



Club 18610 – District 9940 – Chartered 1960

President: Mel Cook

18th November 2022

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Your son/daughter has been nominated by your local Rotary Club to attend the **Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN)**. This exciting weekend takes place annually and is an opportunity for your teenager to develop their confidence and leadership skills.

Details are below. Please read them carefully and complete the consent form. Your child needs to complete Section 2 of the Nomination/Registration Form. The forms can then be returned to your nominating Rotary Club. Please do this promptly. Registrations close on Friday 11th March 2022.

<p>RYPEN: What is it?</p>	<p>RYPEN is a program for 15 – 17 year old young people of both genders who possess qualities of decency, sincerity, persistence and application which deserves further development. It is organised in Rotary District 9940 by the Rotary Club of Inglewood and held at the Vertical Horizon Adventure Centre, 10km east of Inglewood in Taranaki. Vertical Horizon is a privately owned facility. It is fully compliant and highly regarded by all the schools, corporates and government agencies that use it.</p> <p>Program Aims: The program is planned to challenge all participants in situations that develop: <i>Confidence, Leadership and Teamwork in a unique rural setting.</i></p> <p>The principle aim is to communicate a series of ideas and problems, challenges and social experiences with a view to challenging participants and fostering resilience. Problem-solving in a group context is one of the key strategies used.</p> <p>Please do not nominate young people who have already experienced other outdoor pursuit experiences. Your members may know of suitable candidates. If not, please speak to your local secondary school; no doubt they will be happy to suggest potential participants.</p> <p>Numbers: RYPEN 2022 will be for a maximum of 40 participants. The preferred number of nominations per Rotary Club is two.</p> <p>Gender: The weekend’s activities work best when there is a balance of gender and we will seek the help of Rotary Clubs with this.</p>
<p>WHEN</p>	<p>RYPEN will be held on the weekend of Friday 17th – Sunday 19th March 2023</p>

COST	The cost for <u>Camp Fees</u> and Program Expenses of \$260.00 per student is paid by the nominating Rotary Club. The Rotary Club of Inglewood will transport students from Rotary House (13 Moa Street, Inglewood) to Vertical Horizon Camp and return. Nominating Rotary Clubs and families of the nominated student/s need to confer regarding transport to and from Inglewood. Intercity coaches stop right outside Rotary House as part of their normal route.
REGISTRATION	<p>Nomination Forms: MUST be returned no later than Friday 3rd March 2023 to the Inglewood Rotary Club, so please ensure the sponsoring Rotary Club contact person has your form back in time for it to be processed and forwarded by the 6th March.</p> <p>Completed forms must include the email address of a contact from the nominating club AS WELL AS the nominee's. No late entries will be accepted. If your child is unable to attend for any reason please advise us as soon as possible. PLEASE print your email address clearly, as this is an important line of communication. Please also ensure your phone details are correct and that the phone account balance will accept calls.</p>
TRANSPORT	<p>The Inglewood Rotary Club will ensure all participants are transported between Inglewood and the camp. Note that on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday - the northbound Intercity bus arrives at 4.59pm from Wellington and Palmerston North • Sunday – this service is COVID19 dependent and it may be a charter bus is used. • Friday - private transport can deliver students to Rotary House for a 5.00pm assembly. • Sunday - private transport for Taranaki students can collect students from Rotary House from 1.00pm. • All southbound students must travel on the charter bus provided, which arrives at the Transit Bus depot 33 Matipo Street Palmerston North at 4.15pm and intermediate drip-off stops along the way prior, starting with Wanganui at 3.00pm. • These times are a guide only. Please check.
CONTACT	<p>Any questions you have can be directed to your local Rotary Club or to the RYPEN Committee: rypen9940@gmail.com</p> <p>The RYPEN Convener is: (Mel Cook) rypen9940@gmail.com mobile phone 0274 426943</p>

We look forward to meeting your teenager in March.

Kind regards



Mel Cook
RYPEN Convener