



A WINDOW TO **THE WORLD**

THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

Rotary
District 9670



New Generations
Service Exchange

A Pictorial History 2010 - 2018

Preface

History

The New Generations Service Exchange program has steadily grown since 2010 and became a fully accredited Rotary International program on 1 July 2014 and an accredited District 9670 Program on 5 March 2016.

Objective

The objective of NGSE is to create goodwill and international understanding through vocational / humanitarian and cultural immersion. This supports the ideals of Rotary International.

Rotarians taking up the challenge

Brian Oakley ~ Chair

Graeme Hooper

Sue Hooper

Pam Wellham

David Duffy

Tim Manning

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- *This album is a pictorial record of the candidates in D9670 as viewed from their eyes through “a window of opportunity plus”*
- *Each candidate is to be congratulated on the spirit and open mindedness in which they undertook their exchange*
- *This project is a “work in progress”*

24 Daphine Santos

Environmental Science

2018

Sponsor: Rotary Club of de Açailândia, Brazil D4490

Host: Rotary Club of East Maitland &
Rotary Club of Maitland D 9670

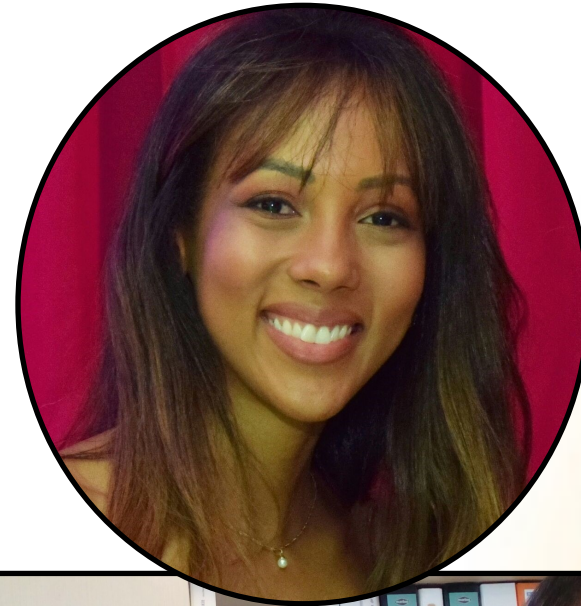
Date: January - April 2018

Employment:

- NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services, Shortland Wetlands

Host Family:

- Keith Bush & Glenda Briggs
- Judy & Jeff Hicks
- Alan & Barbara Mclean



What Daphine had to say!

Everything is very good. The work experience has been amazing.

2018

23 Yannis Comino

Bachelor of Developmental Studies
(Disaster Management)

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Morisset D9670

Host: Rotary Club of Truro Boscawen D1175

Date: January ~ February 2018

Employment: Sheltabox Headquarters Truro, UK



YANNIS'S STORY!

"Overall this NGSE program has ignited my humanitarian flame which I hope will continue to burn brightly for many years to come."

WHAT YANNIS HAD TO SAY!

I truly believe this is not an 'experience of a lifetime' but rather a beginning of a lifetimes experience in the world of disaster management. In turn this will enable me to partner my two burning passion in life, of helping others and that of traveling and exploring new destinations and cultures. This adventure has already led to me being involved back home with my local Morisset Rotary Club, where I shall be going later this year to Tanzania, to help undertake a project in providing much needed equipment for a hospital in the city of Morogoro.

22 Penny Raymond

Medicine

2017

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Prince George, BC, Canada D 5040

Host: Rotary Club of Belmont NSW 9670

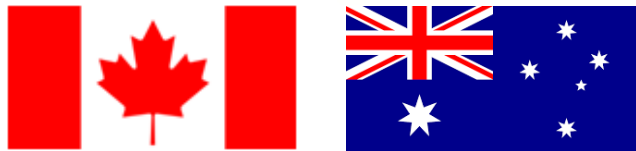
Date: September ~ December 2017

Employment:

- Ronald MacDonald House (Hunter Hospital)

Host Family:

- Bruce & Maureen King
- Pam Wellham



What Penny had to say!

I had a great time volunteering at RMH Newcastle. They have a wonderful volunteer program and I will miss having my morning tea and learning about the house and about my fellow volunteers. After volunteering RMH was still lots of time on for fun activities like learning to scuba dive, knee boarding on lake Macquarie, and visiting the great barrier reef.

Penny's Diary! (apart from work)

November

Friday 10th - Saturday 11th Blue mountains

Tuesday 14th TAFE dinner

Saturday 18th - Tuesday 21 Coffs Harbour

Wednesday 22nd Williamtown Rotary Club

December

Wednesday 29th - December 7th Whitsundays

Monday 11th Presentation to Belmont Rotary Club

Thursday 13th - Thursday 14th flight to Japan 6:00am



21 Bree Jacobs

Law Graduate

2017

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise

Host: Rotary Clubs of Prince George Downtown &
Prince George Nechako BC, Canada D 5040

Date: August ~ September 2017

Employment: Prince George Community Foundation &
Native Health Society in their Medical Adherence Support Program

Host Family: Brent and Joanne Morgan &
Carla Scott



Bree's Story!

I was assisting the Community Foundation with updating their constitution and reviewing contracts.

In my second placement I was providing staff and clients with legal education around tenancy, discrimination, employment and HIV disclosure.

What Bree had to say!

"The NGSE program offered me a great opportunity to volunteer in an area I am passionate about. I would highly recommend it to anyone who is looking to combine travel with a meaningful experience."



20 Rasmus Sandholm

Butcher

2017

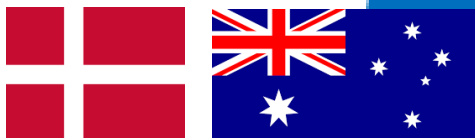
Sponsor: Rotary Club of Lemvig, Denmark D1450

Host: Rotary Club of Merriwa D9670
Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri D9670

Date: April ~ July 2017

Employment:

- Alexander Downs ~ Merriwa
- Scotts Butchery ~ Kurri Kurri



Host Families:

- Robert & Kerry Gill
- Mark & Di Inder
- Glen & Lyn Thomas
- Steve & Alison Crane
- Greg & Lorraine Bevan

What Rasmus had to say!

I would like to thank Rotary for a fantastic trip I have in Australia . Rotary gave me the chance to come out and see the world and work the same time, I will remember that for the rest of my life.

Rasmus's Story ... (in his words)

My program started to come to a family for 4 days to learn and come to my own oven on the long flight. That's what I'm sorry to do to turn to say everything before they start working. After 4 days I went to a farm, but when I could not help so much here, Brian was quick to get me to town and work at the butcher shop. My program included more things than just work. It's about learning more families. Come to Rotary evenings, learn how they live in the country and how Dan land looks. Set from above, Programs are fanatic and can only be recommended to others.



19 Sylvia Barton

Criminology & First Nations Studies

Sponsor: Rotary Club of New Westminster, BC, Canada D 5040

Host: Rotary Club of Dubbo South NSW 9670

Date: January - April 2017

Employment:

- Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre

Host Family:



2017



What Sylvia had to say!

"As Dubbo is a smaller town, there is quite a horse culture here. Many people (including my host family) own horses and at the very least others are familiar with them. We went to horse races Saturday and I won 65\$ at one of the races. The next day we reinforced my host family's chicken coop with the help of the neighbour's tractor (which was the first time I had ever seen a tractor up close) and I also got a great sunburn despite

Sylvia's Story ...

This placement has already provided me with an invaluable experience. I have been able to be involved in many different processes, including sitting in on a circle sentencing which is a procedure centred on restorative justice. I am so



18 Katrina Constable

Peripatetic Violin & Piano Teacher

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Merriwa, NSW , 9670

Host: Rotary Club Dortmund-Romberg, Germany.

Date: December 2016 - February 2017

Employment: International Conservatorium, Hörde
Nordoff/Robbins Institute, Witton

Host Families: Beate Schmitter &
Claudia Sprakel



Katrina's story ...

"NGSE is really a once in a lifetime experience, where the focus is entirely on your career. Firm friendships are forged, and professional contacts made to build a supportive network of people invested in enriching the exchange experience and contributing to the advancement of your career."

2016/17



2016

17. Claudia Eula

Pastry Chef

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Worswede, Lower Saxony,
Germany D1850

Host Clubs: Rotary Club of Myall Coast
Rotary Club of Cessnock
Rotary Club of Greenhills - Maitland

Date: August - October 2016

Employment:

- Café Bakehouse, Tea Gardens
- Fifi la Femme, Charlestown
- Blackbird Artisan Bakery, Maitland

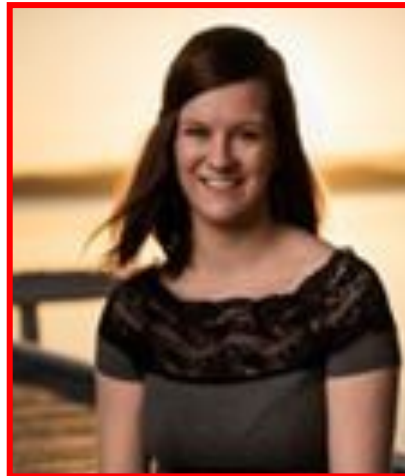
Host Families:

- Bev & Brian Oakley
- George & Claudia Konzc
- Barbara Wollf



Claudia's Story

"The NGSE program gave me the opportunity to discover my job from a new perspective. As a pastry chef it is important to keep on learning new techniques, new styles and new recipes. In Australia I got a whole lot of it. So besides certain recipes it is mostly the inspiration that I took



16 Maria Sophia Goltermann

2016

Public Relations

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Lemvic, Denmark, D 1450

Host: Rotary Club of Dubbo South NSW, D 9670
July—September 2016

Employment:

- Dubbo Regional Council , NSW
- Business DNA, Dubbo , NSW

Host Family: David & Prue Duffy



What Sophia had to say!

My ultimate favourite experience in Australia has been going on Destination Outback! To those of you who haven't heard of Destination Outback. It is a rally around the outback organized by The Rotary Club of Dubbo South. Just about 150 people did the rally and the whole point of the trip is for people to have fun and at the same time raise money for communities in the outback.

Sophia's Story

"I am really satisfied with my stay in Dubbo and I feel like I have a better understanding of what I would like to work with in the future. So thank you for giving me the opportunity of my life."

Find out more about Maria from the web page she designed and built:

<http://dubbo.com.au/dane-in-dubbo/calendar/>



15 Silas Mason Veterinary Medicine

2016

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Peterborough Ortons, Cambridgeshire, D1070, England

Host: Rotary Clubs of Warren and Mudgee,

Date: February – April 2016

Employment:

- Western Rivers Veterinary Group, Warren
- Oxley Station, Warren
- Church Street Veterinary Hospital, Mudgee
- Gooree Park, Mudgee

Host Family/Families:

- Elaine and Rod Sandell, Warren
- Joe Cook, Mudgee



Silas's story ...

"The Rotary Program has allowed me to meet some awesome people and gain some invaluable veterinary experience in a completely new cultural setting. I have had a really great time and I would like to thank Rotary for giving me such a good opportunity - no doubt a lot of what I have learnt will come in useful when I start vet school later this year."

Silas's journey ...

Silas enjoyed the varied nature of his work placements, undertaking farm visits with vets, and experiencing life on outback stations. He has had the opportunity to prepare for surgery, bull testing, and scanning cattle for pregnancy which often involved getting up very early and driving for hours so work could start at sunrise to avoid the heat! *"It's very hot out there!"* Silas had exposure to a variety of veterinary cases including a cow with a "woody tongue", a bull with a foot abscess, a calf with a lump on the shoulder, a dog with an abdominal hernia, and sheep post mortems. Working on a cattle station was a real Australian outback experience for Silas where he mustered cattle on motorbike and horseback, weaned calves, worked in the yards, and "mucked" in with cleaning water troughs. An added bonus was the opportunity of equine work at Gooree Park, a renowned racehorse breeding stud. Outside of work, Silas also enjoyed the opportunity to attend the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) Conference in Dubbo, and the Rotary District 9670 Conference in Mudgee. Following his work placements, Silas went to work on a cattle station in Northern Australia. These experiences will greatly enhance Silas's studies when commencing his Veterinary Medicine course at the Royal Veterinary College in London, later in 2016. (2016)



14 **Rhiannon (Rhi) Hirst**
Hairdressing and Makeup Artistry

2015

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Denman, NSW, D9670

Host: Rotary Club of Biggleswade Ivel, Bedfordshire, D1070, England

Date: August - September 2015

Employment:

- Maxwell's Professional Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy, Biggleswade

Host Family:

- Gurney Family, Biggleswade



MAXWELLS

Professional Hair & Beauty Therapy

Rhi's journey ...

Rhi's exchange was a very positive and productive experience while also having the opportunity of seeing Great Britain and beyond. She was provided with opportunities to see the differences between Australian and British hairdressing, and also cultural differences.

Rhi successfully combined her social life with some of her new work colleagues, adding a wonderful dimension to her total exchange experience. Upon completion of her exchange she travelled to explore Germany. The offer of possible further employment with Maxwells upon her return to England was highly probable. (2015)

13 Charlotte (Charlie) Wheatley Marine Biology

2015

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Didcot, Oxfordshire, D1090, England

Host: Rotary Club of Nelson Bay, NSW, D9670

Date: June - September 2015

Employment:

- NSW Department of Primary Industries (Fishing and Aquaculture), Nelson Bay

Host Family:

- Jenny and Doug Craike, Nelson Bay



Charlie's story ...

"I was able to gain valuable experience of experimental design, new techniques, and equipment. I enjoyed the chance to work with some very accomplished scientists and discuss career paths with people in a number of different potential professions I could consider in the future - and talking to PhD students about how a PhD affects your life."

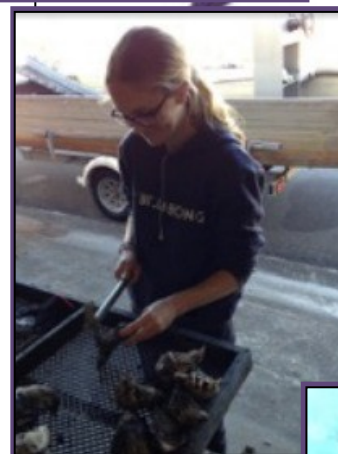
Charlie's journey ...

Securing a job in the future in her chosen field is how Charlie sums up her experience working with the team at the Fisheries Institute. Charlie learnt a lot and contributed to valuable scientific research which is likely to be published at a later date. She was given an insight into the various specific areas of scientific research she would like to pursue as a career in the future. Three months living in Australia has provided Charlie with lots of professional and personal contacts, building her confidence, and understanding the challenges associated with living and working abroad. Charlie feels more prepared for her future and now has choices about which area of the environment she would like to specialise in. She is especially keen to work in environmental monitoring or consultancy to improve the sustainability of infrastructure and reducing emissions.



Left:

"For my own project, looking at the effect of harmful algae on oyster larvae"



Centre:

Removing biofouling from oysters at the Fisheries

Institute

Below:



12 Hannah Gurney

2015

Media Practices and Public Relations

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Biggleswade Ivel, Bedfordshire, D1070, England

Host: Rotary Club of Wallsend / Maryland, NSW, D9670

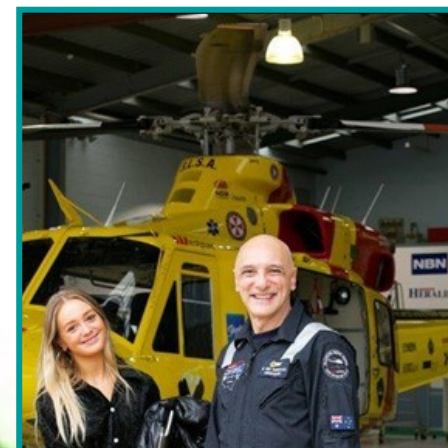
Date: June – September 2015

Employment:

- Purser Corporate Communication, Newcastle

Host Families:

- Diana Donovan, Maryland
- Meg Purser and Family, Eleebana



Hannah's story ...

"During my work placement I have seen how the PR and communication industries work in practice and how the industries are both interconnected. The main lesson I have learnt throughout my placement and exchange is how good communication skills can be the key to success in life, work, and in maintaining good relationships."

Hannah's journey ...

Hannah arrived in Australia in June and undertook her work placement with Purser Communications in Newcastle. Hannah's tasks included writing media statements and alerts; and articles for the Newcastle Weekly, and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service magazine. She composed social media posts, edited website content and created e-newsletters for clients. She had the opportunity of meeting Robyn Williams of the ABC's Science Department in connection with an assignment being undertaken by her employer. Exposure to these opportunities and the diverse range of clients has provided Hannah with a greater understanding of the skills required to achieve success in the media industry. During her stay, Hannah enjoyed an array of local attractions in the Newcastle, Nelson Bay, Hunter, and Sydney areas. (2015)

*On assignment at the Westpac
Rescue Helicopter Service,*

purser
corporate communication



11 Kate Reinhart Conservation

2015

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Mildmay, Ontario, D6330, Canada

Host: Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise, NSW, D9670

Date: January – March 2015

Employment:

- NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services, Shortland



Host Family:

- Wendy and Bob Hawthorne, Maryland

Kate's story ...

"This experience has allowed me to not only do field work, but to try new things that will help develop my skill set. I am now more qualified for applying for positions back home."

Kate's journey ...

Kate's work placement was undertaken with National Parks and Wildlife Services at Hunter Wetlands, Shortland. The first of her two main projects was to plan and develop signage for a new park. The signs include entry points, trails, and information signs. Obtaining quotes for the signs to be produced was the final step. The second of her projects was to set up photo points showing how the vegetation and the landscape have changed over time. This helps to show the importance of protecting our flora and fauna; and also supports funding opportunities. An important field task was to assist the Rangers with weed spraying. Kate attended the Rotary District 9670 Conference and featured in the program to present and promote NGSE. Following the completion of her internship, Kate returned to Canada and immediately gained full time employment as a Park Warden (equivalent to a Park Ranger in Australia) at Pinery Provincial Park, in Grand Bend, Ontario. (2015)



*Clockwise from top left:
At work in the "outdoor"
office, complete with PPE
Visiting the "Rotary Tree"
~ planted by Paul Harris
in Civic Park
opposite City Hall on his
visit to Newcastle in 1935
At the entrance to one of the*

10 Elise Budden Environmental Science / Conservation

2014

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise, NSW, D9670

Host: Rotary Club of South London, Ontario, D6330, Canada

Date: October - December 2014

Employment:

- Middlesex London Health Unit, London
- ReForest London (Not for Profit), London

Host Family:

- Two families



Elise's story ...

"Working with Re Forest London has reignited my dream of working with Indigenous people to conserve habitat for threatened species across the world. Thank you immensely to the Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise and the Rotary Club of London South for enabling this fantastic, career-building exchange, and for giving me the opportunity to work with the wonderful staff at Re Forest London who have welcomed me warmly and supported my exchange."

Elise's journey ...

Elise departed Australia's shores in March 2014 and headed for the South Americas to travel the Amazon and enjoy the World Cup in Brazil. She arrived in Canada to take up her internship in the London, Ontario area, mostly with ReForest London, a not for profit organisation dedicated to partnering with the community to enhance environmental and human health through the benefit of trees. Her internship here provided her with experience in web reporting, planting, surveying and mapping, tree sales, and office support. You can checkout a little more of Elise's journey by clicking on the link below. Elise is expected to return to Australia in the first half of 2015. (2015) <http://reforestlondon.ca/news/volunteer-spotlight-november-2014-elise-budden>

Clockwise from
top left:

"Dig this!"

On the job

Elise's transport for work

Creeping up on the locals

9 Harriet Allen Law Drafting / Policy Development

2014

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Pickering, Yorkshire, D1040, England

Host: Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise, NSW, D9670

Date: August - November 2014

Employment:

- Greg Piper MP, Member for Lake Macquarie, Toronto

Host Family:

- Noula and Peter Hicks, Toronto



*An opportunity to be
up close and personal
with the International
Children's Games
held in Lake Mac-*



Harriet and Lara sought sponsors to provide a bbq lunch in the Watagan Mountains following their car rally to raise funds for a Cambodian orphanage ~ Lara's mum, Annette, a member of the host

RC Toronto Sunrise, had previously visited the orphanage to assist Lara in determining what mobility aids could be provided

Harriet's story ...

"Through this exchange I have used the skills learnt during my degree to help improve the lives of constituents of Lake Macquarie; helping represent their views and analysing legislation which will directly affect them. This experience has helped me learn more about what I want to do in my career and what sort of person I want to become. It has been an extraordinary exchange during an extraordinary time."

Harriet's journey ...

"An extraordinary time" – this was the buzz for Harriet, working in an MP's office in the lead up to a State election. Harriet undertook research and wrote several speeches for Greg concerned with local issues of the time, and had the opportunity to hear her own work in the NSW Parliament. Harriet wanted to put her free time to good use, so having befriended Lara, a member of Rotaract, together they organised a fundraising activity with her host Rotary Club to be able to donate \$500 to a Cambodian orphanage where Lara had worked voluntarily on several occasions, and where the children have special needs. Harriet returned home to England, undertook some short term paralegal work, and was then successful in gaining a traineeship with Allianz – one of 16 from 3,000 applicants (well done Harriet!) - to work towards her Advanced Charter in Insurance. (2015)



Harriet with Premier NSW, Hon Mike Baird MP



8 Sarah Mowle *Occupational Therapy, 2014*

2014

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise, NSW, D9670

Host: Rotary Club of Peterborough Ortons, Cambridgeshire, D1070, England

Date: May – June 2014

Employment:

- Park House School, Thorney

Host Family:

- Jane and Alan Crossland



Sarah's story ...

"Spending three months at Park House School really helped me identify the specific setting within the wide parameters of the Occupational Therapy profession in which I wish to work. The Rotary experience reiterated my passion for working with children on the autistic spectrum and with behavioural conditions, in a specialist school setting."

Sarah's journey ...

Sarah set off for the UK to undertake her internship as an Occupational Therapist at Park House School, a school for children with special educational needs, but predominantly autism, and aged 8 to 19 years – a school where all children are special, some just needing a little more help. She worked alongside teachers, a speech and language therapist, a psychologist, a paediatric occupational therapist, and a pastoral care worker. Her work involved a variety of formal and informal occupational therapy assessments; and she designed, implemented and monitored a variety of individualised therapy programs to include sensory integration, gross motor movement, postural control, hydrotherapy, imitation/copying, and daily living skills programs. Following a surprisingly tearful farewell to Park House School, Sarah took some time out for a European travel adventure for the next three months. Upon returning home to Newcastle in *Australia*, she was employed as a Rehabilitation Consultant with Advanced Personnel Management. Sarah has since moved to Queensland to pursue her passion for working with children and adolescents with autism and behavioural disorders. (2015)



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Park House School



The school's Roman Garden



Sarah with her host family, Jane and Alan Crossland, and Pepper

7 Nathalie Craig Journalism

2014

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Myall Coast, NSW, D9670

Host: Rotary Club of Blaby, Leicestershire, D1070, England

Date: April – June 2014

Employment:

- Leicester Mercury, Leicester

Host Family:

- Christine and Geoffrey Kingsley-Mills, Glen Parva, Leicester



Nathalie's story ...

"This exchange was life changing giving me the incredible opportunity to pursue my journalism career on the other side of the world. Once you say yes to this exchange, more and more opportunities keep opening up in front of you. Life begins at the end of your comfort zone! Thank you Rotary."

Nathalie's journey ...

Nathalie is a journalist and undertook her work placement with the Leicester Mercury, a daily newspaper with a circulation of 36,000. She was given full responsibility to write her own stories for the newspaper and the weekend magazine, including trips to Crete and the French Alps to write travel features. These articles are now an important aspect of her print portfolio. Research, writing, interviewing, editing, and working with digital media filled her days in a vibrant and busy news room with a team of journalists working to tight deadlines. She also gained valuable life skills. A short time after returning home, Nathalie secured a job in the food writing industry. (2015)



From the top:

"Gotta" have some fun

The work place

The publication

The journalist

6 Jon Kingsley-Mills

2014

Mathematics, 2014

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Blaby, Leicestershire, D1070, England

Host: Rotary Club of Wallsend-Maryland, NSW, D9670

Date: January - March 2014

Employment:

- Hunter Valley Research Foundation, Newcastle

Host Family:

- Wilma and Jim Simmons, Lambton



Jon's story ...

"A fantastic cultural vocational experience that has hugely helped in my career path. It has been full of fun and learning tied in with making professional and personal friends."

Jon's journey ...

Mathematics is Jon's vocational area. Hunter Valley Research Foundation enabled him to undertake projects involving statistical analysis. Jon is an active Royal Air Force Reservist and is keen to work in the fields of mathematics and sports science. Jon had been travelling prior to arriving in Australia and continued travelling en route back home to England where and when he resumed his studies. (2014)



5 Matthew Robinson

Environmental Science, 2013

2013

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Wallsend-Maryland, NSW, D9670

Host: Rotary Club of Vejle, Jutland, D1460, Denmark

Date: May - June 2013

Employment:

- Greenscan (renewable energy)
- Rosborg Gymnasium (senior college), Vejle

Host Families:

- Carsten Filso and others



Matthew's story ...

"Denmark showed me the power of creativity and open-mindedness in inventing new green solutions to the current environmental problems our earth faces. Working with the Danish forged the edge in my career which I am looking forward to using in tackling waste management in Indonesia and increasing Australia's renewable energy usage."

Matthew's journey ...

Matthew's work placement exposed him to environmental engineering, solar and geo thermal energy, renewable energy, and mobile energy data management. Matthew represented his employer at the European Renewable Energy Exhibition in Copenhagen and Oslo. Upon completion of his work placement, Matthew did some travel and returned briefly to Australia and undertook a supervisory position with Conservation Volunteers Australia (Newcastle). Last report was that Matthew was in Indonesia where he is working in the area of Waste Management. (2014)



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Clockwise from top left:

Setting up the weather station on the roof of Rosborg Gymnasium in Vejle

Setting up the Greenscan exhibition in Copenhagen, and then again in Oslo

"Finally, installed the new weather station on my own for Rosborg's physics students to read the weather." "Carsten is taking great care of me! We enjoyed some Danish pastries, cheese and breads fresh from the bakery for a Saturday breakfast on my first

4 Juliane Krøijer Audiology, 2011

2011

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Værløse, Copenhagen, D1470/MD, Denmark

Host: Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise, D9670, NSW

Date: September – October 2011

Employment:

- Sydney Cochlear Implant Centre, Sydney
- Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, Floraville
- The Stuttering Clinic and Speech Therapy Unit, University of Newcastle
- Australian Hearing

Host Families:

- Sue and Graeme Hooper, Carey Bay
- Annette and Brian Mansfield, Kilaben Bay



Juliane's story ...

"The NGE program has been a truly rewarding and life changing experience. I have met fantastic people, seen some incredible sights, and have had the unique opportunity to work overseas. "NGE was an overwhelming work opportunity experience, and I met amazingly caring people! It is a work opportunity that makes you stand out!"

Juliane's journey ...

Following Juliane's work placement, she travelled a little through New Zealand and Victoria. She returned home to Copenhagen and completed her Masters Degree with Honours. The varied experiences Juliane encountered in Australia placed her in good stead to gain permanent full time employment as an audiologist in a major Copenhagen hospital. (2013)



Ready for work ...



The rye bread baker ...
"at home" in an Aussie kitchen



Enjoying our natural wonders at
Port Stephens and fossicking at Caves Beach



3 Meredith Young *Communications (Mining)*

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise, NSW, D9670

Host: Rotary Club of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, D1070, England

Date: October - December 2011

Employment:

Public Relations

Host Family:

Heather, Bothemly, Harris and Hill families



Meredith's story ...

"The NGE program has been a truly rewarding and life changing experience. I have met fantastic people, seen some incredible sights, and have had the unique opportunity to work overseas. I personally, would have never entertained applying for these positions [see below] had it not been for the confidence I gained from my New Gen experience."

Meredith's journey ...

Meredith's three month internship was with a prominent PR agency working on an array of accounts including renewable energy firms and community based projects. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn and expand her skills while working in an international market. Following her return to Australia, the mining industry took a downturn and in overcoming retrenchment, she worked as the Communications Manger for leading brands including Tommee Tippee Australia and Toby's Coffee Estate – a direct result of her international experience. Her overseas professional experience significantly expanded her skill base and she is now personally a much more outgoing and confident person. So outgoing in fact, that she has started her own business with her sister. Something she would have never previously entertained! And happy days ahead for Meredith, as while on exchange, she met the love of her life and is to be married in April 2015. (2014)

2011



2 Emily Heather *Political Administration,*

2011

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, D1070, England

Host: Rotary Club of Wallsend/Maryland, NSW, D9670

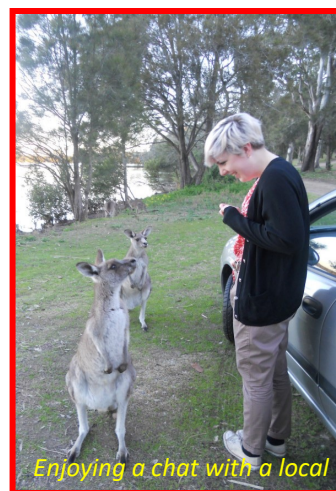
Date: July – August 2011

Employment:

- Hon Sonia Hornery MP, State Member for Wallsend, Wallsend

Host Family:

- Megan and Danny Morris, Cardiff South



Emily's story ...

"It was a fantastic opportunity in which I was able to travel, gain valuable work experience, and meet some fantastic people who I am sure to stay in touch with for the rest of my life!" (2012)

Emily's journey ...

TBA



1. Sophie Bowler

Political Science

2010

Sponsor: Rotary Club of Skegness, Lincolnshire, D1270, England

Host: Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise, NSW, D9670

Date: September - November 2010

Employment:

- Greg Piper MP, Member for Lake Macquarie | Mayor, City of Lake Macquarie, Speers Point

Host Families:

- Sue and Graeme Hooper, Carey Bay
- Annette and Brian Mansfield, Kilaben Bay



A chance encounter with

the Governor-General of Australia, Her Excellency



Parliament House, Sydney,

with Greg Piper MP



Sophie's story ...

"It has been a great experience that has allowed me to gain skills and acquire knowledge that will, without doubt, benefit me in the future. I enjoyed every second of the experience and met some very good friends along the way. It has unquestionably opened more doors for me, made me a more independent person, and encouraged me to branch out and pursue new things."

Sophie's journey ...

On completion of her work placement, Sophie gained employment with Election Funding Authority of NSW working as an Education, Research and Communications Officer. Upon Sophie's return to the UK, our last report is that she had gained full time permanent employment with the European Union in Brussels, Belgium. (2014)