



# ***‘HEALTH OF THE RIVER’ - ROTARY YOUTH FORUM***

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> —Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2019**



**CALPERUM STATION  
Renmark, South Australia**

***WHERE SCIENCE, THE ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY  
COMBINE***



### **Rotary Youth Forum - Health of the River**

The 2019 Health of the River Forum will be held at Calperum Station, Renmark from 28<sup>th</sup> October to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The forum is for Yr. 9 & 10 students interested in science, protecting the environment & natural resource management. It provides hands on learning and mentoring from specialist ecologists on a working conservation and research property. Supported by Rotary Clubs, the program provides transport, accommodation, meals, a wonderful learning experience and lifelong memories.

### **Calperum Station**

Calperum Station covers approximately 240,000 hectares and extends from Mallee country to the banks of the Murray River. An internationally significant wetland system, Calperum is home to several rare and threatened species and makes up approximately one third of the Riverland Ramsar site. Managed by a team of ecologists and Aboriginal rangers, Calperum hosts several significant scientific studies and environmental projects, and is regularly visited by universities, schools and international students.





## **Rotary Youth Forum - Health of the River**

### **Field Study Program**

Students will rotate through diverse and interesting activities during the program. They will work alongside Calperum Ecologists and Rangers learning about and participating in environmental research and management projects. These may include:

- Black box tree health surveys
- Small mammal and reptile trapping
- Wetland degradation restoration
- Cultural and environmental walks
  - A regional tour of significant 'river related' places of interest.

### **Skills and Knowledge**

Throughout the program participants will be exposed to challenges and scenarios which help develop a range of skills essential for not only science work, but also everyday life. These include:

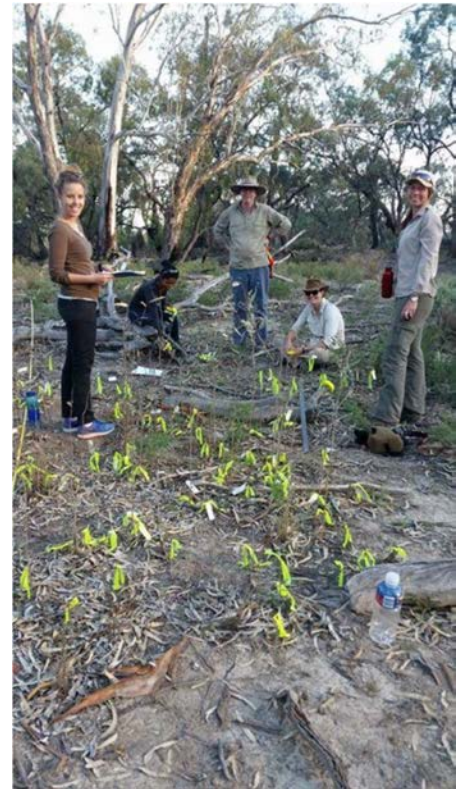
- Team work
- Analytical thinking
- Scientific research methodology
- Data collection

### **Programme Inclusions**

Whilst at the Forum, 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
- All meals, beverages and snacks provided





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### **'Health of the River' Forum - A JOINT DISTRICT 9520 & 9500 Programme**



To be part of the *Health of the River Forum in 2019* go to the Rotary District 9500 or 9520 websites (after June 1<sup>st</sup> when applications open) for application forms and contact your nearest Rotary Club for funding support.

At a cost of \$590 all-inclusive for this five day programme you will enjoy a special experience that will engage you in sound activities and extend your knowledge, skills and understanding of ecosystems, the environment and water management.

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