

2018 RYPEN CHALLENGE
16 – 18 November 2018
Borambola Sport & Recreation Centre
via Wagga Wagga



INFORMATION FOR ROTARY CLUBS

Rotary Presidents, Secretaries and Youth Directors

2018 RYPEN Challenge

The Rotary District 9700 RYPEN Committee is pleased to announce that applications are open for the 2018 RYPEN Challenge to be held Friday 16 to Sunday 18 November.

For those of you who are not familiar with the program, RYPEN is a youth program that has been running in our District for many years. It aims to give young people self confidence and self-esteem and to enhance a belief in their abilities and talents. It is not about rewarding the super confident or those who already have leadership skills. Equally, it is not for young people with behavior problems or other serious issues.

RYPEN targets students who are often overlooked for leadership or other programs which focus on personal development. We ask that you forward students currently in Year 9 that you think have potential but just don't know it themselves.

90% of the students in our schools are not top of the class or captain of a team, leaders of their school community or already achieving great things. They just need an opportunity to discover their untapped potential, boost their confidence and develop a belief in their own abilities. These are the young people who will gain so much from RYPEN.

I am inviting you to arrange sponsorship for RYPEN participants through your club. Contact your local High Schools, advertise the Camp in your bulletin and encourage your members to assist in finding participants. Please send the **RYPEN School Information** and **RYPEN Application forms** to your local high schools to help promote the Camp.

You are responsible for the selection of potential students in your area and for arranging full payment of \$330 for each nomination. Some clubs choose to invite either schools or parents to share this cost. The Club must endorse each application.

Please interview the potential nominees and do not rely upon the advice of the school staff. Please explain the camp rules (on the "information for applicants" page) to each student and their parents. Ensure the student application form, medical consent form and club sponsorship form are all completed and signed. If forms are incomplete or not signed they will be returned to the club and the application will be delayed. **Places are limited so please submit applications ASAP.**

You are also responsible for arranging transport to and from the venue. The District Committee has arranged two shared bus services that will suit most participants, as follows:

- 54 seat bus from Bathurst via Orange, Blayney, Cowra, Young and Cootamundra to Borambola.
- 22 Seat bus from Griffith via Leeton and Narrandera to Borambola.

Please nominate on the application forms which bus service will be used, or the alternate (private) transport method to be used by the applicant. Refer to the included bus schedules.

The RYPEN information/forms that are available are as follows:

- Student Application form - including RYPEN information, application form and online medical consent form instructions
- Information for Clubs – including RYPEN information, Club Sponsorship Form and Bus Schedules.
- Information for Schools (send this to your local schools)
- RYPEN Camp program

Please refer to the application steps detailed on the next page.

Participant Fee is \$330 per student (see sponsorship form)
Please have applications submitted by Friday 2nd November

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ROTARY CLUBS

Thank you for considering sponsorship of a Student to attend RYPEN.

RYPEN is a District program and participants are nominated and sponsored by Rotary Clubs.

There is no additional selection process. We do offer some guidelines to assist in achieving successful outcomes from the program.

- ❖ RYPEN is not a leadership camp
- ❖ RYPEN is not for those students who are already high achievers, nor is it for students with behavioural issues. We do not have the resources to manage students with serious issues.
- ❖ Please ensure that the students you are sponsoring can attend for the entire 3 days.
- ❖ We cannot accept students who are not available for the duration of the camp
- ❖ We recommend no more than 4 students from any one school – part of the experience is to step out of their comfort zone
- ❖ We recommend that you make direct contact with the student and their parents - not leaving all the details to the school to organise. If students or parents have questions about the program that you cannot answer, contact the coordinator
- ❖ It is important that the Student knows that not only is the Rotary Club sponsoring their attendance but there is also someone to act as a point of contact and to offer support.
- ❖ It is a great idea to invite the participant to your Club meeting before they attend RYPEN and then again when they return to tell your members about their experience. There is generally a noticeable difference in them
- ❖ Please ensure that all forms are completed and submitted ASAP:
 - Club Sponsorship Form
 - Application Form
 - Medical Consent Form
- ❖ The cost to your club is \$330 for the 3 day experience – if you require an invoice to generate payment please advise the coordinator
- ❖ If you have any questions please feel free to contact RYPEN Coordinator Darren Wallace on 0409 120 108 or darren@pcresources.com.au

RYPEN Application Steps for Clubs

1. Send **Application Form** and **Information For Schools** to local schools and promote RYPEN in schools
2. Interview & select applicants
3. Complete **Club Sponsorship form**
4. Remind students to complete the online **Medical Consent form** for Borambola
5. Send **Application Forms** and **Club Sponsorship form** to RYPEN committee ASAP – the sooner the better.
6. Send payment ASAP. Please pay before the camp.
7. Assist in coordinating pickups/drop-offs for transport

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CLUB SPONSORSHIP FORM & PAYMENT INFORMATION

Instructions

Each applicant must complete the APPLICATION FORM (1 page) and ONLINE MEDICAL CONSENT FORM
 Your club completes this nomination form, naming each applicant, then submit all forms to the RYEN Committee and pay the \$330 fee per applicant.

Sponsoring Club Details

Rotary Club Name:

Contact Name:

Position:

Mobile Number:

Email Address:

Signed on behalf of the Club:

Date:

Student Sponsorship Details

Members of our Rotary Club support the nomination of the persons named below to attend the RYPEN Challenge at Borambola Sport & Recreation Camp.
 Application forms for all students named below are attached.

Nominated Student Name(s):

Payment Information

Participant fee is \$330 per person. Fees must be paid prior to event

Late cancellations will be fully refunded

Direct Deposit (preferred payment method)

Name: RYPEN Wollundry Wagga Wagga
 BSB: 325185
 Account No: 38703355

Pay by cheque:

Cheques to be made out to:
RYPEN Wollundry Wagga Wagga

Post cheques to:

PO Box 229
 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Please include the word RYPEN and applicant SURNAME in payment comments so we can identify who payments are for.

Application Instructions

Please ensure that the Application form is completed and signed and returned to the RYPEN committee for each nominated student by 2 November.

Remind students/parents to complete the online [Medical Consent form](#) by 2 November

<https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/facilities/communityprograms/medicalandconsentform>

If possible please scan application forms and return by email to darren@pcresources.com.au

or post to

RYPEN Committee

PO Box 229

Wagga Wagga NSW 2650