



**ROTARY DISTRICT 9690**  
**New South Wales, Australia**  
**Group Study Exchange Sub Committee**  
**District Governor 2010-11:**  
**Marilyn Mercer**



10<sup>th</sup> May 2010

*Chairman*  
*Graham Wilson*

GSE Team Members

Dear Rotary Colleagues

*Deputy Chairman &  
Outbound Co-  
ordinator*  
*David Ross*

In the Rotary year 2010-11, District 9690 will have 2 Group Study Exchange (GSE) Teams. One team will be exchanging with D3470 Taiwan and the other D3860 Philippines. The team that will be going to Philippines will be a focus team with a theme of emergency services..

*Alumni Chairman*  
*David Cook*

The Exchange period both teams is from 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011 to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Team members may wish to take advantage of personal travel at the conclusion of the exchange.

*Inbound Co-  
ordinator*  
*Amanda Frost*

The GSE Committee would like to advise that we are now calling for applications for team members for these exchanges and your assistance is requested by requesting your Club seek out and sponsor potential team members.

*Co-ordinators*  
*Region 1*  
*Blue Mountains*  
*Laurie Waterson*  
*David Hart*

To assist Clubs to find suitable applicants for the focus area the GSE Committee has contacted the Regional heads of the Police Force, Ambulance Service, Fire Brigade, State Emergency Service, Rural Fire Service and the Volunteer Rescue Association along with the Commissioner (NSW) St Johns Ambulance Brigade. We have asked these senior leaders to advise staff and volunteers within the various agencies about the exchange. Any contacts from this approach will be referred to 1 or more Clubs in their area so they can contact you.

*Region 2*  
*Outer West &  
Hawkesbury*  
*Armand Sukhila*  
*Phil Smith*

Listed below are some of the qualifications and responsibilities for GSE Team Members

*Region 3*  
*Central West*  
*David Brown*  
*Mariya Gojan*

- between the ages of 25 and 40 at the time of application;
- employed full-time in a recognised business or profession for at least two years;
- resident of, or working in D9690;
- not a Rotarian or a lineal relation of a Rotarian (in any District);
- a citizen of Australia;
- in good health;
- able to express themselves clearly and logically;
- of a sound, general educational background and cultural awareness;
- interested in and clearly enthusiastic about their chosen vocation and in possession of outstanding vocational skills;
- interested in international relations and learning about different cultures;
- open-minded, tolerant, and flexible;
- knowledgeable about current affairs in Australia;
- tolerant to new and different ideas, cultures, foods, and lifestyles;
- comfortable working and living as part of a team with a schedule that is physically and emotionally demanding;

*Region 4*  
*South West*  
*Margaret Favelle*  
*Owen Jeffress*

*Region 5*  
*Inner West*  
*John Mansour*  
*Paolo Giammarco*

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- able to travel for four weeks with their employer's consent;
- willing to attend required orientation and training sessions and complete final reports along with attendance at the D9690 conference and club meetings before and after the exchange.

For each team member, The Rotary Foundation provides for 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 member around \$2000 can be taken as a guide.

**Important Dates:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Team Member Applications are returned to Clubs for endorsement
<b>13<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b><i>Closing date for Club Endorsed Team Member Applications to GSE Chairman. Candidates will not be interviewed unless their application/s has been endorsed by a Club in D9690.</i></b>
15 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> August	GSE Committee advises candidates about interview arrangements
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Compulsory selection interviews, candidates will be advised of selection outcome on the day. No other date for selection will be available.
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Advice to nominating Clubs regarding team member selections
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2011	Teams depart for Exchange.
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2011	Exchange starts
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2011	Exchange concludes

Clubs that nominate successful candidates will be requested to contribute \$300 towards the cost of the team member's uniform.

Further information is also available on the RI website at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Fellowship/GroupStudyExchange/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

**NB. Candidates may apply for one or both exchange destinations, for those who are applying for both, they will need to complete 2 Team Member Applications 161(EN) 408, one for each District.**

I look forward to receiving applications and essay of intent from your club for the team members' positions. Applications by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2010 to:

D9690 GSE Chairman

Graham Wilson

12 Richardson Place Glenmore Park NSW 2745

or

e-mail [graham04@tpg.com.au](mailto:graham04@tpg.com.au)

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Potential team members should be advised that there will be an opportunity for private travel at the conclusion of the exchange. Each team will depart Sydney together and must stay together for the duration of the exchange.

We wish to thank you for your assistance with helping us put together 2 excellent GSE teams that will proudly represent Australia, our district and your club.

If you or your club requires any further information please do not hesitate to contact your GSE Region co-ordinator shown on Page 1 of this letter, or me on (02) 4733 4210, 0402 409 809 or via email [graham04@tpg.com.au](mailto:graham04@tpg.com.au).

\* Attached is a word copy of the GSE Team Member Application.

Yours in Rotary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Wilson'.

Graham Wilson  
Chairman  
District 9690 GSE Committee 2010-11