

## SELECTION CRITERIA FORM

Parramatta RSL has supported each of the Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenges run by the NSW RSL & Services Clubs Association by providing the opportunity for young people from the Parramatta District sporting community to embark on the life changing experience.

Each year Parramatta RSL has offered a fully funded trip for one person from a Parramatta District sporting club/team to undertake the Challenge. The Club has achieved high success with the young people they have selected by applying the following criteria in selecting the trekkers to be sponsored by the Club to undertake the annual trek and take part in post-trek activities.

### THE CONDITIONS

1. The young person can be male or female between 16 – 22 years old.
2. The Sporting club must provide a supporting reference/s to support the young persons application.
3. Preference will be given to those students who have a connection with Kokoda, ie relative fought there, they have studied the area or have interest in this area of Australia's history. They must be able to demonstrate this to the panel.
4. Have an understanding of the role of the RSL and can demonstrate an appreciation of the role that our armed forces have played in developing Australia as a nation.
5. As the Leadership Challenge is a major personal development and life changing experience it is seen as an opportunity for the sporting club/ team to put forward young people who they consider to be 'at risk' or 'under-achieving' and that a historic journey of self-discovery would assist.
6. The Club also has a preference to provide the experience to those young people whose family situation would normally not permit them to have this experience.
7. The Club has to be convinced that the young person is or can be fit enough to handle the experience, both physically and mentally.
8. Must be a full time student or full time employee at the time of the trip.

### THE PROCESS

Parramatta RSL calls for nominations based on the criteria. Each written application is reviewed by the Castle Hill RSL Group Board of Directors. From this process, three applicants are selected to go to a final panel interview. From this interview the final nominee is selected and the unsuccessful candidates become the reserves. The students then undertake preparation for the trek during which time fitness levels are monitored. The reserve students are also encouraged to undertake a fitness regime in the event that one of the first selected candidates is unable to make the trip. **Nominations close Wednesday 18th August, 2010.**

### WHAT IS PROVIDED

The club provides the following:

- The airfares from Albury to Port Moresby.
- The cost of the trek to Kokoda.
- Travel Insurance
- Full documentation on the trip and expectations including examples of medical and clothing requirements that have proved successful in the past.

### WHAT IS REQUIRED BY THE STUDENT

The total all up cost to the young person is about \$500, depending on how much gear they already have. Where the student or parent is unable to provide that support the Club considers the requirements on merit.

- Passport
- Spending Money
- Money to purchase Visa into PNG.
- Solid Footwear
- Suitable clothing
- Fitness routine

### WHAT IS REQUIRED ON RETURN FROM KOKODA

- The young person will be recognised as the Parramatta RSL Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge ambassadors for the next twelve months and if possible be available to represent the Club at Anzac and Remembrance Day activities.
- The young person is required to make a presentation to the Parramatta RSL Board of Directors within 3 months of the conclusion of their trip.
- Be prepared to share the experience with other local RSL's and Service Clubs.
- Allow Parramatta RSL use of photographs or material relative to their experience for use in various publications, without cost.
- Be prepared to share verbally or in writing their "life changing experiences" gained from Kokoda with a Board Member or Management team member to allow the club to assess the success or otherwise of it's commitment to the Kokoda Trek Youth Challenges up to two years after the relevant "experience".

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