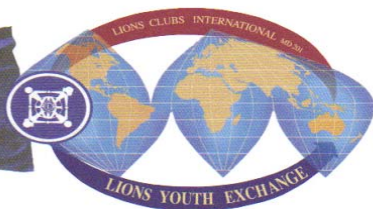


Youth Exchange

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**LIONS AUSTRALIA
YOUTH EXCHANGE**
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 201
Australia, Papua New Guinea and Norfolk Island

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YE in 2010

2010 was another successful year for youth exchange in our MD 201.

We hosted approx 130 overseas exchangees, who also attend our 4 Youth Camps.

We arranged a very successful outward exchange for 50 of our young ambassadors.

We have received some "glowing" reports on how great these youth were.



Above: 2010/11 Scandinavian/European Youth Exchange group enjoying the London Stopover before heading home to Australia

Are you going to nominate a youth?

Talk to your Grade 11 and 12 students. What about a contestant or winner participating in the Youth of the Year Quest or a member of your Leo Club.

3 Leos and several winners from the Youth of the Year Quest went to Europe, Scandinavia and New Zealand 2010/2011 as a Youth Exchange.

Comments from Jack "I had to give the Youth Exchange Program a 10 /10 because I would've regarded myself as someone who keeps to themselves and is always last to make friends with the new kid, but going on Exchange forced me into situations where I had to make immediate connections with people and to put my trust in them. It was an excellent way to learn more about myself and to form relationships with others all over the world!"

From Daven: "The Exchange was a life changing experience that I will always remember! The activities, buildings, monuments and shows I am sure I will cherish and tell stories about it for the rest of my life! I wouldn't change the 6 weeks for anything in the world".

Special points of interest:

- Are you going to nominate a youth
- Hosting a youth
- Camp dates
- New MD Members
- ANZI Forum

"Come along to the Youth Exchange Forum at the MD Convention—Launceston"

ANZI Pacific Forum

In September this year, at the Gold Coast, the MD is holding our first constitutional area Forum, so please come along and "learn". We will be there with a number of past exchangees, who will be giving a presentation. They will make you wish you have been part of this great programme previously.

MD Convention — Launceston

Come along to the Youth Exchange Forum at the MD Convention (15-18 April 2011) being held in Launceston and hear some of the experiences of past Youth Exchangees. Learn of their wonderful experiences of a life time.

The **Top Club Awards** will be presented to winner Clubs that have nominated youth going out of Australia on Youth Exchange and to Clubs that have hosted overseas Youth here in Australia providing them with the wonderful Aussie culture.

2011 Host families required

Is your Club going to host a student this year?

Numbers Required

60 Europe; 30 Asia Pacific; 20 Scan, 20 America; 10 Others; approx 140 total

Your Clubs Youth Exchange Experience

Is your Club hosting one or two youth in one family or working together with other clubs to host a larger number of youth, you need to get together and plan your activities.

Here are some pointers:

Host Families need to complete the Host Family Application (see Youth Exchange web site)

If you are hosting a youth under 18 you need to have a Blue Card or a Child Protection clearance

Your Club's Youth Exchange Chairman should ask club members what activities and amount of time

they can contribute to the visit. Ask other members of the community, Leos club, youth groups or local high school.

Produce a diary of events and circulate it to all members - this way the whole club is involved.

COSTS: Remember that Youth Exchange is a club project and the cost of hosting should not become a financial burden to the Hosts or individual members. Plan the activities and decide what the club is prepared to pay for - Consult with the youth and advise them of the cost of all activities, so they can decide which ones they want to do and can afford.

In larger centres where there are several Lions/Leos/Lioness clubs Youth Exchange could become a combined project.

This takes a bit of co-ordinating but would be a great experience for all involved. Zone Chairmen are the logical people to be involved. This could mean that some members who work could host students knowing that there are activities organised by the group

Your exchangee's are here, not just to have a good time or a holiday, but to experience a cultural exchange. By doing this you will be giving them an experience they, and you, will always remember.



Camps - Dates for 2011

HOSTING PERIODS REQUIRED DEPEND ON THE CAMP THAT THE YOUTH ARE ATTENDING:

CAMP KOOKABURRA, NSW 9-17 July—Hosting: 1 WEEK 2-9 JULY

CAMP KOALA, VICTORIA 17-23 July—Hosting: 2 WEEKS 2-16 JULY and ONE WEEK 23-30 JULY

CAMP KROKODILE, QUEENSLAND 22-31 July—Hosting: 3 WEEKS 2-22 JULY

CAMP KANGA, QUEENSLAND 23-30 July— Hosting: 3 WEEKS 2-23 JULY

**AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE NOT ATTENDING OUR CAMPS
3 WEEKS 31ST JULY TO 20 AUGUST**

Note: Australian youth are welcome to apply to attend



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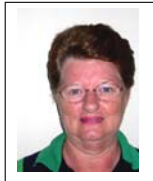
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Farewell



At the February meeting the Committee will be saying

goodbye to Jan Evans and Coral Salmon who have over the years contributed a considerable amount of experience, time and effort to success of the MD Youth Exchange Program.

Thank you ladies

Welcome

Helen Dalglish from W2 and Neil Barnes from V6 will be joining the MD Youth Exchange team

We're on the Web!
www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye

Do you require more information; a Youth Exchange form or do you require some guidelines.?

They are all at our website: www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye on a sidelink on the homepage.

We are updating our website, so "HAVE A LOOK"

