

ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT (RYPEN);

THURSDAY 8 - SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026 EVENT PROGRAM

Some RYPEN Ground Rules:

1. Mobile phones will create a distraction and potentially a safety hazard.
 - Candidates will not be permitted to bring mobile phones, and if found will be confiscated. - KOEC does not have mobile / data coverage.
 - Photographs can be taken and shared with attendees by the RYPEN supervisors.
2. Cigarettes or Vaping are strictly prohibited and will not be permitted.
3. We will have an onsite medic and a number of qualified First Aiders available throughout RYPEN.

TRANSPORT NOTES FOR BUS TRAVEL / ESTIMATED TIMETABLE

Taranaki:

- 8.00am Depart Bell Block at the Bus stop by the Warehouse
- 8.40am Depart Stratford by the Caltex Service Station
- 9.15am Depart Hawera by the Water Tower Bus Stop
- 9.45am Depart Patea by the Waka

Whanganui:

- 10.30am Depart Whanganui by the BP Fuel Station on London St (TBA)
- 11.15am Arrive at Bulls to collect students (TBA)
- 11.45am Depart Bulls for Kawhatau

Day / Time	Details	Notes
Thursday 8 Oct	Transport of candidates from home locations to the Te Matapihi Bulls Community Centre to be arranged by sponsoring Rotary Club. Candidates should have a packed lunch with them. Lunch will not be provided. The RYPEN bus will be coming from New Plymouth: - Taranaki attendees will be able to travel to Bulls on the bus, by arrangement with Rotarian Bus Driver, Des Friedrich (desnlu@gmail.com / 021503551). - Whanganui attendees will be picked up from the BP Fuel Station on London Street Whanganui at 10.30am.	
11:15 am	Candidates to be at the Te Matapihi Bulls Community Centre.	
11:30 - 11:45 am	RYPEN bus departs Bulls for Kawhatau Outdoor Education Centre (KOEC).	
12:30 pm	Bus arrives at KOEC. - Powhiri & karakia. - Welcome and introductions.	
1:00 pm	Afternoon Tea. - Baking, Slices, Milo, Tea, Coffee etc.	

1:30 pm	Team allocations. Supervisors. Program in outline.	
2:00 pm	Activities - Ice breaking & getting to know each other. - Team building games and exercises. Light exercise only.	
6:00 pm	Dinner. Catered meal provided (Ruth) - Clean up duties.	
7:00 pm	Motivational Presentation	
8:00 pm	Supper. Baking, Slices, Milo, Tea, Coffee etc.	
9:30 pm	Bed time.	
10:00 pm	Lights out.	
Friday 9 Oct		
6:30 am	Breakfast	
7:00 am	Shhhhhhhh... Top Secret Military Leadership Activities ;-) Shhhhhhhh... Top Secret Lunch Shhhhhhhh... Continued Top Secret Military Leadership Activities ;-)	
6:00 pm	Dinner. Catered meal provided (Ruth) - Clean up duties.	
7.00 pm	Reflection activity	
7:30 pm	Group presentation work - 7 Areas of Focus.	
8:30 pm	Supper. Baking, Slices, Milo, Tea, Coffee etc.	
9:00 pm	Group presentations - 7 Areas of Focus.	
10:00 pm	Settling in for bed.	
10:30 pm	Lights out.	
Saturday 10 Oct		
6:30 am	Breakfast	
8:30 am	Bus leaves for Awastone Rafting Activity.	
12:00 pm	Return to KOEC for Lunch. - KR's Bag Lunches provided. RYPEN presentations to participants.	
1:00 pm	Tidy up KOEC ready for departure.	
1:30pm	Karakia, closing notes and departure to Bulls.	
2:00 pm	Bus returns to Te Matapihi Bulls Community Centre.	
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Transport of candidates back to home locations from the Te Matapihi Bulls Community Centre to be arranged by sponsoring Rotary Club. - Whanganui attendees will be returned to the BP Fuel Station on London Street Whanganui at approx 4.30pm. - Taranaki attendees will be returned to New Plymouth by approx 7.30pm	