



## Take Up the RYLA Challenge

Do you have what it takes to become a dynamic leader and change not only yourself but the world around you?

By applying for RYLA, you will be taking the first step in realising your leadership potential.



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Why not take a break from your everyday life and explore this personal and professional development opportunity!

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# Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

*RYLA – Empowering the leaders of tomorrow and inspiring positive change in the community*

## Dates:

Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> May – Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## Location:

Luther Heights Youth Camp  
Coolum Beach QLD



## When is RYLA?

RYLA will be held from May 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> 2019. Applications for RYLA are open now and will formally close on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

## Where is RYLA?

RYLA is held at Luther Heights Youth Camp at Coolum Beach, an engaging venue with ocean views and friendly staff who are dedicated to creating the best opportunities and experiences for you. Transport to RYLA is facilitated via bus, departing Brisbane Saturday morning and returning Friday evening.

## How is it Funded?

Successful applicants are selected and sponsored/co-sponsored by Rotary clubs or their employer.

## How Do You Apply for RYLA?

Applying for RYLA is easy! First, visit our website and complete an application form.

Next, you'll be contacted by a RYLA leader and asked to attend a Rotary meeting with your potential sponsor club. If your application is successful, you will receive all the necessary information prior to RYLA to ensure you are thoroughly prepared for a life changing week.

## Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an exciting and challenging program which aims to equip leaders and potential leaders aged between 18 to 26 with the personal, leadership and citizenship skills required to succeed in all areas of life. The program provides participants with an unforgettable experience in life, learning and laughter in a rural setting.

## The RYLA Experience

Your RYLA experience will begin the moment you step on the bus, with leaders and other participants ready to help you make the most of this opportunity.

RYLA brings together talented like-minded individuals from various backgrounds to participate in seminar workshops, outdoor activities and reflective exercises.

And what experience wouldn't be complete without a bit of fun, with daily activities and sessions planned to keep you on your toes.

## Why RYLA is for you

Whether you are a young professional, tertiary student or anything in between, RYLA provides participants with a fantastic opportunity to learn, grow, have fun and make new friends.

Those who undertake the RYLA journey are successfully able to transfer the skills they learnt into their personal lives and careers, as well as positively influencing their local communities.

In hand with this, Rotary initiatives and local Rotaract Clubs are involved to encourage participants to find, design or support initiatives which help solve local and global issues.

## What Makes RYLA Special?

### The People

"Everyone at RYLA was there for different reasons, but we all seemed to be on the same wavelength from the start. I was able to form new friends and I developed a support network for my everyday life."



### The Program

"I'm not sure I've ever been through such an intense, valuable and fun program. The learnings from the activities related directly to our everyday lives as young adults – core values, personality types, teamwork, communications, goal setting, time management and leadership; all while having a lot of fun!"

### The Challenges

"RYLA challenged me to face my fears, to step out of my comfort zone, and gave me the confidence to deal with unfamiliar situations and different (or difficult) people".

### Rotary

"The District 9600 RYLA brought together three nations, creating international friendships. The program afforded participants the opportunity to learn more about Rotary and how we could get involved in our local communities".

## What will you Gain from RYLA?

At the end of RYLA, participants are equipped with personal, leadership and citizenship skills which position them for success in all areas of their life.

**Specifically, RYLA's learning outcomes are:**

### Personal Development

- ✔ Develop an understanding of the uniqueness of oneself
- ✔ Develop lifelong learning skills
- ✔ Display appropriate communication skills
- ✔ Display self-confidence

### Leadership

- ✔ Identify the qualities of a leader
- ✔ Promote team work
- ✔ Embrace change
- ✔ Create an action plan which ensures:
  - The transfer of key program learnings
  - Life-long learning habits

### Citizenship

- ✔ Discuss the purpose of good citizenship
- ✔ Understand and promote the values of Rotary

In addition to all of this, you'll walk away from the RYLA program with new memories, friendships and a support network which lasts a lifetime.

In the words of past participants, *"RYLA was the best week of my life"*.

