

Broome with Jamie and Leonie Kelly

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Before I start to write my report about my amazing trip to Broome, I want to speak out my gratitude towards you Jamie and Lee Kelly who made this trip possible for me. For me it was another opportunity to see and explore more of the Australian people, nature and culture.

This is what Rotary Youth Exchange is all about.

However, let me guide you through this outstanding week, 2000 kilometres away from Perth.



On Thursday morning I got picked up at 8a.m. from my house here in Applecross from Jamie and Leonie. As soon as we arrived at the Airport I was ready to get into an explorer and sunny mood. Since Jamie told me about this trip, I was looking forward for this exact moment of being able to see more of Australia.



And so was the motto set for the next week, explore while having fun. Right after we landed, Jamie and I took off to go on a scenic walk along the beach towards their favourite sunset spot at cable beach resort. And wow what a stunning sunset it was.

On the next morning Jamie and I went for a 7-kilometre-long walk along the coast towards the highest lookout Point over Broome. All the way towards the horizon was Bush and for me Bush is the definition of the beauty from Australia. We could watch the Helicopters taking off and land on the Airport from this point. After cooling our feet in the ocean, we took on the challenge of walking through the sand back to our accommodation at Cable Beachside Villas.



In the afternoon I went into the city with some important points I need to have a look at, especially all the breathtaking Pearl shops. Which meant, I walked from the Visitor Centre towards the first Pearl shop with the most beautiful and perfect Pearls then to the Roebuck Bay Lookout, where I had a great view all over the Bay and felt in love with the blue water. In the following I went to the

“Croc Jetty Town Beach Jetty”, where you walk out for 50m and have a look all over the place. All over the place there where scenic views. In the evening, we followed the Rowing women’s Pair final as Annabelle McIntyre is related to Lee and Jamie. What a spectacle for bronze.



The next morning started early as Jamie took me on a Sunrise walk at 5:45 along the beach. I more and more adapted to wake up early here in Australia and it is the best for such kind of moments, as this is the best time of the day. Afterwards we went to the Broome Saturday Market where we saw awesome art and photography from all around the Kimberleys. Jamie told me all about the Pearl

farming industry in Broome as we headed to the Streeter’s Jetty where most of the Boats



started and ended their day. Later this week we came back when the tides was in and I was so impressed to see the differences between spotting little fire-red crabs on the ground and great turquoise water with crocs right underneath the Jetty. The day ended with and ride and the world-famous Broome Camels along the water, where I met my second Hostdads

cousin Sebastian with his family on the camel behind me. The world is so small. And the best ritual of the days in Broome was of course watching the sunset at one of the bars along the beach. This time from the Surfclub and it truly was a good spot to watch it. As we planned to drive all the way up to Derby, we had a Rest day on Sunday. I used this opportunity to jump in the blue water of the Indian Ocean and being totally scared of the sharks in the water as usual plus this time I had to be worried about the Crocodiles as well. Luckily I'm still alive.



The next day we picked up the car and made our way to Derby. We came along the best nature, 4WD and animal-spots. I saw my first crocodile on the way up and three more on the way back. In Derby we had a look at the Harbour and went on ride through the dried-out cost line.



Throughout the whole journey it was so impressive to see such a change in nature throughout the 200 km. West Australia is so beautiful all the way from Albany to Derby. I haven't seen the rest but I can speak for this little part.



On the next Day we started quite early to be able to go to the Dampier Peninsula, with stops along the way at Willie Creek Pearl Farm, Beagle Bay and several 4WD tracks.



The First stop at Willie Creek was just breathtaking. How is it possible, that Water, Rocks and Plants look so good all together, all around the world. To get to Willies Creek we went on a long Offroad track



with a view to the Ocean. This was my favourite part of the whole ride. When we arrived in Beagle Bay, I had to take my camera and make pictures of this gorgeous church. The Oyster shell art in the inside is just fabulous.

As I have to make a short film about the trip for school I was pleased about the amount of information I got about the church. After a little lunch break we drove all the way to the top of the Dampier Peninsula, where we saw two small passenger planes taking off and of course more awesome nature. After a beautiful sunset we felt to bed quite fast.





The next morning Jamie and I drove off before 6am to see the low tide at several points and compare it in the afternoon. We unsuccessfully tried to reach out to the dinosaur footsteps, but we saw the most beautiful cliffs and photo scenery early in the morning. As we returned in the afternoon and checked out all the same points it was so impressed to see the 8m water level difference. I have seen

some strong tides in France but this is from another world. Speaking about France, the Olympics are going quite well for both countries I support. Australia in an all-time strong spot within the top three most of the time and Germany just being constant in the Top ten. Sounds excellent to me.

After a fantastic Oyster lunch on Wednesday we drove to the Heritage Centre Broome, where I got to learn a lot more about the Pallottines in the Kimberly Region. We spend the evening with watching the Olympics, packing and going to the beach for the last sunset in Broome.



In the Morning we went for a little drive to visit some last great points, such as the impressive Gallery for Aboriginal art.

One thing that I can say is, that I'm keen to show my parents and siblings, how beautiful WA and especially up north is.

Towards the end I can only write about how grateful I am for this experience and especially want to say thank you again to you, Jamie and Leonie as I really appreciate you taking me on an adventure which was a highlight of my year here in Australia.

Cheers
Valentin