The official name of this exchange is **Australia-USA Wiradjuri/Oceti Sakowin Rotary Group Study Exchange**. Phase 1 of this grant project will support the Rotary District 9700 delegation of young indigenous Australian professionals to Rotary District 5610 to experience a different indigenous culture and to share experiences and connections to demonstrate the way Rotary works towards building understanding, peace and vocational excellence. **The Wiradjuri Team visit will occur April 9-26, 2020, ending at the District Conference in Hot Springs.**

Phase 2 of this grant project will be to send counterpart Native Tribal Americans to Australia in March 2021, to mirror the experience of the Phase 1 Aboriginal Australians. The Wiradjuri are a major Aboriginal indigenous tribe of southwest Australia. Application is on the D5610 website [www.Rotary5610.org](http://www.Rotary5610.org), or by contacting the GSE US team leaders listed below.

**The Wiradjuri GSE team is identified as follows:**

- **Team Leader:** Donna Murray, Canberra Rotary, CEO of Indigenous Allied Health Australia
- **Ethan Williams,** 29, Vocation: Cultural heritage, Employer: National Museum of Australia
- **Micka Newman,** 32, Vocation: Wiradjuri education and health management, Employer: Orange Aboriginal Medical Service
- **Tennille Dunn,** 36, Vocation: Wiradjuri education and health management, Employer: Orange Aboriginal Medical Service
- **Eddie Whyman,** 38, Vocation: Cultural tourism and events, Employer: Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation
- **Zoe Lucke,** 40, Vocation: Youth justice, Employer: NSW Department of Communities and Justice

Rotarians and Clubs in District 5610 are invited to participate in home-hosting, touring and hosting team members at club meetings along the route. Please help us refine this PROPOSED program for your respective locations, individuals and institutions for our guests. Recommend any local changes you deem appropriate.

**Contact Linda about home hosting by or before March 25. We need names, emails and phones.**

**Contact Tom Katus about route programming, introductions and facilitating, and driving.**

We hope to rent a 8-12 passenger van, and would love to have volunteer Rotarian driver(s).

We accept donations to defer expenses not covered by the District grant.

**Itinerary and Route Map:**

![Map of the proposed itinerary and route map](image)
Day #1 Thursday, April 9  Australian Wiradjuri team arrives at Sioux Falls Regional Airport AA5834 5:18 PM. Met by Rotarians from Sioux Falls and Brookings and GSE US support team. Travel to Brookings SD, met by Dan Little, DGE, and home host by Brookings Rotarians until Monday AM.

Day #2 Friday, April 10  Overview of South Dakota State University, meet President Dunn, who is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Following overview, individual participants can visit their respective vocational specialty areas of health, cultural and art heritage and museums.

Day #3 Saturday, April 11 AM  Depart for Flandreau Sioux Tribe, meet Tribal leaders at FST Hotel/Casino and visit BIA Flandreau Indian Boarding School. PM Rest and Relaxation with Brookings Rotarian hosts.

Day #4 Sunday April 12 Easter Sunday  Relax and optional Easter services with host families. Evening Reception sponsored by Brookings Rotarians and Flandreau Sioux Tribal leaders at SD State University.

Day #5 Monday, April 13  Visit Sioux Falls. Overview of programs by JR LaPlante, Director Native American Outreach, Avera Health, which has a Native American division and contract to provide telemedicine services to the Pine Ridge IHS Hospital. Tour Sanford Health.
12:00 Noon meeting  Hosted by Sioux Falls Downtown Rotary. Wiradjuri team Introductions/Presentation.
PM Hope Haven International wheelchair distribution project at the SD State penitentiary where 60 inmates have rebuilt chairs and distributed more than 130,000 free to disabled people worldwide. Drive to Vermillion, SD, home hosting and reception by Vermillion Club. Sioux City and Yankton Rotarians, and Institute of American Indian Studies leaders invited. Met by Dave Lorenz, PDG and Chuck Lubbers, Public Image Chair, District 5610. Visit Henry Payer, Hochunk Nation Artist in Residence at USD and Patricia Trudel Gordon, Founding Director, Indian Youth of America and Santee Sioux Tribal member, who has conducted Native Youth Camping Programs 50:50 Reservation and urban youth in the Black Hills and Southwest for 40+ years.

Day #6 Tuesday, April 14  Tour University of South Dakota, including Schools of Law and Medicine, Indian Studies and Fine Arts departments and Oscar Howe Art Museum.
PM Travel to Yankton Sioux Tribe and Reservation. Enroute Step-on tour Yankton, SD, met by Bernie Hunhoff, publisher of South Dakota Magazine. Reception hosted by Wagner Rotarians at Rotary Building, YST leaders invited.
Home hosted by Wagner Rotarians.

Day #7 Wednesday, April 15  Visit Wagner Public Multi-cultural School System K-12, Marty Mission K-12 private Tribal school, SGU-YST Campus and other projects identified by Wagner Rotary club in consultation with YST members.
Travel to and home hosted by Winner Rotarians for two evenings.

Day #8 Thursday, April 16  Travel to Rosebud Sioux Tribe and Reservation Visit Sinte Gleska University, Mission, SD. Meet RST Tribal leaders at RST Council, Indian Health Services Hospital, Rosebud, SD, and St. Francis K-12 Catholic School, St. Francis, SD. Traditional Lakota reception at SCU. Co-hosted by SGU and Winner Rotarians invited. Hosted by Dr. Lionel Bordeaux, President, SGU, Troy Heinert, South Dakota State Senator and Shawn Bordeaux, SD Representative, who are Native Americans. Return to Winner hosts.

Day #9 Friday, April 17  Rosebud Sioux Tribe visit REDCO, Tribal Economic Development Corporation and Todd County K-12 Schools, Mission, SD.
PM Travel to Ft. Pierre, SD Meeting at Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place with all Chairmen or their representatives requested. Evening reception.
Home hosted by Pierre Area Rotarians for two nights.

Day #10 Saturday, April 18  Tour Pierre and Fort Pierre. Visit State Capitol building, Cultural Heritage Center, Verendrye Memorial, Oahe Dam and La Framboise Island.
Day #11 Sunday, April 19  Optional church services with host families.
PM Drive to Wingsprings, CAIRNS Retreat Center www.nativecairns.org, Lacreek District, Martin SD, meet and
greet by Dr. Craig Howe, Executive Director and founder of Center. Relaxation and informal discussion with Dr.
Howe responding to any questions the group might have about their experience to date and what they might
anticipate the next few days on the Pine Ridge reservation and Rapid City. Traditional group meal prepared by Wiradjuri and Lakota participants and home hosted in bunk houses at the Center.

Day #12 Monday, April 20 Visit Lakota Funds, Kyle, SD. Visit Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce, Oglala Lakota College and First Peoples Fund - sponsoring the Oglala Lakota ArtsSpace (under construction) and Wounded Knee Cemetery. Hosted by Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation Traditional Lakota meal and overnight at TVCVC bunkhouses.

PM drive to Rapid City and home hosted by Rotarians and Tribal leaders for three nights.

Day #14 Wednesday, April 22 Rest, relaxation and shopping with host families.
PM Tour Journey Museum followed by reception, traditional Lakota meal will be served by the Omniciye Corps.

Day #15 Thursday, April 23 Visit First Peoples Fund www.firstpeoplesfund.org, Oglala Lakota College Rapid City campus www.olc.edu, Multicultural curriculum development project, Rapid City school system, Ateyapi Youth Sports Development Project, Rural America Initiatives, NDN Collective National Community Development youth organizing NGO, Native American Nursing Education Center, South Dakota State University and Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Day #16 Friday, April 24 AM Continued Rapid City visits including Rapid City Care Center new Homeless shelter and any remaining sites.
11:30-1:00 PM Guests at Black Hills Press & Forum. Speaker is Rapid City Care Center.
Travel to and participate in Rotary District 5610 conference, Hot Springs. GSE Presentation of 20 minutes scheduled 3-4:00 PM. Dinner hosted by District 5610.
Drive to and hosted by Custer Rotarians for two nights.

Day #17 Saturday, April 25 Attend breakfast and morning program sessions at the conference. Tour Black Hills with District tour bus or with hosts.

Day #18 Sunday, April 26 Breakfast and farewell with host Rotarians. Noon Farewell by District Governor, Rapid City Rotarians and Tribal friends, (location tba) Rapid City Regional Airport and return to Australia.

Nation-building and vocational development for both indigenous peoples of Australia and Native Americans in South Dakota will be beneficial to all the communities impacted. Clubs and leaders in Rotary from around District 5610 have desired a better relationship with our native population and this GSE exchange is the next step in fostering a closer relationship and cooperation between clubs and the reservations’ population.

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