

ROTARY REBOUND CONNECTION

MIRANDA MCKENAY – VENEZUELA 2014. (Rotary Club of Katanning)



I've come a long way since exchange in 2014, currently I'm still studying and in my final year of my marketing and advertising degree. I'm working full time on top of that as the State Manager of a retail company which provides a great challenge that I love.



HAYLEY WINCHCOMBE – FRANCE 2014 (Rotary Club of Busselton/Geographe)

When I embarked on my Rotary Youth Exchange to France, I had no idea that it would completely change the direction of my life. Meeting so many amazing people from around the world inspired me to study Political Science and International Relations and French at the University of Western Australia. Right now I am lucky enough to be undertaking the first half of my Honours on International Relations in Southeast Asia whilst on a university exchange to Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. My studies here are supported by the Australian Government's New Colombo Plan which aims to build the capacity of



Australian undergraduate students to live, study and work in the Indo-Pacific region. I'd like to thank District 9465 for their amazing work on the Rotary Youth Exchange program which has had such a profound impact on my life - from my personal development to my choice of field.



ERIN HARRISON – MEXICO 2014 (Rotary Club of Willetton)



After my year of exchange, I started studying public and international relations at Curtin University. My passion for travel has continued over the years with my studies most recently bringing me to Copenhagen, Denmark. The experience of youth exchange has challenged me to live life to its fullest and enjoy every moment of the journey.

GEORGIA KOWALD – ITALY 2016 (Rotary Club of Katanning)



When I came home from Italy on Rotary Youth Exchange in January 2017 I had been offered a job by Andrew the president of Katanning Rotary club during my exchange year at Katanning Travel Centre. I contacted Andrew and asked him to keep an ear to the ground for some job opportunities in Katanning not knowing what I wanted to do. Andrew then offered me a job as he was looking for a young trainee and someone who had experience in travel, I arrived back Mid-January and have now been working for Katanning travel for just over a year, in that time I had the opportunity to assist clients with their travel wishes. In the year I have worked for Katanning travel I have had many opportunities to provide domestic and international travel to clients. In December of 2017 I won a trip as one of 9 WA travel agents to the south island of New Zealand and will be going to the commonwealth games on the Gold Coast in April.

I am extremely thankful for the experiences Rotary Youth Exchange provided for me, as without it I wouldn't have had the opportunities that have helped me to direct my future.

MEGAN BILNEY – SWITZERLAND 2012 (Rotary Club of Kojonup)

After Megan's exchange, she spent some time studying International Relations and Community Development at University whilst working as a Swim Teacher and Maths tutor. In 2017, Megan began a career in the Australia Defence Force and is currently posted in Sydney at the Military School of Engineering.



ADONIA BARRIE – GERMANY 2016 (Rotary Club of Mandurah)

"After finishing my exchange in Germany, I came home and finished year 12. Now I'm working as an Au Pair in Berlin, taking German exams and working on my applications to universities here in Germany (with a helping hand from some of the wonderful rotarians from my host club!) for the next school year."

