

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Mansfield Inc.

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National Song: All

Loyal Toast: Australia and its People

Rotary Grace: For good food, for good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary – we give thanks.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

12th August 5:30pm at Delatite Hotel.

Bob's Blog

At our last meeting we said goodbye to our Exchange Student Ninni who returned to Finland after her fantastic year in Mansfield.

Our thanks go to all the host parents and especially Kathy for being her counsellor and transport manager.

Also, thanks to Kirston and Neil for taking Ninni to the airport for her farewell to Australia.

We have accepted a new incoming student from Germany. Fidelia Von Massow she is 16 years old and one of five children. I look forward to meeting her at our meeting on the 12th August.

A reminder to members that we are now on meetings break over winter. Our next meeting will be on the 12th August.

I hope all members and travellers have a safe, enjoyable and warm winter.

Bob Prosser
Past President

Ninni Helenius home in Finland Airport



Birthdays over winter:

Stephanie Hart 22nd August

Exchange Students:

Ninni Helenius;

Ninni left our shores on the 22nd June to return home to Finland. She had a safe flight and was welcomed home by her family at the airport.

She said it is weird being home seeing her family. She has been chatting to her Australian friends on snapchat so she feels she hasn't left Mansfield. She has had her first day at work but would love to come back to Australia.



Erin Mahoney;

Erin is enjoying school in Japan. Her English teacher asked her if she would help out with his english classes. He teaches year 12 and primary schoolers. It is just talking to the class so she hopes I am able to help.

Erin is still with the same family, and is not having any problems. With approval from the school she is using an app to learn maths from Australia.

Erin said her Japanese language has improved so much she can hold a 40 minute conversation with friends

She thanks Rotary for her amazing experience thast she will keep in her memory forever. She has met so many amazing people and been able to experience so many different things. She has been able to laugh, sing, dance and have fun with so many new people through the exchange. She said "Thank you Mansfield Rotary."



Justine De Moor

Last years Exchange Student from France Justine.



Justine has completed her Baccaulaureat and, received the highest distinction which made her extremely happy and thanks to her year in Australia, she worked harder at school when she returned home.

As you can see Justine has received her uniform for the Euro Cup of Kin Ball, she is very excited about playing in the cup at the end of August.

Our new incoming exchange student – FIDELIA Von MASSOW from Germany

Depending on her visa, Fidelia is scheduled to arrive on the 1st August and will be staying with Kirsten and Neil.

We look to meeting Fidelia at our meeting on the 12th August where she will introduce herself to members.



Travellers;

Our President Stephanie and Peter are on the world cruise. They had lunch with our returned student Ninni in Finland. They are now cruising around Canada



Bob and Jill are in 1770 in Queensland. Robyn is in Uluru Northern Territory.

Club Programme;

No Meetings During Winter;

Due to the lack of members being around during winter the Board made the decision to Cancel meetings from and including the 10th **June** through to the 1st meeting in August.

Meetings will commence again on the 12th August.

Up Coming Events;

August 12th – Our Rotary Meetings resume at the Delatite Hotel

September 23rd – Guest Speaker Stephen Whiteside – Book “The view from Point Lookout”

October 24th – Love your Sister – Samuel Johnson guest speaker