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# Intern Newsletter

## WORD FROM MANAGEMENT

Greetings to all our interns and friends!

Many of you will have finished your first few weeks of your internship by now. This is a great success since you have managed to use new machines or computer programs, absorbed a certain company culture and found your place in a team of professionals.

The next step is to become pro-active and think about how you can contribute to your host organisation. All of you have fresh minds and come from a brilliant educational background—so use your knowledge and apply it to the “real” world!

Those of you who are already in the middle or at the end of your internships—keep up the good work and enjoy your Australian Internships experience!

Warmest wishes from all at AI,



Diana Pilling—Managing Director



## STAFF CORNER — Nathalie Ferquel (Marketing Executive/IPS)

Nathalie has a Master in Management and International Business. She is originally from France and has completed part of her studies in Australia. She is part of the Marketing and Internship Program Supervisor teams.



Having completed 2 internships during her studies including one in Australia, she wants to give International students the opportunity to benefit from Australian Internships' services. Nathalie speaks French, English and Spanish. As a previous education agent for 3 years, she has the knowledge and understanding of the Education industry.

Nathalie has travelled in Europe (Ireland, Spain, Switzerland, Belgium) and has also lived several years in The Reunion Island, New Caledonia and Australia so she has a good understanding of the apprehensions and also benefits of travelling overseas.

### How would you describe your work and what do you like most?

I am a Marketing Executive and an Internship Program Supervisor here at Australian Internships which I think is a good opportunity because I am in contact with interns from all over the world and I help them to achieve the best work experience of their life!

What I like most is when I receive feedback from interns saying that they are having an amazing time in Australia!

### Your message to the interns?

Having come from a French background I know the challenges faced by internationals coming to Australia. Take the opportunity to travel and make international friends.

Make the most of this wonderful opportunity, as you never know when you will have the chance to live and work abroad again!

## INTERN OF THE MONTH — Kent Sargent

**Age:** 23 years old  
**Field:** Marine Biology  
**City:** Mooloolaba, Sunshine Coast  
**Nationality:** American

**Kent is midway through his internship at a well known company that specialises in marine science and already his host organisation have fallen in love with him. His sense of humour and team spirit has captivated his supervisors and his work ethic of “no questions asked” is one of the many characteristics that his host organisation will miss of Kent. Kent’s host organisation have indicated that they would love for him to stay in their team any day!**

### Why did you choose your particular destination/program?

**I was in Australia previously and knew I wanted to come back for an internship. I visited this marine park and thought what a great experience it would be to work there for a bit. I would be able to gain experience working with sharks, fish, and turtles while during my free time do some nice scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef.**

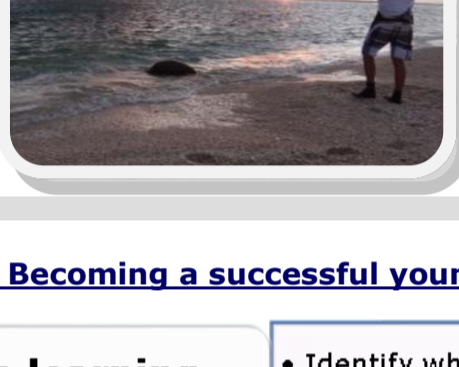
### Briefly explain what you are doing during your program:

**I feed the animals, which include frogs, turtles, sharks, fish, and crustaceans. Once a week we conduct water quality testing to determine the nature of our current water. I’m involved in looking after our quarantine animals, which mostly comprise of rehabilitating turtles along with our nursery of sharks.**

### What would you advise to students who have recently started their internship?

**If in the beginning you feel challenged or think you’re getting all the terrible jobs, don’t worry you are. For me, I got stuck with the dirty and “nobody wants to do” jobs, but only temporarily. As time went on and my co-workers learned more about me and how responsible I was, they entrusted me to do more jobs and allowed me individual responsibility. Now I pretty much show up and decide what I do for the day and help whenever someone needs the extra hands.**

### Well done Kent, and all the best for your future!!



**Choose three words to describe your Internship Experience in Australia:**

- ◇ Adventurous
- ◇ Stimulating
- ◇ Reminiscent

### Three things that you have missed most from home:

- ◇ Friends/Family
- ◇ Cheap Chocolate (cheap prices in general)
- ◇ In-N-Out/Carl’s Jr./ Panda Express



## Useful Tips— Becoming a successful young professional

### 1. Get on a learning curve

• Identify what you need to learn in the next six months and create a plan for accomplishing this goal. Continue to set learning agendas for yourself.

### 2. Be technically knowledgeable.

• Majority of work today requires technical competence. You should be competent on basic computer systems and software programs and aware of how technology can be applied.

### 3. Improve your personal interaction skills

• More work these days will become automated. Young professionals will stand out if they can interact with people effectively.

### 4. Be good at balancing work and life

• As work spills over into life, and vice versa, professionals must know when work starts and stops and help other employees who may be crossing these two areas.

### 5. Take time to look over the horizon.

• Be a futurist. Cultivate the ability to forecast what’s just around the corner, so you can prepare for it.

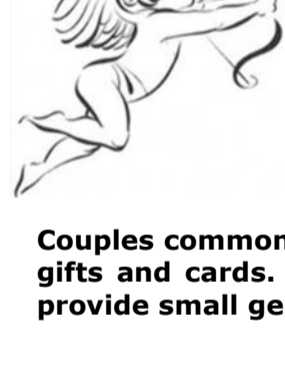
## Career Fairs— Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne

If you are still studying or have studied at these universities come and say hello to our AI representatives. We would love to have a chat and answer any questions that you may have!

### 2012 Career Fairs attended by Australian Internships

City	Date & Time	University
Melbourne	Tuesday 6 March	RMIT
Brisbane	Monday, 12 March 2012	QUT
Brisbane	Tuesday, 13 March 2012	Griffith - Nathan
Brisbane	Wednesday, 14 March 2012	University of Queensland
Gold Coast	Thursday, 15 March 2012	Griffith Gold Coast
Gold Coast	Thursday, 15 March 2012	Bond University
Adelaide	Wednesday 21st March 2012	University of South Australia
Adelaide	Thursday 22nd	University of Adelaide
Sydney	Thursday, 22 March 2012	UTS

## Valentines Day in Australia



**People in Australia utilize Valentine’s Day festival as an opportunity to strengthen bonds of love with family, colleagues and neighbours with simple acts of love. Valentines Day is always on February 14th in Australia which is towards the end of the Australian summer. Valentines Day is an ‘observance’ and has no public holiday associated with it.**

**Saint Valentine’s Day, commonly shortened to Valentine’s Day, is an annual commemoration held on February 14<sup>th</sup> 2012 celebrating love and affection between intimate companions.**

**Couples commonly do something together on Valentines Day as well as exchanging gifts and cards. However it is accepted practice for people to give gifts, cards or provide small gestures to the people they care about.**

### Some of the modern Valentine’s Day symbols include:

- ◆ Hearts
- ◆ Doves
- ◆ The figure of the winged Cupid
- ◆ Roses
- ◆ The colours red and pink



**Even if the people you care about or your loved ones are overseas remind them of how much they mean to you even if it is just a simple text message or email. Remember it’s the thought that counts!**

## What’s On

### BRISBANE

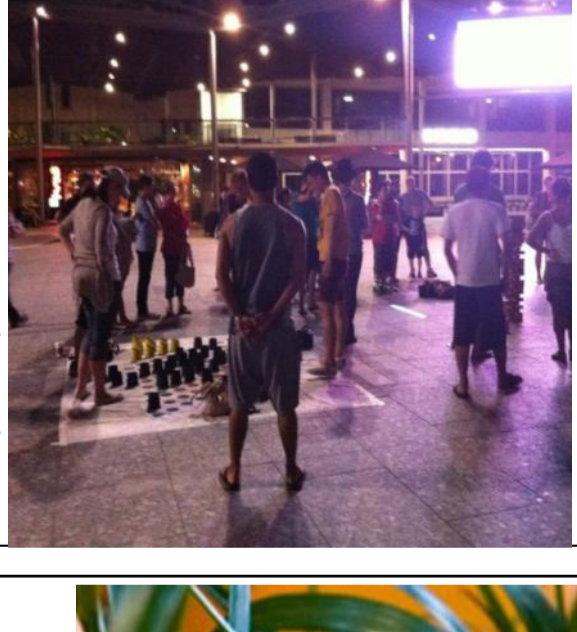
#### Games Night at the Brisbane Club

**When:** 23rd February 2012  
**Time:** Thursday night, 5pm-9pm  
**Where:** King George Square, 100 Adelaide Street  
**Cost:** Free

What better way to meet new people than over a friendly and fun game of Scrabble, chess or Connect Four?

On the last Thursday of each month King George Square becomes the place to learn some new games and bond over your old favourites.

Bring your own board game, or join in with someone else. For those who want an audience, large-scale versions of classic games will be on offer.



### MELBOURNE

#### Chapel Street Bazaar

**Date:** All of February (Monday-Sunday)  
**Time:** 10am—6pm  
**Location:** 217 Chapel Street, Prahran

The Chapel Street Bazaar is a retail icon among locals. The bazaar is a shop filled with bizarre bits and bobs from years past.

It’s got basically a cross-section of articles for sale from at least the last 80 to 90 years, from toys to clothes to hats and jewellery. Home to 70 stalls crammed with second-hand decorative items and cameras, chinaware, jewellery, lighting, vintage haberdashery, fashion, even retro telephones. Spend hours in this market-style retail space, finding your next “treasure”.



### SYDNEY

#### Bondi Markets

**When:** Every Sunday, 10am –4pm  
**Where:** Bondi Beach Public School, Campbell Pde, Bondi Beach  
**Time:** 11am—2pm

Head to the Markets and you’ll find original designer clothing, exotic imports, hand made jewellery, arts, crafts, home wares, retro furniture, vintage clothes and so much more. Bondi Markets are the place to find the next big thing.

Keep your eye out for up and coming designers. Mix it with the locals and shop to the sights and sounds of Australia’s most famous beach. There is a canteen open on the day for light beverages, all proceeds go to the school and local community groups. For something different head down to the markets this Sunday.



## Upcoming intern nights!

**Keep an eye out in your inbox for invites to the following intern nights over the next few weeks!**

### Melbourne

Date: Tuesday 6th March or Thursday 15th March Venue: to be confirmed

### Sydney

Date: Friday 9th March Venue: Glenmore Hotel Rooftop

### Adelaide

Date: Wednesday 21st March Venue: to be confirmed

## YHA membership card - Benefits & Discounts for AI Interns



YHA Australia is the largest budget accommodation network in the country, with hostels located in all major cities and regional destinations. Have fun and enjoy the flexibility that travelling with YHA can bring... here, there and everywhere!

YHA are now offering **membership cards** to all AI interns! This membership card allows Australian Internship candidates to receive some amazing benefits.

### Benefits

- At least 10% off accommodation at all YHA hostels around Australia
- Discounted member rates at more than 4000 hostels in over 60 countries
- More than 3000 discounts on goods and services around the world
- Subscription to YHAs member magazine *Backpacker Essentials*
- Discounted domestic and international travel, including travel insurance
- YHA e-kit global phone card



### Card Pricing

Includes 10% discount to all interns!

**\$ 29** for those under 26 years old  
**\$ 38** for those over 26 years old

For more information please refer to the YHA website <http://www.yha.com.au/membership/> or contact your IPS.

