



## D9670 NEW GENERATION SERVICE EXCHANGE Newsletter

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Our newest participant in our program is Rhianna Wansey who is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Belmont. Rhianna is leaving our shores next week for 3 months working and cultural experience in Açailândia Brazil.

Rhianna will be hosted with three families from the Rotary Club de Açailândia-MA, Brazil.

She will be working with a Non-Governmental Organisation in Açailândia exploring key issues involving development, poverty, inequality, indigenous affairs, community development and environmental sustainability.

We wish Rhianna well with her impending adventure. I am sure we will have a lot of interesting stories to hear from Rhianna on her return.

Rhianna has been corresponding with Daphine Santos who is from Açailândia, Brazil and was part of our program in 2018. Daphine lives close to where Rhianna will be located and is very excited that someone from Australia will be in her country. Daphine will be meeting Rhianna at the airport on her arrival and has lots of exciting excursions planned for her visit.

Daphine was sponsored by the Rotary Club of East Maitland and the Rotary Club of Maitland and worked with NSW National Park & Wildlife Service at the Shortland Wetlands advancing her studies in Biological Science.

Daphine like all other participants in this program has formed great friendships with host families and an alliance with our beautiful country, with positive feedback to their fellow countrymen of just how rewarding this program has been for them and their future development and careers.



Rhianna, Brian Oakley  
with Club & District banners  
Belmont Rotary Club.

On a recent holiday to Europe Bev and I had the pleasure of catching up with Claudia Eula in Hamburg. Claudia is an active member of Rotaract where she heard about the NGSE program and after spending time in Adelaide some years ago as a YEP student, she fell in love with Australia so decided to further her career path with work opportunities Rotary offer.

The work she undertook in District 9670 was extremely varied, from making “good old Aussie” meat pies and jam rolls in a local bakery in Tea Gardens to a boutique patisserie ‘Fifi la Femme’ at Charlestown Square, then to Blackbird Artisan Bakery Restaurant at Maitland Gaol where she learned the art of making bread. Claudia was hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Myall Coast, Cessnock and Greenhills-Maitland.

Claudia is now working at a boutique Patisserie in Hamburg specialising in Macaroons which are exported to various countries in Europe and she is extremely proud that you can purchase her maroons in Paris.

Claudia wished to be remembered to her host families and other friends she made during her visit.



Claudia at her Patisserie,  
Hamburg, Germany.

While in Germany I had a prearranged meeting with Klaus Meyer the Chairperson of Youth in district 1810 Germany.

Klaus had just returned from NGSE World conference held in Frankfurt and he outlined crucial points which were discussed in length at the conference and are relative to our country and district.

- The establishment of a data base for all NGSE participating Rotary countries and districts in the World
- The professions which are unique to various countries
- He clearly defined the meaning of the words New Generation Service Exchange, particularly the misinterpretation of the word exchange, explaining that it means an exchange of participating countries, not individuals

We later that day attended a Rotary lunchtime meeting with the Rotary Club of Brühl Cologne.



Gerd Jockenhoefer (President RC Brühl)  
Bev and Brian Oakley

Last year Madeleine and Brian Atkins advised me of 2 French girls who were taking part in an exchange with Newcastle University. The Rotary club of Dijon Ducs de Bourgogne D1750 sponsored the exchange. Madeleine thought they could be a good contact for prospective NSGE participants. We subsequently met Chloe and Amelie in Newcastle and have stayed in contact with Chloe who is now studying at the Burgundy School of Wine and Spirit, Dijon University where we spent a very interesting day.

We began our morning with a brisk walk through Paris to Gare Lyon where we boarded an extremely fast train to Dijon.

Chloe was waiting for us at the station and had arranged a breakfast meeting with the president Mr Philippe Monsu of the Rotary club of Dijon Ducs de Bourgogne. Following this extremely beneficial meeting we made our way to the Burgundy School of Wine & Spirits Business where Chloe is in her last year of studies.

We met two of her colleagues, one from USA and the other from Denmark. Both of these girls and Chloe are keen to participate in our NGSE program being familiar with the Hunter Valley and the Mudgee wine producing areas and the excellent reputation they hold throughout the World.

Madeleine's intuition has paid off and we are looking forward to hosting these 3 girls in the near future.



Bev & Chloe  
Burgundy Wine School

We are always on the lookout for new candidates for our wonderful program. If you know anyone between the ages of 20 – 30 YOA who would like to further their studies or careers for a 3 months duration in an overseas country please contact me.

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