

Hi All Secretaries in D9500

You have probably already heard that all Australian Districts will be suspending their Youth Exchange Programs for 12 months due to the effects of Covid-19.

For us in D9500 this means that the current planning by clubs **to accept an inbound in July/August 2020 will not be occurring**. Processes will be put into place to restart the process for July 2021- with our new merged district.

It also means that **we will not be recruiting and selecting any local students for an overseas Rotary Exchange in 2021**. This will resume in 12 months time for the outbound exchanges to operate from January 2022.

For your information, I have attached the letter that all of our overseas partner districts have been sent to notify them of our decision.

We still have 3 inbound students here with us and they have indicated their wish to stay and see out the exchange. Their departures were scheduled for July, but extensions to this time may be required -depending on conditions etc. This would involve the extension of their Visa, their AASES forms (for schooling) and perhaps alteration to host family arrangements. 2 other inbound students have left us to return to their home countries.

One of our outbound students has decided to return home and we have 1 student deciding to remain in Denmark to see out her exchange there. Lets hope the experiences gained by all of the student participants has been and continues to be a great one!

Should you require any help or advice on the Youth Exchange program I am more than happy to hear from you.

Our merger into the new District (D9510) will be occurring July 1st 2020 and Paul Thomas (Northern Yorke RC) will be taking on the role as the incoming Chair.

Andrew Hardy (current Chair D9520) and I will be staying on the committee in supportive roles.

Regards for now

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