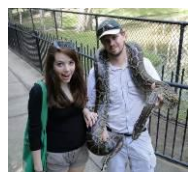


Rotary District 9620

The District consists of Brisbane the Capital City of Queensland, plus smaller towns, country areas and wonderful surfing beaches.



Located an hour north of Brisbane on the Sunshine Coast, **Australia Zoo** is a team of passionate conservationists working to deliver an animal experience like no other.



Districts Projects

Rotary Youth Exchange students are encouraged to participate in Rotary Projects. Students have been involved in projects with their Host Clubs and as a group with all the exchange students participating. The students have also been involved in raising money for Shelter Boxes, Australian Rotary Health, to name just a few.



Compulsory Activities for YEP Students in District 9620.

Our Inbound students always participated in our **District Conference**. They have painted a pinkie for polio, sold recipe books, auctioned themselves for a night where they would cook a traditional meal and entertain their guests. To name just a few. The students look forward to this event every year.



Surfing Weekend. - Surf & the beach plays a big part of life in Queensland. Being beach safe is about understanding & recognizing the potential dangers, learning to avoid them & knowing how to help someone if they get into trouble. The students all learn CPR.



Sunshine Safari - Both Inbound & Outbound Students join together for this trip. The trip covers our District from the beach to the country. It gives the students an opportunity to visit Clubs & getting to know the Rotarians. Activities on Safari include- Swimming, Cultural workshop (Indigenous), Abseiling, Rock-Climbing, Bush walking, staying at a farm & having meals visiting many Rotary Clubs.



As part of the compulsory activities there are two orientation weekends. One is in August and & one in December. Before the students return home there is also a debriefing & Graduation Day.



Optional Student Trips

Optional trips in our district are all organized and chaperoned by the YEP Committee of District 9620. All details on our optional trips can be found on our web page.

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Island Experience

The students get the opportunity to visit Lady Elliot Island, an island on the great barrier reef. They get to swim with the turtles and fish, snorkel, learn about the ecology of the area. The students are also offered the opportunity to scuba dive at an extra cost.

Sea turtles are one of the earth's most ancient creatures! Turtles can be seen in the water around Lady Elliot all year round and are a popular sighting with the guests. Turtle nesting & hatching season is between November to April. Of the six species of sea turtles found in Australian waters, three species are found around Lady Elliot Island.



Central Australia – Red Centre Tour.

This is the area in central Australia around Alice Springs and including Uluru (Ayers Rock), Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) and Wartarrka (Kings Canyon) This area consists of the red earth of the desert landscape in this region.

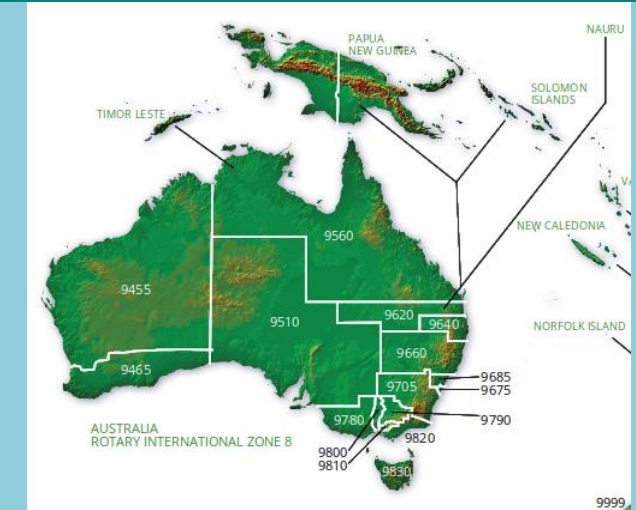


Jacob Victorin- Sweden - 2011/12 – (Inbound)

Exchange is being lost in a world of strangers. Exchange is being found & realizing that there is no such thing as a world of strangers, only friends you have not yet met. It's about making friends from every part of this world, friends that last a lifetime & a half. The amount of new experiences that I have experienced are uncountable, unforgettable & unreal. Exchange is seeing more of Australia than most other Australian. It's getting to know Australia better than your own country. Being away for a year, away from your parents, your friends, away from home is the most life-changing opportunity.

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District 9620 consists of 4 countries - Part of South Queensland in Australia (north to Gympie, west to Kingaroy, southwest to Goondiwindi and south to Beenleigh), Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Nauru. District 9620 is certified by Rotary International to participate in the Youth Exchange Student Program. Australia is certified to Sponsor & Host Exchange Students with Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Nauru certified only for outbound student on a one-way exchange.

