

JANUARY IN AUSTRALIA

This is my 6th month in Australia and I am already half way through my exchange. I went and stayed with a family in Brisbane for a week. Here I went and saw the Brisbane International Tennis at Pat Rafter Arena. We went to Emundi market and took a trip to Noosa. For a couple of nights, we stayed in Caloundra and went camping in Moogerah. We drove into South Bank and had dinner. My last day in Brisbane was spent at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary and I got to hold a koala and pat some kangaroos. When I got back to Dubbo my host sister got married and had a big wedding party.



This month I was very lucky to come and stay with a family in Brisbane. The family had four daughters that I got along with very well. I had an amazing time and made so many good memories.



We went and saw the quarter finals of the Brisbane International Tennis. It was a very cool experience and I enjoyed it very much.



Picture of Rafa Nadal.

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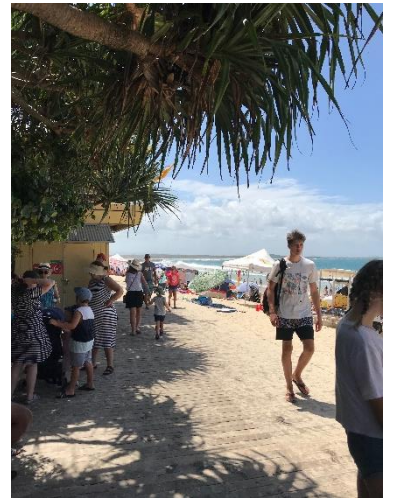
While I was there, we went down to stay with my host dad's, Mum and Dad in Caloundra and on our way down we stopped at Emundi Market, which I loved.



These photos were taken at Kings Beach in Caloundra, just down the road from where we were staying.

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We went on a trip to Noosa and had a swim at one of the beaches there. Absolutely loved Noosa.



My host sister and I got a cartoon picture drawn of us at a market in Caloundra.

This photo was taken when we went camping in Moogerah. This was my first time 'roughing it' in Australia.



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One of the nights I was in Brisbane we went out for dinner in the city and walked around South Bank.



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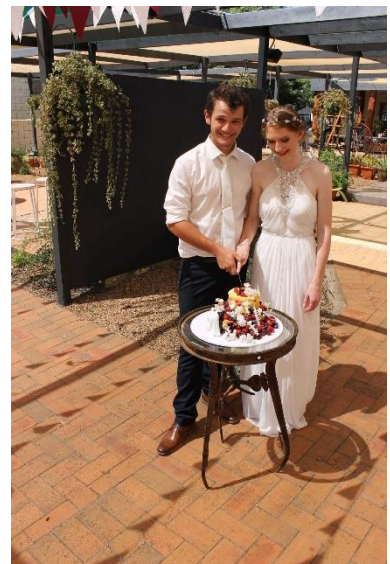
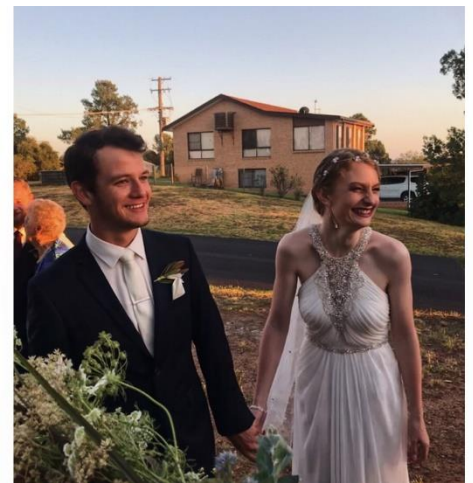
On my last day in Brisbane we went to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary and I got to tick another item off my bucket list when I held a Koala. This was one of the highlights of my trip. We also pat and feed some of the kangaroos.



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When I got back to Dubbo my host sister Ellie and her husband Matt got married at sunrise. I helped with the flower decorations for the reception of the wedding. We all got up 02:30 am to get ready for the wedding that started at 06:00 am as they were getting married at sunrise. The bride was stunning and so was the sunrise.



On Australia Day, Rotary members, their families and friends gathered in the park for our celebration breakfast. Kai and I spoke about our impressions of Australia and read the towns named in the Australian song, "I've Been Everywhere".



I have very much enjoyed this month and are very thankful for every opportunity I've had.