



## **RYPEN 2007**

### **Applicant's Information**

#### **What is RYPEN?**

RYPEN is the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment.

#### **What does RYPEN do?**

RYPEN is a weekend camp held once each year. RYPEN targets young people in the 14 to 17 age group. It is a personal development program developing leadership skills by communicating ideas, problems and social experiences that will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards.

#### **Who can go to the RYPEN camp?**

Anyone in the 14 to 17 age group. It is not necessarily for the top students, school representatives or the obvious young leaders. The ideal candidate is the teenager who will benefit from confidence building, encouragement, a guiding hand or simply the chance to learn more about their own capabilities.

#### **How is the RYPEN camp organised and conducted?**

Approximately 30–40 students participate in each camp. They are divided into 5 groups of 6 to 8 with two Rotaract leaders being responsible for each group. Rotarians are also present at the camp to deliver and oversee the program. The District RYPEN committee is composed of Rotarians and Rotaractors who are responsible for compiling and reviewing the program.

#### **How do you get nominated to go to Camp?**

Rotary Clubs in the district are asked to sponsor students. The cost to sponsor a student is \$175. Attendees to camp receive a RYPEN T-shirt

RYPEN applicants who do not have a sponsoring Club need only to apply to the address on the application form and a Sponsoring Club will be nominated for them.

#### **When and where is RYPEN?**

This year the RYPEN camp will commence on the weekend of Friday evening 24th August at 5.30pm and concludes at 2.00pm Sunday afternoon 26th August at Luther Heights at Coolum. Transport from Brisbane to Coolum will be provided by Rotary.

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### **How does a student register for RYPEN?**

An application form is available from your local Rotary Club or Interact Club or on the District 9600 web site – see below

### **Who is Rotary and What do they do?**

Rotary is a service organisation of business and professional men and women, who conduct humanitarian projects working towards world understanding and peace.

Rotary encourages high ethical standard in all vocations and supports local community groups.

Some Rotary programmes include:

Camps for 15-17 year olds - RYPEN.

Camps for 18-25 year olds - RYLA.

Student exchange with overseas countries

Working to control Malaria (world wide)

Working to eradicate Polio (world wide)

Medical aid & surgery for children from overseas (eg PNG, Fiji, Solomons)

Providing food hampers for needy families

Stationery kits for children in PNG

Recognition of excellence in the work place (Pride of Workmanship Awards)

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