

# SCHOOLS ROTARY BRIEFING

## ROTARY

-Formed in Chicago, 1905, first Australian Club 1921, 1.3 million members worldwide, 30,000 in ANZ, originally largely professionals but now all vocations represented.

- Objectives to provide service to others, promote integrity, advance understanding and international goodwill.

- Do this through four avenues of service: Community, Youth, International and Vocational

- Rotary Club of Wandin formed in 1984, have 32 +/- members from a diverse range of backgrounds. We have long standing relations with a number of primary schools in our area, and we are seeking to extend our contact to secondary schools in our immediate area.

## ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMS

-Junior Citizenship Awards – year 6 students nominated by teachers for service to the community (school community or broader community). Presented at an Assembly, a plaque which hangs in the school plus certificate for individuals.

-Primary School Speech Contest – year 5 or 6 students, present a 3 minute speech judged by Toastmasters, schools hold preliminary events to select their representatives, finalists progress to Cluster finals, then to District finals.

-Camp Awakenings – for year 9 (15 years-olds) who are having problems. A 2 ½ day live in self development program focused on building self-belief, self-awareness, a positive attitude and a strong support network. Uses using team building techniques in outdoor environment. Has a major impact on participants.

- Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) for 14 – 17 year olds. A 2 day residential program with similar content to Camp Awakenings but for individuals who exhibit leadership potential.



- Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) – for year 11 students. Young participants learn about other countries and appreciate the workings of the UN General Assembly. A team of 2 students is allocated a member country of the UN and learn about that country and represent its views in a UN debate. Held over 2 days at State Parliament House.

- Rotary 4-Way Test Public Speaking competition – for year 10 students. Speeches for 4 minutes for 2 participants per school. Heats, semi-finals and grand- final.

-Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)- A one day workshop for 16-18 year olds to understand risks of car travel to young drivers and passengers, and investigate ways to manage and eliminate road risk by developing and rehearsing personal strategies.





- Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) – for 18-30 year olds. A 6 day intensive leadership training program for individuals showing clear leadership potential. A range of seminars, workshops and team building activities.

- National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) – for year 11 students with an interest in science. Two week [program held in a number of Universities to find out more about science and careers in science. Participants are selected after an interview process. Very competitive. Cost to students \$1200.

- Wheelchairs for kids. Retiree volunteers in Australia use your donations to make and distribute up to 300 wheelchairs per month to poor disabled children in developing countries. Millions are needed, but each one makes a difference. Every \$150 raised gives a child the freedom of mobility and liberates a carer.



The Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group may provide support here through adult participation, funding and tax concessions. Earlier this year eight Rotarians volunteered to build a pre-school in Fiji and the club raised \$20 000 for materials. Last week \$6 500 was raised at a Trivia Night and will be massaged into \$50 000 by 2016 so that an Interplast medical team can be

sent to carry out surgical treatment and training for our overseas neighbours.

The creation of an Interact Club at your school College may help to place community work into a structure where there may be valuable access to Rotary internationally and direct support and sponsorship from our club.

### **Relationship between curriculum and Rotary activity.**

In English at Year 6 the content descriptor 'Use interaction skills, varying conventions of spoken interactions such as voice volume, tone, pitch and pace, according to group size, formality of interaction and needs and expertise of the audience (ACELY1816)' could be a focus for the Primary School Speech Contest. At Year 10 we see 'Use organisation patterns, voice and language conventions to present a point of view on a subject, speaking clearly, coherently and with effect, using logic, imagery and rhetorical devices to engage audiences (ACELY1813)'

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

- [District 9810 Year 10 – Four-way Test Speaking Competition](#)
- [Model United Nations Assembly \(MUNA\)](#)
- [RYLA \(Youth Leadership\)](#)
- [Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment \(RYPEN\)](#)
- [Summer Science Programs](#)
- [Rotary Youth Exchange Program](#)
  - [Rotary Youth Exchange Program – History and Background](#)
- [Other Youth Programs](#)
- [Interact Clubs](#)
- RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Award) <http://www.rse.org.au/programs/ryda/>