

## GSE TEAM FROM D9800 VICTORIA AUSTRALIA



Left to right Back: Michael Hick; Jason Cotter; Front: Lena Condos; Anne Peace (Team leader); Heidi Schwegler; Bronwyn Flanagan

**Anne Peace, Team Leader** - Anne is a past President of RC Echuca-Moama and prior to retirement was a Teacher (Elementary classroom, Music, Librarian). Currently Anne is owner operator of a self-contained B&B in Echuca. Anne is a Widow with 2 daughters, 2 son-in-laws and 5 grandchildren

Anne is a Board member of the local College of Adult Education, Secretary of 'The Paddock' alternative setting, Co-ordinator of special programs: most recently with our local indigenous students.

During the tour Anne would like to Visit to schools, especially alternative settings, music programs and adult education, Foodbanks

Hobbies/Interests: The Arts (theatre, choral and visual), gardening, volunteering, dining out, people and places of historical interest, sporting events

**Lena Condos** - Lena is 31 and has a background in Marketing, fundraising and events management within the non-profit sector, presently with an animal welfare organisation. She has been employed in other areas of the non-profit sector including arts and culture, with a war memorial and as a manager of a local government museum.

Her responsibilities at her job include: Development and implementation of strategic marketing plan, communications strategy, profile building events, sponsorship acquisition, fundraising activities, media and pr campaigns, increasing the number of dogs and cats being re-homed, merchandising activities, web content development, develop newsletters, co-ordinate development of customer service charter for staff.

Lena would like to undertake the following vocational activities during the tour: Visits to animal welfare organisations and shelters, visits to non-profit organisations involved in humanitarian aid and development projects, visits to arts and cultural facilities.

Hobbies/Interests: Netball (not a popular sport in America!), sporting events, development projects, trekking, the outdoors, wildlife, nature, cycling, cultural events, musical events.

**Jason Cotter** - Jason is 31 and a Writer/Editor/Art Coordinator. He has been involved in publishing/Aboriginal Art Industry. Jason works at Readings Books writing book reviews, developing and editing a new anthology, liaising with publishers about the return of unsold books, managing inventory.

Previously, at Warlukurlangu Artists, a remote, central Australian desert, Aboriginal community art centre he coordinated the production of aboriginal art work and its sale through exhibitions; liaising between senior, first contact, aboriginal artists and the art industry; and the social care of Warlpiri elders and their families.

Jason is also a published writer of short fiction and non-fiction, and is currently working on a novel set in a desert Aboriginal community.

Jason would like to undertake the following vocational activities during the tour:

- Meet with editors, publishers and others from Nebraskan publishers,
- Meet and perhaps workshop with, writers and editors
- Meet with local writers and artists with a strong sense of the natural landscape informing their work (The University of Nebraska Press has published a volume of Australian and North American nature writing called *A Place on Earth* that Jason found of great interest.)
- Meet with booksellers from independent bookstores
- Meet with members and visit the reservations of: Native American Tribes

Visit the Bureau of Indian Affairs and any other organisations owned by Tribal Councils and run for Native American cultural maintenance, welfare and development, with a particular interest in health and the art industry.

Hobbies/Interests: Reading and writing, the great outdoors (camping, fishing, exploring, flicking through the *Cabelas* catalog), art & artists, agriculture, photography, travel, wild places, plants and animals, different cultures, food, history and sport.

**Bronwyn Flanagan** - Bronwyn is 27 and is a Pharmacist Manager in a Kensington Community Pharmacy, providing pharmaceutical care, harm minimisation program for opioid dependent persons and a range of health and educational services. She is also a Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (Vic) Councillor, Board member of the Victorian state committee; Chair person of Policy and Practise Committee; Chair person of the Young Pharmacist Special Interest Group.

Bronwyn would like to undertake the following vocational activities during the tour: Visits to pharmacies of various types and settings (super-stores, independent community pharmacies, hospital settings, pharmacies providing specialised services); attend a meeting of the Nebraska Pharmaceutical Society; and observe opioid dependent programs in Nebraska.

Hobbies/Interests: The Arts (theatre, choral, instrumental and visual), Recreational sports, Foreign Languages, Farming, Dining and travel.

**Michael Hick** - Michael is 30 and a Carpentry and Joinery Teacher at Victoria University in the Construction Industries Department teaching and training 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year apprentices as well as pre-apprentices and also curriculum writing. He also work in the family business, which specialises in timber Staircase construction, helping in the running of the business, measure and quoting, preparation and construction of the Staircases.

Michael would like to undertake the following vocational activities during the tour:

Visit schools and training institutes for building and construction, Building design and building and surveying and traditional boat building.

Hobbies/Interests: Bush walking / hiking, getting out doors, Motorbike touring, good company and good food, making timber furniture, EBay, X-box, all types of music.

**Heidi Schwegler**

Heidi is 31 and a Financial Planner, knowing from the age of 16, that she wanted to be a financial planner and became the first person in Australia to complete the degree in Financial Planning.

Heidi has worked in the financial services industry for 12 years in various roles such as a paraplanner, fund administrator and, more recently, a Business Development Consultant.

In 2007 started her own financial planning business and currently works in a practice in South Melbourne marketing and promoting her own financial planning business.

Hobbies: Heidi's motto is to "try new things" and she recently completed a massage course and philosophy course and a novel-writing course. She enjoys riding, watching movies, dancing, reading and doing puzzles.