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The **ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT** (RYPEN) is a challenging weekend designed for year 9 and 10 students who show a positive and caring attitude in everyday life. The principal aim is to communicate a series of ideas, discuss social issues and run a series of challenging team-building activities that will assist the participants in developing relationship and life skills. ***At RYPEN you will make new friends, develop skills you didn’t know you had and above all you will have a great time.***

## Who runs RYPEN

RYPEN is run by ***the RYPEN committee Rotary District 9705***. The camp is run largely by the **RYPEN committee and volunteers**, who are also responsible for guiding and mentoring the RYPEN students.

## Where is RYPEN

The November Camp for RYPEN will be a[t Borambola Sport & Recreation Camp](https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/sport-and-recreation-centres/borambola) (https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/sport-and-recreationcentres/borambola) which is located 25kms east of Wagga Wagga on the Sturt Highway.

## Camp Dates

**Starts: 5pm Friday 15th November 2024 Ends: 1pm Sunday 17 November 2024**

## How much does RYPEN Cost

Your local Rotary Club is responsible for the selection of **RYPEN** participants and will discuss arrangements for the payment of the $475 camp fee. The Rotary Club may provide partial or full sponsorship. **All applications must be supported by a Rotary Club**. **Speak to your Rotary Club about sponsorship for the $475 camp fee**

## Transport To/From RYPEN

Buses have been arranged for travel from ***Griffith-Wagga, Bathurst-Wagga*** and ***Canberra-Wagga*** (and many towns in between) at no additional cost to RYPEN participants. Your sponsoring Rotary Club has the details. If you are unable to use the bus service, you must make your own travel arrangements or ask your local Rotary club for help.

## What Happens at RYPEN

At RYPEN you will meet new people and make new friends. You will hear from inspirational speakers covering a range of interesting topics and participate in a host of fun and exciting outdoor and team building activities. You will also learn a lot about yourself and how you can have a positive impact on others. And you will get to meet and chat with all the international Rotary Exchange students that are in Australia in the Rotary District. Check out the RYPEN program in the information package.

**To apply for RYPEN:**

**Complete the Application Form and return to your sponsoring Rotary Club ASAP**

**Your parent/guardian must complete the Borambola online registration NO LATER THAN 4 WEEKS BEFORE THE CAMP this link will be emailed out once the portal is open**

**Applications are assessed on a FIRST IN basis.**

**APPLICATION FORM**

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| **Applicant Information PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| First name: | | | | | Last name: | | | | | | |
| Gender: Shirt size | | | | | Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy): | | | | | | |
| Current address: | | | | | | Home phone: | | | | | |
| Suburb: | | | | | | State: | | | Postcode: | | |
| Your email: | | | | | | | | | Your mobile: | | |
| Parent/guardian name: | | | | | | Parent/guardian email: | | | | | |
| Your school: | | | | | | | | | | | Year: |
| Sports/hobbies/interests: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Sponsoring Rotary Club Information** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Club name: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Contact name: | | | | | Position: | | | | | | |
| Phone: | | | | | Email: | | | | | | |
| How will you get to/from RYPEN? | | RYPEN Bus |  |  | I will arrange my transport | |  |  | | | |
| RYPEN Bus  Transport | If travelling on a RYPEN bus, which town will you get on/off at? | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Emergency contact** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Name of person to contact in case of emergency: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Relationship to you: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Phone business hours: | | | | | Phone after hours/mobile: | | | | | | |
| **Parent/Guardian acceptance** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ***This RYPEN Camp is conducted and supervised by Rotarians and their partners who live-in with participants. All carry a current Working with Children Check, under the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012. Strict Rules will be enforced to ensure the safety and wellbeing of each participant. Students that behave contrary to camp rules may be required to be removed from the camp by their parent/guardian.***  ***Please sign below to give your approval for your child to attend this RYPEN Camp at Borambola Sport & Recreation Centre.***   1. ***I give the RYPEN Committee permission to arrange Ambulance transport and medical attention for my son/daughter/ward if it is considered necessary. I expect to be notified as soon as practicable.*** 2. ***I grant permission to use my child’s image in print, video, and digital media. I agree that these images may be used by Rotary for a variety of purposes and that these images may be used without further notifying me.*** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Signature of Parent/Guardian: | | | | | | | | | | Date: | |
| **Student acceptance** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Please sign below to acknowledge that you have read, understand and agree to abide by the RYPEN camp rules and that whilst at the camp you will behave in the spirit of friendship and teamwork. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Signature of Applicant: | | | | | | | | | | Date: | |
| **Places are limited. Return this form to your sponsoring Rotary Club ASAP** | | | | | | | | | | | |

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## What do I need to bring to RYPEN

* Sleeping bag and a pillow
* Towel and toiletries
* Swimmers
* Casual clothes
* Sensible shoes (ensure that you have sports shoes)
* Hat/cap
* Writing material
* Junk food (if you cannot last one weekend)
* Sunscreen
* Insect repellant
* Your sense of adventure and a healthy sense of humor

**Will I be in the same group as my friends?**

You will be assigned to accommodation and activity groups designed to give you the best opportunity to meet new people and develop new friendships and new skills. You probably won’t be in a group with your old friends, but you are going to make lots of new friends!

## Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are to be handed in to the camp supervisor upon registration. They will be held in security and returned to you at the conclusion of the camp.

## RYPEN Camp Rules

Strict Rules are enforced at RYPEN to ensure the safety and well-being of each participant. Breaking camp rules may result in the parent/guardian being asked to remove their child from camp.

1. Students must always behave appropriately including obeying camp rules, respecting the wishes of the organizers and the rights of fellow students.
2. Smoking and alcohol use by students are not permitted.
3. Mobile phones are not permitted. Phones brought to the camp will be securely stored by the camp supervisor.
4. Participants can expect to be in accommodation groups and activity groups separated from friends.
5. Accommodation groups and activity groups will not be altered to group friends together.
6. The camp curfew is 12.00 midnight. Students are not to leave their dormitories after this time. If there is any medical reason to break this curfew, please indicate this on the application form.

***The bus services*** are provided by the RYPEN committee at no cost to RYPEN participants. Buses are scheduled to arrive at Borambola at 5pm on the Friday of the camp.  **Buses will pick up at the towns/locations timetable** to be sent out once application form as been received. If additional pickups are required, please notify the RYPEN committee. If ***RYPEN participants do not wish*** to use these bus services they must arrange their own transport and indicate this on their application form. Participants must arrive at Borambola at 5pm on the Friday the camp starts.