



Amy Gunnell, Meaghan Armstrong, Ellen Williams and Bethany Griffiths are pictured in Berlin during the Stawell Secondary College German Exchange.

## Students return home from German exchange

**STAWELL** - Eight Stawell Secondary College students have returned from a German school exchange with a newfound appreciation for different cultures.

The year 11 students recently returned to Australia after 10 weeks in the European country, while 12 months earlier the students had met with and hosted their German counterparts for the same period of time.

Amy Gunnell, Bethany Griffiths, Meaghan Armstrong, Ellen Williams, Tom Walter, Charlie Reading, Harry Driscoll and Kim Hyslop, who all applied for the exchange in year nine, enjoyed the trip of a lifetime as they learned what it was like to be a youth in a completely different culture.

The group flew to Germany

On November 19, 2011 and Amy Gunnell said everyone relished the unique experience.

"We were away from our families for a long time, but we all enjoyed our time away," she said.

"Christmas was one of the special events that we experienced while we were away, it was really different to Christmas here in Australia - Mainly because it was so cold!"

While on the exchange the Stawell students got a taste of German school life, which Miss Gunnell said was a lot more stressful than the Australian education system.

"The German students have to work really hard and if they get bad marks they either have to stay back a year, or they are

moved to another school," she said.

During the trip, all the Australian exchange students had a week in Berlin together, which all agreed was the best week of the exchange.

"Everyone loved Berlin and the freedom we had while we were there. All the students became close friends and we all hope to stay in touch," Miss Gunnell said.

"We are all planning to go back and visit the friends we made and to see our partners."

Stawell Secondary College is currently hosting four more exchange students from Germany who have visited the Halls Gap Zoo and experienced the Grampians Jazz Festival.

## More promising results for exploration company

**STAWELL** - Gold exploration company Navarre Minerals Limited has announced further results from its 25,000 metre Reverse Circulation drill program at the Tandarra prospect.

Highlights include:

- Nineteen metres at 1.1 grams of gold per tonne from 60 metres down hole.
- Eighteen metres at 1.0 grams per tonne of gold from 53 metres down hole, including nine metres at 1.8 grams of gold per tonne.
- Seventeen metres at 1.0 grams of gold per tonne from 27 metres down hole, including one metre at 10.6 grams per tonne and a further six metres at 1.9 grams per tonne.

The current RC drill program is designed to provide sufficient data to enable the estimation of a maiden mineral resource at Tandarra by the end of 2012.

To date, Navarre Minerals has drilled 47 air-core and 53 RC holes on the project targeting a "buried hill" of approximately 35km square in area.

Drilling has confirmed that this "buried hill" contains multiple mineralised quartz reefs which are concealed below a thin veneer of sedimentary cover ranging in thickness from 15 to 80 metres.

The Tomorrow Anticline cross-section interpretation reveals a broad zone of mineralised quartz with multiple drill intercepts. The mineralised quartz zone occurs at 20 metres below surface and has dimensions of approximately 40 metres wide by 70 metres high.

Navarre Minerals believes that this is analogous to the

Bendigo Goldfield where such quartz bodies trend north-south over several kilometres and repeat laterally and at regular intervals with depth.

Navarre Managing Director, Geoff McDermott, said to date, the company has confirmed gold mineralisation in 14 lines of quartz reef over an area of four kilometres (east-west) by up to 7.5 kilometres (north-south).

"We are very pleased to continue to encounter multiple broad zones of gold mineralisation from shallow depths," Mr McDermott said.

"The higher grade gold intersected appears to be erratically distributed and coarse in nature, which is within our expectations.

"These higher grades occur within a broad halo of mineralised quartz and we expect that as the drilling density is increased we should see further high grade intercepts."

The results from RCT010 which intersected a second reef below the upper reef with eight metres at 3.4 grams of gold per tonne from 163m down hole, including one metre at 24 grams per tonne, is considered a positive indication that the Bendigo model is holding firm at Tandarra with the added potential for reef repetitions at depth.

"We believe that we are dealing with a typical central Victorian style of gold mineralisation at Tandarra and that the best way to manage the variable nature of the gold mineralisation is to attempt to mine the entire quartz reef through a low cost open pit approach," Mr McDermott said.

"The widths and assays that we see are consistent with our concept that an open pit allows the recovery of more reef material, increasing the potential to capture any nuggets which, due to their erratic distribution, can be difficult to target through drilling.

"We are at an early stage of evaluation, but what I can say is that the reefs are near surface, they are well defined by geophysics, they repeat at depth and in parallel and they carry gold grade in the main target zones of the Macnaughtan and the Tomorrow Lines."

Geophysical surveys have been an important step in identifying 29 concealed quartz reef targets at Tandarra which are interpreted to trend approximately north-south. To date, 14 of these targets have been confirmed by scout air-core drilling to contain anomalous gold mineralisation. The two most advanced reef systems, the Tomorrow and Macnaughtan Lines, are the subject of the current RC resource definition drilling program. Additional scout drilling with an air-core rig is planned for the second quarter of this year.

In the coming weeks, Navarre Minerals expects to release more drill results from over 2,000 samples in the 28 RC holes at Tandarra that have been completed but await assay results, as well as further RC and diamond holes to be drilled as part of the current program. In addition, assay results from the two remaining diamond holes from the Kingston Gold Project are awaited.

## Grape Escape lead up events attract funding

**REGION** - Three lead up events to promote and celebrate the upcoming Grampians Grape Escape are being supported by the State Government.

Member for Western Victoria, David O'Brien, said the three events would share in \$19,000 in Victorian Coalition Government funding.

"The first of these pre-festival events, Tastings at Troupers, was held at Three Troupers Brewery in Beaufort and further events are being planned for two other Grampians towns in the near future," Mr O'Brien said.

"I am pleased to report that the Beaufort event sold out well in advance."

"The annual Grampians Grape event has been held on the first weekend of May since 1991 and this year celebrates its 21st anniversary.

"These lead up events give visitors and locals alike a taste of what's in small towns that were impacted by the floods."

Mr O'Brien said about 8000 people attended the 2011 festival and enjoyed

the best of what Western Victoria had to offer, with more than 100 local enterprises offering wine, fine food and local produce.

"Many towns across the region suffered a downturn in visitation following the extensive flooding events of the past two years," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Grampians Grape Escape will help demonstrate that the region is open for business and stimulate economic development by bringing visitors back to the area.

"The event is also a testament to the resilience of the residents of Western Victoria who have worked hard to rebuild and recover from the devastating flood events.

"The government will continue to stand together with our flood-affected communities and I look forward to celebrating the fine local produce of our region," Mr O'Brien said.

Further information on the events is available at [www.grampiansgrapeescape.com.au](http://www.grampiansgrapeescape.com.au)

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