

Meet some of our long-standing **YOUTH EXCHANGE HOST FAMILIES & HOST CLUBS**



NSW - District 201Q1 - Lions Club of Murwillumbah Lion Debbie Gregg (top)

Murwillumbah Lions Club has hosted over 70 incoming international youth and nominated 90 outgoing young Australians involved with the YE Program over the past 25-30 years. More recently, member Lion Debbie Gregg has hosted seven youth from Japan and Malaysia. "My older daughter was a Rotary exchange student to Belgium and that gave me the interest in hosting overseas youth in my own country. I enjoy showing exchangees Australia's culture, particularly my family's everyday lifestyle. Hosting is a Club project and our members get involved with sightseeing visits and family events. We believe that hosting two youth at one time is better than one. They keep each other company and are more relaxed. Give youth exchange a go. The youth are so much fun."



WA - District 201W2 - Lions Club of Eaton Lion Geoff and Jeni Goddard (centre)

Lion Geoff and Jeni Goddard have enjoyed hosting incoming international youth from Japan, Malaysia, Slovenia and Sweden for more than 12 years. "Being a host family leads to long-term benefits including appreciating other cultures, exchanging useful gifts such as cookery books and opening our minds to how people in other countries live. Eaton Lions members share the responsibility of hosting by including the visitors in outings and sightseeing. Our grandchildren have learned so much about other ways of life through our Youth Exchange hosting."



QLD - District 201Q4 – Lions Club of Gracemere Lions Graham & Judith Letchford (bottom)

Fifteen youth exchangees from Japan, Malaysia, NZ, Poland, USA, Finland, Germany, Belgium and Italy have lived with Lions Graham and Judith who are both District Youth Exchange Chairpersons. "We usually host two youth from different countries at the same time but on one occasion, we had four exchangees staying in our home. By living with another exchangee, the visitors learn about each other's culture as well as the Australian lifestyle. For the past 15 years we have enjoyed bringing the outside world into our home giving us and our children the opportunity to experience other cultures and to make life time friends from all over the world. We have learnt about the visiting youths' different backgrounds and we are looking forward to continuing our hosting role to include youth from more overseas countries."



APPLY NOW to host incoming youth from Europe, Japan, South & North America, Scandinavia, UK and USA in July-August 2011. Host for 1, 2 or 3 weeks.

For more information, contact your District Chairperson for Youth Exchange or go to www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye

LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE – TRY IT, YOU WILL ENJOY IT

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