

## 2023.10.17-29 Between Kangaroos and Jazz

After an exciting weekend, the week continued as normal with school.

Since I caught a bad cold in the Australian heat, I stayed home on Tuesday and started writing my diary. It occurred to me that I had already had two eventful weeks here in Australia, which I still have to record in my diary. A little of it is still waiting for me.



After the recovering day I went back to school. In the afternoon, Lorri's sister showed us around her golf course, which is home to a huge horde of kangaroos. These animals are a mystery to me, you can't decide whether you should find them cute or if you have to think again of



a cross between a donkey and a rat. Weird creatures, but still fun to watch every time.



After many Investigations to calculate and experimentally check the speed of a metal ball that we threw into the air using a catapult, I fell into bed on Thursday evening with numerous physical dreams. On Friday Graeme Fardon kindly picked me up from the train station and took me home with him. There I met his 29-year-old

Galah bird, who almost mistook my finger for a tasty worm.

After a successful afternoon, I went with a few scouts from my group to another scout group near the city in the evening to celebrate their shared victory in the last sailing regatta with pizza and a motorboat tour at night. We travelled to Perthcity at night on an old fishing boat. A breathtaking experience. I don't want to miss the local scouts.



On Saturday we spent the day with Markus and Beatrice, Rotarian friends from Switzerland who are doing a four-week tour through Australia. We drove to the beautiful Rockingham Beach and enjoyed lunch with the best views right on the beach. After another little city tour through Applecross and the great view of the jacaranda trees, we stopped at the clubhouse of my Applecross Rotary Club for a café. I was very happy that the meeting took place, even though I have difficulty speaking German.

On Sunday afternoon I went to a jazz club with my club mentor Ian Fairnie and Lorri and listened to an incredible performance by the band Sassafra. Afterwards we ended the evening in the "Bread in common" restaurant.



The week was characterized by brilliant sporting performances. On the one hand, Australia's narrow victory in cricket over New Zealand and on the other hand, South Africa's World Cup defense over New Zealand in rugby. We also spent many evenings watching the Cricket World Cup. A new sport for me that I hadn't had much to do with before.