

interpersonal skills, time management and how to make the most of it. Issues concerning young people - How we can contribute to and influence what happens in our society and peer pressure are also discussed. Group activities and games form part of this learning process. Self made entertainment on Saturday night.

Sunday aims to address the future and how to plan for it. Interpersonal skills are put to practical use during a competition between the participant groups. The RYPEN Olympiad is a team building exercise, involving all the participants.

No Rotary Club should underestimate the importance of RYPEN. It can be the first experience young people have of integrating with other people outside their family and school environment. The value of the camp is immeasurable and can only be assessed by the confidence gained by the participants. Those clubs which have sent participants to the camps will be aware of the benefits reaped.



Rotary also offers other Youth Camps for year 11 & 12 students and people aged between 17 - 28. Please visit our website: www.rotary9640.org

HOW TO GET THERE



Camp Bornhoffen, Numinbah Valley, Queensland

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Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment



District 9640

What is RYPEN?

RYPEN is a specialised youth program, designed for the Cultivation of Youth, which is now the motto for RYPEN. Developed in Australia in 1980, camps have been held in all Districts in Australia as well as some in New Zealand, America and Canada.

The first seminar was developed by David Southern of the Canberra - Balconnen Rotary Club who saw a need for young people to be given the opportunity to experience a weekend camp designed to give them, through key speakers, the ability to gain self confidence, the ability to communicate and the desire to be decision makers.

RYPEN was introduced into District 964 (now



9640) by PDG Ian Telfer in 1984 at Stanthorpe. This camp was the first to be held in Queensland.

Who is the RYPEN Camp for?

The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment is conducted as a camp for 14 to 16 year old youth who are nominated by Rotary Clubs on the basis of their personal qualities. They do not have to be outstanding students, but young people who would benefit from being able to develop their personal qualities and skills.



Who Conducts the Camp?

The camp is fully supervised by Rotarians, their partners and our Partners in Service, Rotaract. The Rotaractors are an integral part of the weekend and give their time voluntarily to provide a link between the Rotarians and the teenage participants. This works extremely well and is appreciated by all who attend the camp.

A Look at the Program

The RYPEN District Committee has drawn up a seminar based on personal and social



development. The aim is to increase participants self-esteem and at the same time to develop a respect for the beliefs and ideas of others. The program has been designed so as to involve all participants in workshops, discussions and group activities.

The camp begins on Friday morning with organising the participants into groups, getting to know each other and laying the foundations for the weekend. Saturday morning sees everyone enjoying early morning workouts before breakfast. The more structured part of the weekend begins after breakfast.

On Saturday and Sunday, Guest Speakers explain the fundamentals of goal setting,