



ROTARY DISTRICT 9690
New South Wales, Australia
Group Study Exchange Committee
District Governor 2009-10: Paul Reid



21st May 2009

Chairman
David Cook

Dear Rotary Colleague

Deputy Chairman
Graham Wilson

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) committee is calling for applications for the position of **GSE Team Leader** for 2010.

Immediate Past Chairman
Ivan Fedor

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Secretary
Fiona McCulloch

For each team member, The Rotary Foundation provides the most economical round-trip air ticket between the home and host countries. Local Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel within their district. There are some expenses that need to be met by the team members, around \$2000 can be taken as a minimum.

Co-ordinators Region 1
Laurie Waterson

This Rotary year, District 9690 will be exchanging with District 7820, which covers Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Labrador and Prince Edward Island in Canada. The proposed dates are from 1-31 May 2010, however this may be altered to allow for our GSE team to attend the International Convention in Montréal in Mid June. The D7820 District Conference dates are 13-16 May.

Region 2
Dave Humphry

Eligibility Criteria

The team leader must:

Region 3
David Brown

- be an experienced Rotarian;
- not be the current district governor, immediate past district governor, or district governor-elect;
- remain with the team for the duration of the exchange;
- be willing and able, physically and mentally, to keep pace with the GSE;
- not be accompanied by a spouse, companion, or other relatives or dependents;
- be prepared to serve on the GSE Committee for the following 2 years of the exchange as Deputy Chairman and then Chairman followed by a year as TRF Alumni Chair;
- on return from the exchange ensure that TRF team reports are finalised and submitted;
- attend the District D9690 Conference with the Team in March 2010;
- assist with arrangements for the inbound team in March 2010;
- visit clubs in D9690 post exchange, with the team.

Region 4
Margaret Favelle
Owen Jaffres

The team leader should help coordinate the exchange by facilitating the submission of pre- and post-departure documents (including the Travel Request) and by acting as an advisor during the selection of team members.

Group Study Exchange is a Programme of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International



Ideal Candidates for Team Leader

- is not more than 20 years older than the oldest team member;
- possesses outstanding interpersonal communication skills;
- has presentation and public-speaking skills and is able to help the team prepare for speeches at Rotary clubs;
- has the ability to build a team with a sense of mission.

Please inform the members of your club that applications for Team Leader for the GSE team to Nova Scotia, Canada in April 2010 are now open.

The application form, together with any other information they may want on the GSE program, can be downloaded from the Rotary International website at:

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_doc/260en.doc

I look forward to receiving applications from your club for the team leader's position. Applications close on the 31st July 2009. They can be forwarded to me at 12 Cox Street, Glenbrook, NSW, 2773.

Applicants will need to be available to attend the compulsory selection interview to be held on Saturday, 8 August 2009.

If I can be of any service to you or your members please do not hesitate to contact me on tel, 02 4739 5868 or email address drcook@ozemail.com.au or Graham Wilson on 02 4733 4210 or grahamw@penrithvalleyrotary.org

Yours in Rotary

David Cook

Chairman, District 9690 GSE Committee