law-making debates and explore the functions of the Parliament.

One of the highlights is having morning tea with the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Most importantly, they meet and make friends with young people from all over Australia. Delegates from previous years have said this is one of the highlights of the RAIC program.

This is a Rotary Club of Canberra project and brochures and letters do come directly to all Rotary Clubs. Students are usually nominated by their Year Co-ordinator.

More details are available at: www.raic.org.au or **Email:** info@raic.org.au.

Dates coincide with Budget week in Parliament each year and are run under COVID safe precautions.

Cost is approximately \$1,000 per student. The student will need to raise funds to support this program and may be sponsored by their nominating Rotary Club.

Successful applicants will be required to visit their nominating Rotary Club and give a short talk on their experience.

Contact: your local Rotary Club or **Ken Potter** on 0417 707 879.



Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)

Rotary's Youth Exchange is a popular program to promote international understanding and develop life-long friendships. It began in 1927 with the Rotary Club of Nice, France. In 1939, an extensive Youth Exchange was created between California, USA and Latin America. Since then, the program has expanded around the world. In recent years, more than 8,000 young people have participated annually in Rotary Club and Rotary District sponsored exchange programs.

The values of Rotary Youth Exchange are experienced not only by the high-school-age students involved but also by the host families, sponsoring clubs, receiving high schools, and the entire community. Youth Exchange participants usually provide their fellow student and their host schools with excellent opportunities to learn about customs, languages, traditions and family life in another country.

RYE offers young people interesting opportunities and rich experiences to see another part of the world. Students usually spend a full academic year abroad. The traditional long-term exchange, for the duration of 12 months, commences for outbound students in January and they return the same time the year after. Thus, it is best to experience Youth Exchange in Years 9 or 10 to avoid study disruption closer to final high school years. Inbound Exchange students traditionally arrive in July, so there is a six-month overlap. Rotary Clubs wishing to sponsor an outbound exchange student are required to reciprocate by hosting an inbound exchange student for 12 months. Families of outbound students are expected to host incoming students. Exchange students will be required to visit their inbound Rotary Clubs and give a short talk on their visit at regular intervals during their exchange period. On their return students visit their sponsor Rotary Club and give a report on their experience.

As part of the preparations for outbound exchange students our District provides specific training and language basics as well as a supervising Counsellor who monitors the student for the entire exchange.

Cost: Exchange students are sponsored by their nominating Rotary Club; however, they will require some pocket money supplied by their family.

Rotary Contact: Ken Potter on 0417 707 879.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an amazing leadership program for young adults aged between 19 and 25. The 6-day program typically has 75 participants and focuses on leadership, personal development, teamwork and community awareness. RYLA features presentations from many experts who generously donate their time and experience to further the development of young leaders. The program combines workshops and presentations to fully explore the fundamentals of effective leadership.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a life-changing program, providing an incredible opportunity to develop yourself as a leader. This will be a week of your life that you'll never forget, and we'd love you to be involved!

All RYLA participants are generously sponsored to attend by a local Rotary club. RYLA is truly a life-changing experience. The program offers an opportunity to understand yourself and others and to understand what it means to be a leader. You will form amazing connections with your fellow participants, and the impact on your life will go well-beyond the 6 days you spend together.

TIMELINE:

Applications Open: Each year.

Applications Close: Each year.

Venue: The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops.

Date: End of January each year.

Cost: \$800 per person. This is subsidised by your local Rotary Club.

Successful applicants will be required to visit their nominating Rotary Club and give a short talk on their experience.

Rotary Contact: Ken Potter on 0417 707 879.