

2023.11.06-12 a.lot.of.Ian's

This week it was already time. The sundowner, long announced by my club mentor Ian Fairnie and dedicated to me, was coming up. We also held a meeting on Friday about the upcoming Jacaranda Festival, which Rotary is organized for over twenty years. Even though Halloween is already over, we continued my Scout group's tradition of apple carving. I walked from Applecross to Fremantle on Sunday with Ian Henderson and Josephia, a work colleague of his.



Since pumpkins are very difficult to find as a whole piece here in Australia, my scout troop has decided for years to cut up spooky apples. With funny reflections on the last events, funny conversations and without injured fingers, we all picked out an apple, which is not that easy and then embellished it with a scary face. I was finally able to put my years of pumpkin carving experience to the test and won another apple as prize.

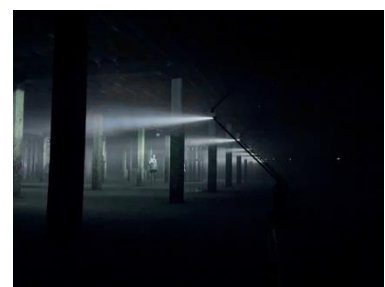
On Thursday my club mentor Ian Fairnie organized a special sundowner for me. I met a lot of new and old acquaintances there. During a lovely get-together I was able to get to know my last host family, meet Norm de Grussa and Jill Hanna, both of whom organize the youth exchange at district level, again and meet many other great people. Thank you Ian for organising the great evening.



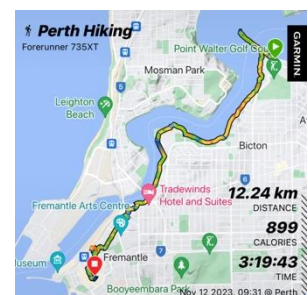
Since Perth's largest community event, the Jacaranda Festival, is coming up next week and my club Applecross Rotary is organizing it, the organizing Rotarians have met with the sponsors. Since Lorri was there as a long-time supporter, I was also allowed to come along. Chris Whelan gave me the task of organizing as many inbounds as possible in order to attract as much attention as possible to Rotary's youth work and Youth Exchange. I am confident that we will get a big team together.



On Sunday morning I was woken up by rain and wind. That was a very unusual alarm clock. After I got ready and had breakfast, Ian Henderson and a work colleague Josephina picked me up for a city walk. When we arrived at Point



Walter, we walked back and forth along a sandbank that was about 1 km long. Since we weren't expecting any more rain until the afternoon, we decided to take advantage of the pleasant weather and walk all the way to Fremantle. We walked 12 kilometres along the Swanriver to our final destination, a tapas bar. We went to the Containbow along a flora that was new to me with many still unknown trees and bushes, with a short break at the beach café and then to a breathtaking light show in an old harbor hall I'll thank you, Ian for the wonderful day.



Let's see what the next week brings. :-)