

# Rotary youth news



**D9520 - July 2017**

Welcome to our new newsletter, RotarYouth. The intention of this news source is to provide current information to Club Presidents, Secretaries and members involved in Youth Service. There will be updates from the various District Committees, outline some of our successful club based youth projects and profile some of our District Chairs.

The RotarYouth newsletter will complement the Youth Service calendar you should have recently received and reinforce some of the messages in the Herald and District Newsletter. It will also have key dates to keep in mind over the coming months.

I encourage you, if you are on Facebook, to join the RotarYouth9520 Facebook group. We will be sharing current information and encourage clubs to share their own posts so that we can all gain ideas from across the District.

If you have any questions about any of the programs, please make contact with the relevant Chair, or email [rotaryyouth9520@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryyouth9520@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING DATES

24th Aug	RYLA	Applications Close
30th Aug	Engineering Challenge	Super Challenge
31st Aug	RANZSE 2018	Applications Close
2nd Sept	Long Term Youth Exchange	1st Briefing Session
16th Sept	RANZSE 2017	Students return to Adelaide
23-29 Sept	RYLA Camp	Nunyarra
28th Sept	RYLA Graduation	Marche Club
15th Oct	RYPEN 2018	Applications Close
21-22 Oct	Rotaract National Conference	

## RotarYouth Star

*Stephany Martin*

### Name?

Stephany Martin

### Club?

Rotary Club of Campbelltown

### Program?

RYLA/RYPEN, and Rotaract/Interact/EarlyAct

### Favourite Movie?

I have to choose one? I don't have an all time favourite movie. But at the moment, my top would be 'The Dressmaker' its very melodramatic, I love the theatre and this plays into that quite well.

### Best Holiday?

As depressing as it may seem. I have never been on a true "holiday".

I would have to save a lot of money first and do a round world trip because there is no way I can pick one place to be my first holiday! I want to travel everywhere.

### Do you have any pets?

I have a cactus. His name is Spike. He has a very quiet personality, likes his space but we get along well.

I live with a cat too but we don't get along.

### What do you love about youth programs?

To see how much impact a simple program can have on the life of a young person is truly astounding. I speak as both a previous participant as well as one who has run the programs.

### What is your RotarYouth moment ?

At this stage it isn't as a Rotarian. It would be my experience at RYLA as a participant. I can't pin point a moment but looking back at how different my life is because I attended RYLA. Truly one of the best decisions of my life.



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## DENMARK thrashes AUSTRALIA 5 to 1

Andrew Hardy

In 2015, five-and-a-half-thousand students went on Rotary long-term youth exchange: 4% were from Denmark, 4% from Belgium, 4% from Taiwan and 4% from Australia and New Zealand. That is, 38.6 per million Danes, 19.47 per million Belgians, 9.36 per million Taiwanese and 7.75 per million Australians and New Zealanders.

A student exposed to Rotary in Denmark was 4.98 times more likely to go on exchange than a similar student in Australia. First, this may be one reason why Scandinavia has international influence greater than its size; and, second, the key words are “exposed to Rotary.”

Youth exchange is about learning, about personal growth, perspective, thinking critically and thinking creatively, friendship and resilience. It is what we want in our children.

Youth exchange is a Club program first and foremost. It is a highly visible and rewarding investment in youth by the club, one that has an influence far beyond our shores and beyond the life of its members. The Club and its members are the village that raises the child.

The District Youth Exchange Committee is responsible for coordination, for relationships with overseas districts, and for ensuring the program complies with the requirements of the law, and Rotary International.



There are two programs for different ages, and with different aims. They fit in the progression of Rotary programs of personal growth from Interact to Rotary, through RYPEN, RYLA and Rotaract.

Both programs need your Club's support. Now is not the time to turn our back on the world.

### Rotary Australia and New Zealand Student Exchange (RANZSE)

*April to September*

**Club cost \$500. Student ~\$4000**

Short-term youth exchange between Australia and New Zealand for students aged 14 to 16 years. This is a family to family exchange of matched students. The students spend three months living with their host family, going to the same school as their match. They then return to their home country with their match who then has the same experience. It builds confidence, resilience, partnership and friendship, not only between the students, but between their families in different countries.

Two students from 9520 left for New Zealand on the second part of their adventure in late June.

### Long-term Youth Exchange

*Outbound: January to January*

**Club cost \$300. Student \$9,100.**

*Inbound: July to July*

Club cost: YEC: \$300, student allowance ~ 100 USD a month (~\$130 at current rates), plus some school fees (books and amenities), and meals at club meetings. Say \$4,000 all up.

Long-term youth exchange is for students aged 15 to 17 who are recruited and sponsored by a Rotary Club to spend a year living and studying in another country. The sponsoring club provides a Counsellor to be a mentor, a fixed point of advice and support for the student and for their family at home.



## DENMARK thrashes AUSTRALIA 5 to 1 cont.

Andrew Hardy

I encourage all clubs to take the opportunity to promote these programs in the schools that they support as part of their youth projects. For example, it is something students going to RYPEN in year 9 should consider for year 10. An overseas student in year 10 is a very visible encouragement to students in year 9 to do the same. We want those students who crossed a line in their life the minute they thought they could go overseas. Who are we told hold them back?

The inbound program is the visible part of youth exchange. It cannot happen unless there is an exchange, not exactly one in to your club for one you send out, but in the District and Australia generally.

This year we have seven students coming in from Austria to the United States, through Brazil, France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland. We have possibly two going out.

We have one simple goal: send as many future leaders out as we can.

- Find those who can afford to go.
- Find and support those who cannot afford to go. This year the YEC and District supported 3 of the 5 who went, it was expensive, but worth it.

If every club sent a student that would be 29.4 students per million residents of 9520 and 9500. The Danes would still beat us, but it would be an honourable defeat.

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## Initial Report on a New 9520 Initiative to Send Selected Students on Training Voyage on the Tall Ship “One & All”

The initiative for the project was revealed at the launch of a book on the life of David Binks by Sir James Hardy at the Naval and Military Club on 1st June this year. The launch was attended by many Rotarians and DG Sam spoke on David's involvement in Rotary. The author Trevor Gill offered a percentage of the royalty for all books sold to go to a charity of David's choice. David's wish was for Rotary to send young people with initiative who could otherwise not afford it on training voyages on the tall ship “One & All”

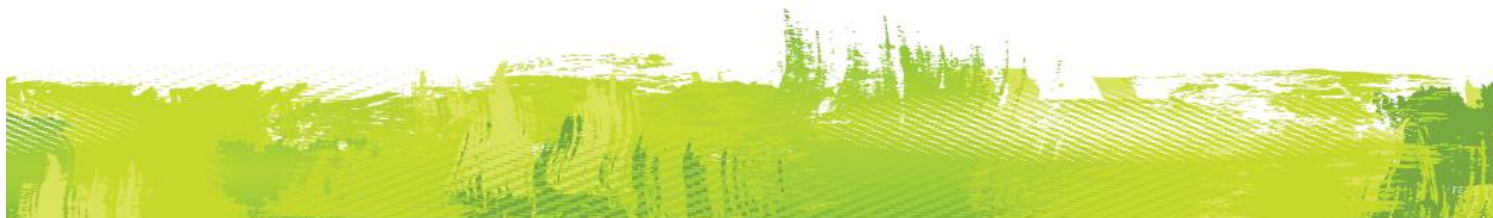
On a five day training trip young people, under stringent supervision and guidance are required to run the ship, standing watches 24 hours a day, climb the rigging, set and trim the sails and take the helm. With the power of the wind and the size of the sails, the strong forces generated compel the group to work together as a team. For many the overall experience can be life changing.

On top of Trevor's offer the publishers of the book offered a 40% margin for any books Rotary sold to go towards the project. Other financial help has been offered to Rotary by

the Australian Boating Industry Association where David has been a board member for some 45 years. This offer has been in the form of a grant of approximately \$2,500 cash and in selling books.

An article in RDU to be published in a coming issue will tell of the book launch and the One & All project giving other Rotary districts an incentive to also sell books.

The long-term plan is for the initial publicity generated by the book and the initial group of six young people on the One& All in November to act as a catalyst to have clubs in the future sponsor young people for ongoing training voyages. To this end DG Sam at a One & All steering committee meeting with DGE Bob's support, has authorised the setting up of a One & All District Committee to control and promote the project. An application through the Glenelg Club has been requested for a District Designated Grant for \$3,000 (a little less than half of the total voyage cost of \$6,600, the amount required to send the six young people on the first training voyage.



## RYPEN - Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment



“A great camp to join for necessary skills you need to learn, but taught in fun methods. If you don’t need to learn these skills, just join in and have some fun, why not? It’s amazing.”

RYPEN was an amazing success this year for those that attended, for those on the committee but most of all for your clubs. Together we have touched the lives of almost 100 young people in the span of 2 weeks. From the top end of the district, right down to Sunraysia and across to Broken Hill. THREE camps with 30 or more attendees at each! We could not have achieved this without the support of your clubs this could not have been achieved. Thank you! But it is not over.

Next camp is happening:

**Mildura: 13th – 15th April 2018**

**Adelaide: 20-22nd April 2018**

Keep on the look out for more info to come!

## RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Award



RYLA 2017 has been in the planning process since November 2016 and well on the way to becoming a life changing experience for anyone that you can identify to participate.

Do not forget to attend the graduation ceremony to see the impact that RYLA and YOU have had in that individual's life.

For more information about how to apply, what it is about and who the team is please visit this link:  
<http://ryla9520.org.au/>

**Cost:** \$900 for an individual, if you choose to sponsor more than 1, it becomes \$850 for any subsequent.

**Applications close:** 22nd August (midnight), late applications are accepted with discretion and an additional deposit.

**Camp dates:** 23rd – 29th September 2017

**Graduation date:** September 28th 2017

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# NYSF - National Youth Science Forum

Margaret Northcote D9520, Chair: 2015-16



The NYSF began operating more than 30 years ago, as a Rotary program, to help students moving into Year 12, who wish to follow careers in science, engineering and technology by introducing them to research and researchers, by encouraging the achievement of excellence in all their undertakings, and by helping to develop their communication and interpersonal skills.

Now NYSF is an organization of its own with a board, a permanent office at ANU. Now Rotary chooses who gets to go, by holding District Selections.



In 2018, there will be three separate sessions running for the NYSF Year 12 Program with the following locations and dates. Each session has places for up to 200 students.

**Session A: CANBERRA** – Tuesday 2 January 2018 – Saturday 13 January 2018

**Session B: BRISBANE** – Tuesday 9 January 2018 – Saturday 20 January 2018

**Session C: CANBERRA** – Tuesday 16 January 2018 – Saturday 27 January 2018

**Application dates:** Applications are open from 1 March to 31 May each year.

I am excited about what this great program can do for our country. There is not much space here to describe the program. Do look up the website, [www.nysf.edu.au](http://www.nysf.edu.au) and [www.facebook.com/NYSFoz](https://www.facebook.com/NYSFoz)

The program has distinguished speakers. One of them, Professor Tanya Monro, from University of Adelaide School of

Physics & Chemistry, is an alumna of the NYSF, and reflected on her own time at the program, and how it impacted on her decisions for future study options.



Students participate in laboratory experiences in the fields of their interest: Physics, Chemistry, Engineering, Biology, Health Sciences.

Students are divided into groups according to their Science interest. This is one of the Life Sciences groups, taken at Burgmann.

Students who are observed as good leaders are invited back to NYSF as 'Staffies', who then run the next NYSF program. (just like RYLA). The staffies have all been in the same situations as the students and offer a wealth of information on getting through year 12, how to apply to universities, and what the various courses are all about.



Before qualifying as a staffie, they must complete a leadership training course run over the ANZAC long weekend. Part of this program involves an analysis and planning session, the intent of which is to improve on the previous forum.

Rotarians are also involved in the January sessions through the roles of Rotary Mum and Dad, and Rotary Aunts and Uncles. These volunteers provide assistance and back up to staffies, as well as pastoral care and medical support if required.

If you would like to be part of this exciting Rotary project, at a District level, please contact Margaret Northcote.



## RYDA - Rotary Youth Driver Awareness - aims to make SA roads a safer place



Despite a decrease in the youth toll on our roads the Road Safe Youth Driver Awareness program (RYDA) aims to prevent more young people from experiencing a tragic and irreparable, life changing event, because of a car crash.

***RYDA is designed for 16-18 year old students who are approaching that crucial time in their lives where they start to drive independently or are travelling as passengers of novice drivers.***

RYDA a not-for-profit company (limited by guarantee), is an organisation that has developed a road safety education program delivered to the youth of our community through Rotary Clubs. The flagship RYDA Program is delivered each year to over 50,000 senior high school students from more than 650 participating schools across Australia and New Zealand. RYDA is a series of practical and powerful workshops for high school students that challenge students to change the way they think about road safety and lay the foundation for safe road use throughout their lives.

RYDA focuses on cognition development, building and increasing social competency and resilience and motivating low risk behaviour. Facilitators work with students to develop and practise personalised strategies and life skills which will help them respond positively to challenges on the road, both as drivers and highly influential passengers.

District 9520 stages a number of RYDA events throughout each year but involvement from many more Clubs is needed to ensure the RYDA message reaches as many young people as possible. What better way can Rotary 'make a difference' than ensuring our P plate drivers and their passengers are better prepared with practical life-saving information at the beginning of their driving lives.

The RYDA District Committee can get your Club started - please call Judi Brown 0405032184 or Brad Silby 0418833286 for more information.

## Excitement in the Alumni Camp!

*Joint Chairs: Gavin Dallow - D9500 & Dick Wilson - D9520*

Wouldn't it be great if a Rotary Club could track every person who has had a Rotary experience with their Club! Think of all the lucky people in whom you have invested time and money – Foundation Grant Recipients, Rotaract, Interact, RYPEN, RYLA, Youth Exchange, NYSE, Indigenous Health Scholars, Peace Scholars, GSE & VTT – we are in acronym city!

What if you could make everyone of them an Alumnus member of your Club, rather like an honorary member? They would receive Club Bulletins, attend special functions, come to meetings whenever they wanted and help at Club events - AND WE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THEM!

So many of these young people are lost to Rotary after their initial contact – they move around – they change homes, jobs, places, names, contact details; the list goes on.

Alumnus membership would need to be approved by Rotary International so this would require District support and then, if approved, taken to the Council on Legislation in 2019.

And to assist with this process, the Joint District Alumni Committee is seeking to become an Alumni Association registered with Rotary International. This is 'work in progress'. We will keep you posted!





## RYWELL



The Department for Child Protection held a somewhat belated celebration of NAIDOC Week on the 19th July, the late date was dictated by the availability of the venue and, as it turned, out the venue (Alberton Oval) was perfect. As in previous years RYWELL was tasked with helping to cater for the event by providing and cooking a sausage sizzle complete with salads. There were also what amounted to tasting quantities only of emu chorizos and crocodile patties. Neither tasted like chicken but the patties were seasoned with lemon myrtle and were quite nice. There were also some bush tucker finger foods and ice cream which were also a big hit with the participants.



There were 181 young people registered for the event along with carers and helpers so we were catering for approx. 220 people. We served lunch a little early at 1220 as everything was ready and the kids were chomping at the bit for a feed.

The morning's program included craft activities under cover in the corporate boxes at the top of the grandstand, as well as an AFL coaching clinic assisted by seven indigenous Port Power players led by Chad Wingard. Each child had a guernsey which had been designed by a young lady in one of the Department's housing units.



The event was a great success enjoyed by all and I would like to thank the RYWELL Committee members who attended and helped on the day and a special thankyou to Graeme Packer of Morialta Club who towed their BBQ trailer to the venue and ably assisted with the cooking.



### New Generations Service Exchange

New Generations Service Exchange is a three-month program for university students and young professionals from ages of 23 to 30. Flexible RI requirements allow NGSE participants to have an educational exchange, a cultural exchange or do humanitarian volunteer work or have a combination of these elements. Three clubs will share hosting of each incoming student.  
*Clubs Cost for clubs: No direct cost. Students pay their own airfares & insurance.*

### Long Term Youth Exchange

For students aged between 15 and 17 who want to spend up to twelve months living and studying overseas. All students will attend secondary school whilst in their host school, as they are on a residential student visa.  
*Cost for Clubs: Outbound: Club \$300; Student \$9,100 Inbound: \$300, plus student allowance (approx. \$1,560), meals at meetings and some school fees.*

### Short Term Youth Exchange

The Rotary Australia and New Zealand Student Exchange (RANZSE) program is designed for 14 to 16 year old students to experience a true student "exchange" with a family in New Zealand.  
*Cost for Clubs: \$500 for clubs*

### Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

RYLA provides 18-25 year olds the opportunity for you young people to make a lot of new friends. It challenges them but is a lot of fun.  
The week incorporates guest speakers, a diverse array of topics including public speaking, conflict resolution, ethics, living your passions, goal setting, self defence, volunteering & leadership.  
*Cost for Clubs: \$900*

### Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) provides a group of young people aged 14-17 an opportunity to develop valuable leadership skills.  
This weekend long program provides participants the opportunity to engage with like-minded people, while having fun and learning new skills in areas such as problem solving and public speaking.  
*Cost for Clubs: \$300 for first participant - \$250 for subsequent*

### National Youth Science Forum

The NYSF Year 12 Program is designed to give students a broader understanding of the diverse study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to encourage them to continue their studies in these fields. Participants also take part in sessions on entrepreneurship, critical thinking, how to work together effectively, and more. The focus is not solely on academic achievements, but on developing well-rounded individuals who have the skills and confidence to determine their futures.  
*Cost for Clubs: \$3,100 (it is encouraged that half of this is contributed to by the student)*

### ConocoPhillips Science Experience

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience is a fun 3 or 4 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students who are interested in science. Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution.  
*Cost for Clubs: \$180*

### Health of the River

The forum brings together year 9 and 10 students who are interested in river health issues, environmental science and the management of natural resources. Selected students take part in an educational program developed and run by ecologists who specialise in freshwater and floodplain ecosystems.  
*Cost for Clubs: TBA*

### Engineering Challenge

The Science and Engineering Challenge is a nationwide STEM\* outreach program presented by the University of Newcastle in partnership with communities, Rotary clubs, universities and sponsors. Through the Challenge, students experience aspects of Science and Engineering which they would not usually see in their school environment.

### RotarAct

Rotaract is a global organisation that empowers students and young professionals aged 18-30 years of age, to create positive change in their local communities and around the world. Members engage in a wide range of activities including social, professional and community events.  
*Cost for Clubs: Support for the club and towards training expenses*

### InterAct

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. Rotary club sponsors mentor and guide Interactors as they carry out projects and develop leadership skills.  
*Cost for Clubs: Support for the club and towards training expenses*

### EarlyAct

EarlyAct is a school-wide service club for primary school students from ages 5 to 13. EarlyAct provides young students the opportunity for gaining an increased awareness and knowledge of their community and the world.  
*Cost for Clubs: Support for the club and towards training expenses*

### Rotary Youth Driver Awareness

At RYDA, students attend six interactive sessions at a dedicated venue over the course of a school day. In small peer groups, they are challenged to change the way they think about road safety; participating in a stopping distance demonstration, devising personalised strategies, gaining an understanding of their individual risk profile and getting tips from road safety experts on how to protect themselves, their friends and family.  
*Cost for Clubs: \$30pp approx.*

### Rotary Adventure in Citizenship

Rotary Adventure in Citizenship (RAIC) is a program run annually in Canberra for Year 11 students that have an interest in the Australian Federal Parliament. Delegates are selected from different regions and backgrounds around Australia. It is anticipated that all selected delegates have an interest in the Australian Federal Parliament.  
*Cost for Clubs: \$1000 (it is suggested a portion is contributed to by the student)*

### "One & All" Program

This program looks to co-ordinate and arrange sponsorship for worthy 15-18 year old students who would otherwise be unable to afford it on challenging, life-changing 5-day training voyages on the tall ship One & All. This program also works with the RYWELL Committee to send at risk youth and their carers on shorter voyages.  
*Cost for Clubs: 5-day voyage \$1,100*