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**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR
INTERNATIONAL AND AUSTRALIAN
TEACHERS**



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Full-year and short-term exchanges for educators and administrators.

Deadline is early December, visit ieep.ca for applications and details.

The Alberta Teachers' Association

The teacher exchange highway is full of interesting turns and roundabouts. Let's hope it doesn't hit a dead end!!

Thanks to the Alberta Teachers' Association for this image.



The ITA would like to thank everyone who has been involved in supporting the International Teaching Fellowship for 2018.

We have only TWO teachers exchanging to Canada next year - one to Alberta and one to British Columbia, however, they will be joining many other Australians from our other states. We know they will be up for a great year of learning and wish them all the best.

Our 2018 Australian teachers will be returning to us, no doubt with many stories to tell. We look forward to



BRITISH COLUMBIA EXCHANGE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Their newsletter is now online. Thanks to BCETA for keeping in touch throughout the year.

BCETA is a volunteer organization dedicated to hosting information sessions and social activities with the intent to make the year an exciting and memorable one for exchange teachers and their families. <http://BCExchangeTeachers.ca>

If you are in BC, here are some of their suggestions:

Suggested Activities

- Visit the Fairmont Empress – One to the best known landmarks in Victoria. Their high tea is renowned. Prices vary by season, so you might plan a visit in the fall or winter months. Tea at the Fairmont Empress
- Stanley Park is the iconic outdoor destination in Vancouver. Explore the seawall on foot or cycle, the First Nations' totems are always a great photo-op and don't miss the Aquarium. Download a self-guided tour [here](#).
- BC is well known for its wildlife and outdoor adventures. Here is a list of ideas to help you plan.
- If you're going to Whistler, visit Cornucopia, Nov 8-18 for a celebration of food and drink.
- The Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival is being held in November. It sounds like a great Sunday drive to Harrison Hot Springs.
- The Headbanger Festival in Radium Hot Springs allows you to witness big horn sheep during their mating season. Nov 2,3,4.
- If you love winter and can't wait, start planning a ski weekend to Manning Park Resort.
- Closer to Vancouver, you can enjoy the awesome sights from Grouse Mountain on the Skyride.

☐ Lights on the Lake? Whoville North? Don't miss it Nov 23-Jan 28! Harrison Hot Springs is just 1.5 east of downtown Vancouver.

Introducing Gaye Carrigan. Gaye is the latest Lawrie Shears awardee. Gaye currently leads the Ballarat Chapter. The Ballarat Chapter has a history of strong ITA involvement. Gaye stepped up over the past 5 years to continue with leadership, mentoring and support for exchange teachers in the area. Thank you Gaye!



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The formal part of our farewell was over [see above] and now it was time to party! thanks to everyone who came - past, present and future exchange teachers. Thanks to Joel Backwell [DET leader of the International Education Division] who inspired us with his speech. Thanks to Da Hu Peking Duck restaurant for the great food. Much merriment was had by all.





Thank you to Louise Freeman. Louise works in the Department's International Education Division and has managed the ITF program this year. Next year, we welcome Rithy Doung to the position in the Department. Thanks to Katie Acocks [DET] who has continued to organise the ITF events in at Treasury Place and Kurt Mullane who has supported the program also.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS.
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.
- BALLARAT IN FEBRUARY.
- YARRA VALLEY IN APRIL
- CITY TOUR IN OCTOBER.
Watch this space.**

THANK YOU FOR READING OUR NEWSLETTER. PLEASE SHARE WIDELY.
PLEASE ENCOURAGE MEMBERSHIP OF PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE
EXCHANGES. WE RUN ON THE SMELL OF AN OILY RAG AND MEMBERSHIP IS
OUR ONLY AVENUE FOR FUNDING.
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE ITA OR EXCHANGE
TEACHING, PLEASE CONTACT THE PRESIDENT. WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

"Keeping the dream alive!"

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