

# MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY

PROPOSED YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM FOR DISTRICT 9510



Rotary and the United Nations have a shared history of working toward peace and addressing humanitarian issues around the world.

During World War II, Rotary informed and educated members about the formation of the United Nations and the importance of planning for peace. To learn more about this amazing shared history just Google **Rotary and the United Nations**.

**There is no need to take notes – I will gladly make the notes and slides available for you to share with your Youth Services Director.**

# MUNA

## Model United Nations Assembly



Across Australia Rotary offers this two-day programme for Year 11 students. MUNA simulates sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations (UN). MUNA encourages young people to learn about other countries and appreciate the inner workings of the UN. This Youth Service Program falls under the Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Area of Focus.



A team of two students is allocated a member country of the UN. They are required to investigate that country and represent its views as they debate a range of selected resolutions. They also are asked to dress to represent their country's national costume.



- May 2013, Melbourne Victorian House of Parliament
- Joshua Sim in full flight with Georgia seated alongside in Parliament House, Melbourne
- They went on to win D9810 and travelled to Canberra to represent the district.
- Joshua is now Senior Secretary General for D9810 MUNA

The resolutions to be debated are based on some debated in fact by the UN as well as some proposed by the teams. The debates reproduce genuine UN debates, often with a fine flow of rhetoric, points of order, motions of dissent and bloc walkouts! If you are looking for some fun exercise, volunteer to be a runner. You will be kept busy as notes are sent from one "country" to another, trying to do a deal.



**A Bloc meeting where you learn to negotiate**

Teams must stand and wait to be acknowledged by the Secretary General. Once acknowledged the first words are “Mr / Ms Secretary General, we the delegates of (name of country) wish to (ask for a bloc meeting, propose a variation to a resolution ... )

## WHAT IS NEEDED

**Assuming a full program. Pilot program with 2 areas would reduce size of committee and some timelines.**

- Committee – 14: one from each Area plus Chair & Co-Chair – ZOOM committee meetings
  - Co-Chair
  - Rotarians from each Area of the District – Working With Children Check
  - Rotaractors
- Researchers to develop resolutions reflecting international situations eg COVID-19, Black Matters, Deaths in Custody, China's trade war with Australia – someone with good international affairs knowledge
- Venue – SA Parliament? Seating other than theatre style.
- Schools to be involved – are there any already doing this outside Rotary?
- Rotary clubs prepared to participate
- Cost will depend on venue and travel distance / cost of costumes
- Runners, etc.
- Consider trial over 2 or 3 Areas
- Winner to Canberra – dependent upon COVID-19 and what is happening interstate

Fortunately, we don't have to reinvent the wheel thanks to DGE 9810 Daryl Moran. I have a full set of notes with suggestions regarding timelines and checklist, which can be tailored to suit us.

PROPOSED TIMING	
May & June	Form MUNA Committee
Early July	Contact clubs to gauge interest and support
August	Find venue
September	Researching and drafting of resolutions to be debated
October	Drafting of information sheets for schools / clubs / parents / parents' consent
Mid-January	Finalise paperwork Notice to clubs advising dates / costings
7 February 2022	Clubs to approach local high school for participants – Year 11 or 10* – for program to be held in 7 & 8 May
28 February	<b>Applications open</b> Clubs and schools invited to contact schools to seek a team of two and nominate the team to MUNA Committee
25 March	<b>Applications close</b>
28 March	All documentation to be sent to school / parents for completion and signature along with publication of resolutions to be debated
7 & 8 May	<b>MUNA</b>
*Year 10 students need to show maturity and high-level of debating skills.	

Given that this is a new program to the district, I propose we hold a pilot program with **two or three** areas (14-21 teams) which would help the committee form a better idea of timelines for future programs.





**Resources for further information**

<https://www.un.org/en/mun/model-un-guide>

<https://www.un.org/en/mun/page/key-publications>

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