



Take Up the RYLA Challenge

Do you have what it takes to become a dynamic leader and change not only yourself but the world around you?

By applying for RYLA, you will be taking the first step in realising your leadership potential.



When is RYLA?

RYLA will be held from Sunday 31st May - Saturday 6th June 2026. Applications for RYLA are open now!

Where is RYLA?

RYLA takes place at Camp Cooby, located north of Toowoomba, an inviting venue with scenic lake views and a welcoming staff committed to providing the best opportunities and experiences for participants. Transportation to RYLA is provided by bus, departing on Sunday morning and returning on Saturday evening.

How is it Funded?

Successful applicants are selected and sponsored/co-sponsored by Rotary clubs or their employer.

How Do You Apply for RYLA?

Applying for RYLA is easy!

Scan the QR code to fill out a 2026 application form →



If your application is successful, you'll be contacted by a RYLA leader and invited to attend a Rotary meeting with your potential sponsor club. You will also receive all the necessary information prior to RYLA to ensure you're fully prepared for a life-changing week.

Rotary District 9620  Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

RYLA – Empowering the leaders of tomorrow and inspiring positive change in the community

Dates:

Sunday 31st May - Saturday 6th June 2026

Location:

Camp Cooby
Geham QLD



Find Out More:

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Follow us on social media to ensure you're up to date on all RYLA announcements.

Why not take a break from your everyday life and explore this personal and professional development opportunity!

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an exciting and challenging program designed to equip current and aspiring leaders, aged 20 to 30, with the personal, leadership, and citizenship skills needed to thrive in all aspects of life.

Set in a rural environment, the program offers participants an unforgettable experience filled with learning, personal growth, and plenty of laughter.

The RYLA Experience

Your RYLA experience begins the moment you step onto the bus, where leaders and fellow participants are eager to help you make the most of this incredible opportunity.

RYLA brings together talented, like-minded individuals from diverse backgrounds to engage in seminars, workshops, outdoor adventures, and reflective exercises.

Of course, no experience is complete without fun! Daily activities and sessions are designed to keep you energized and on your toes throughout the RYLA week.

Why RYLA is for you

Whether you're a young professional, a tertiary student, or anywhere in between, RYLA offers an incredible opportunity to learn, grow, have fun, and make new friends.

Participants who embark on the RYLA journey often find they can successfully apply the skills they've gained to their personal lives and careers, while also making a positive impact on their communities.

Additionally, Rotary initiatives and local Rotaract Clubs work closely with participants, inspiring them to create, support, or contribute to projects that address both local and global issues.

What Makes RYLA Special?

The People

"Everyone at RYLA was there for different reasons, but we all seemed to be on the same wavelength from the start. I was able to form new friends and I developed a support network for my everyday life."



The Program

"I'm not sure I've ever been through such an intense, valuable and fun program. The learnings from the activities related directly to our everyday lives as young adults – core values, personality types, teamwork, communications, goal setting, time management and leadership; all while having a lot of fun!"

The Challenges

"RYLA challenged me to face my fears, to step out of my comfort zone, and gave me the confidence to deal with unfamiliar situations and different (or difficult) people".

Rotary

"RYLA brought together three nations, creating international friendships. The program afforded participants the opportunity to learn more about Rotary and how we could get involved in our local communities".

What will you Gain from RYLA?

At the end of RYLA, participants are equipped with personal, leadership and citizenship skills which position them for success in all areas of their life.

Specifically, RYLA's learning outcomes are:

Personal Development

- Y Develop an understanding of the uniqueness of oneself
- Y Develop lifelong learning skills
- Y Display appropriate communication skills
- Y Display self-confidence

Leadership

- Y Identify the qualities of a leader
- Y Promote team work
- Y Embrace change
- Y Create an action plan which ensures:
 - The transfer of key program learnings
 - Life-long learning habits

Citizenship

- Y Discuss the purpose of good citizenship
- Y Understand and promote the values of Rotary

In addition to all of this, you'll walk away from the RYLA program with new memories, friendships and a support network which lasts a lifetime.

In the words of past participants, "*RYLA was the best week of my life*".

