

# ANZA KOREA

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## Meet our new Committee Members

We are excited to introduce our new Committee members!

### Vice President - Malaky El-Youssef



**Hello!** My name is Malaky and I'm originally from Australia. Prior to moving overseas I was a computer programmer however I have now been on my expat journey for 11 years. I've lived in Thailand, Uzbekistan, India and now South Korea where I've lived for the past 3 years. I also have 3 wonderful children. I've previously served ANZA looking after event registrations and now looking forward to serving as Vice President for ANZA and building on the great work of previous committees.

### Marketing & Communications - Corinne Rivoallan

**Bonjour, Kia ora,** my name is Corinne and I am a French-Kiwi excited to become part of the ANZA team. I've come several times to Korea over the past few years and in July this year I re-joined my husband who is working at the NZ Embassy as the Defence Attaché.



I have a background in journalism and communications, in New Zealand but mainly overseas (in South East Asia and the Middle-East) working for several organisations; government departments, businesses, NGO's both in paid roles and volunteer involvement.

Beside all this, I am a keen cyclist exploring Seoul and beyond on the great bike paths they have here. I am also interested in food and history and here, in Korea, I discovered that there's much more to Korean history than events such as the Korean War, or what appears in K-Pop and K-dramas.

## Seoul Foreign School Virtual Fundraiser

**ANZA Korea and Anna's House would like to thank the Students of Seoul Foreign School,** led by seniors Vit (Lucy Lee and Seyeon Yim, who took part in a Virtual Talent Show featuring dance performances to commemorate International Youth Day 2020 on August 12th. Their aim for this year's IYD fundraiser was to spread awareness on how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting youth around the world. The students found a creative way through a socially-distanced virtual platform, to show how dance can be a tool to channel the stress of the quarantine experience. The resonating effect also directly contributes to supporting disadvantaged youth in Korea.

**Their efforts raised KRW540,000 towards AGIT Project: Anna's House, an outreach program for runaway youth in Korea.**

*ANZA Korea continues to work hard behind the scenes supporting our local charities. The last 6 months and adjusting to our new social norm has certainly been challenging for businesses, charities and our community. ANZA Korea remains committed to working with our charities as best we can. We are 100% a non-profit association so we welcome any donations from our community. If you would like to donate, please click on the link below. No amount is too small to help us achieve our mission.*



Visit our website to donate



## Past Events

### Coffee Morning & Pie Lunch 11 August 2020

Our August coffee morning was a wonderful opportunity to make new connections south of the Han. We felt right at home enjoying a spread of Kiwi/Aussie treats by the ANdAZ Gangnam Team. Special shoutout to Chef Hamish for sharing his family tomato relish recipe & our wonderful young photographers for capturing the moment. Thanks for having us and letting us put a little ANZA into ANdAZ!



...And talk about perfect timing! The rain stopped and the sun came out just in time for our lunch date, a short stroll away at Kiwiana Cafe. As ANZA settled in for freshly baked savoury pies, we swapped stories of how we came to be obsessed with our preferred meaty pie. Thank you Kiwiana for your warmth and being so accommodating to our little takeover. As New Zealand and Australian borders remain closed due to the COVID19 crisis, it is so comforting to share these little snippets of 'Home' here in Seoul.

**Thank you to our community for supporting us.**

## Local Spotlight

### Meet Hamish Neale. Executive Chef at ANdAZ Seoul Gangnam. Your local connection



**Hi Hamish! Where are you from?** I was Born in Christchurch, grew up on the Gold Coast

**What brings you to Korea?** I have worked for Hyatt for many years, so I was lucky enough to be part of the pre-opening team for Andaz Seoul

**Tell us what similarities/differences have you observed between Korea and Australia?** I had always heard of the challenges understanding the social hierarchy in Korea, this is quite different to Australia where our social hierarchy is pretty flat! Similarities are that it seems a lot of younger Koreans have travelled extensively internationally, so have had exposure of different cultures and specifically for me, different cuisines.

**In your line of work, have you found any practices that are different to your culture, how have you overcome them or incorporated them into your professional life.** Not too much, hotels kitchens are very similar most places in the world in the way they operate. I will say that the Korean work ethic is excellent. I appreciate the professionalism and dedication of the great team I work with. Having worked in Australia, we have always had a very diverse workforce, so its not difficult to settle into new cultures.

**Insider tips- as a professional chef share with us some of your favorite places to visit in Seoul:** I really like Bistro De Yountville for Lunch! I have just discovered Kiwiana Café, soooo happy to have access to a good pie! JOWU is the best Korean BBQ I have ever been to, also in Apgujeong. Kim Jong Yong BBQ Chicken Rice in Yongsan-gu, Hannam-dong is super delicious also.

**What is something Australian we can find at Andaz, aside from you? Is pavlova available all the time ;)** I do impromptu Fish and Chips with my home made tartare sauce for anyone who comes in and wants it! Super delicious with Black Cod. We also have Australian Beef Fillet. We do Sausage Rolls sometimes in AtZ's. If anyone wants Pavlova, we can make them to order!



## ANZA Korea Member Spotlight

### Meet Sasha Thomas!

Sasha became an ANZA Korea member shortly after arriving in Seoul in early 2017 and joined the Committee a few months later to meet new people and raise funds for local charities. "The initial driver for me was to get out and about and meet new people, but when I found out ANZA was a not-for-profit organisation I knew I wanted to be part of raising funds for local charities", Sasha says.

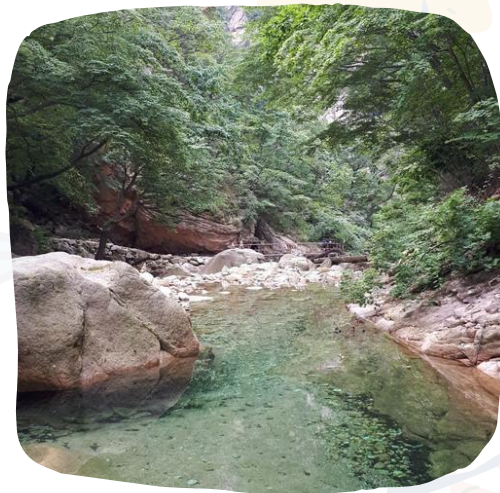
Sasha had a variety of roles on the Committee and is very familiar with helping the glam of the Gala Balls, registered people for events and reaching out to ANZA sponsors and businesses that have donated prizes. Sasha says the best thing that has come from her time with ANZA is the variety of people she has met and the satisfaction she gets from giving back to the Korean community through the fund raising.



**Activities:** Eating is definitely one of my favourite things to do here – there are just so many restaurants and so much variety. Also just wandering around Seoul is such a great activity. There is so much to see and I find that taking a turn down a small street can lead you to a hip cafe or sometimes even a traditional market.

**Event:** Lotus Lantern Festival celebrating Buddha's Birthday

**Places to visit:** My family and I love being outdoors so Seoraksan and Jirisan National Parks and Goeje Island have been definite highlights of our time here.



**Favourite Season/s:** Spring and Autumn- both beautiful and are the best times to get out and about. Hiking in and around Seoul is beautiful when surrounded by blossoms or the reds and orange leaves of autumn.

**Favourite Food:** Sundubu "soft tofu stew" in a spicy broth and of course the banchan (side dishes) that come with it.

## ANZA Korea Welcomes you!

### Memberships

ANZA Korea welcomes all nationalities to come join our community.

Yearly membership is KRW50,000 and begins from 01 August.

Email us at [membership@anzakorea.com](mailto:membership@anzakorea.com)

### How to become a member in 3 steps

#### STEP 01 Head to our website

[www.anzakorea.com](http://www.anzakorea.com)

Click the "membership" link



#### STEP 02 Fill in your details

One membership (KRW50,000/year) covers one household

#### STEP 03 Transfer payment

ANZA Korea Bank Account Details

Bank: Standard Chartered (SC은행)

Account Number: 100-20-954772

Account Name: ANZA (주한호주뉴질랜드협회)

We also accept cash however, bank transfer is preferred. Unfortunately, credit card is not available as a payment option.

**Join us at our next event!**

For any questions please email [membership@anzakorea.com](mailto:membership@anzakorea.com)

## Socials

Unfortunately, our events for September have been cancelled.

Our Community's safety remains our number priority during these challenging times.

Please stay safe and please bear with us as we also navigate our way.