

**ROTARY CLUB OF DELORAINE Inc.**

**INFORMATION SHEET 2021**

**M.U.N.A.**

**(MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY)**

**NOTE:**

**Each team is made up of two grade ten or eleven students. THE FEE PER TEAM IS \$270.00 Please get in touch with a local Rotary club now. They have been sent information regarding the sponsoring of school/s. The Rotary Clubs have been asked to consider sponsoring MUNA and to contact a local high school. Don't wait for them to call you, they may be expecting you to contact them.**

The Model United Nations Assembly is based on the United Nations Assembly and is held annually in Tasmania by the Rotary Club of Deloraine. The purpose is to give **grade ten or eleven students (in teams of two)** the unique experience of debating international matters as though they were representing a member nation and its interests. The teams will debate topics of current international concern. Some of the topics could relate to international terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, international border control, refugee concerns, drug production and trafficking of drugs, human rights issues, global warming and other environmental issues etc.

Before attending the students are expected to familiarise themselves with the nation they are to represent. They should study its history, politics, economics, culture and geography. An awareness of those nations that offer each other favoured trading or security/defense arrangements could help to frame the debate.

Member nation teams are required to wear national costume for the TWO days of the assembly. These will be judged and prizes will be awarded for best costume, and quality of debate.

There will be an Dinner and if allowed with Covid 19 restrictions, a disco is to be held in the same venue on Saturday night and casual dress is required. This is a supervised function.

**Directions to Alverston Drive:**

MUNA will be held in the Deloraine Community Complex, Alveston Drive Deloraine on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Entering Deloraine at the **Eastern end**, come off the Bass Highway and turn right at the roundabout.

Proceed towards Deloraine and Alverston Drive is the first road on the left as you enter the town. There are clearly marked signs at the intersection. (about 2km from the roundabout)

Entering Deloraine from the **Western side** of the town, come off the Bass Highway and turn left at the first roundabout. Continue through a further two roundabouts and through the shopping center. At the fourth roundabout turn right and cross the bridge.

Follow this road East without turning off for about 1.5km. (go past two fuel stations on this side of the bridge.) Alverston Drive and the Community Complex is clearly marked to the right.

**Luggage and dress** When you arrive, bring all your gear into the building and leave it upstairs. Please make sure that valuables are not left with your bags etc. Property should be marked clearly. To date there has been no problem with loss of property. Personal effects are the responsibility of each student. For those who are traveling greater distances (South & North West), they can change into costume upstairs. There is limited space only so most students are required to come dressed in costume.

### **Saturday**

Please arrive at the Deloraine Community Complex for refreshments / registration by 9.00 am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May. MUNA will make a **prompt start at 10.00am** There will be a stop for lunch. The afternoon session will stop at 4.30 Hosts will collect billets so they can get ready for the dinner and disco. Make sure you have collected all your gear from upstairs. You will be returned to the Complex at 6.45pm. The dinner is always a hit and after a tidy up the disco gets under way. Students are asked to co-operate by returning any plates and cutlery after their meal and doing a quick tidy up of the auditorium, especially around the tables. Cleaners come in after the disco to ensure things are ready for the Sunday session. Hosts will collect billets at the conclusion of the disco.

**Sunday** You will be returned to the Complex by 8.45 am for a 9.00 start. Please don't be late. Morning tea will be provided. MUNA will conclude at 12.30 pm. Lunch will be provided for students and counsellors before leaving to travel home. Those who are providing transport are welcome. There is usually plenty of food left over so once the students have been served you are welcome to join us at lunch.

### **Transport**

Students must arrange their own transport to and from Deloraine. **If travelling by bus on the Friday afternoon, please make this known to me.** All travel arrangements with RedLine Coaches need to be confirmed prior to departure. **IF RETURNING ON SUNDAY VIA REDLINE PLEASE BOOK FROM LAUNCESTON AND ROTARY WILL TRANSPORT TO LAUNCESTON.** It can create problems if students get left behind at a connection point. Billeting arrangements will then be made for Friday and Saturday nights. Rotary Club of Deloraine will arrange transport to collect you from the bus and return you to the bus on Sunday if required.

### **Billeting**

**Counsellors attending MUNA or part of MUNA will need to arrange their own accommodation.** Students will be allocated host families in May. The job of co-ordinating billets and hosts can be difficult. Teams of same gender will be billeted together where possible. If you and your teammate are separated, remember that the weekend is designed in part to promote personal development and this opportunity should be welcomed to meet new friends.

If billeting is not required please make this clear on the nomination form.

### **What to bring**

Most hosts will have beds made up for you. However it is recommended that you bring a sleeping bag and pillow with you. (just in case)

National costume.

Casual dress for disco.

Personal requirements.

Study material, paper, etc

Cameras (ok but take care)

Mobile phones **to be switched to silent in the auditorium.**

### **Code of Conduct**

The Rotary Club of Deloraine has organised MUNA for a number of years. Ideally student delegates have an understanding of suitable behavior and that if MUNA is to continue a code of behavior must be set out and agreed by those wishing to attend.

There are three main areas in which student delegates need to be aware of correct behavior:

#### **1/ The Meetings of the General Assembly.**

The rules of meeting procedure are followed and there is usually no problem. However delegates need to be aware of the need to listen to others and to ensure that everyone has a fair opportunity to speak and be heard. They should not talk or make comments while

someone else is speaking. Opinions are expressed by seeking the permission of the chairman (Secretary General) to speak. Remarks are not addressed directly to other delegates but through the chair. (also see 'Rules of Procedure')

## **2/ Social functions.**

The main social function is the International dinner and disco on the Saturday night. The venue, Deloraine Community Complex is hired by Rotary for MUNA. Previously there have been complaints from caterers responsible for cleaning up, that food was thrown on the floor, cutlery damaged and chairs and tables stood on by people at the disco.

This is clearly unacceptable and risks losing the venue for future occasions. Student delegates are expected to show respect for property, display normal good manners when selecting and eating food and should not leave the complex during the dinner and disco. The work of organising MUNA and providing the dinner is all done voluntarily. The students who benefit from the experience provided, need to appreciate this and behave in an appropriate manner.

## **3/ Staying with families**

Families host student delegates as billets, providing a place to sleep, breakfast and transport. Some take quite large numbers of billets. Please show your appreciation by not damaging or interfering with anything belonging to the host family. Please comply with requests about times of going to bed and getting ready on time in the morning. Consider others by not overdoing the use of hot water when showering. Although some people like to give a gift to show their gratitude this is not necessary nor expected. It is much better to express your appreciation by saying thank you for the hospitality.