



rotary youth leadership awards



**EMPOWERING
LEADERS
INSPIRING
CHANGE**

**05 – 11 FEB 2022
THE CAPRICORN
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ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

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RYLA is an intensive peer-on-peer leadership development program targeted at emerging leaders. Youth aged 18-28; selected for their leadership potential, attend a 7-day program held at the Capricorn Caves. Participants are selected from around the District and are supported by local Rotary Clubs and businesses. Our District compasses Maryborough in the South to Bamaga in the North and Darwin in the West, covering some 2.1 million square kilometres. Our facilitating team consists of four team facilitators, senior facilitator, chairperson and camp mum and dad (both Rotarians). This team is unique, as each facilitator has completed RYLA.

RYLA AIMS

- Develop and fine-tune communication, teamwork and problem solving skills;
- Develop self confidence and greater self understanding and awareness;
- Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in your workplace or community;
- Have fun and form lasting friendships;
- Unlock your potential to turn motivation into action; and
- Discover tools and strategies for coping with the challenges presented by a changing society.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The program includes a variety of interactive developmental sessions with guest speakers, the facilitating team and the Caves staff. Topics include:

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| ▪ Mental health | ▪ Teamwork |
| ▪ Cause and effect | ▪ Conflict management |
| ▪ Public speaking | ▪ Problem solving |
| ▪ Effective communication | ▪ Interpersonal skills |
| ▪ Goal setting | ▪ Outdoor activities |
| ▪ Time management | ▪ Much much more! |



RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPANTS

- As RYLA is a significant investment for Rotary Clubs and businesses, participants are responsible for their behaviour during the program. A positive attitude and open mind are highly encouraged.
- Participants are required to abide by the RYLA rules and guidelines as well as expectations set by the Capricorn Caves. Mobile phones are strictly prohibited between 7am and 10pm for the duration of the program.
- The program is intensive and its success relies on active participation and effort by all. Therefore, participants are not allowed to commute or to leave the program location except in the case of exceptional circumstances.
- Participants are responsible for personal items and expenses required for the program, such as toiletries.
- A full list of items required for the program as well as additional program information and how to get to the Caves will be emailed upon successful sponsorship by a Club or business.
- Following successful completion of the program, participants are required to attend their sponsoring Rotary Club(s) and provide feedback on their experience at RYLA. Business sponsored participants may have similar requirements.



THE COST

RYLA participants are sponsored by local Rotary Clubs and businesses. All sessions, accommodation and meals are included in the cost. Transport to and from the Caves is not included. The costs below indicate per participant fee and must be paid upon invoice.

- Early bird cost: \$1,100 (*applications submitted on or before 31/12/21*)
- Late bird cost: \$1,200 (*applications submitted on or after 01/01/22*)
- Withdrawal fee: \$100 paid upon invoice. This fee is to cover costs in the event that you withdraw from the program within one month of RYLA. You may be required by your club/business to cover this fee.

Contact us if you would like further information on sponsorship or would like to be put in touch with your closest Rotary Club.

APPLICATIONS

All information and the application form can be found on the [District 9560 Website](#) and on [Facebook](#).

Applications open: NOW
Applications close: 21 January 2022*

**Late applications may be accepted at the discretion of the District Chair*



OUR SYMBOL

The Western Australian RYLA team, District 9455, has kindly shared their RYLA symbol with us. This symbol represents youth and energy. It has been created with the capital letters 'Y' from 'YOUTH' and 'A' from 'AWARD'. The letter 'Y' symbolizes the arms of youth while the star silhouette represents leadership and excellence.

The official colours of Rotary have been used to represent youth, confidence, leadership and excellence – values of Rotary International.



CONTACT US

For more information, please find us on Facebook. Alternatively, please contact the District Chair on the options below.

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PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIALS



"I can't name just one aspect of RYLA that has benefit me.
The whole overall experience has been a massive awakening for me."

"It completely blew me away."

"I can't fault it [the program]. From my experience, I found all of it useful."

"It has definitely boosted my self confidence and it is something I will
always remember. Huge changes in my thought processes, it's
changed my perspective on life and my goals."

"One of the best weeks of my life. Super challenging but rewarding at the end."

"A life-changing experience. I can already feel the change in myself.
I couldn't imagine what this week had in store and I have to say it's
been one of the best experiences of my life."

"Fan-bloody-tastic! I was nervous at the beginning but settled in very quickly.
If I could, I would definitely attend again."

"Life-changing isn't a term that I use too often but at this point in my life, it
[RYLA] has lifted me out of a mental rut that I wasn't sure how to escape.
I'm now looking forward to failure, or should I say, experience."

"Feel like it has been the best experience of my life! 100% gave me more confidence which will
change my life completely. I absolutely loved this week."

"I feel as though I have expanded my tool kit and have a lot more resources
to draw on now. I'm prepared for a range of different situations."

