
PROFILE

DREW CARRUTHERS – TEAM LEADER



Hello & greetings from District 9980 (New Zealand).

My name is Drew Carruthers and I have the pleasure of leading this Group Study Team to your District. I am a member of the Rotary Club of Taieri, and have been a member of Rotary for 10 years. I am also currently an Assistant District Governor. The Taieri Rotary Club is based in Mosgiel, and has a membership of 48.

I am married to Shona (a secondary school teacher), and we have two sons, Michael (21) and Robert (19), both studying at the University of Otago in Dunedin. They are all active in sport: Shona in multi-sport; Michael in soccer & multi-sport; and Robert in Rugby Union so I do as much as I can to support them in their activities.

We live on a small farmlet (7 acres) near Mosgiel, a small town of 10,000 people, 15 minutes away from Dunedin (the main city in our District). We have a few sheep to help keep the grass down, and also have a large garden full of rhododendrons, camellias and roses.

I was raised on a family farm, and farmed sheep and beef until 1995. I am now employed, as a Technical Field Officer for a farmer owned co-operative rural supply company, Combined Rural Traders (CRT). CRT has 23,000 shareholders, and services the South Island of New Zealand, through a network of 40 retail shops & feed mixing plants.

As New Zealand farming is based in pastoral farming (grasses and clovers), there is a need to renew these periodically, as well as supplying specialist crops for winter-feed

My role within CRT is as a field officer. I visit farmers and discuss their individual requirements, and arrange the delivery of pasture species. The farms I visit range from intensive sheep, beef, dairy, and deer farms (300 acres), through to extensive sheep and beef cattle hill grazing farms (10,000 acres). They vary in altitude from sea level to 3000' asl. We are very involved with promoting new varieties, as well as new management techniques that will benefit our clients, and work with seed breeders and scientists to assist our clients. I also assist my clients with agrochemicals and fertility requirements for their farms.

I am looking forward to learning more about agriculture, and the servicing industry, in District 6840, as well as meeting people from all walks of life.

DREW CARRUTHERS

WISH LIST – VOCATIONAL

- ~ Livestock & dairy farms
- ~ Cotton & rice farm
- ~ Organic farm
- ~ Forestry
- ~ Agricultural co-operatives
- ~ How you cope with salinization problems from storm surges, on agricultural land.
- ~ Environmental effects from agriculture on river systems
- ~ New Orleans Flood Protection System

WISH LIST – GENERAL

- ~ Explore the French Quarter
- ~ The Total Jazz Experience
- ~ Explore the Mississippi River
- ~ Bourbon Street
- ~ Visit the Superdome
- ~ National World War II Museum
- ~ Stennis Space Center
- ~ Historical Plantations
- ~ Explore National Parks
- ~ Kayak trip
- ~ Coast Guard
- ~ View the river delta & wildlife
- ~ House of Blues
- ~ Shrimp Boat trip
- ~ Sports events
- ~ Learning more about before & after Katrina
- ~ Volunteer work

PROFILE

DIONNE KATHRYN RYDER



Well Hello to any who may be reading this. This is just a short note to introduce myself, no doubt you will get to know me better by the end of my stay with you.

Firstly, the vital statistics:

- ~ Female
- ~ Age: 33
- ~ Engaged to Jarrod who is a Builder
- ~ Two Children – Lauryn = 18 years and Mackenzie = 12 years
- ~ Currently employed as a Career Consultant in Private Practice

I have had a vast and varied life so will hit the high points.

Lauryn is 18 years old, is a delightful young adult, that's not to say we haven't had our issues!! After many a sleepless night and indecision she is undertaking her Bachelor of Early Childhood teaching while working two part time jobs.

Mackenzie is now 12 years old, a really easygoing rugby playing kid who likes to be a boy!

Jarrod, my fiancé is a Builder and we have recently started our own Building Company specializing in building Dairy Farm Sheds, Wintering Sheds. He is a Volunteer Fireman for our local Brigade and has been for the last 12 years.

I joined the Royal NZ Air Force when I was 24 as Air Security (Military Police) and thoroughly enjoyed this, felt it was my calling in life.

Highlights of my RNZAF Career:

- ~ I served in East Timor
- ~ Assisted / taught the local Timorese to build schools and wells
- ~ Commenced teaching the local children to speak English

☞ Celebrated ANZAC Day in East Timor

☞ Was recognized in the book 25 years of Woman in the RNZAF

☞ Was a Marksman

We now live in Winton, a town of 3000 people at the bottom of the South Island. We have two Boxer dogs – Monty and Botswana.

I worked for ACC – Accident Compensation Corporation – a workers compensations type scheme for 7 years as a Team Manager and more recently am now working as a Career Consultant for a Company called Southern Directionz.

I specialize in assisting the disabled, injured into work, prepare clients for work, advise on training and career pathways.

☞ I provide education consultation, coaching and planning, study skills and general career exploration and advice

☞ Occupational and Vocational Assessment advice and planning

☞ Professional Development and Up Skilling

☞ Career Profile Analysis

☞ Redundancy Support Services

☞ Productivity Assessments

☞ Job search and preparation skills

☞ Resume writing services

☞ Interview Skills and Practice

☞ Organise Career Events and Seminars

☞ Tertiary Campus Tours

I love to read – anything I can get my hands on. Am a novice Chef, I enjoy food and wine. We have 1 ½ acres of garden so I spend a lot of my spare time in the garden. I really enjoy fishing – not that I have done much of this but thoroughly enjoy this and one day would love to go deep sea fishing for big game fish!!! Love home decorating and design – we own an old homestead that we are gradually restoring.

We are quite community orientated, between school, sports and the fire brigade and spend a lot of time doing these things.

WISH LIST – VOCATIONAL

- To visit with / Observe Workers Compensation / Insurance Companies and spend time with the Case Managers and or Team Leaders discussing claims process and vocational rehabilitation provision and programmes.
- To visit different prisons **Central Mississippi Correctional Facility, Mississippi State Penitentiary, South Mississippi Correctional Institution, Allen Correctional Center, Avoyelles Correctional Center, B. B. Rayburn Correctional Center, C. Paul Phelps Correctional Center, David Wade Correctional Center, Dixon Correctional Institute, Elayn Hunt Correctional Center, Forcht-Wade Correctional Center, J. Levy Dabadie Correctional Center, Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women, Louisiana State Penitentiary Angola Prison, Steve Hoyle Rehabilitation Center Correctional Facilities, Winn Correctional Center** to observe the process etc of inmates / counselors discussing, deciding, implementing vocational rehabilitation / training / study / work readiness.
- Visit Career Centres at the Universities –to observe
- Attend Mississippi Governors Job Fair
- Visit Employment Agencies to observe their centre set ups, networks, processes for all clients.
- Visit Employment Agencies to observe their centre set ups, networks, processes specifically targeted towards people with disabilities, injuries, cultures etc.
- Attend the Methodist Rehabilitation Centre, specifically interested in Spinal and Head Injured Clients and what, if any vocational rehabilitation is provided
- To visit / observe Mississippi Vocational Rehabilitation, Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, 1281 Highway 51 North, Madison, Mississippi 39110. To observe placements for sheltered and competitive employment
- To visit / observe Louisiana Rehabilitation Services Case Workers, processes, programmes, placements etc.

WISH LIST – GENERAL

- 👉 French Quarter-Bourbon St –nightlife walking tour
- 👉 Steam Boat Tour
- 👉 Swamp Tour
- 👉 Experience the Food! Restaurants/ French Market/Farmers Market
- 👉 A beginner's tour and experience of the Jazz Festival
- 👉 Cotton Fields Tour
- 👉 Plantation Tours
- 👉 See the local sports starts play, Hornets game, See the Superdome etc
- 👉 Go on a rebuild tour and volunteer to help with rebuilding
- 👉 Experience Gospel singing
- 👉 Voodoo Museum and Cemetery spine-tingling walk tour
- 👉 The Mall Louisiana
- 👉 Go to a Show or Theater
- 👉 Aquarium of the Americas
- 👉 Harrah Casino
- 👉 Walking Tours
- 👉 Skeet Shooting
- 👉 Go to the Leprosarium in Carvel

PROFILE

CHANTEL KNOX



Hello, this is a short profile to introduce myself. I am Chantel Knox, 26 years old, married to Mark & reside in Cromwell Central Otago, after moving from Dunedin in early 2006. I have 3 Persian cats and live a stone throw from the Lake Dunstan.

I am the Managing Director of NRG Health and Fitness. NRG Health and Fitness is a health and fitness centre in Cromwell that my husband and I started in April 2006. We have recently also opened Stirling Sports in Central Otago. Stirling Sports is a sports store that sells all sports related equipment.

After completing my secondary education at Otago Girls High School in 1999 I attended Otago University where in 2003, I completed a Bachelor of Physical Education degree with a double major in exercise prescription and management and professional studies. My tertiary studies continued when I received a scholarship to attend Dunedin Teachers College in 2004, where I completed a Diploma in Teaching. Also during that time, from 2002 to 2006 I trained 30/40 clients a week, and gained valuable skills in my Personal Training business at Les Mills World of Fitness Dunedin.

I am involved in many sports but particularly enjoy multisport and this year got third in the 2-day teams Speight's Coast to Coast Event after spending 8 months learning to kayak. This year I am training for the individual 2-day event and am aiming for a top 10 finish. I also have had success in many local events such as the Cromwell Summer Series and the Clutha Classic kayak race.

NRG is my health and fitness centre I own and is a community focused gym that offers something for everyone. We have a staff of 10 part time trainers who help me to provide a number of motivating initiatives including 'mums and baby class', 'silver sneakers for the over 60s', 'kickboxing', 'school programs', 'circuit classes', '12 week weight loss programs' and much more. I love working with all people and enjoy encouraging and empowering clients to reach their potential to become healthy regular exercisers! I love leading by example and educating clients and the general public on the benefits of exercise and healthy living!

As a managing director of a health and fitness centre and owner of Stirling Sports, I am particularly interested in the health and fitness industry within the USA. I look forward to participating in this once in a lifetime experience that will broaden my perspectives on many high profile issues such as exercise and well-being, obesity, and mental health.

I look forward to creating networking opportunities and developing friendships to continuously learn from. I am also fascinated about seeing how the health and fitness centers operate in New Orleans and how they not only are run, but also how the centers cater to the community and how they become a beneficial part of the community.

WISH LIST – VOCATIONAL

I own and manage a health and fitness centre, own a sports shop, and I am a qualified physical education and health teacher I would love to do the following, or anything related:

- Visit a community health and fitness centre (gym) and spend the day with the manager/owner observing and discussing how the facility runs.
- Visit a private health and fitness centre (gym) and spend the day with the manager/owner observing and discussing how the facility runs.
- Watch and experience personal training sessions with a personal trainer
- Observe how the sales team in a health and fitness centre join up new clients
- Watch the process of new clients joining a gym and how they get inducted and become part of the gym
- Learn about the health/fitness initiatives of the community
- Find out ways that the health and fitness centre has become part of the local community.
- Learn about the different programs health and fitness centers (gyms) run
- Visit and observe different health initiatives within the community
- Visit and observe clients with medical conditions receiving help to get back to being active again.
- Visit a Sports Shop and spend time with the owner/manager and observe the day to day running of the store
- Visit a Secondary School and observe teachers, esp in Physical Education Classes
- Look and learn about what health and fitness initiatives the school is running.

WISH LIST – GENERAL

- See the local sports starts play, Hornets game, See the Superdome etc
- Canoe/kayak/something on the Mississippi river
- Experience a Jog on a jogging track! Experience where you train for running, kayaking and cycling etc...
- French Quarter-Bourbon St –nightlife walking tour
- Steam Boat Tour
- Swamp Tour
- Experience the Food! Restaurants/ French Market/Farmers Market
- A beginner's tour and experience of the Jazz Fess
- Cotton Fields Tour
- Go on a rebuild tour and volunteer to help with rebuilding
- Voodoo Museum and Cemetery spine-tingling walk tour
- The Mall Louisiana
- Go to a Show or Theater
- Aquarium of the Americans
- Harrah Casino
- Walking Tours
- Mississippi Braves baseball game
- American supermarket
- Bike or horseride (some of) the Longleaf Trace in Hattiesburg, MS
- Eat at an American Diner
- Visit Stennis Space centre, Hancock County, MS
- New Orleans – Mardi Gras World at Kern studios
- New Orleans – Hurricane Katrina Tour

PROFILE

BARRIE SMALL



Age: 31

Occupation: Management Accountant

Employer: Combined Rural Traders Society Ltd (CRT CO-OPERATIVE)

I am engaged to Megan McKnight, and we are getting married on Megan's parent's farm in March 2009. We grew up in the same area and so have been friends all our lives. Megan is a primary school teacher, and has been teaching for 9 years. We live together in Dunedin.

I grew up in Moa Creek (population approx 100), which is a farming community in the Ida Valley in the heart of Central Otago, New Zealand. Moa Creek which runs along the 45th parallel was originally a midpoint along the Dunstan trail between Dunedin city and the Central Otago goldfields in the late 1800's, but has since been predominantly a farming community.

My parents (David & Trudy) are 3rd generation farmers on Goulburn Station, which covers approximately 21,000 acres and farms about 10,000 fine wool sheep and around 200 beef cattle. I have an identical twin brother (Allan) who also works on our family farm and a younger sister (Emma) who is a teaching assistant in Christchurch.

I went to a boarding secondary school in Dunedin, at Otago Boys' High School. I then continued my education in Dunedin at the University of Otago, where I was awarded in 2000 a bachelors degree in Commerce, majoring in Accounting and Economics.

In my final year of studies, I accepted a graduate accounting position working for Carter Holt Harvey (CHH), at the Kinleith Pulp and Paper Mill in Tokoroa, Central North Island. CHH was at the time the 2nd largest listed company in New Zealand in market valuation, and employed over 15,000 staff. It was also majority owned by International Paper.

Kinleith Mill had over 700 fulltime staff manufacturing over 600,000 tonnes per annum of market pulp and paperboard for mainly export markets. Its turnover was in excess of \$1 billion NZD, so was a

great place for a young accounting graduate to sink my teeth into. CHH provided me with a great introduction to a financial, manufacturing, and corporate environment.

During my 4 years at Kinleith, I was responsible for accounting for the pulp business unit and its subsidiary operations, as well as budgeting and reporting of all capital expenditure and fixed asset maintenance for the mill.

After 4 years in the North Island, I took the opportunity to move back to Dunedin in 2004 by accepting a Management Accounting position at Combined Rural Traders Society Ltd (CRT Co-operative) where I am currently employed.

CRT is a farmer owned co-operative operating in the South Island of New Zealand, which provides farm related products and services primarily for its 23,000 farmer shareholders.

CRT employees over 400 people, and have retail stores, manufacturing sites, and offices at over 40 locations across the South Island.

It's core businesses include, retail stores (trading as FarmCentres), seed mixing facilities, stock feed manufacturing mills, bulk fuel distribution, fertilizer, real estate, a CRT charge card facility with over 20,000 suppliers, and our own in house loyalty programme (CRT Choices Rewards).

I am responsible primarily for the financial management and reporting of the Stock Feed Manufacturing division. I am also responsible for the Capital Expenditure process, budgeting, and reporting and have responsibility in maintaining the Fixed Asset Register for the company. I am also involved with Treasury and our foreign exchange requirements, as CRT continues to grow and procure new value added products and service from the global market place.

I am currently halfway through completing my professional qualifications to become a fully qualified Chartered Accountant.

I also have many hobbies and interest outside of work!

I love participating in and watching most sports, particularly cricket, golf, tennis, fishing, rugby union, squash, game bird shooting, skiing/snowboarding and horse racing to name a few. I must be honest and admit I really do enjoy watching "Monday Night Football" and "Monday Night Baseball" on TV!

I also love music and reading as well as enjoying good food and wine.

BARRIE SMALL

WISH LIST – VOCATIONAL

- ↯ Visit any cooperative related businesses or organisations. ie Southern Sate Cooperatives, Louisiana Association of Cooperatives, especially if they relate to agriculture or farming.
- ↯ Visit farm servicing businesses and farming related retail stores
- ↯ Visit any stock feed manufacturing or processing mill: examples may include
 - ↯ Cargill Animal Nutrition (Lecompte, Louisiana)
 - ↯ Burris Mill & Feed, Inc. (Franklinton, Louisiana)
 - ↯ Sanderson Farms Feed Mills
- ↯ Visit some cattle and poultry farms
- ↯ Visit cropping farms/plantations, including cotton, soybeans, rice, sugar cane, corn, sweet potatoes, and pecans.
- ↯ Visit any milling operations. eg soya bean meal, seed, cotton, timber, pulp and paper, forestry etc
- ↯ Visit any aquaculture operation. i.e. Shrimp, Oysters, Catfish, shellfish, commercial fishing etc
- ↯ Visit Baton Rouge Port – especially relating to grain/soya meal/fishmeal/forestry exporting
- ↯ Visit Petroleum/Crude Oil refineries. Also visit a bulk fuel distribution operations centre.

WISH LIST – GENERAL

- 👉 Take a steamboat ride up the Mississippi River
- 👉 Experience the Jazzfest and Bourbon St festivities.
- 👉 Play some golf. eg Audubon Golf Trail.
- 👉 Enjoy some recreational fishing (freshwater and/or saltwater)
- 👉 Go to a New Orleans Hornets basketball game.
- 👉 Go to a New Orleans Zephyrs baseball game.
- 👉 Have a tour of the Superdome, and possibly view a game or concert there.
- 👉 Visit the Aquarium of the Americas.
- 👉 Go on a swamp tour.
- 👉 Visit the Space Shuttle program
- 👉 Visit historical buildings and sites. Eg. government buildings, churches, etc.
- 👉 Possibly participate in a club game of baseball.
- 👉 Do some volunteer work to help with some of the rebuilding from Hurricane Katrina.

PROFILE

SALLY HULLS



Kia Ora!

My name is Sally Hulls. I am 34 years old and live in Dunedin, the largest city in Rotary District 9980.

Aside from a few years in Sydney, Australia, I grew up in Invercargill, the southernmost city of my Rotary district. I have an older brother and a younger brother and we enjoyed a typical Kiwi upbringing, lots of time spent outdoors and family camping holidays.

I attended an all girls school and was pretty much into lots of sports, theatre, and dance. It was a great city to grow up in, big enough for opportunities and small enough to be allowed freedom. I remember spending most of my time on my bike – it's a flat city ☺

I moved to Dunedin to attend Otago University. There I studied physical education and psychology, continued playing sport and learned to be independent.

After graduating I moved to London, England to do what we Kiwi's call an 'OE', or Overseas Experience. New Zealand has a reciprocal working visa agreement with the UK and many young New Zealanders do an OE, most stay for 2 years, I stayed for 6!

I worked in London in finance, and made the most of the travel opportunities from there. I remember my first Christmas there and how weird it was to be in winter as ours is in summer. Suddenly all the snowy Christmas cards made sense! After 6 years I moved to Italy and lived there for a year learning the language, seeing the sights, eating the food and drinking the wine and coffee – it was a truly wonderful year!

I then moved home to Dunedin and joined the New Zealand Police, a dream I'd had since I was 13 years old. I am a frontline officer so work a variety of different shifts. I still love going to work every day – you never know what each shift will bring. It's sometimes challenging, but always a lot of fun.

As well as my day job I belong to two specialist squads: I am a Police Negotiator so work with our Armed Offenders Squad (NZ equivalent of American SWAT) as well as independently with

suicidal people. I am also a member of the Team Policing Unit, and we cover most of the Rotary District coincidentally, to police large crowd and disorder type situations.

At the moment I'm in the middle of completing study towards being a Detective, I like the teamwork and the problem-solving that that role brings.

I bought my own home two years ago and live there with my white boxer dog Enzo, and I have two flatmates. I spend my free time playing netball, squash, mountain biking, going to the movies and spending time with friends and my boyfriend who is a Police dog-handler.

My parents live in Queenstown, an alpine village on a lake at the southern end of the mountain range that runs the length of the south island. I spend a lot of time over there, snowboarding in winter and endless barbeques in summer.

I'm extremely proud to represent Rotary District 9980 and really excited to be visiting District 6840. I'm looking forward to exchanging ideas and experiences, both personally and professionally and look forward to saying hullo, or kia ora, in person.

WISH LIST – VOCATIONAL

- Visit Joint Emergency Services Training Centre (JESTC) which includes the Emergency Vehicle Operations Centre in Zachary, LA. (Louisiana State Police) www.lsp.org
- Meet with Louisiana state Police SWAT teams which include Crisis Negotiation units to see how the two units work together. I particularly would like to spend time with the negotiators and see the equipment they use. (and I would LOVE to see the SWAT armoured vehicles!!)
- Spend a day in the Detective Section of the LA State Police (headquarters – Baton Rouge, offices all over LA).
- Go on patrol with frontline Police officers – anywhere!
- Go on patrol with Highway Patrol – anywhere!
- Visit the FBI headquarters in Jackson MS – spend a day with a Special Agent
- Spend a shift with a police dog handler.

WISH LIST – GENERAL

- ~ A few days doing hands on rebuilding work somewhere.
- ~ Go to a sports game or concert at the Louisiana Superdome.
- ~ New Orleans – St Charles ave streetcar to see sights.
- ~ New Orleans – Mardi Gras World at Kern studios
- ~ New Orleans – Hurricane Katrina Tour
- ~ Swamp Tour
- ~ Jazz Fest experience
- ~ Visit cotton plantation/sugar plantation
- ~ Many hours at the Mall of Louisiana in Baton Rouge!!
- ~ Go to a shooting range and try an array of weapons (vocational??)
- ~ Mississippi Braves baseball game
- ~ American supermarket
- ~ Canoe/kayak/something on the Mississippi river
- ~ Bike or horseride (some of) the Longleaf Trace in Hattiesburg, MS
- ~ Eat at an American Diner
- ~ Cajun/Creole cooking lesson
- ~ See the Biloxi lighthouse and tree sculptures
- ~ Go on shrimping tour in MS
- ~ Gulf Islands waterpark in Gulfport, MS
- ~ Learn about the civil war
- ~ See a show at the Saenger Theatre in Hattiesburg, MS
- ~ Visit Stennis Space centre, Hancock County, MS
- ~ Go to a gospel church to hear the singing

PROFILE

GEORGIE PINCKNEY



Hi, my name is Georgie. I am really excited about our trip Louisiana and can't wait to meet you all.

Some basic information about me:

- ♀ Female
- ♀ Age: 30
- ♀ Live in Wanaka, Central Otago
- ♀ *I work in and own my own Landscape Architecture Company*

And in a little more detail.....

I was born in Invercargill and brought up on a farm near Riverton on the South Coast of New Zealand. We have a second farm at Ohai in Southland. My family farm sheep and cattle and have a Composite and Romney breed sheep stud. I am the eldest of 4 children, 2 girls and 2 boys, Edward, Henry and Sophie. Both of my brothers are farming on the family farms, Henry also has a sheep scanning business. The youngest Sophie is a Rural Bank Manager for the National Bank and works in Mosgiel near Dunedin. My parents still continue to farm.

I attended a small girl's school in Invercargill at which I boarded from Monday to Friday from 10-13yrs old and then went to boarding school in Christchurch for my high school years. School was 8 hours drive from home so I quickly learned how to be independent!

My mother has a 2 acre beautiful garden which I helped her with from a very young age. This and a creative talent led me to knowing that Landscape Architecture would be my chosen path by 13 years old. The best birthday present I ever received was for my 13th birthday. I was given a herb garden consisting of a large wagon wheel shaped garden divided with radiating brick paths, lovingly designed and constructed by my mother, who was helped by her children chipping and brushing the old mortar from the recycled bricks. Any spare minute I had throughout my school years was spent raiding peoples gardens and fair stalls for plants to add to my collection. I would propagate my own plants and by trial and error slowly learnt the art of

gardening. The herb garden is still there and whenever I go home rain, hail or shine, it is always my first point of call!






I attended Lincoln University near Christchurch. Whilst the main reason for being there was to complete a four year degree a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, the people I met and the life skills I learnt, meant it was a very important part of my life. I was to meet up with people from all walks of life and from all over the country and so many of these people became my very good friends. I made sure I had fun but at the same time kept up my studies and after four years of a very typical student life, lots of hard work and nine years of living in Christchurch felt that I was ready for a new challenge.

The day I finished university, I packed all of my belongings and headed to Wanaka, with the idea of starting up my own business. At that stage Wanaka was just starting to grow as a holiday destination and there were no Landscape Architects based there. I started with a computer, the use of my parent's holiday house to keep a roof over my head and many late nights washing dishes at a restaurant to pay for my expenses. Eight years later I have a client list of over 500 people and I employ one full time Landscape Architect and an a part time administrator. I have a website www.georgiep.co.nz which outlines my company in much more detail.

I have not done a huge lot of travelling but in 2005 I travelled the East Coast of Africa from Johannesburg to Nairobi, on an overland truck. This was to be the beginning of 6 weeks of awe inspiring, exciting but devastating intrepid travelling and was to become one of the most memorable experiences of my life. I have also done a couple of trips to Australia.

I work in an exciting industry challenged by unique restrictions, with both our Local District Plan and the Resource Management Act and would relish the chance, to observe how the same industry on the other side of the world deals with the challenges their landscape and society poses on them. To me the District 6840 oozes with such inspiring culture and history and would be such an exciting place in terms of the landscape to experience such knowledge and opportunity.

Some of my interests are:

-  Cooking, food and wine.
-  Anything creative, painting, sculpture, photography and floristry
-  Fishing,
-  Walking my black Labrador 'Betty'
-  Mountain Biking

GEORGIE PINCKNEY

WISH LIST – VOCATIONAL

- To visit the lower 9th Ward and see the work of the [Make it Right Foundation](#) and in particular learn about the sustainable principals which have been adopted both in housing and landscaping.
- Visit the Lower 9th Ward eco friendly playground, Kellogg Park and possibly meet with the designers of this playground.
- Find out more about the [‘Playgreen Initiative’](#)
- Visit sustainable developments in the New Orleans area.
- Visit a New Orleans Nursery
- Visit a local park
- New Orleans Botanical Gardens
- Contribute to a landscape design project in District 6840
- Spend some time with a landscape architecture firm (or a variety of)
- Visit the Besthoff Sculpture Garden
- Visit historic homes and learn of the architecture of New Orleans
- Visit an art gallery and see and learn of local art
- Visit the Garden District

WISH LIST – GENERAL

- 👉 French Quarter-Bourbon St –nightlife walking tour
- 👉 Riverboat Tour
- 👉 Swamp Tour
- 👉 Experience the food and try Gumbo
- 👉 Visit a Farmers Market
- 👉 The New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival
- 👉 Plantation Tours
- 👉 Go on a rebuild tour and volunteer to help with rebuilding
- 👉 Go to a Show or Theater
- 👉 Aquarium of the Americas
- 👉 Trace family history- The Treaty of San Lorenzo/Pinckney's Treaty
- 👉 Experience a gospel church service
- 👉 Visit antique shops