



Rotary Districts
9500 & 9520

A joint project between the Rotary Clubs
of Districts 9520 and 9500

The ROTARY
‘HEALTH OF THE
RIVER’ FORUM 2018”
NOMINATION FORM



STUDENT'S FULL NAME: Male/Female Year Level 9/10 Student DOB	ADDRESS:
E-MAIL: Parent/Guardian Signature:	Home Phone:

NAME OF SCHOOL: 	PHONE:
School CONTACT PERSON: 	E-MAIL:

Please forward this nomination form to the sponsoring Rotary Club as soon as possible.
The closing date is the 28th September 2018.

Please also email a copy to the Convener (as below) indicating your nomination intentions with name & contact details to enable us to track your nomination.

NAME OF SPONSORING ROTARY CLUB: 	NAME OF ROTARIAN CONTACT:
ROTARIAN PHONE CONTACT: 	ROTARIAN E-MAIL CONTACT:

Sponsoring Rotary clubs must return this form, the medical consent form and the one page student statement to the convenor by September 28th 2018. An invoice at \$500 per student will be issued to the sponsoring club after nominations are received.

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MEDICAL FORM AUTHORITY & CONSENT STATEMENTS

STUDENTS FULL NAME:	ADDRESS:
PARENT/GUARDIANS NAME:	RELATIONSHIP:
PHONE CONTACT DAY:	ALTERNATE PHONE CONTACT:

MEDICAL STATEMENT

Please tick the box beside the appropriate paragraph

- ☐ I certify that my child does not, to the best of my knowledge, suffer from any medical condition, illness or disabilities, which might predispose my child to a potential risk leading to a medical emergency.
- ☐ I give notice that my child may require medical attention or medication for the following reasons, but he/she is currently of stable health.
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I, as legal guardian of the named child declare that I have read the letter of invitation and give my consent to my child's participation in all activities and travel related to the Rotary Health of the River Forum organised by Rotary District 9520/9500 Calperum Committee.	PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE DATE:
I give permission for photographs to be taken at the Forum, and then used, without identification, on the forum's website, Facebook page or on other promotional material prepared by Rotary or the ALT Calperum Station website.	PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE DATE:

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HEALTH OF THE RIVER

ROTARY YOUTH FORUM

MONDAY 5TH—THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 2018



**CALPERUM STATION
Renmark, South Australia**

***WHERE SCIENCE, THE ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY
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- Team work
- Analytical thinking
- Scientific research methodology
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Program Inclusions

While on the program students will be surrounded by nature, and all they need to do is make the most of the opportunity to become involved in protecting our magnificent river environment. We cover the rest, including:

- Transport to and from Calperum station
- Comfortable dormitory style accommodation
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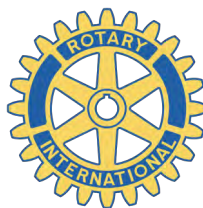
JOINT DISTRICT 9520 & 9500



To be part of the *Health of the River Forum in 2018* go to the Rotary District 9520 website for application forms and contact your nearest Rotary Club for funding support. At a cost of \$500 all-inclusive for this four day experience you will experience a special programme that will engage you in sound activities and extend your knowledge and skills in environment and water quality management.

<https://www.rotary9520.org/page/health-of-the-river-forum>

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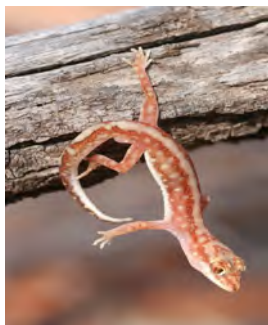


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Day	Time	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Monday 5 Nov	Arrival-1500	Welcome . Housekeeping . Induction Rotary Activities			
	1500-1700	About Calperum . Program & Activity Overview . Themes and Outcomes			
	1700-bed	Dinner and Rotary Activities			
Tuesday 6 Nov	730-830	Breakfast			
	830-1200	Activity 1	Activity 2	Activity 3	Activity 4
	1200-1300	Lunch			
	1300-1630	Activity 4	Activity 1	Activity 2	Activity 3
	1630-1830	'Behind the Science' (Open discussion and question time with Calperum Ecologists)			
	1830	Dinner			
Wednesday 7 Nov	730-830	Breakfast			
	830-1200	Activity 3	Activity 4	Activity 1	Activity 2
	1200-1300	Lunch			
	1300-1630	Activity 2	Activity 3	Activity 4	Activity 1
	1630-1830	Scientist Forum & Presentation Discussion/Preparation			
	1830	Dinner			
Thursday 8 Nov	730-830	Breakfast			
	830-1030	Heath of the River Forum - Group Presentations			
	1030-1130	Departure Preparation (pack bags, tidy dorms etc)			
	1130-depart	Lunch Program Close and Farewells			

Activity	Description
1) Blackbox Ecosystem Health Assessments	Head out to the field and undertake assessments of the health of Black Box communities throughout the floodplain. Actively contribute to our data base of assessments allowing changes in health levels to be tracked over time and assist with management decisions for projects such as Environmental Watering.
2) River System Restoration	Become involved in a current restoration project of highly degraded areas of the floodplain. Contribute to an ongoing research project looking at the effectiveness of branching on both invertebrate and vertebrate communities in the area, as well as the changes of soil composition in the restored areas.
3) Fauna	Head outdoors again to undertake fauna surveys using pitfall trapping. Collect a range of data on the small mammal, reptiles and spider community's in the Mallee. This is used to better understand the relationships between ecosystem condition and productivity as well as fauna diversity.
4) Cultural Aspects of River Health	Explore and learn about the cultural and historical aspects of the river landscape. How these have changed the environment as well as how they affect the river system and management decisions today.

NB Activities may be subject to change without notice due to environmental or other factors. The final decision regarding activity changes will be made by Calperum management.



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8/28/2018

Dear Principal,

The Rotary Clubs of Districts 9520 and 9500, in collaboration with the Australian Lands Trust staff of Calperum Station are convening the 2018 Health of the River Forum. Dates for the forum are Monday 5th –Thursday 8th November at Calperum Station, about 20 km north of Renmark.

We ask your assistance in promoting this event at your school to ensure Year 9 and 10 students are aware of the forum and the nomination requirements in order to be considered for attendance.

There are limited student positions available and we encourage an early response to ensure nominations are endorsed by a sponsoring Rotary club. The completed nomination forms are to be directed to the sponsoring Rotary clubs as soon as possible. The Rotary Clubs must endorse and sponsor the nominations and send the forms to the convenor by the 28th of September.

While the cost of the forum, including bus travel is \$500, we ask sponsoring Rotary clubs to pay this. If your local Rotary club is unable to offer sponsorship, please contact me as I may be able to match your student with another club.

Please find enclosed an information package including:

- Promotional booklet
- Letter to the science co-ordinators
- Letter to interested students and parents
- Student nomination and medical forms

Thank you for your assistance in promoting this event at your school.

Please contact me if you would like any further information about the camp and bus travel, etc.

For more information about the 4 day programme contact Caitlin Polack, Education Ecologist, CALPERUM STATION, E: caitlinp@alt.org.au P: 08 8595 7359 or look at the website of the Rotary Districts 9520 and search for Health of the River within the Youth Projects information. <https://www.rotary9520.org/page/health-of-the-river-forum> Material from this site, including a promotional flyer may be used in school newsletters.

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Dear Science Coordinator,

Water quality across much of the River Murray system is a very high priority for business, agriculture, local communities, environmental needs and the general population of four states. As such a vital resource, any work done to maintain the 'health of the river' is of great interest to many people throughout Australia.

In 2005 the Rotary Clubs of Sunraysia instigated a Health of the River programme and in 2018 the Health of the River Forum continues on with the good work of the past programmes.

In collaboration with the Australian Lands Trust staff of Calperum Station we aim to deliver a programme to students to show how water resources can be managed for sustainable agricultural and domestic purposes, and as an environmental resource.

For students, first-hand knowledge assessing water quality, interpreting water monitoring data and examining freshwater ecosystems is an invaluable lesson.

Whilst the forum is the focus for Year 9 and 10 students as they examine the importance of the river environment to our communities, it also addresses the role that young people can play in the community in educating and changing attitudes to water and its role in our communities.

Included with this letter is an invitation for interested students to nominate for the forum.

The forum will be held at Calperum Station, about 20 km north of Renmark. The dates are 5th - 8th November 2018. Students nominating are making a commitment that they will attend the forum and will require their parental/guardian consent to take part in the programme outlined.

The Calperum camp site is based on a bunkhouse with 10 rooms having 3-4 beds in each. Camp 'parents' will be Bruce Cole and Dick Cuttle. Both are retired teachers and both have extensive experience in both school and Rotary camps. Both have Department of Community and Social Inclusion clearances to work with school students. Other adults include other Rotarians, Calperum staff and post grad university students as mentors for the student groups. All of these people work only in group situations with the students, and have separate accommodation at Calperum.

I have enclosed nomination forms for the forum and ask that you encourage and support your students in completing those forms. Please forward medical forms with the nomination form. Students are also asked to tell us in a maximum one page article about their interest, knowledge, and activity in any environmental issues generally, and river issues in particular.

Please contact your local Rotary Club for support, and to forward the nomination(s) to the convenor. There are only 28 places available, and the one page statement may be used to limit the number of participants from any one school. Others will, with their permission, be placed on a waiting list for any last minute cancellations.

While the cost for each student is \$500, which includes transport to and from the forum, this cost is borne by the sponsoring Rotary club. If your local Rotary club is unable to help, please contact me as there may be some external sponsorship available.

WE ASK THAT NOMINATIONS ARE PASSED TO THE SPONSORING ROTARY CLUB AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THE OFFICIAL CLOSING DATE for applications is September the 28th.

As nominations are received students and clubs will be notified of their acceptance. With this will be details of the bus pickups from Adelaide or Mildura.

For more information please contact me or visit the Rotary District 9520 website <https://www.rotary9520.org/page/health-of-the-river-forum> for digital copies of this information. You may use this for school newsletters if you wish.

For more information about the specifics of the programme at the campsite, please contact Bruce Cole (see below) or Caitlin Polack, Education Ecologist, CALPERUM STATION, caitlinp@alt.org.au P: 08 8595 7359

In the past it has been possible for a limited number of teaching staff to attend the forum. This may be possible again. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as you can.

Thank you for your help.

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Dear Parent,

The Rotary Clubs of Districts 9520 and 9500, in partnership with Calperum Station staff are convening the Health of the River Forum on Monday 5th – Thursday 8th November at Calperum Station, near Renmark in South Australia.

The Forum focuses on issues related to the river and its environment, as set out in the brochure.

Calperum Station has an established camp site with dormitory accommodation in 10 rooms of 3 or 4 students. All students will be supervised at all times. Camp parents, Bruce Cole and Dick Cuttle, are both retired teachers, and have a long experience in both school and Rotary youth camps. Both have Department of Community and Social Inclusion clearances to work with school students. All other participating adults are subject to Rotary International's Youth Protection policy.

Students will need to bring clothing, bedding and personal requirements only. A good torch will be useful for some of the night activities, and a camera is suggested.

A bus will run from each of Mildura and Adelaide. Pickup points will be notified when we know the spread of students.

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We thank you for allowing your son or daughter to attend. Feedback from past forums has been very positive, and I am sure that the 2018 students will both enjoy the forum, and also learn about Australia's most important water resource.

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