

# Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Rotary District 9675

3 - 8 January 2023 at Stanwell Tops

Thank you for your interest in attending the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program!

RYLA is a life-changing program, providing an incredible opportunity to develop yourself as a leader alongside 75 participants. This will be a week of your life that you'll never forget, and we'd love you to be involved!

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## Key Information about RYLA!

### What is RYLA?

RYLA is an amazing leadership program for young adults aged between 19 and 25. The 6-day program typically has 75 participants and focuses on leadership, personal development, teamwork and community awareness. RYLA features presentations from many experts who generously donate their time and experience to further the development of young leaders. The program combines workshops and presentations to fully explore the fundamentals of effective leadership.

All RYLA participants are generously sponsored to attend by a local Rotary club. RYLA costs \$780 (inc GST) for each participant, and this cost is covered in full by Rotary - it really is an incredibly valuable opportunity!

## Why should I attend RYLA?

RYLA is truly a life-changing experience. The program is an opportunity to understand yourself and others, and understand what it means to be a leader. You will form amazing connections with your fellow participants, and the impact on your life will go well-beyond the time you spend together.

## Who can attend RYLA?

Anyone who wishes to develop themselves as a leader can attend RYLA! The program is for people aged around 19 to 25, as this is a great time after High School to understand yourself more and what you want out of life. We are seeking anyone that wishes to make an impact on the community and are committed to ongoing learning.

Every RYLarian is generously sponsored in full by a local Rotary club. Your application must be approved by a sponsoring Rotary club, which will require an interview by the club. All successful applicants must present to their sponsoring Rotary Club after the program to provide feedback about their experience and also show their appreciation for this incredible opportunity.

## When and where is RYLA?

RYLA is held from 3-8 January 2023 at The Tops Conference Centre at the beautiful Stanwell Tops (located between Sydney and Wollongong).

## How can I apply?

### Attention APPLICANTS!

Please complete the **BLUE** sections below of this official RYLA Application form.

- If you have been nominated by a local Rotary club, please send this completed and signed form to the Rotary Club you have been speaking with.
- If you have not been nominated by a local Rotary club, that's ok! Your application will be included in a pool of applicants and we will find a Rotary club to sponsor you on your behalf. Please send this completed and signed form to [ryla9675.seminarteam@gmail.com](mailto:ryla9675.seminarteam@gmail.com), and the team will be in touch.



## Important Dates

30 November 2022 - Applications close

3 January 2023 - RYLA Begins!

## What is Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million community leaders who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. There are 35,000+ Rotary clubs around the world. Rotarians provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



Sydney to  
the Illawarra



## Instructions for Sponsoring Rotary Clubs

### Attention ROTARY CLUBS!

Please share this Application form with any leader that you believe would be a great fit for RYLA.

Upon receipt of their Application, please complete the **GOLD** sections at the end and send the completed form to [ryla9675.seminarteam@gmail.com](mailto:ryla9675.seminarteam@gmail.com).

Payment instructions to the District bank account are also provided at the end of this form.

The RYLarians and Rotarians leading the RYLA 9675 program are:

- Margaret Noonan - New Generations and Youth Chair
- Ben MacNevin - RYLA Chair
- Joanna Laba - RYLA Program Seminar Lead

For ALL RYLA communication, please email [ryla9675.seminarteam@gmail.com](mailto:ryla9675.seminarteam@gmail.com)



## Applicants - Complete this Application Form for RYLA

Please consider the following points prior to submitting your completed application form. Please read and complete this form thoroughly.

- Acceptance into RYLA is based on sponsorship by a local Rotary Club (or business). If you aren't in contact with a club, we can assist you in seeking sponsorship. Final decisions are at the discretion of individual Rotary Clubs. Business sponsorships are accepted and highly encouraged.
- As Rotary 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 commute or leave the program location except in exceptional circumstances. Prior to submitting your application, please ensure you are able to take holidays from work and schedule the time away.
- All attendees are required to return to their sponsoring Rotary club after the RYLA program and deliver a presentation or similar about their RYLA experience. Business sponsorships may have similar expectations. More information will be provided on this at RYLA.
- **In completing and signing this application form, you are consenting to the information on this form being collected for the purposes of organising the Rotary District 9675 Rotary Youth Leadership Award program for January 2023. This information will be shared with parties that are responsible for the organisation of this event.**

SECTION 1: APPLICANT DETAILS			
First name		Last name	
Age		Gender	
Postcode		Phone Number	
Email address			



## SECTION 2: ABOUT THE APPLICANT

Please describe your current pursuits with work and/or study.

Please describe your leadership experience, with examples.



Please share your other interests, achievements, hobbies and sports

Empty text area for sharing interests, achievements, hobbies, and sports.

**SECTION 3: ABOUT RYLA**

Please describe your reasons for wanting to attend RYLA

Empty text area for describing reasons for wanting to attend RYLA.



What do you hope to gain from attending RYLA?

RYLA is designed to provide you with a supportive environment to develop your leadership and teamwork. The Program will challenge you in a number of ways - you will be on-site for a week, surrounded by many new people and engaging in a wide-range of content and activities. Please describe how you think you will respond or engage in this setting.

To attend RYLA you must be on-site for the entire program (3-8 January 2023). Do you confirm that you will be fully present during these dates? (You must confirm with your employer, university or relevant stakeholders that you'll have the required leave).



**SECTION 4: PROGRAM RULES AND GUIDELINES**

The RYLA team tries to make the program as fun and as enjoyable as possible, while ensuring the comfort and safety of all participants. To help achieve this we ask participants to adhere to the rules outlined below. Breaching these guidelines may result in you being asked to leave the program.

1. Participants are required to abide by the RYLA rules and guidelines as well as expectations set by the venue staff.
2. Illicit drugs and alcohol are strictly prohibited.
3. Participants will be allocated gender separate rooms and this segregation must be respected. Participants must also be courteous of other participants as well as other visitors to the site.
4. Participants should bring all personal items required for the week. A list of what to bring will be emailed after successful application. Participants are solely responsible for their own personal items.
5. Participants will be required to undertake minimum cleaning and general housekeeping requirements, which will be communicated at RYLA.
6. Participants must attend and adhere to meal and session times.
7. Transport to-and-from the venue will be facilitated by Rotarians. Participants may be permitted to transport themselves however attendees will not be able to leave the site during the program.
8. Participants are responsible for their behaviour and any misconduct will not be tolerated.
9. Participants must be considerate of differing views, perspectives and opinions and be respectful to other participants, the facilitators, guest speakers and the venue staff.

**SECTION 5: APPLICANT AGREEMENT**

Please read this section carefully and sign if you agree.

1. I confirm that all information provided within this document is complete and accurate.
2. I will be positive, respectful and actively participate in all aspects of the RYLA program.
3. I commit to adhere to all rules and guidelines of the RYLA Program and the Venue and will follow all reasonable instructions.
4. I agree to visit my sponsoring Rotary Club after the program to provide feedback about my RYLA experience.
5. I hereby absolutely release and discharge Rotary District 9675 and Rotary International and all its employees, agents and voluntary helpers from and against all claims whatsoever arising out of death, personal injury or loss or damage to personal property that the applicant may suffer or sustain in the course of the program period.
6. I agree that in the event of injury to myself where I am not able to make a decision, you are authorised to obtain, at my expense, any medical, ambulance or like service that you in your absolute discretion think necessary.
7. I understand that my participation is generously sponsored by a Rotary Club and I commit to attending the Program.
8. I understand that in signing this application form I consent to the information on this form being collected for the purposes of organising the Rotary District 9675 Rotary Youth Leadership Award program for January 2023. I understand that this information will be shared with parties that are responsible for the organisation of this event.

<b>NAME OF APPLICANT</b>	<b>SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT</b>	<b>DATE</b>





**SECTION 6: MEDIA RELEASE**

Please read this section carefully and sign if you agree.

I authorise Rotary District 9675, the RYLA facilitating team and its authorised Agents to use any photographs, video footage and other electronic media taken that may include myself on the RYLA program as promotional material for the purposes of promoting the activities of Rotary. I understand this may include, but is not limited to, printed brochures, press releases, website and social media, promotions, newsletters and testimonials.

<b>NAME OF APPLICANT</b>	<b>SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT</b>	<b>DATE</b>

**SECTION 7: FINDING A SPONSOR ROTARY CLUB**

Are you currently in contact with a Rotary Club that has indicated interest in sponsoring you?	YES	NO
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Name of Rotary Club	
Name of Contact at the Rotary Club	

→ If **NO**, that's ok! Your application will be included in a pool of applicants and we will find a Rotary club to sponsor you on your behalf. Send this completed and signed form to [ryla9675.seminarteam@gmail.com](mailto:ryla9675.seminarteam@gmail.com)  
 → If **YES**, please pass this completed and signed form to the Rotary Club you have been speaking with.



## Sponsoring Rotary Clubs - Complete this Nomination and Agreement

### This section is for the Sponsoring Rotary Club to complete

This section is for the Rotary Club to complete. A separate form must be completed for each participant that is nominated for sponsorship. Please note that this Application will not be accepted if this section is not completed.

Applications close 30 November 2022. The nominating Rotary Club must send this completed and signed form to [ryla9675.seminarteam@gmail.com](mailto:ryla9675.seminarteam@gmail.com) before the deadline.

Please make payment of \$780 (inc GST) per RYLarian to:

**Account Name: Rotary International District 9675 Inc**  
**BSB: 062 200**  
**Account Number: 1036 1736**

Please ensure a reference to RYLA is included in the payment.

SECTION 1: ROTARY CLUB DETAILS	
Name of RYLA Applicant <i>(as stated above)</i>	
Name of Rotary Club	
Name of Contact at the Rotary Club	
Phone & Email of Contact at the Rotary Club	

SECTION 2: NOMINATION BY ROTARY CLUB		
Name of RYLA Applicant <i>(as stated in above Application)</i>		
The applicant has been interviewed and selected by our club	YES	NO
The applicant has or will be attending one of our Club's meetings	YES	NO



**SECTION 3: REASONS FOR ENDORSEMENT**

Please list the reasons you are endorsing this leader to attend RYLA

Empty space for listing reasons for endorsing the leader to attend RYLA.

Please provide all information you believe is relevant to the RYLA Seminar Team about this participant's involvement in the program.

Empty space for providing information about the participant's involvement in the program.



**SECTION 4: ROTARY CLUB AGREEMENT**

Please read this section carefully and sign if you agree.

We, the Rotary Club recorded above, nominate the person named within this application to attend RYLA from 3 - 8 January 2023, at The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops.

We acknowledge that submission of this nomination with payment does not guarantee acceptance.

Our club agrees that should our applicant be accepted, we undertake to make payment of \$780 (inc GST) to cover the program costs for this participant prior to January 2023.

Upon acceptance of your nominee, your club will be issued an invoice from the District Treasurer.

<b>NAME OF AUTHORISED PERSON</b>	<b>SIGNATURE OF AUTHORISED PERSON</b>	<b>DATE</b>

