



Rotary District 9685

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

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What is Ryla?

- A Rotary program;
- A Leadership Award;
- A week long life-changing experience for young adults aged 18-27;
- A personal and professional development programme; and
- A program run by young leaders, for young leaders

(all of the facilitators are returned RYLarians)



RYLA 2014 participants and facilitators at Vision Valley



When is RYLA?

- 11-17 January 2015
- Elanora Heights
- A one week, live-in conference



RYLA 2014 facilitation team at the Rotary Dinner



Who is RYLA for?



RYLA 2014 participants volunteer at Kuring-gai Chase Fun Run after the conference

Young aspiring community leaders from:

- Sports clubs;
- Scouts & Girl Guides
- Religious groups;
- Businesses;
- Charities; and
- Government



What does an ideal RYLArian look like?

- Shows leadership potential;
- Active within their community;
- Between the ages of 18 - 27





How are participants selected?



- They can be approached by a Rotary Club or community leader, or apply directly online; and
- They must complete an application form and be interviewed by the sponsoring Rotary Club



Nominated and sponsored for RYLA

Linked to a Rotary Club within
District 9685

Attend RYLA conference

Present their experience to your
Rotary Club

Many participants have ongoing
links to Rotary, Rotaract and RYLA



What are the benefits for participants?

- RYLA is a **life-changing experience**;
- That **recognises the community work** they do;
- They have an **opportunity to develop and enhance their skills**;
- **Time to focus** on their personal aspirations;
- **Enhance their leadership** network;
- Meet Australia's **high profile community leaders**;
- An **ongoing relationship with Rotary** through Alumni events



Tim plays piano for the Rotary Dinner



What are the benefits for your Club?

- **Engage** with your RYLArrians at the RYLA Conference Dinner;
- Invite your RYLArrians to address your club before and after RYLA to **hear about their experience and ambitions**
- **Introduce RYLArrians to Rotary and Rotaract** programs



Facilitator David Wilson presents the Rotary Club of Springwood \$3010, donated by RYLArrians and Rotarians over the 2014 program for the bushfire appeal



What does RYLA involve for a RYLArian?



RYLA 2014 final night dinner, organised by RYLArians

- Their **time**;
- Their **commitment** to the total experience;
- Their **effort to develop skills and friendships** with talented, like-minded people.



On the week, sessions cover...

- Individual behavioural analysis;
- Conflict resolution;
- Negotiation skills;
- Leadership essentials;
- Personal relationship management;
- Public speaking;
- Self motivation and goal setting; and
- Group dynamics and team building.



Sessions from the 2014 program





But it isn't all inside...



RYLA 2014 participants restore a garden during community service

- Practical experiences to reinforce learning:
 - Community Service Project; and
 - A range of physical activities



Experiences

- Exchange ideas, opinions and plans in a focused, pressure-free environment;
- Develop a special rapport with their local Rotary Club – meeting a premier service organisation and decision makers in their community;
- Discover ways to become a better role model;
- Personal and professional development





What are your next steps?



Camp Mum and Dad (David and Diane Waterhouse) with RYLarians from Timor Leste

- ✓ Plan and budget for this youth project
Cost \$815 per candidate
- ✓ Nominate candidates to complete an application form
- ✓ Interview your candidates directly, or ask us to match you with a candidate
- ✓ Sponsor one or more young adults to attend RYLA
- ✓ Most importantly, be a long-term friend and mentor of your RYLarian



More information

www.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

www.d9685ryla.org.au



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COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPOWERMENT
RYLA NEGOTIATION **COURAGE**
CHALLENGE
GLOBAL CITIZENS
TEAM BUILDING
VISION
IDEAS
FRIENDSHIP INTEGRITY
TAKE ACTION

Questions?



Remember,

RYLArians are future Rotarians

