



Club 18610 - District 9940 - Chartered 1960

President Dennis Eales – **Secretary** Lux Fonseka - **Treasurer** Jim Shepherd

5th March 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian/Caregiver.

RYPEN- Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment.

RYPEN is a program run under the auspices of Rotary District 9940, which covers the lower North Island, and is administered by the Rotary Club of Inglewood. It involves taking around 50 young adults aged between 15 and 17 years and placing them in situations where their personal leadership qualities and group leadership skills are developed and refined.

The weekend course is totally hands on, with a strong emphasis on the outdoors. The challenges, problems, ideas and new experiences put in front of them, seeks to provide these young people with an opportunity to learn more about themselves and help them develop their values. For some it may even help them (re)set their moral compass. We also hope to broaden their personal horizons; culturally, physically, socially and academically.

The participants must come prepared to be challenged and they must be prepared to be involved. They will need a can-do attitude and a willingness to think differently and try new things. All activities are supervised and run by qualified staff and, in addition, trusted Rotarians will be on site for the weekend.

RYPEN is run at Vertical Horizon, an adventure camp which is situated 10km east of Inglewood (Taranaki) adjacent to Everett Park.

This year it will run on the weekend of 19-21 May. The program begins at 5.00pm on Friday 19 May and finishes at 12.30pm on Sunday 21 May.

Rotary Clubs throughout the District have been asked to nominate suitable young people who have as yet untapped leadership potential. The course participants MUST possess the qualities of decency, persistency, sincerity and application and we are delighted that (*student's name*) has been nominated to attend. Please complete the attached registration form.

RYPEN in District 9940 has previously been successfully held in Taihape for the past 25 years and it has been highly recommended by previous participants. Participants are expected to behave as they would on any usual school trip. To that end activities such as smoking, vaping, drinking alcohol will not be tolerated and we will have no hesitation in contacting parents/caregivers if a participant fails to behave responsibly and respectfully.

The camp fees and program expenses are covered by the nominating Rotary Club. Transport to and from Inglewood can be discussed with the nominating Rotary Club; they are prepared to assist where possible in this regard. Please note: all participants are to arrive at camp by 5.00pm on the Friday evening.

If you wish further information on the program please do not hesitate to contact us and, if you would like to come and see what RYPEN involves at Vertical Horizon, you are more than welcome to visit sometime over the course of the weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis Eales".

Dennis Eales
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