

TIMETABLE FOR 2005/2006 GSE DISTRICTS 9800 AND 3660 (BUSAN)

1. Out-bound Team selection

The selection process for the D9800 team leader/team to Busan, South Korea will be completed by the early November 2005 and the timetable for this process will be as follows:

- **Friday 23rd September**
Nominations for team leader and members close.
- **Sunday 9th October - International House**
The GSE Committee will interview team leader applicants. A leader will be chosen by the panel on that day. The unsuccessful applicants will be advised by telephone or email.
- **Sunday 23rd October - International House**
This will be the GSE Committee's first interview of team member applicants. The aim of this stage will be to identify the best 9 or 10 interviewees, who will go through to the second round interviews.

Unsuccessful candidates and their nominating club will be advised by email.

- **Sunday 6th November – International House**

This will be the second and final round of interviews which will commence at 9.00 am. This is an interactive process which will identify the candidates' personal and team skills and will involve their participation in group activities. We have a sandwich lunch with the candidates, which will also identify some aspects of their social skills. After lunch the candidates will be involved in one more group session; a short individual presentation and finally a one-on-one 2 minute meeting with the panel. The candidates will then leave and the committee will select the four people that they consider will best represent D 9800.

Unsuccessful candidates will be advised by telephone or email.

- At this point, the team is then prepared by the team leader.

As resolved by the Foundation Committee, the outbound team will also attend the District Conference. Last year, the District funded the conference costs for them. Other issues such as Farwell/Welcome functions and dates will be resolved with the District Governor and Foundation Director as soon as possible.

For this and other planning reasons, I would ask all clubs to keep the following possible dates in mind insofar as their participation is concerned:

- 11 March 2006 – In-bound team arrives (**several host clubs required**)
- Tuesday 14 March 2006 – Welcome dinner (**host club required**)
- Friday 31 March to 2 April 2006 – District 9800 Conference
- Tuesday 11 April 2006. Joint farewell for in-bound and out-bound teams. (**host club required**)
- Sunday 16 April 2006 – In-bound team leaves.
- Monday 17 April 2006 – Out-bound team leaves
- Saturday 20 May – Out-bound team returns.
- Tuesday 6 June 2006 – Welcome home dinner for out-bound team (**host club required**).

Other dates to keep in mind are:

- Commonwealth Games – Wednesday 15 March to Sunday 26 March 2006
- Australian Grand Prix – Thursday 30 March to Sunday 2 April 2006
- Easter Sunday – 16 April 2006

Up to 7 clubs may be needed to host the GSE team during their stay in our District. This usually entails 3 full days with each club and part of a 4th when a handover to another club takes place.

My experience has been that clubs who participate have derived enormous pleasure from doing so and felt that it was something their club members were very positive about. At this early stage Central Melbourne – Sunrise, Hawthorn, Glen Eira, Keilor, Bendigo South and Echuca clubs have already advised of their interest in participating, either by hosting the team or organising one of the welcome/farewell functions. I will need to know soon exactly what your clubs would like to do. Don't hang back, if your club would like to participate in any of the ways mentioned above, please let me know as soon as possible.

2. In-Bound Team

The GSE Chairman for District 3660 is Soo-Ja Park. I will start liaising with her this month.

Traditionally we give the inbound team a 2 day break in Melbourne half way through during the GSE, which would be just before the District Conference. Those two days will therefore be around 25/26 March 2006, which is just before the District Conference and during the final two days of the Commonwealth Games.

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