



Youth Exchange Program District 9630 Rotary International Australia



Students – Parents – Rotarians

Enclosed is your copy of 'The Boomer', the Outbound YEP student magazine compiled from the reports received from the 2011 Outbound students. As you read this, the third and final Boomer for 2011, these students are now 'Rebounders', the last student returning on Tuesday January 17th. Some were obviously so busy making the most of their last months, weeks and days in their temporarily adopted countries, that report writing was not top of their list of priorities! Apologies for the delay.

Students, parents and sponsor clubs, please check your inboxes / mailboxes for your invitation to the Rebound Debrief and Graduation dinner. Make particular note of the details, as there has been some confusion regarding the date – it may be different to that which you have been previously advised, seen in the district directory or on our website. Other clubs, which did not sponsor a 2011 Outbound student, are most welcome to attend, but must contact the Chairman or Secretary to verify details and costs. The Debrief sessions and the student presentations given at the Graduation Dinner, are a great way to hear, first-hand, honest feedback about the program.

It can never be overstressed, or reiterated often enough, the satisfaction that sponsoring club members feel, knowing that they have initiated a process that will so dramatically change, for the better, the lives of a selected few from a new generation. Just read the many sincere expressions of gratitude to their District 9630 clubs in the Boomer. To paraphrase the thoughts of one student, this is not just a 12 month exchange, it is the making and moulding of a person, that lasts a lifetime. (Dare it be mentioned that nothing enlivens a Rotary Club and keeps it in touch with the ever changing future, quite like having exchange students in your midst!)

The enclosed Boomer will soon (or by the time you read this may already) be available to read / download from our website - www.yep.rotary9630.org .

The site also enables you to access further information, contacts and forms relating to RYEP in our District.

As we farewell our 2012 ambassadors, whose perspectives are about to alter forever, and as we proudly celebrate our national day in this wonderfully diverse and multicultural country, what better time to start putting your plans in place to make a difference in the world by seeking out, in your local community and schools, a prospective deserving student to sponsor in 2013? Be part of this program and increase the numbers of D9630's aforementioned 'selected few'.

Enjoy the read!

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