

*"The RYLA course was life changing for me. I have never been happier and more confident. I am able to move forward and do better for my life and the people around me." Kathie*

## Programme

A varied programme is being prepared. It will include lectures, activities and group discussions. A wide range of topics and presenters is a feature and high quality presentations and relevance to leadership development is assured throughout the week.

The programme topics will be based on the following themes:

- Leadership and You - Hopes and expectations
- Leadership in the Work place
- Leadership in the Outdoors
- Leadership through understanding
  - Wisdom and perspectives
- Leadership in the Community
- Leadership in Business
- Leadership in the Family
- Leadership through Communication
  - Planning and Organisation
- Leadership through Team Work
  - Group Dynamics

Time will be allocated for recreation and organised trips to places of special interest.

The Club based selection ensures delegates cover a wide cross section of vocations and backgrounds. The common denominator is all delegates are selected because they have leadership qualities and / or skills.

RYLA is a wonderful opportunity for all clubs in our district to collectively recognise, inform and inspire worthy young people from our local district community and to enhance their futures.

*"If you think you already the best, RYLA can make you better." Jason*

*"A week full of energy, inspiration and eye-openers. Absolutely incredible and life changing." Olivia*



Rotary International District 9910

# RYLA 2019

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*Incredible speakers, seamlessly organised, I have cherished every moment." Lauren*

*"RYLA will expand possibilities and opportunities beyond what your mind can fathom." Jasmine*

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# rotary youth leadership awards

## Information 2019

# RYLA

## DISTRICT 9910

**Sunday 28 April to  
Saturday 4 May 2019**

*Muriwai Beach Surf Club  
Muriwai Beach, Auckland*

*"I'm leaving RYLA with an increased focus on my goals and what I want to achieve. I have developed as a leader, personally, and made life-long friendships."*

*Rez Gardi*

**2017 Young New Zealander of the Year**

## What is RYLA -

### Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

RYLA is a Rotary organised programme promoting youth leadership and catering to young aspiring leaders aged between 20-28. Since its inception in 1960, thousands of young people around the world have benefited from RYLA. Many have gone on to be outstanding leaders of their families, their businesses and the communities in which they live.

Delegates are sponsored either by a local Rotary Club, a local business, the business for whom they work or by private arrangements. We encourage businesses to promote their young leaders with a RYLA experience as the benefits are numerous and embrace all areas of the young person's lives.

The varied, one week live in RYLA programme has proved extraordinarily successful for many years. It provides an environment in which young people can develop their leadership, team work and communication skills. Many RYLA graduates have referred to the experience as "the week that changed my life". Often the friendships made during the RYLA week develop into life time networks, benefiting the delegates in all areas of their lives.

Administered by Rotarians and facilitated by professional trainers, it targets young people aged 20-28 who may still be at university or already working. They do not need to be in a leadership role at this time.

#### The interactive programme is focused on:

- Leadership theory and skills.
- Leadership in practice.
- Team situations to apply the skills learned.

#### Where young people develop:

- Self-awareness and Self-reliance.
- An attitude that enables delegates to lead with confidence in any situation.
- Communication and networking skills.

*While not an Outward Bound experience, there are physical aspects involved that are well within the reach of all young people with an average level of fitness.*

#### Barry Larsen

Chairman - RYLA Organising Committee

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*"RYLA expands your horizons both mentally and physically – A fantastic group of people – Gives hope back to the world. An amazing, life changing, deep experience." Ben*

## The RYLA Mission is to:

Create a leadership experience combining theory with experiential learning situations to promote the skills and behaviours required of leaders by utilising outstanding facilitators and inspirational leaders to share knowledge and modern leadership practice with delegates.

### Objectives

1. To bring together young people aged 20 to 28, who have shown leadership qualities and will benefit from the programme of lectures, discussions, activities and interactions during a week long seminar.
2. To demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for young people.
3. To provide information, instruction and experience on a wide range of subjects of interest and benefit to the delegates, utilising appropriate industry and community leaders and experts as presenters.
4. To equip, instruct and encourage promising young people from differing cultures and backgrounds, to better serve their communities and countries.
5. To encourage leadership of young people by young people.
6. To recognise young people who are providing service to their communities.
7. To provide delegates with an experience they will not forget and that will benefit them well into the future.
8. To provide an environment for young leaders to build relationships that develop into lifetime friendships and networks.

*"RYLA was an incredible experience that armed me with practical leadership tools I wouldn't have otherwise gained. I was so inspired by the people I met, presenters and facilitators." Beatrice*

**Alcohol and recreational drugs  
ARE NOT PERMITTED**

## Selection

Each Rotary Club in district 9910 seeks applications to attend RYLA from suitable young people that meet the established criteria. Applicants do NOT need to be from the Club's own area.

- Applicants should be between 20 and 28 on 1st April 2019.
- People still at school are not eligible.
- A standard application form must be completed by each applicant.
- The Rotary Club will interview all applicants, advise them of the criteria and qualities of candidates being sought, then make a selection of the number of delegates the Club wishes to support.
- Sons and daughters of Rotarians are eligible, so long as they meet the criteria laid down and pass the selection process.
- Reservations should be made by 31 October 2018. Please email Mark Harris; mark-harris@xtra.co.nz
- Clubs forward their selected delegates' application forms, together with a cheque for \$1050.00 ea (GST included) made out to: **"Rotary International District 9910 INC."** and send to the Treasurer RYLA 2018, Mark Harris, 80 John Downs Drive, Browns Bay, Auckland 0630 by **31 December 2018**.
- The maximum number of delegates able to attend is 40. In the event of more than 40 applications received, the organisers will select the 40 delegates from the applications.
- Delegates will be sent an information pack and will only require a small amount of money for the week of RYLA.

## Supervision

Experienced adult leaders are appointed as resident supervisors at the seminar for the week, including residential directors, programme directors, course administrators and counsellors. Medical needs will be attended to.

Although delegates are treated as responsible young adults, adherence to basic rules and a Code of Conduct is expected.