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District 9685

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
YOUTH SERVICE

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Youth Chair 2023-2024





Welcome to our Future

Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

Rotary's Fifth Avenue of Service

"Every Rotarian an Example to Youth" —RI, 1949

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DISTRICT PROGRAMS & SUPPORT

- Rotaract (Chair: Chrissy Webb – Norwest Sunrise)
- Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)
- RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment)
- MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)
- NYSF (National Youth Science Forum)
- SEC (Science & Engineering Challenge)
- IYA (Inspirational Youth Awards)
- EG (Empowering Girls)
- PCYC Connections
- **PACE (Pacific Australia Culture Exchange Program**

CLUB INITIATIVES & IDEAS

- Interschool Debates
- Essay and Poems for Primary Schools
- Four Way Test Speaking Competitions
- Primary School Public Speaking Competitions
- Support for Students with Disabilities’
- Reading Assistance
- Youth Art Shows , Showcases of Musical Talents
- Forums on Mental Health
- Youth Forums

ROTARACT

A Rotary-sponsored service club for young people, that are usually community or university-based. They are considered true “partners in service” and key members of the Rotary family.

Young adults augment their knowledge and skill and also address the physical and social needs of their communities while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service. Rotaractors also often spearhead the formation of Interact clubs and participate in RYLA.

- 9500 Rotaract Clubs
- 291 000 members
- 177 countries

"Fellowship through service"



Rotaract Handbook (PDF)



RYPEN

The aim is to communicate to young teenagers a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards, and also to broaden their horizons culturally, socially and academically.

It's not a leadership camp as such but we really try to open the door to the concepts of leading by serving and doing for others.

Students participate in a range of team building games and also hear from some amazing and inspiring speakers.

- 3-day Camp
- 14-16 year olds
- Youth-leading

"be vulnerable in a safe and supportive space"



rypen.com.au



RYEP

Youth exchange gives the participant the opportunity to improve their language skills and school and family experiences will teach them the culture of their host country. They also act as ambassadors for their home country. Each year the Rotary Districts that are part of CSRYE send approximately 300 young people to other countries and accept 300 young people from other countries in return.

Accepting a youth exchange student into your club, community and household can be a very rewarding experience. It's an opportunity for you, your family and your fellow Rotarians to learn about a different culture and also help a young person understand your culture. The goal of Rotary Youth Exchange is to promote the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace at the person to person level.

rotaryyouthexchange.net.au/



MUNA

Senior high school students develop an awareness of the United Nations and the countries they represent at a simulated UN Assembly. The event provides an excellent forum for students to develop and practice their public speaking skills whilst debating on topical world issues.

MUNA has been held in many Rotary Districts around Australia since 1980. The team that places first in MUNA in District 9685 is invited to compete at the Australian National MUNA at the Old Parliament House in Canberra. The first National MUNA took place in August 1997.

The United Nations continues to give enthusiastic support for the ongoing growth of this worthwhile project for youth.

In District 9685, three MUNA events are held at venues advertised each year. Due to current conditions and the uncertainty that still exists, it is important that you contact one of the three coordinators for more information.

muna.com.au



SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Developed by The University of Newcastle to encourage students to include STEM subjects in their final years of high school.

Challenge activities are diverse:

- Bridge building & testing
- sending coded messages
- creating electrical circuits
- designing water turbines

All activities are scored.

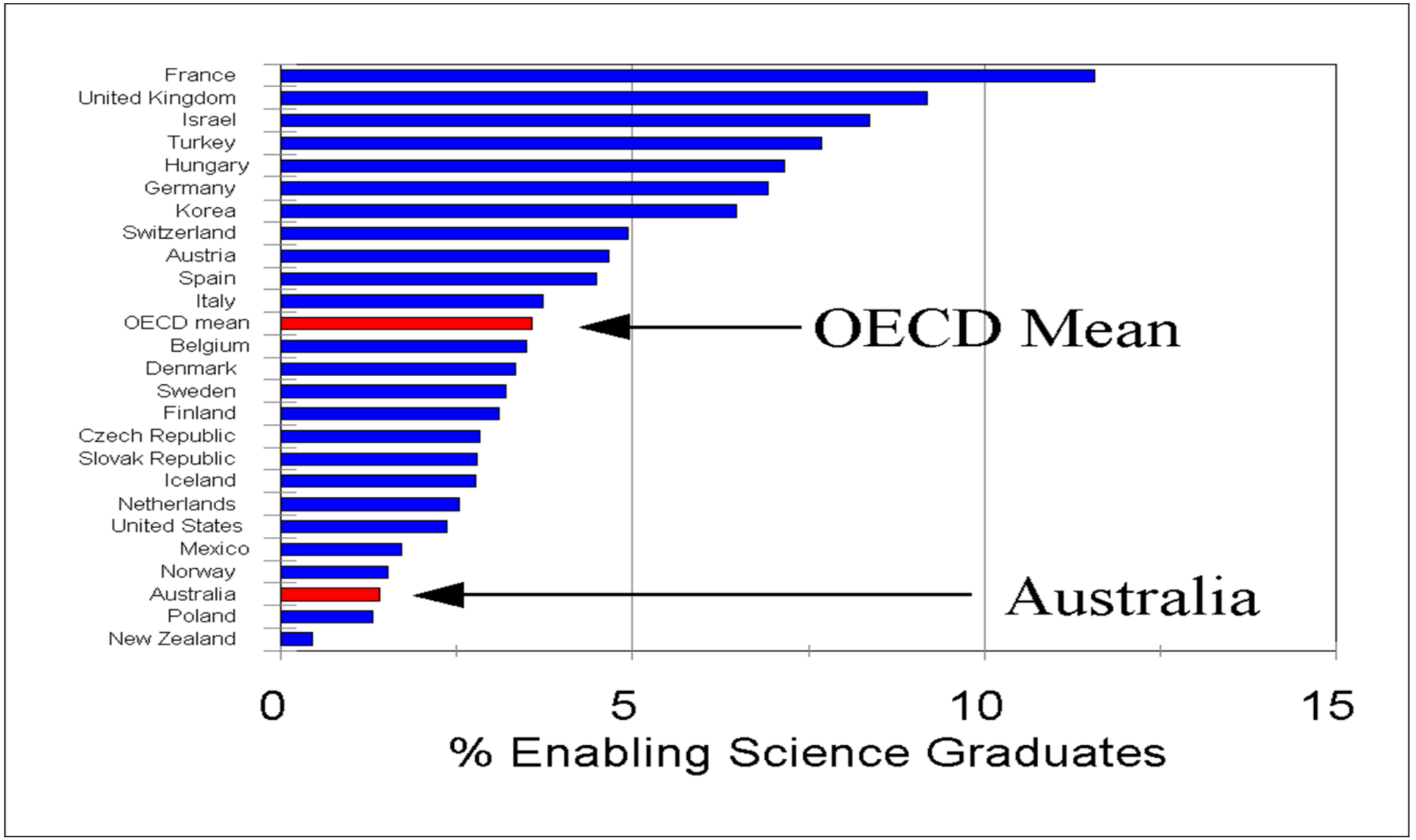
Regional winners progress to **State Finals** then **National Finals**

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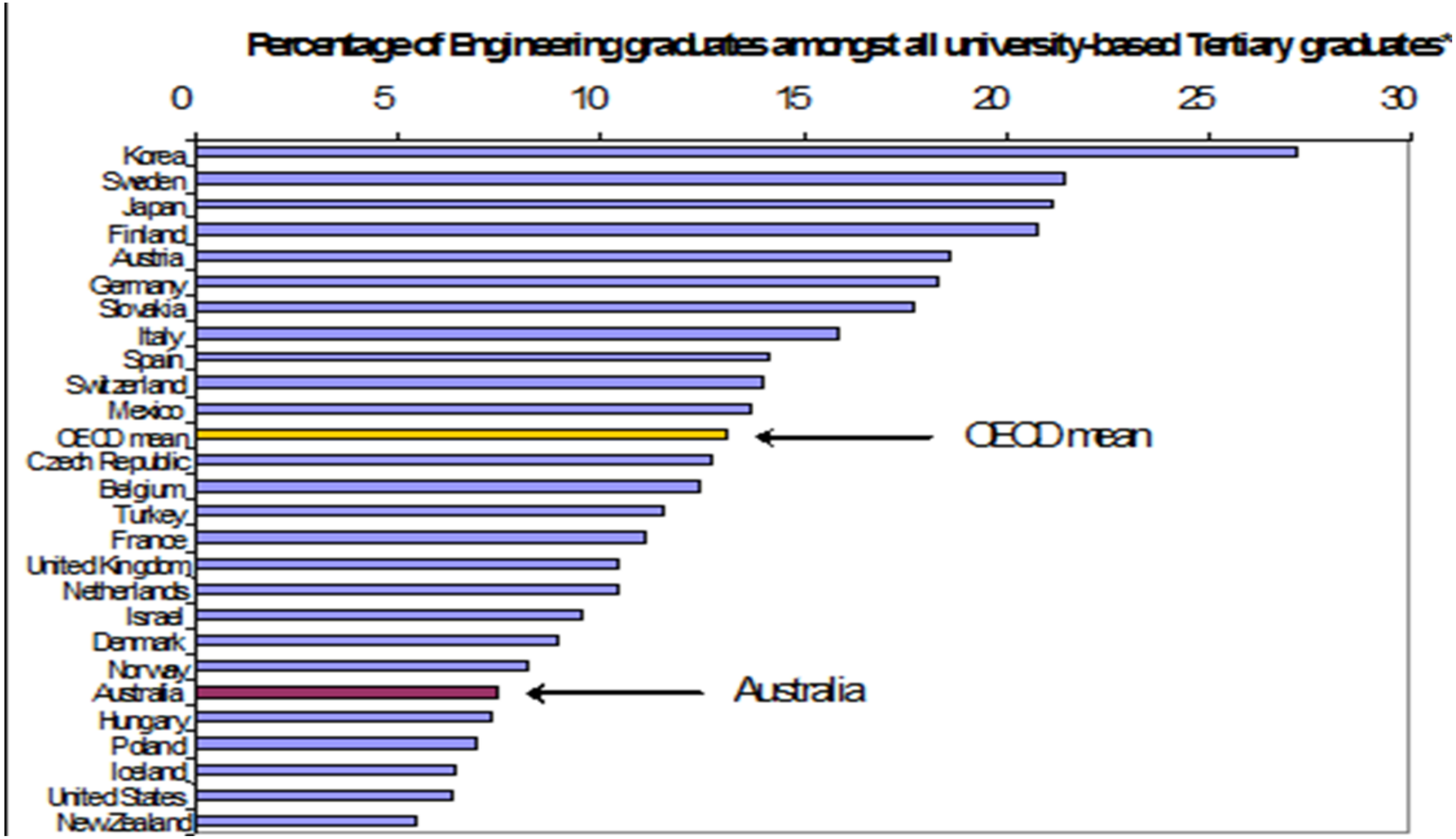
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SCIENCE STUDENTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE GRADUATING BODY



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THE CHALLENGE

is a one-day, fun-filled,

inter-school

competition.



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you don’t have to be a nerd to apply & enjoy science



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School teams compete using only the materials and equipment provided

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or building a hovercraft



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or a robotic hand



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Research findings

The Challenge:

- Increases student's awareness of careers in science & engineering.
- Increases interest in Science and Engineering
- Influences decisions to undertake STEM subjects in high school
- Dramatically improves teamwork & self confidence

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The Challenge is a **national program** in its 22nd year.

In 2023 there are11 Challenge days in Sydney

That’s 2800+ students from 88 schools

Nationally 30,000 students

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SYDNEY CHALLENGE DAYS IN 2023

Sydney Olympic Park:	Mon 20th – Fri 24th March
Macarthur, Thomas Reddall High:	Fri 12th May
ANSTO, Lucas Heights:	Thur 25th & Fri 26th May
WSU, Kingswood:	Thur 20th & Fri 21st July
Gordon, Ravenswood School:	Fri 28th July
State Final:	22nd-24th August
NATIONAL FINAL	27th OCTOBER

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WHAT COST?

Schools pay $530
for 32 students to attend.

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What do Challenge Days actually Cost?

$4000 to $8000 a day

- Venue rental — Up to $ 3,000.00 / day
- Tables/chairs rental — $1000.00 / day
- Volunteer catering — $500.00 / day
- Newcastle University — $3500.00 / day (Equipment, consumables & staff)

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MAJOR SPONSOR

The Chief Scientist of NSW

SUPPORTERS

Rotary Clubs

Individuals

Commonwealth Bank

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The event day
is managed by
2 University of Newcastle staff members
&
23 trained volunteers

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HOW CAN ROTARY CLUBS HELP?

Encourage (maybe sponsor) local schools to attend.

Identify a local venue and run a Challenge.

Rotarians can act as supervisors

Contribute towards costs

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United Nations Day
Honour Award 2022

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Youth Protection

Rotary's approach to preventing abuse

The safety and well-being of young people and youth program participants are Rotary's highest priority.

•No tolerance for abuse or harassment of young people

•Policies that prevent misconduct and outline how to respond to grooming behaviors and abuse that involve youth and other program participants

- Mandatory youth protection training for governors-elect
- A dedicated and trained staff that uses a trauma-informed approach when receiving and responding to reports of sexual abuse or harassment

Youth Protection

•A certification process that requires Rotary districts involved in Rotary Youth Exchange to have:

•Student, family, and volunteer training in abuse prevention
•Volunteer screening that includes an application, criminal background check, and reference checks



•District-specific youth protection policies
•On-site evaluations (audits) that are conducted by Rotary staff members



•A process for reporting allegations of abuse and harassment to Rotary and local law enforcement





RESOURCES
for members

Rotary provides comprehensive resources for clubs and districts that participate in youth programs so they can confidently implement our youth protection policies and act to prevent abuse and harassment:

- Rotary Youth Protection Guide
- Protecting Youth Program Participants (online course)
- Electronic and Online Safety Considerations
- Developing a Crisis Management Plan
- Rotary Code of Policies, section 2.120.

MAY IS



YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

"We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future." - PRIP James L. Lacy 1998-99

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Youth DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

	2023						2024						Age	$
	July	A	S	O	N	D	Jan	F	M	A	M	June		
RYPEN				>	>	>		●	>	>		●	14-16	**350-400/ea**
RYLA		>	>	>	>		●						18-25	**2500/ea**
MUNA								>	>	>	●	●	16-17	**350/team**
Sci&Eng Challenge	>	●						>	>	>	>	>	14-15	**530/school**
RYEP													15-16	**3k-5k/student**



Our Best Team

All Clubs are encouraged to undertake projects that support the fundamental needs of youth: health, human values, education and self-development.



Amanda Barnes
RYPEN - Winter



Mel Lewis
RYPEN - Summer



Susan Wakefield
RYEP
Empowering Girls



Gavin Ralston
Sci & Eng Challenge



Drew Fitzpatrick
MUNA - Western Sydney

+ many more helpers!



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Thanks For Coming

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