



Model United Nations Assembly

Rotary International—District 9640

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FOR ATTENTION:

School Coordinators for Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)

Dear Coordinator,

MUNA 2012

Once again it is that time of the year to start planning to involve secondary school students in our Rotary District **Model United Nations Assembly** giving them a hands-on experience of a UN style debate. **MUNA 2012 will be conducted at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre on Saturday, 17th March from 9.00am (NSW time).**

The **Model United Nations Assembly** is a Rotary International project. Teams of 3 students nominated from years 11 or 12 meet under the auspices of District 9640 Rotarians giving the students the opportunity to select a country, research its history, politics, economics, people, international alignment and make real life stances on world affairs. Having chosen a country they then debate selected resolutions from that countries point of view.

- MUNA also gives students a great opportunity to experience a free style of debating as used at sessions of the United Nations.
- Students do not incur any costs. A fee is paid by the nominating Rotary Club or the school for each team as well as meeting the costs of all other arrangements. An accompanying adult, preferably a teacher, or a Rotarian or parent is also invited to attend and support their team at no personal cost.
- Students and teams are judged by a panel of Rotarian judges. There is a winning overall team and winner of the best country decorations. Two students are selected to attend the National MUNA in Canberra from 17th to 19th August, 2012 to represent Rotary District 9640.
- All documentation relating to MUNA 2012 will be available by accessing the website <http://www.rotary9640.org/muna> . A proposed agenda for MUNA 2012 is on this site.
- An Expression of Interest form is attached to allow your school to indicate interest in this programme. Alternatively, you can download this form from the web address mentioned above. The Expression of Interest form should be mailed to me at the above address. A form "*MUNA2012EOI.html*" is also available on this site that can (hopefully) be submitted directly to me.
- Registration forms will be emailed to the School Contact Person to allow for the details to be emailed directly to me. However, the Form will also be available from the District website in late January, 2012 for download and sent to me by mail. Teams will be accepted on the basis of "first come, first served". To assist the MUNA Committee in its commitment to provide Duty of Care, the Registration Form will include additional Emergency Contact details.

- A maximum of 35 teams will be accepted to allow all team members the opportunity to participate in the debates. Each school can nominate up to three teams but the third team will be classified as a “reserve” team. This gives all schools an opportunity to have a team in MUNA 2012.
- Each team will comprise 3 members only. No reserves are permissible unless there are extenuating circumstances and only with the prior approval of the District Chairman.
- Each team will be asked to nominate 4 countries of choice and the allocation of preference will be made on a “first come, first served” basis. A list of countries will be available from the website early next year.
- The Resolutions to be considered will also be available on the website. Each team will also be asked to vote for the order of debate of the five resolutions and to indicate their position (i.e. “for” or “against”) on each resolution. This form will be emailed to you as the School Contact person for completion and returned by email to me.
- Payment of the registration fee of \$250.00 per team would be required at the time of Registration, but no later than the closing date of 2nd March, 2012. A receipt will be issued separately. The confirmation of allocated country will be made by email. The general rules and conditions, starting times etc will be available on the District website.

Students are also encouraged to dress in the national costume of the country they represent and decorate their table with items which reflect the culture of their country. Awards are presented based on thought and originality. The team judged to have represented their country to the best of their ability at the District Model United Nations Assembly will be awarded the perpetual MUNA trophy. Each student will receive a Certificate recognising their Participation. Other categories to receive awards are; Encouragement Award and Chairman’s Encouragement Award.

The debate is run as close as possible to that of the United Nations and is organised by Rotarians of District 9640 as a service to the youth of our district.

Teacher, parents, friends and Rotarians are welcome to accompany their teams on the day. There will be a charge for catering for those intending to join the students at morning and/or afternoon tea, and lunch, payable on the day. However, this charge will be waived for one accompanying adult for each team. MUNA is a wonderful experience enjoyed by participating students in particular and by the adults in attendance as well.

This letter is to allow you time to schedule MUNA into your 2012 school calendar and programme. I urge you to complete the Expression of Interest attached or from our website <http://www.rotary9640.org/muna> and submit it **before the closing date of 16th December, 2011.**

PLEASE REMEMBER: MUNA 2012 at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre on Saturday March 17th, 2012 from 9.00am to 5.30pm (NSW Time)

If you have any queries, would like additional details or some preliminary Rotary contacts in your area, or if there is any way you think I might be able to help, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or e-mail.

Rotary District 9640 looks forward to your School’s participation in Model United Nations Assembly in 2012. I look forward to receiving your Expression of Interest at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,



Graham Howie
District Chairman