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Tour 3 by Louise Mears

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Arrived in Sydney from Queensland with my bags packed and just under the weight limit. I had no idea of what clothes I would need and what ones I would actually use, but I thought I had packed as light as I could. I found out as the tour went along, that I could have packed most of my stuff into a small back pack. I didn't need the gym gear or the multiple dresses, as my jeans and T shirts were more than sufficient.

I met up with the rest of the crew at Trappers bakery near Goulburn NSW where we took selfies of us all together, making sure that the 3 SALT utes and trailers were proudly displayed in the photos. We were asked by many interested people on our travels what the trailers and utes were for, and were met with such positivity and interest I was very proud to be part of the team.

Many days and nights (42 to be precise) followed, as we drove down to Adelaide and then straight through the middle of Australia, following the Stuart Hwy all the way to Darwin and then back again

Our accommodation ranged from air bnb homes, sharing bedrooms, numerous road houses and dongas in the outback. Each place we stopped at, gave me the opportunity of talking and teaching amazing girls, women and children how to feel confident about using a range of different tools, and then allowing them to complete the workshop and take home their pride and joy wooden caddy box.

It was amazing to see how quiet, reserved girls entered the workshop space and then transformed into powerful confident young women, with the knowledge that jobs have no gender and the world had opened up a lot more choices for them.

As the tour wrapped up, and the SALTIE team said it's fond goodbyes, I realised that the girls I had met and taught along the way, had also shown me, that I can also do anything I want to. They had empowered me, to be the best person I can be, and I thank them for that.

Now it's onwards and upwards for the commencement of Tour 4

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