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**THE RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE
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TO: ALL HONORARY SECRETARIES AND SECRETARIES OF RSL SUB-BRANCHES,
DISTRICT COUNCILS AND STATE COUNCILLORS

EXPIRY DATE: 30TH Oct, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

RSL YOUNG ENDEAVOUR YOUTH SPONSORSHIP

Just over a decade ago State Council resolved to participate in the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme as a Community Sponsor.

The RSL of Australia (NSW Branch) provides two children of sub-Branch members with the opportunity of a lifetime to become a member of the youth crew. The sponsorship is for two positions on a ten-day voyage around the summer school holidays.

This sponsorship is intended to develop confidence and improve depth of character in the selected participants and to provide good news stories for the RSL. State Branch will record their experiences and details of the voyage. This information will appear in a *Reveille* article and story on the State Branch web-site. This program is another method of providing benefits to members of the League.

Eligibility is limited to sons, daughters and grandchildren of *financial* members of the NSW State Branch, as well as the criteria set by the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme. Nominees must be:

- An Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- 16 - 23 years old on the day of departure of the voyages that are applied for.
- Weigh less than 120 kg.
- Able to swim 50 metres and be in good health.

A health evaluation must be completed by the participant, which includes doctor's approval to undertake the voyage. This may then be subject to further approval by the RAN Fleet Medical Officer.

There are certain medical conditions, including some controlled by medication, which preclude participation in the voyage for safety reasons. These are:

Diabetes Mellitus
Epilepsy
Depression and Mental Illness treated by medication
Severe Asthma
Communicable Diseases such as Chicken Pox, Glandular Fever, German Measles
Broken or sprained limbs
Pregnancy
If considered inappropriate by the applicant's doctor

The selection will be by ballot conducted under the guidance of the State Branch Returning Officer. Academic achievements or sporting prowess are not considered as outstanding young people are considered to be adequately catered for by other scholarships and representative positions on school councils or clubs and associations. The ballot system gives all candidates a chance of selection.

RSL sub-Branches may nominate eligible male or female persons on the attached application form.

We are expecting voyages in January from Hobart, Melbourne and Sydney. Details of dates and ports are still being planned. Interested parties should check the Young Endeavour website (see below).

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS COB 31st OCTOBER 2017
– NO EXCEPTIONS – NO EXTENSIONS –**

Further information may be obtained by contacting State Branch or by visiting the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme website at www.youngendeavour.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Jeff O'Brien
Chief Operations Officer/Assistant State Secretary

RSL YOUNG ENDEAVOUR YOUTH EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP

APPLICATION FORM

Applicants Details

Name of applicant

Address

Phone H:- W:- M:-

Date of Birth/...../.....

Gender Male / Female

Health evaluation and Medical Officers approval attached? Yes / No

Applicants signature/...../.....

RSL Relative Details

Name of RSL Relative

Address

RSL Badge / File Number

Relationship to Applicant Grandfather / Grandmother / Father / Mother

(Copies of birth certificates of RSL relative and applicant to be attached)

RSL sub-Branch secretary signature/...../.....

Voyage applied for: - Year Voyage #

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Applicant age eligibility checked *Applicant Health Report acceptable*

RSL Relative documentary evidence *RSL Relative Financial status*

Cleared for entry into ballot *(State Secretary)* ... / /.....