

## Rotary Youth Exchange Australia



### District 9510 - South Australia and Northern Territory

Your club is invited to **participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program** in the coming Rotary Year.

District 9500 is currently hosting five students (due to return home in June/July 2020) and two students departed for overseas in January to study in European schools.

Chairman of the District 9500 Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Committee, Ian Howlett, has received many Expressions of Interest from overseas clubs and districts seeking host clubs and families here within our District in South Australia.

Having an exchange student in your club is a great way to invigorate your Youth Service program as well as to open doors to the international and educational community. Hosting families do not have to be Rotarians, nor do they have to have children in them - they just have to be homes where children from overseas can live for a short time in a secure and happy environment whilst they study and absorb some of our culture.

Hosting can be at one club for the twelve months or a shared experience between two clubs. It does require one club to appoint a Student Counsellor who will oversee the twelve-month exchange and who will act as an intermediary between club and the District Committee. The student must attend school for at least eighty percent of their time with us, and it is compulsory for them to attend our District Conference.

Many schools in District 9500, including those in country areas, have teachers whose role it is to academically manage students from overseas. Such schools are usually very happy to work alongside Rotary clubs seeking host families. They may even use their newsletters to help 'advertise' for them.

Ian Howlett will be very happy to discuss the hosting of these students with you and your club. **Clubs need to advise Ian by the end of March of their intention to participate in the program, as the available students will be allocated soon after.** Initially, clubs need to have the first hosting family established prior to any allocation. This allows clubs a few months to find the remaining host families - a task that is not too difficult, especially if they use schools and other similar organisations.

The committee is also **now calling for EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST from students**, currently studying at Year 10 level, who would like to join the program as OUTBOUND students in 2021. They will soon be approaching clubs to secure sponsorship to start their process of selection into this great program. Students can be directed to the RYEA (Rotary Youth Exchange Australia) website for further details and the application forms.

Please be aware there is some paperwork that must be completed as you enter the program and Ian Howlett will be very happy to assist clubs with this process.

**Please discuss with your club now.**

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