

# The Family of Rotary

District 9455



# The Rotary Pathway



## About EarlyAct

### DESCRIPTION

EarlyAct is a school-wide service club for primary school students. It is sponsored by one of the local Rotary Clubs in the area in which the school is located. The mission and operation of EarlyAct is closely linked to the ideals of Rotary and provides the foundation and natural succession into Interact. EarlyAct provides young students the opportunity for gaining an increased awareness and knowledge of their community and the world.

At a young age, all students can easily be encouraged to be caring and helpful. Their minds are open to recognize the dignity and worth of each individual, which builds respect for others. EarlyAct also promotes understanding and the building of friendships among the club members. EarlyAct also engages students in character-building activities and prepares them for leadership roles to identify and carry out projects, which benefit their school, local and global communities.

### MISSION

The mission of EarlyAct is to promote goodwill, understanding and peace through the active participation of its student members so that with the committed citizenship and effective leadership they may improve the quality of life of their school, local and global communities.

### EarlyAct teaches

Caring

Respect

Empathy

Responsibility

Tolerance

Citizenship

Compassion

Friendship

## Leadership

### **OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of EarlyAct is to provide young students with the opportunities to participate in active citizenship in a culturally diverse democratic society within and interdependent world.

1. The students develop committed citizenship and leadership qualities by identifying and taking responsibilities for real life problems within their school, local and global communities.
2. The students realize the importance of respect, dignity and caring for all people by promoting goodwill and understanding through their active participation at school, local and community level.
3. The students develop high student achievement by actively participating in various projects to improve the quality of life for their school, local and global communities. They work with the sponsoring club members as facilitators, mentors and role models.



## **About Interact**

Interact is a service and social club for young people aged 14- 18. Each Club is sponsored by a Rotary club which guides the Interactors in developing local and international service projects. Interact clubs are self-governing and self-supporting, offering many opportunities for members to develop valuable leadership and teamwork skills. They can be either school or community based. Interact's name is a combination of the words international and action. Interact's global youth network is dedicated to community and international service. Every Interact club project, great or small, has a lasting impact on society worldwide. Interact has a membership of over 250,000 youth in more than 11,000 clubs worldwide. It's one of Rotary's fastest growing programs. With clubs in over 120 countries and geographical areas, Interact is truly an international phenomenon. There are currently three Interact clubs in District 9455, Mt Lawley Senior High School (Sponsor Club Mt Lawley Rotary Club), Freshwater Bay Rotary Club has a community based Interact Club and Perth modern School (Subiaco Rotary Club) and three more clubs are in the planning process. There is a great opportunity to increase the number of clubs substantially to the benefit of our youth, as well as Rotary and Rotary clubs now and in the future

If you would like more information go to the following link

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/interact>



## About Rotaract

Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young adults aged 18 to 30. Rotaract clubs are usually community or university-based and are sponsored by a local Rotary club making them true "partners in service" and key members of the Rotary family. Through the Rotaract program, Rotaractors expand their knowledge and skills, and address the physical and social needs of their communities while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service. They help improve the lives of the people around them and in so doing, they develop leadership and professional skills; and establish a network of friends. Rotaract is friendship in action. Rotaract currently has three clubs in District 9455; Rotaract Clubs of Perth CBD, Subiaco & Mt Lawley, three more clubs are in the planning process. The district committee works with and alongside Rotaract in a mentoring and support capacity. They set their objectives at the beginning of each Rotary year. Rotaract was formed in 1968 by Rotary in the USA and has spread worldwide with members in more than 153 countries.

Do you want to be part of a global community of young adults taking action for positive change? Are you looking for the chance to share your ideas and look at the world's challenges in a new way? Join a Rotaract club and find all this and more, including:

- ❖ Hands-on service projects
- ❖ Fun networking and social activities
- ❖ Rotary mentoring support
- ❖ Professional development opportunities
- ❖ An international network of young leaders

If you would like more information go to the following link

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/rotaract>



## About Rotary

Rotary International is an international service organisation whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. It is a secular organization open to all people regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, or political preference. There are 35,149 clubs and over 1.22 million members worldwide. The members of Rotary Clubs are known as Rotarians. Members meet weekly in a variety of different formats some for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, others in different ways depending on the club's preference with meetings a social event as well as an opportunity to plan and action their service goals.

Rotary's primary motto is "**Service Above Self**"



**“Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.”**

**—Paul P. Harris**

Our 1.22 million-member organization started with the vision of one man—Paul P. Harris. The Chicago attorney formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on 23 February 1905 as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.

## **Our ongoing commitment**

Rotarians have not only been present for major events in history—we've been a part of them. From the beginning, three key traits have remained strong throughout Rotary:

We are truly international. Only 16 years after being founded, Rotary had clubs on six continents. Today we're working together from around the globe both digitally and in-person to solve some of our world's most challenging problems.

We persevere in tough times. During WWII, Rotary clubs in Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, and Japan were forced to disband. Despite the risks, many continued to meet informally and following the war's end, Rotary members joined together to rebuild their clubs and their countries.

Our commitment to service is ongoing. We began our fight against polio in 1979 with a project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines. By 2015, only two countries remain polio-endemic—down from 125 in 1988, the two countries are Pakistan and Afghanistan, Nigeria has not had a case since July 2014 and will be declared Polio free in July 2017 if there are no other cases reported, Afghanistan is almost free and we are working towards Pakistan to be free by 2018.

If you would like more information go to the following link

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/about-rotary>

# Youth Services

## Rotary WA Drivers Education (RWADE)

WA Districts' are working together in Youth driver training with the RAC and WA Police support. WA Young Drivers Education is achieved through courses run in regions.

## Drug Awareness & Life Education

The objectives of the drug awareness and life education committee are:

- ❖ To promote and heighten awareness of the life education caravan project to primary schoolchildren, to Rotary clubs, the corporate world and the general public.
- ❖ To attract donations from Rotary clubs, corporations, individuals and charitable trusts to make up the shortfall in running costs.
- ❖ To work where possible with local drug action groups.
- ❖ To encourage parent involvement in our drug awareness programs where possible.



## National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

NYSF is a two week residential program in Canberra/Perth aimed at opening up the possibilities of a career in science or engineering for students about to enter Year 12. A series of seminars, debates, workshops and visits to various science, engineering and technology organisations enables science students to gain firsthand experience.

Rotary provides essential support by interviewing, selecting and part-sponsoring applicants.

Information is sent to Rotary Clubs and High Schools between February and March. Year 11 students submit applications to clubs by the end of May. Clubs interview and nominate applicants to District by end of June. District selections are held in July. Orientation for selected students takes place in September.



## **Four Way Test Speech Competition**

The Rotary Four Way Test Speech Competition is part of the School Link Program, originated by Past District Governor Fred Marsh in his year as Governor [1988-89]. This public speaking competition was first held at the District Conference, in March 1989. The Rotary Four Way Test Speech Competition is part of the School Link Program. The Rotary Four Way Test encourages teachers and students from each club's link school to take part in this public speaking, confidence building and ethics consideration opportunity. The Rotary Four Way Test is a state-wide competition with a State final being conducted in conjunction with fellow Western Australian District 9465.

### **Aims**

The aims of the competition are to:

- ❖ introduce Year 10 students to the Rotary Four Way Test. This will assist them to understand that positive life values are important foundations to making decisions and acting with integrity.
- ❖ provide Year 10 students with an opportunity to compete in a public speaking competition, thereby fostering excellence in the art of public speaking and developing the confidence and self-esteem of participating students.
- ❖ provide an opportunity for students to test their skills before an audience.
- ❖ bring the concepts of the Rotary Four Way Test to the attention of students.
- ❖ provide Rotary and the Rotary Four Way Test with valuable exposure in the community.
- ❖ develop relationships between Rotary and schools.

### **Eligibility**

Year 10 students in any high school or college in District 9455 applying through a Rotary Club are eligible. Students will participate in the district final and the state final in their Year 11. Any topic may be chosen but the participants must address and refer to the Rotary Four Way Test in their speech and focus on the four elements. (Points are lost for failure to comply with this condition).

### **Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the club heats, district finals and the state final.

### **Adjudication**

At Club heats, the students are adjudicated by one qualified adjudicator and two members of the Club. The semi-final/s, district final and the state final are all adjudicated by qualified adjudicators.

### **Organisation**

With the guidance of the district committee, Rotary Clubs invite schools to participate. It is strongly recommended that schools be approached early in term 2 (around May). Individual clubs manage their involvement in the competition with the assistance of the district committee. Clubs in the north-west of the State are encouraged to conduct a competition within their area and provide a semi-finalist to

compete in the district final. Teachers, family and friends should be encouraged to attend all events.

Club heats will usually be held during September with district semi-finals being held in November. The district final is usually conducted at the district conference with the state final being held after that.

#### THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST of the things we say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



#### **PhillipsConoco Science Experience**

The Science Experience is a fun three days of science activities for students in Year 9. Each program is designed to provide those who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work. The aim is to encourage students to continue study in science, mathematics and technology. Students accepted by a Rotary Club are accepted before those applying direct. Individual Clubs have the discretion to sponsor particular students.

Entry forms are distributed by the National Director in May to High Schools, the Science Teachers' Association and to all Rotary Clubs. Local applications close at each club's discretion with the final central closing being in September. Students are advised upon acceptance. Updated information on the Program and the opportunity for online application is on:

<http://www.scienceexperience.com.au>



## Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

RYPEN is for year 10 students from Government and Private Schools

### Aims and Objectives

- ❖ To develop positive attitudes, develop self-awareness, and leadership skills.
- ❖ To encourage personal development and assist potential leaders who have been involved in community service activities.
- ❖ Offer the opportunity to return as trainee leader and advance to other Rotary Programs, such as Rotary Youth Exchange

### Eligibility

Students with leadership potential and other positive personal attributes who are community minded and who demonstrate the potential for involvement in community programs.



## Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange has a proud history in Australia. It all began with the Rotary Club of Myrtleford in 1958 who welcomed John Rodgers from the Rotary Club of Scotts Bluff, Nebraska. The Rotary Youth Exchange Program provides secondary school students aged 15 to 17, sponsored by a Rotary Club, with the opportunity to live and study abroad with host families for one academic year, to learn a new language, a new way of living and a great deal about themselves. Exchange students form part of the ambassadorial team of Rotary International promoting international goodwill, peace and understanding. The students also have opportunities for personal development and making international friends and contacts that can have positive benefits for their future lives.

There are over 8,500 youth exchange students worldwide on every continent EACH YEAR – Rotary is truly helping to build world peace and understanding.

There is a wealth of information on Youth Exchange available.

The WA RYE web site is <http://www.youthexchange.asn.au/>

RYE Australia web site <http://www.ryea.org.au/>

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/making-difference-through-rotary-youth-exchange>



## **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) offer men and women between the ages of 18 and 25 years an opportunity to attend a residential seminar designed to develop their leadership skills. Activities such as abseiling, rock climbing, hiking and camping out, presentation skills, conflict resolution, yoga and discussions on social issues are just part of the week-long program. Rotarians and their partners are invited to attend the final night dinner at the seminar. The meal and entertainment are prepared entirely by the participants. After the seminar, awardees address their sponsoring Rotary Club and receive their RYLA certificate.

Businesses in consultation with a Rotary Club can also nominate and sponsor suitable candidates. City-based clubs are encouraged to use their country contacts to find suitable candidates, especially in those towns without a Rotary Club. RYLA is conducted in late January, early February. All transport, accommodation and meals are included in the nomination fee.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/join-leaders/rotaract-interact-and-ryla>

## **ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP EXTENSION ALUMNI PROGRAM (RYLEAP)**

RYLEAP is an extension program following on from where the RYLA camp ended. Taking the next step in the leadership journey, this program is designed to teach high level leadership concepts, basic business skills and explore self-management skills from emotional control through to time management. This is a smaller, more intensive program with limited numbers with the expectation of participant contribution towards the tuition. It is quite different to RYLA in that there are less activities and more intensive learning sessions. There are, however, still fun activities to experience.

### **OBJECTIVES OF RYLEAP:**

RYLEAP is intended to assist participants to:

Delve into the psychology of leaders and apply these skills in their lives  
Develop self-management skills through meditation, time management techniques and emotional control skills.  
Learn basic business skills such as finances, public speaking, interview techniques and communication skills.

To find a Rotary Club near you: <http://www.rotarydistrict9455.org.au/list-of-clubs>