

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

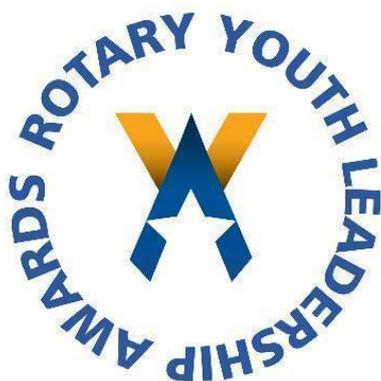
Leadership Skills for 18-28 Year Olds

ROTARY DISTRICT 9705 Participant Information Pack

Saturday 6 – Friday 12 January 2024



“I would recommend this programme to absolutely everyone; to challenge them to step out of their comfort zone, to meet amazing people and to encourage their future career whatever it may be”





Key Information

What is the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)?

RYLA is a challenging 7 day residential program for young people aged 18 to 28. It offers a unique opportunity for motivated individuals to access some influential and inspirational speakers and trainers. With presentations, workshop and exercises, attendees will be introduced to concepts of effective leadership including:

- Leadership Theory
- Communication
- Resilience
- Mental Health
- Values & Ethics
- Leadership in Service & Community
- Youth Leadership
- Goal Setting/Visioning
- Conflict Resolution & Mindfulness

The program aims to help participants to:

- Build communication and problem-solving skills
- Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader
- Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers and peer mentors
- Unlock their potential to turn motivation into action
- Have fun and form lasting friendships
- Build on their existing leadership
- Further develop their own skills, talents and abilities, and
- Remember their responsibility to their communities and the world.

Who hosts RYLA?

RYLA is hosted by Rotary, a reputable non-profit organisation whose mission is to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary is a **non-religious, non-political** organisation and RYLA is operated by a Committee of members of Rotary and Rotaract Clubs and alumni of the program.

Why choose to attend RYLA?

Here are some testimonials from RYLA participants in 2023:

“A life-changing experience I must say! I cannot recommend this program enough for young people. We only can lead and take care of people well when we are physically and mentally capable of doing that to ourselves first, and this program provided many valuable tools we needed to improve our well-being and capacity. Thank you so much for having me!”

“RYLA was a fantastic experience, I learnt so much about not just leadership but also myself. There is a magic about RYLA that words simply cannot describe. I would recommend the program not just to those looking to enter leadership positions, but to any young person with the energy, passion and drive to broaden their horizons.”



“There's something so special about meeting strangers at the start of the week and becoming a family by the end of it. RYLA has taught me a lot of leadership and life lessons that many people don't learn until later in life. I feel very blessed to have been a part of the 2023 cohort with such amazing and inspiring people.”

“Loved every minute of it. The atmosphere was so positive and encouraging and I felt so comfortable to come out of my shell and put in 100%. Made some meaningful and heartfelt connections with both my syndicate group and other RYLarians and would recommend it to anyone. 100/10 Experience.”

“RYLA 2023 was one of the greatest weeks of my life. It was an incredible opportunity to further develop my leadership skills, learn from exceptional mentors and reveal a greater understanding of self. Not to mention the laughs and ever-lasting friendships made along the way.”

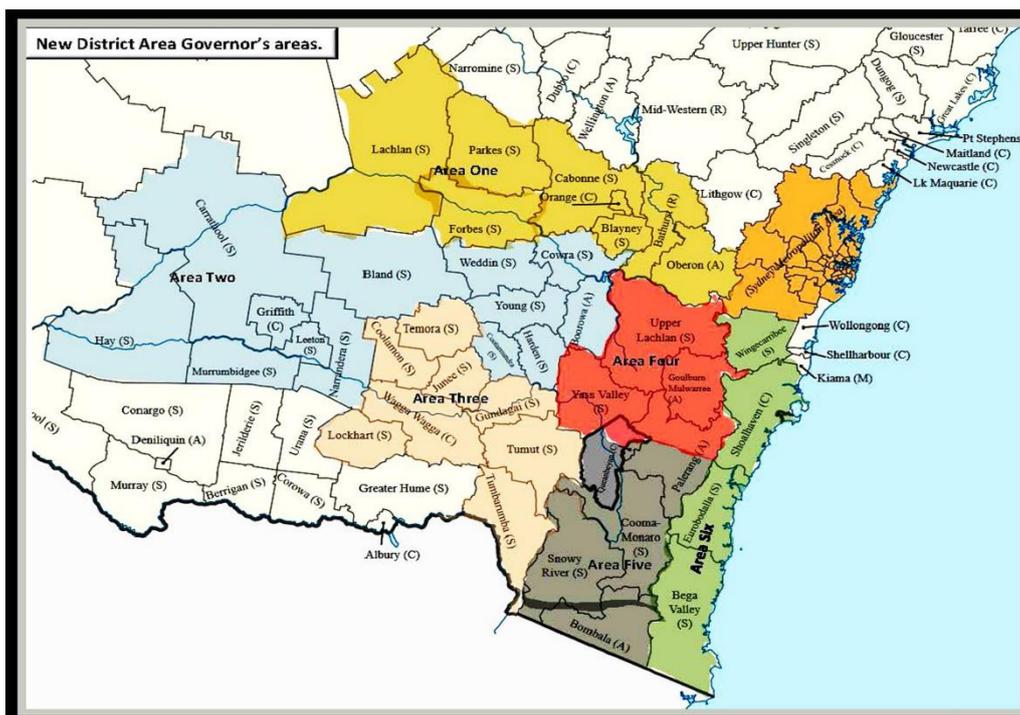
Who can apply?

RYLA applications are open to youth with leadership aspirations and/ or experience between the ages of 18 and 28. Successful participants will demonstrate the following basic criteria:

- Leadership experience or potential, demonstrated through community, business, social and educational activities or organisations;
- Commitment to ongoing learning; Strong communication skills; Awareness of current events.

Every RYLA participant must be endorsed by a Rotary or Rotaract Club in District 9705. All successful applicants must present to their sponsoring Rotary or Rotaract Club after the program to provide feedback about their experience and also show their appreciation for the opportunity.

The following map shows the geographic area of District 9705 in NSW and the ACT (please ignore the different coloured areas, all shaded areas are included in the District).





How much does RYLA cost?

The total cost of the program for 2024 is \$1,250 (no GST applicable) per person, which covers participants from when they arrive at the venue to when they leave. Participants may be sponsored in whole or part by a Rotary or Rotaract Club, their employer, or choose to pay their own way, however all participants must be endorsed by a Rotary or Rotaract Club.

What will RYLA do for your employees?

A challenging 7 day program, RYLA will offer your employees a unique networking opportunity to meet goal oriented and motivated individuals from different backgrounds and to access some of Australia's most influential and motivational speakers, and experts in a variety of fields. The core curriculum utilises workshops and lectures that introduce the fundamentals of effective leadership. Your employees will have the opportunity to put their leadership skills into action in practical applications throughout the week.

Is the event accessible to people with a disability?

The RYLA Committee strives to make an inclusive and accessible event for all participants. Candidates should advise their requirements when applying so that the committee has an opportunity to review these and determine what actions can be taken to ensure the candidate will have an outstanding RYLA experience. The Committee will work closely with participants and the venue in the lead up to and during the event to ensure all requirements are met.

When and where is District 9705 RYLA held?

Commencement: 2pm, Saturday 6 January 2024

Conclusion: 12:30pm, Friday 12 January 2024

Venue: Warrambui Retreat & Conference Centre

322 Greenwood Road, Murrumbateman NSW 2582

Considerations for Applicants

- Acceptance into RYLA is based on Endorsement by a local Rotary or Rotaract Club. Final decisions are at the discretion of individual Rotary or Rotaract Clubs and the District 9705 RYLA Committee.
- As Rotary and Rotaract Clubs and businesses invest significantly in sending applicants to RYLA, **it is extremely important that you are able to attend the program for the entire duration.** Participants are not permitted to leave the program location except in exceptional circumstances. Prior to submitting your application, please ensure you are able to take leave from work and schedule the time away.
- In completing the application form, you are consenting to the information on this form being collected for the purposes of organising the District 9705 Rotary Youth Leadership Award program for January 2024. This information will be shared with parties that are responsible for the organisation of this event.