

PhD Vlog 6 Months On Wade Kelly

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<b>00:00:07</b>	<b>Wade Kelly</b>	So sometime your supervisor ends up getting a new job, and that results in you getting a new life as well. So my supervisor got a new job at a new university; she told me just before Christmas. And then just after Christmas we started pack up the house, we made our trip down the Melbourne from Wagga Wagga, found a spot – we saw 31 places, it was
<b>00:00:30</b>	<b>Wade Kelly</b>	awful, it was an entire week of dejection and rejection and disappointment. And then on the trip back to airport we finally got a phone call offering us a place, and by time we time we got on the plane, we had four offers. So it happened; we got back to our house, packed up everything. All this time at the same time I'm applying to this new university, and trying to get them to match my scholarship; all this kind of paperwork and funding, and dealing with visas because changing institutions. It was a
<b>00:01:00</b>	<b>Wade Kelly</b>	tremendous amount of work – way more work than I thought, and I actually lost a lot of productivity time because of that move. But I think the move is worth it; I cut away all the possibilities of why I should follow my supervisor. Probably better opportunities for teaching, better opportunities for work and also it's a bigger institution with more ability to meet people and make contacts. Melbourne has got 4 million people and some major institutions
<b>00:01:30</b>	<b>Wade Kelly</b>	here, so the opportunity for me to find a job post-PhD through networking I think is considerably better, so that's why I'm here. I was on a month-long waiting list to get an office, and that wasn't great so I was working from home. Finally I've got an office, got my computer all set up, and now I'm really approaching it like a job; trying to be in the office by 8.30 working until 5-ish, and then trying to make a break, and enjoy the city and life while I'm here. I'm sure I'll be working more and more hours as I get
<b>00:02:00</b>	<b>Wade Kelly</b>	closer to end, but that's kind of where I'm at right now in this new, amazing city. And I think part of the job is to meet people and [unclear 02:06 – 02:07], I had some new PhD colleagues and we all went to trivia, and it's those conversation you have at those kind of events, and those kind of activities that are actually really beneficial; you learn about the institution but you also learn about opportunities, you talk about methods, you talk about who's worthwhile to contact, yeah. So I'm making an effort to do all of that and kind of
<b>00:02:30</b>	<b>Wade Kelly</b>	have that balanced life, and not go crazy from the PhD in this new, lovely land. So I hope you are all well, and thanks for following along as we continue this journey.

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