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# INSTEP Volunteer Newsletter



## FROM CAPE YORK TO THE KIMBERLEY

INSTEP volunteers Peter and Noelene Brasche are travelling across the top end of the country and are lending a hand in two Aboriginal communities on opposite sides of the country. They have just completed four weeks volunteering at Hope Vale after travelling from the Central Coast.

[Read more here](#)

## BANANAS THRIVING AT HOPE VALE (QLD)

Ray Rowe has again travelled from Sydney to Hope Vale where he spent three months from November 2010 to February 2011. He also installed the irrigation system for the new banana plantation and did repair work on the caretaker's house adjacent to the banana plantation.

[Read more here](#)

## JOAN RETURNS TO WONTULP (CAIRNS)

In May 2011 Joan Sweet travelled from Melbourne to spend two weeks at Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in Cairns. She acts as an in-class tutor assisting students through the curriculum by helping them to understand their coursework and relate it to their practical experience in their communities.

[Read more here](#)

## SUPPORTING TRAINING IN EXMOUTH (WA)

Brian and Keiko Tate travelled from the Gold Coast to volunteer in Exmouth (WA) in May 2011 for three weeks. This project was aimed at building the capacity of the Aboriginal Corporation in the areas of office management, grants and the negotiation of business contracts.

[Read more here](#)



Joan Sweet at Wontulp



Noelene handing over the NAIDOC book to Shirley Costello

## FINALISTS IN RECONCILIATION AWARDS

We are pleased to announce that National Seniors Australia was a finalist in the Queensland Reconciliation Awards 2011. This is the second consecutive year National Seniors has been acknowledged for its contribution to reconciliation. This was a great acknowledgement of the efforts of all of our volunteers who have made a contribution towards reconciliation through INSTEP.

[Read more here](#)

## HELP KIDS LIVING IN ALICE SPRINGS

The Yipirinya School at Alice Springs is seeking volunteers to assist in a number of areas to assist students and staff. We are seeking volunteers with skills in teaching, ESL, in-classroom support and supervision. Volunteers are also sought to provide workshops on art, music, sport, cooking, vocational experiences or other engaging extra-curricular activities.

[Read more here](#)

## INSTEP IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

We are currently seeking volunteers for several placements in [Kandiwal \(WA\)](#), [Hope Vale \(QLD\)](#), [Warrawong \(NSW\)](#), [Rothbury \(NSW\)](#), [Alice Springs \(NT\)](#) and [Utopia \(NT\)](#). Those Interested please read more about our [INSTEP volunteering here](#). If you would like to volunteer for any of the above positions or would like further information please contact us email [instep@nationalseniors.com.au](mailto:instep@nationalseniors.com.au) or phone (07) 3233 9131 or 1300 883 752 (toll free).