**INFORMATION FOR ROTARY CLUBS**

The Rotary District 9705 RYPEN Committee is pleased to announce that applications are open for the 2025 RYPEN Camp.

 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 behaviour 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 and 10 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.

Please 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 payment of the camp fee for each student. Some clubs choose to invite either schools or parents to share this cost. The Club must endorse each application.

Please interview the potential participants 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 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.

You are also responsible for arranging transport to and from the venue. The following return bus services will be provided and will assist many students with transport.

***Please advise if your student requires transport to RYPEN from the Western area of the District. Students attending RYPEN from the Coast, Highlands and Canberra, the sponsoring Rotary Club will need to organise Transport for the students to the RYPEN camp.***

Please nominate on the application forms if a RYPEN bus service will be used, or the alternate (private) transport method to be used by the applicant. Final bus schedules will be published a few weeks before the camp.

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

* Student Application form - including RYPEN information, application form
* Information for Clubs – including RYPEN information, Club Sponsorship Form
* Information for Schools (send this to your local schools) – email separately

**Submit RYPEN application forms ASAP**

**RYPEN Fee is $420 per student - you will be invoiced by the District after application forms are submitted**

***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ROTARY CLUBS***

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.***
* Please ensure that the students you are sponsoring can attend for the entire 3 days - students must attend 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 after the camp!
* Please ensure that all forms are completed and submitted ASAP:

Club Sponsorship, Application Form is completed by **15th August**

The cost to your club is $420 for the 3-day experience. You will be invoiced by the District Treasurer.

* If you have any questions, please contact RYPEN Coordinator **RYPEN Application Steps for Clubs**

Send **Application Form** and **Information for Schools** to local schools and promote RYPEN in schools

1. Collect applications. Interview & select students
2. Complete **Club Sponsorship form**
3. Send **Application Forms** and **Club Sponsorship form** to RYPEN committee ASAP.
4. Your club will be invoiced by the District.
5. Assist in coordinating pickups/drop-offs for transport

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| **Instructions**  |
| Each applicant must complete the APPLICATION FORM and BORAMBOLA ONLINE REGISTRATION Your club completes this nomination form, naming each applicant, then submit all forms to the RYEN Committee. You will be invoiced by the District Treasurer - $420 per student.   |
| **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):  |   |   |
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| **Payment Information**  |
| **Participant fee is $420 per person. Fees must be paid prior to event**  |
| **PAYMENT** After submitting application forms your club will be invoiced by the District office.   |
| **Application Instructions**  |
|  Camp application forms must be completed and signed and returned to the RYPEN committee for each nominated student **before Friday 15th August 2025** Return forms by email to **RYPEN9705@gmail.com**  **NUMBERS ARE LIMITED. APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BASED ON RECEIPT OF FORMS**  |

CLUB SPONSORSHIP FORM & PAYMENT INFORMATION

 **THE RYPEN COMMITTEE WILL NOT CONTACT STUDENTS. ALL CONTACT IS MANGED BY CLUBS**