ROTARY CLUB OF WALCHA
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ROTARY YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE (RYAG - SHEEP)

The Walcha Rotary Club is pleased to announce that our RYAG SHEEP program is back for 2027.

Over many years this very popular and successful program has proved an excellent opportunity for students interested in gaining an understanding of the modern sheep industry, both wool and meat.

Students will undertake activities at Europambela Station and Nerstane Merino Stud, both operating at the cutting edge of the sheep industry. Other activities will take place at the Walcha Showground and a local butchery. All presenters are specialists in their fields who donate their valuable time and cover an amazingly diverse range of subjects. This is very much a hands-on program. Students come away with a wealth of knowledge about the sheep industry and their eyes opened to career paths as well as making lasting friendships with likeminded people.

This time the camp will be based at historic Europambela Station with student accommodation in the revamped shearers' quarters. Students must bring their own bedding or sleeping bag and pillow. Beds and mattresses will be provided.

RYAG Sheep is open to students studying years 9, 10 and 11 in 2025. It will run from the **afternoon of Tuesday 2nd March to the morning of Saturday 6th March** culminating in a gala dinner on **Friday 5th March** for parents, students, sponsors, presenters and Rotarians.

Enrolment is limited to 30. For fairness, we invite a maximum of **two nominations per school**. Additional students may be added to a waiting list for allocation should places become available.

Students will be supervised by Walcha Rotarians and appropriately qualified volunteers, all holding Working with Children Clearances.

The cost is $300 per student.

Student nomination and parental consent forms are attached.

Nomination & Consent Forms must be received by Friday 4th December 2026

********ALL NOMINATIONS REQUIRE ENDORSEMENT BY A ROTARY CLUB********

Full payment of $300 per student must be sent by the sponsoring Rotary Club with the nomination & parent consent forms.

Clubs may seek full or part reimbursement from parents, as deemed appropriate.

For further information please contact:

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