



Model United Nations Assembly

Rotary International–District 9640



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MUNA 2023

Once again it is that time of the year to start planning to involve secondary school students in our Rotary District **Model United Nations Assembly**, giving them a hands-on experience of a UN style debate. **MUNA 2023 will be conducted at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre on Saturday, 1st April 2023 with registration commencing from 8.00am (NSW time). Programme to start at 9.00am (NSW time).**

Teams of 3 students generally nominated from years 11 and/or 12, meet under the auspices of District 9640, giving the students the opportunity to select a country, research its history, politics, economics, people, international alignment and make real life stances on world affairs. Having chosen a country, they then debate selected resolutions from that country's point of view.

Students do not incur any costs. A fee is paid by the nominating Rotary Club or the school for each team, as well as meeting the costs of all other arrangements. An accompanying adult, preferably a teacher, or a Rotarian or parent, is also invited to attend and support their team at no personal cost.

Students and teams are judged by a panel of judges. **There is a winning overall team selected to attend the National MUNA in Canberra in August 2023 to represent Rotary District 9640.** There will also be **an individual winner and runner-up selected.**

All documentation relating to MUNA 2023 will be available by accessing the website [https://www.rotary9640.org/page/model-united-nations-assembly-\(muna\)](https://www.rotary9640.org/page/model-united-nations-assembly-(muna)) .A proposed agenda for MUNA 2023 will be on this site.

An Expression of Interest form is available on the above website to allow your school to indicate interest in this programme. Alternatively, you can download this form from the web address mentioned above. The Expression of Interest form should be mailed to me at the above address. A form is also available on this site that can be submitted directly to me by selecting the link "*MUNA 2023 Expression of Interest Form*".

Be aware that there is a limited number of places available, so early EOI and registration is important. To assist the MUNA Committee in its commitment to provide Duty of Care, the Registration Form will include additional Emergency Contact details and any dietary requirements.

A maximum of 28 teams will be accepted to allow all team members the opportunity to participate in the debates. Each school can nominate up to three teams but the third team will be classified as a "reserve" team. This gives all schools an opportunity to have a team in MUNA 2023.

Each team will comprise 3 members only. No reserves are permissible unless there are extenuating circumstances and only with the prior approval of the District Chairman.

Please contact your nearest Rotary Club for sponsorship of the fee. Payment of the registration fee of \$375.00 per team would be required at the time of Registration, **but no later than the closing date of 28th February 2023**. A receipt will be issued separately.

Teacher, parents, friends and Rotarians are welcome to accompany their teams on the day. There will be a charge of \$20 per head for catering for those intending to join the students at morning and/or afternoon tea, and lunch, payable on the day. However, this charge will be waived for one accompanying adult for each team.

This letter is to allow you time to schedule MUNA into your 2023 school calendar and programme. I urge you to complete the Expression of Interest attached or from [https://www.rotary9640.org/page/model-united-nations-assembly-\(muna\)](https://www.rotary9640.org/page/model-united-nations-assembly-(muna)) and submit it **before the closing date of 15th February 2023, or sooner if possible.**

PLEASE REMEMBER: MUNA 2023 at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre on Saturday 1st April, 2023 from 8.00am to 5.30pm (NSW Time)

If you have any queries, would like additional details or some preliminary Rotary contacts in your area, or if there is any way you think I might be able to help, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or e-mail. Rotary District 9640 looks forward to your School's participation in Model United Nations Assembly in 2023 and I look forward to receiving your Expression of Interest at your earliest convenience

Yours faithfully,

Brian Meldrum
District Chairman, MUNA