

## Holiday report

On my first day of School holidays I caught up with my schoolmates Noah and Dhilan at the driving range in Wembley. We enjoyed Teeing off golf balls the whole afternoon until we hadn't had any balls left and we were low in energy.



However, at 6:00p.m. the same day Ken Williams picked me up from home and bring me along to the Rotary Club Melville change over, where I represented the Rotary youth exchange and encourage them to again get involved in the youth exchange. I think the night was a success and I'm looking forward to hear from them about their new exchange students. Thank you for having me there.

The Tuesday was a calm day where I packed a parcel for home and try to organise my room for the next days as my change over to family Margot and Keith Whittington is planned for the Monday the next week.



Furthermore, a great highlight of the holidays was going sailing with Elis from Sweden which we tried to organise for the last term and now finally got to do it. We are both passionate sailors and enjoyed sailing for most of the day.

The rest of the week was full of packing for my change of families and enjoying the time with family Clarkson. On Friday we went to the new mountain bike course on Point Walter where the kids, Tom and I tried our best with the bikes on the track. It is a great investment for the community and shows how easily people connect in sports.



As Tom left Perth with the kids on Saturday morning to go on a trip in his brother's camping bus up north, we had the last family dinner on Friday night. It was a strange feeling sitting on the table and talking about all the great memories we've gained in the last seven months together.

After dinner I went to Elis house to farewell him and see the quarter final of the European Championships where Germany played against Spain and unfortunately lost this time. It felt good to spend a part of Elis last 24 hours here in Australia together with him, as he flew out the same day at 10pm.



The rest of the weekend was filled with packing and getting all my gear into my bag's, suitcases and the backpacks, which was a bit of a challenge. At 3:20a.m. on Monday I left 42 Stock Road and moved into 2 Nairn Road. I'm excited to write a new chapter in my exchange and life as well.

On the 1st Tuesday in my new family, I went to Rotary in the morning with Barry Mendelawitz, who afterwards took me for a little walk with his wife Margot and their lovely dog.

To receive my queen scout award, I had to follow up a couple of tasks which was my programme for the afternoon. It is amazing what you learn along the way to receive this award.



The WA maritime museum in Fremantle is one of the greatest museums I've been here in Australia. It was impressive to finally see the Australia II after all the stories I've heard about the boat. Furthermore, the WA shipwreck museum was worth a look as well. Afterwards I went to Fremantle and fulfilled my dream of getting an Akubra hat here in Australia. As my parents said, I can't leave Australia without one of these magnificent hats and they were totally right, it is amazing.



The next morning started sporty after a quick 4 kilometre jog along the river foreshore, I took the bus to my old house to pick-up my bike and cycled to Ian to catch up with him.



The next day was an interesting one. I went to the impressively made Fremantle army museum. For me as a history enthusiasm I was pleased of the great way of showing the whole military history of Australia. Straight afterwards I followed the Australian motto of being completely free from everything and took a bus towards the unknown. My plans changed along the way a couple of times, but I ended up exploring the beautiful bold park. This part of the city

is stunning and I was able to feel the great nature of WA between skyscrapers and houses. Along the way towards the park, I stopped at an Australian scout jamboree sign which remembered me of my time at the National Jamboree in Germany and what great benefits I took out of it.



On Saturday morning I went with my host parents Margot and Keith to a depot where we picked up some supplies for his Farming work down South.



In the afternoon I met up with my mate Dhilan in the city to explore Elizabeth Quay and Kings Park. I was happy to finally hang out with my friends again as they are heavily involved with their studies for the IB-curriculum and the preparation for next term.



On Sunday we had our Changeover at Rotary Applecross. It made me feel happy about my First host mothers achievement in becoming a honorary life member for the Rotary Club



Applecross and Graeme Fardon achieving the award for being the Rotarian of the year with his great involvement in the Club but more importantly the youth Exchange in the District and Club. Congratulations and well done.

After the changeover I took the train down to Mandurah and visited my new placement officer Steve Barlow. It was amazing how quick the coordination between us worked out so I was able to stay with him. On the morning of the next week I got invited to play golf with him and his friends and Pinjarra Golf Club. It was quite entertaining game of golf. The afternoon was mainly spend in the car driving around the peel area visiting the Mandurah giants and the city itself. It was a pleasure to come along to the Mandurah Rotary Club Meeting, where I met Mr. and Mrs. Kevan,



who made a presentation in the beginning of the year at the Applecross meeting. Once again I was lucky to explore and experience another beautiful city here in WA. As Steve is helping a mate in gardening in his retirement, I wanted to join them to gain some experience. Through the next two days I was involved with cutting lawns, shortening trees and making the nature around the house look good again. It was a lot of fun. In the afternoon and evenings, we either explored some more giants, played cards or had a great chat while playing table tennis. Overall it was a great time with Steve and his wife Bernice in Mandurah and I'm thankful for giving me the opportunity to stay with you for five days.

As the weather was quite stormy on Thursday John Kelly and I decided to cancel our planned trip to Rottnest, which was a shame.

On Friday I met up with my mate Matthew and we went for 52-kilometre bike ride through the rainy Perth. I personally really enjoyed hanging out with my mate and riding the bike, which amazed me how much we drove in the end.



The football club of my Host family made a fundraiser on Saturday evening and my Host dad Keith, who is in the committee and the quiz master for the night, asked me to film his entrance as Rockstar and to take some pictures afterwards, which I of course did.

On Sunday morning I went to the UWA handball game where I met up with old and new faces in the club. It was a pleasure to play with a new boy from Switzerland named

Oliver and as always I had a lot of fun and I'm looking forward to continue playing handball in two months back in Germany.

My goal for the next two months is to make the most out of it and fill my weekends and days as good as possible and I'm always open for great ideas and suggestions from you.

Thank you and see you tomorrow for my North-West Safari presentation.