

2024 RYPEN CHALLENGE
15 – 17 March 2024
Borambola Sport & Recreation Centre
via Wagga Wagga



INFORMATION FOR ROTARY CLUBS

The Rotary District 9705 RYPEN Committee is pleased to announce that applications are open for the 2024 RYPEN Challenge.

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.

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. The Borambola online registration **MUST** be completed no later than **4 weeks before the camp**.

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.

- Bus from Bathurst via Orange, Blayney, Cowra, Young and Cootamundra to Borambola.
- Bus from Griffith via Leeton and Narrandera to Borambola.
- Bus from Canberra to Borambola

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 and Borambola registration 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

- **Submit RYPEN application forms ASAP (at least 4 weeks before the camp)**
- **The Dept. Sport & Rec online registration is a separate step and must be completed no later than 4 weeks before the camp (details in application form)**
- **RYPEN Fee is \$475 per student - you will be invoiced by the District after application forms are submitted**

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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 Form
 - Application Form
 - Borambola online registration – must be completed by parent/guardian no later than 4 weeks before the camp
- ❖ The cost to your club is \$475 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

1. Send **Application Form** and **Information For Schools** to local schools and promote RYPEN in schools
2. Collect applications. Interview & select students
3. Complete **Club Sponsorship form**
4. Remind students to complete the **Borambola online registration at least 4 weeks before the camp**
5. Send **Application Forms** and **Club Sponsorship form** to RYPEN committee ASAP (at least 4 weeks before camp).
6. Your club will be invoiced by the District.
7. Assist in coordinating pickups/drop-offs for transport

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

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CLUB SPONSORSHIP FORM & PAYMENT INFORMATION

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 - \$475 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):

Payment Information

Participant fee is \$475 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 **4 weeks before the camp.**

Remind students/parents to complete the Borambola online registration at least **4 weeks before the camp.**

Return forms by email to rypen@wollundryrotary.org.au

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