

8 October 2019



Rotary Club of Sawtell

Sawtell Sun

Hiking and spelunking

The club warmly welcomed Slovakian exchange student Adam Leskovjansky, who gave a presentation at the meeting on 30th of September.

Adam is from the historic former mining town Roznava, which is home to more than 18,000 people and has an unusual square 'town square'. The square boasts a distinctive Watchtower was built in response to the Turkish threat in the mid 17th century.

The Rotary Club in Roznava has a proud history of community service including helping children with Downs Syndrome, assisting with reforestation, and a market with a very popular 'punch' stall. Adam is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Poprad of District 2240. District 2240 covers both Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

Slovakia is renowned for its beautiful hills and mountains. There are many nearby



Above: Roznava, Slovakia, 18,000 people, surrounded by hills

caves with stunning displays of stalactites and stalagmites. Adam suggested we plan our trips to Slovakia immediately and recommends fitting in time for hiking. He personally enjoys badminton and cycling. His brother is currently in Glasgow studying business, but he had been an exchange student in California.

Jetty High is treating Adam well and he is enjoying fishing with his host father.

Below:

President Warren Hollyman, exchange student Adam Leskovjansky and his counsellor Peter Paff.



From Charley Della, Our European Correspondent

Well didn't August just flyby hey...? Well for me it sure did, it's pretty much been a non-stop travel tour! Have you ever imagined how hectic visiting 4 countries 9 cities in 4 weeks could be? Let me assure you it's definitely hectic!!! (And PS, so amazing!)

My district doesn't run a Euro tour so I thought I would take that into my own hands.... Well that's not exactly how it all happened so let me explain.

At the beginning of August I travelled with two friends and one of their mums for a week. We made our way to Prague. We stayed for four days, then on to Terezín for a day then, to Poland and Auschwitz for two days. Finally on to our last stop in Vienna where we stayed for four days. The trip was full on action—each of the cities has so much to be explored and when you have so little time it's funny how much you want to see and how fast you learn to walk.

Prague—WOW! How beautiful, from the old and spectacular buildings to the river and stunning bridges and the castle, and the church and famous clock. Everything in Prague is pure beauty. We enjoyed a tour of the castle and listened to the four seasons orchestra in the beautiful church located in the centre of the city. We also went to see an incredible black light theatre performance one night..

The next day on to a little city, Terezín, which was a Ghetto in and before the war. Now it's used as a memorial but also as a normal town. We visited the concentration camp where many political and later on Jewish people were imprisoned. It was also where the man who caused World War 1 was imprisoned and where he died. The next day we travelled to Poland to a small town near Auschwitz where we stayed and explored for a day and had a little break, and a mental day to prepare our self for the next day. Auschwitz - I won't go into much detail with as it's a delicate subject and as a respect issue I will keep the details limited. It was truly a life changing experience that was extremely hard but I'm thankful I experienced. The feeling you feel being able to walk out of a place millions of others couldn't changes you.

Our last stop was Vienna. Where I met up with the Aussie Edie!! Which was amazing. Vienna is my future place of residence! Truly I'm in love and it's with a whole city! From the

open music in the parks to the people and the language and the buildings and streets and markets and Ferris wheel everything! In four days we saw and explored/experienced so much. I can't even pick a favourite thing, maybe the Ferris wheel, or open screen nutcracker performance, or the zoo or the hot chocolate.

Then I returned home and three days later travelled to Italy with my YEO, his wife and their three sons plus another two families. . We had a big and pretty amazing and funny group which always makes for a good time. After a 5am start we headed to Italy where we stayed in the Irdo sea. We spent two weeks and made day trips from there. We spent most days relaxing swimming, and wind surfing as well as stand up paddle boarding and reading on the beach. We made trips to a near by town and spent the day hiking and rock climbing in the wilderness, which was truly a great time.

We visited Saló and ate ice-cream and explored. At night we listened to open street bands play. In Verona we spent the day shopping and the night at the Opera Carmen. The Opera was held in the Arena in Verona and PS thought I should point this out its 2000 years old I'm still trying to comprehend I sat in something that is 2000 years old. It was stunning and at 2am we returned to our little home on the Irdo sea. The next day I celebrated my 16th birthday, which was weird to think I'm an Australian celebrating my 16th birthday in Italy surrounded by Germans and German birthday traditions. It was a perfect day though. We all managed to consume a lot of pizza.

The following day we travelled back home, this time to Germany!!! On the way we made a quick stop and explored a small city in Switzerland and had a picnic lunch there. So, for now I'm home and resting before school starts again in a week or so.... That's all for now talk next month.

Tschüss für jetzt

Charley Della
(Slightly condensed)

Club News

- The meeting kicked off with a live chat with Charley Della
- Members heading to Urunga—please pay the club \$125 to cover the booking deposit
- President Warren has asked members to bring a project idea to the next meeting
- Peter Paff congratulated all members on being up to date with their WWC



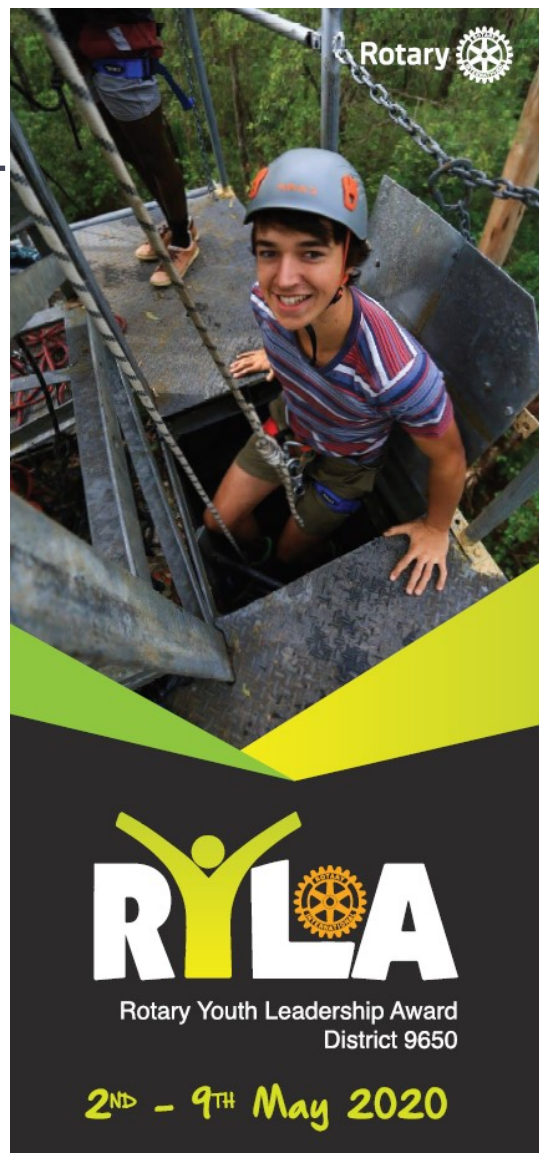
Warren Hollyman

10 October

Ellis Nicholson

15 October

DUTY ROSTER	14 October
Attendance	Ray Baldwin Alan Freedman
Affirmation	Roger Atwal
International toast	Phil Makinson
Sergeant	Peter Paff



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Upcoming Events

14 October	Dinner & Board meeting at Sawtell RSL
21 October	Cheese making with Melanie
Sunday 27 October 11am	Tour of the OzBerries facility, followed by lunch. Partners welcome. Warm clothes and enclosed shoes required.
28 October	No meeting
4 November	District 9650 Governor, Phil Hafey Partners invited, Coats and ties for the gentlemen. The Board meets with the DG at 5.30pm
11 November	Julie Jardine—Cando Cancer Trust
15-17 November	Club Weekend at Urunga
18 November	No meeting
25 November	AGM

Sergeant at Arms

14/10/2019	Peter Paff
21/10/2019	Ellis Nicholson
2/10/2019	Rob Alford

Please RSVP with guests and apologies by 4pm
Monday to Alan Freedman 0419357864



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