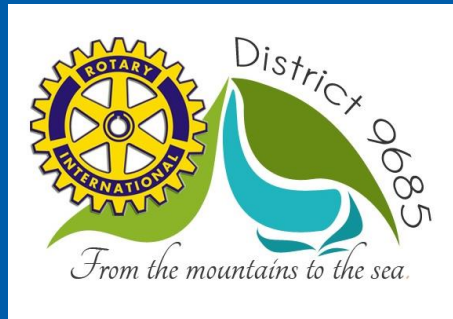
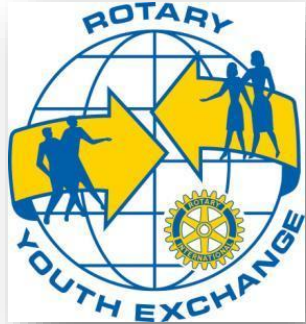


# WELCOME TO YOUTH SERVICE D9685



# DISTRICT 9685 PROGRAMS

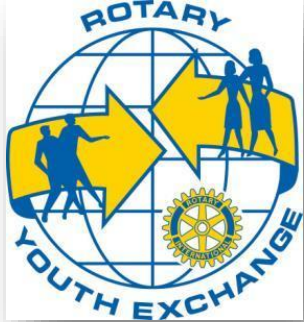


**ROYA**



**PACE**

# ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE (RYE)



The Rotary Youth Exchange Program generally provides for the selection and sponsorship of students in the 16 - 18 age group to travel to another country to spend 12 months attending a secondary school and living with host families in that country.



The countries which District 9685 exchange with are Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, and the USA.



[www.ryep.org](http://www.ryep.org)

Chairman 2014/15: PDG John Dodd



# ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

RYLA is a one-week leadership training seminar for young adults 18 -27 years.

RYLA 2015 will be held in January 2015

Clubs are asked to select and sponsor participants with leadership potential, to provide transport to and from the venue, and to be represented at the official RYLA/Rotary dinner.

Selection of Candidates: Applications due on 31 October 2014.



[www.ryep.org](http://www.ryep.org)

Chairman 2014/15: Marilyn Kenney, Rotary Club of Springwood

# ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT (RYPEN)

- RYPEN is a camp for students in years 9 and 10 or between 14 and 15 years of age.
- The camp is designed to assist students in their personal development.
- It exposes students to a series of ideas, problem solving exercises and experiences to help them form value systems, moral standards, and to broaden their horizons culturally, socially and academically while they have a whole heap of fun.



RYPEN activities include:

- Team Building
- Problem Solving
- Confidence Building
- Bush Dance
- Skits
- Reflection
- Guest Speakers
- Friendships



**2 D9685 RYPEN CAMPS**  
Summer – Collaroy  
Winter - Springwood



# ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS (RYDA)

- Targeted at Year 11 high school students
- One day excursion to an offsite venue
- Designed for 150 to 180 students per day
- Six sessions:
  - Stopping Distances
  - Crash Survivor
  - My Wheels
  - Police
  - Plan B
  - Hazards and Distractions



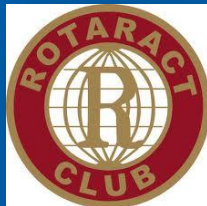
## How your Rotary Club can be involved in RYDA:

- ✓ Include RYDA as a project for your club in 2014-15
- ✓ Encourage your local high school to attend RYDA
- ✓ Attend a RYDA Program day as a Rotary guide
- ✓ Become a RYDA Day Manager to assist in coordination of program days
- ✓ Make a donation to support your local students to attend RYDA
- ✓ Invite a RYDA representative to be a Guest Speaker at a club meeting





# ROTARACT



Rotaract is a Service Club for young men and women ages 18 to 30. Rotaract clubs are either community or university based, and they're sponsored by a local Rotary club. This makes them true "partners in service" and key members of the family of Rotary.

As one of Rotary's most significant and fastest-growing service programs, with more than 8,400 clubs in about 170 countries and geographical areas, Rotaract has become a worldwide phenomenon.



- **Central Coast NSW** - *Rotary Club of Terrigal*
- **Crosslands** - *Rotary Club of Berowra*
- **Lower North Shore** – *Rotary Club of Lindfield*
- **Hills** - *Rotary Clubs of Rouse Hill, Kenthurst, Glenhaven, The Hills-Kellyville, Norwest Sunrise, Bella Vista*
- **Macquarie University** – *Rotary Club of North Ryde, Macquarie Park*
- **ICMS** – *Rotary Club of Manly*
- **Gunargarang** – *Rotary Clubs of Lower Blue Mountains, Nepean, Penrith Valley*

[www.rotaractdistrict9685.org.au](http://www.rotaractdistrict9685.org.au)

Chairman 2014/15: Amanda Woods  
DRR 2014/15: Ricky Leong



# INTERACT

- For students ages 14-18 in their last 4 years of secondary school.
- Usually based in high schools, Interact Clubs give students opportunities to develop initiative, leadership skills, teamwork skills, a community service ethic and international understanding. The involvement of enthusiastic and supportive Rotarians is vital to an Interact Club's success.
- Interact Clubs in D9685:
  - Pymble Ladies College, Pymble - *Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai*
  - Abbotsleigh, Wahroonga - *Rotary Club of Wahroonga*
  - St Ives High - *Rotary Club of St Ives*
  - James Ruse High, Carlingford - *Rotary Club of Ryde*
  - Narara High School, East Gosford - *Rotary Club of Gosford City*
  - Henry Kendall High School, Gosford - *Rotary Club of Gosford*
  - Ryde Secondary College - *Rotary Club of Ryde*



Chairman 2014/15: Charles Kilby



# MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (MUNA)

High school students develop an awareness of the United Nations and the countries they represent at this simulated UN Assembly. They address and debate problems and issues of international concern. Clubs sponsor teams from high schools who each represent a UN country.



[www.muna.org.au](http://www.muna.org.au)

Central Coast – Rotary Club of Gosford City  
Chairman 2014/15: John Walton

[www.muna.com.au](http://www.muna.com.au)

City – E-Club of Greater Sydney  
Chairman 2014/15: Evan Burrell



# NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF)



The National Youth Science Forum is for Year 11 students passionate about science. The two week forum is conducted in Canberra or Perth in January each year for outstanding students commencing Year 12 at the time of the forum.

[www.nysf.edu.au](http://www.nysf.edu.au)

Chairman 2014/15: Sarah Whereat



The Science & Engineering Challenge is a competition for Year 9 students which aims to present engineering in an inspirational manner, excite the imagination of prospective students and provoke their interest through a variety of well designed tasks. Activities range from problem solving scenarios to designing and building projects. The program has received enormous encouragement from teachers with many indicating that the Challenge has been vital in engaging and inspiring students towards continuing their studies in Science.

Chairman 2014/15: Gavin Ralston



The Science Experience offers a three-day hands-on science experience for Year 9 and Year 10 students.

Brochures and application forms are sent to schools during April.

# PACIFIC AUSTRALIA CULTURAL EXCHANGE (PACE)

- Offered to students between the ages of 15 and 17, giving them the opportunity to stay in a family home (or homes) in such places as Fiji, Tonga, American Samoa and the Cook Islands under the care of Rotary supervision during the September school holidays.
- Similarly, students from the Pacific nations visit Sydney and its surrounds.
- Airfares, pocket money etc are the responsibility of the student's family. The opportunity to learn about a different culture helps to foster world understanding and good will, and encourages the student to become more mature and responsible.



Organiser 2014/15: Jack Elliott, D9675





# RECOGNITION OF YOUTH AWARDS (ROYA)

ROYA aims to recognise and encourage young people in the local community for their effort & involvement in areas beyond normal school and family life.

Applications are divided into two segments  
Juniors Years 7-9  
Senior Years 10-12

Looking for a D9685 Committee – share with your clubs, as some members maybe interested



Chairman 2014/15: Amanda Woods

Basic education and literacy

## Changing the world one person at a time

*By Thomas Cho  
Intern  
Charles Sturt University, NSW*

Rotary Youth Recognition awardee Sarah Yahya was upset when John Howard lost the election. They shared a birthday. As a newly arrived migrant, she understood little about Australian politics – she didn't understand why everyone around her seemed so happy.

It's been six years since then. She is a well-spoken, intelligent young woman who at eighteen, has become an outspoken and active member in her community. She already has her sights set on politics.

As part of the Mandaen religious minority, her family fled Iraq in 2001, fearing persecution. With her mother and sister, she fled to Jordan where she would live and attend school for the next 6½ years. Her family had originally applied to travel to America, but were instead sent to Australia.

She arrived with no knowledge or understanding of English, her situation complicated by a hearing impairment. As part of the learning process, she entered an Intensive English program.

"It was the worst moment of my life, people bullied me because of my appearance or my hearing impairment."

The discrimination extended far beyond petty slurs – on one occasion they set fire to her hair, and in an act of grotesque brutality, they broke her leg and left her alone on a field. Nobody who saw her helped her up.

It was lying in the field, everyone ignoring her calls for help, that she made a determined resolve.

"I realised I was the one responsible for me – I couldn't just lie in the park, begging for help."

Sarah resolved to never let anyone face what she did that day – she would always be there to pick someone up, and help carry them to safety.

And so she picked herself up off that field and walked with her broken leg to the bus stop.

Sarah credits a lot of her confidence to a competition she entered in 2010 – the Dorothy Shaw Young Writers' competition: a nation-wide competition for deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

Her teacher at the time had asked her to enter, and although she didn't feel confident in her chances she says she felt sorry for her teacher. Every year she had asked students to enter, but nobody had.

Two days before the competition deadline, Sarah sat down and began to write.

Sarah Yahya: "I realised I was the one responsible for me – I couldn't just lie in the park, begging for help."

She placed first.

Sarah is now involved in the Youth Council at Liverpool, NSW, and acts as its media representative. She has made numerous speeches to various groups and has written two plays, one of which she has directed. She has engaged in a tutoring program to help others learn to read, helped establish youth conferences, and is a member of the Mandaen Youth Committee.

Sarah finishes her HSC this year and is looking forward to her graduation.

"I can't wait for all of this to be over – all the hard times."

She has since seen some of the people who bullied and attacked her, but says she cannot hate them. She can only feel sorry for them. Just like her, they had been knocked down and nobody had come to help them up.

Sarah wants to one day work in politics with the United Nations.

She says a lot of people believe they don't have the ability to help others, but she disagrees.

"You don't have to change the world, just that one person's world. If you can help them get through the day, then you have done your job."

[www.rotaryyouthunder.org](http://www.rotaryyouthunder.org) 17