

## MARCH IN AUSTRALIA

This month I went canoeing with my host sister Jaci, my host mum Kathie and my host dad Bill. I changed host family and moved in to my third and last family. Just after I moved host families, I went to Forster with Bert and Faye who are a couple from my Rotary club. We stayed in a penthouse in Forster for a week. I went to the Forster Rotary conference and saw all the other exchange students as well as 400 other Rotarians. In Forster I went on a dolphin cruise and spent time at the beach. When I got back to Dubbo I went to Lightning Ridge with my second host family. Here we went fossicking in 38 degree heat and went into an opal mine underground. My new host family (Genevieve, Alice and Maggie) got a puppy. At the end of the month I was invited to see an ABBA show with some Rotarians from my club.



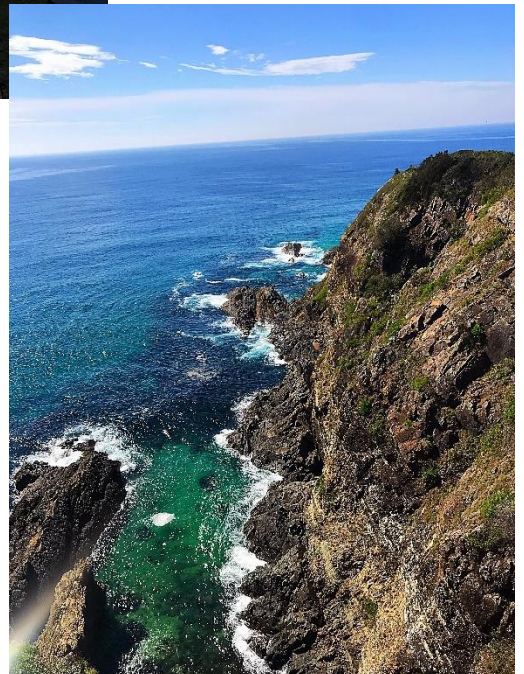
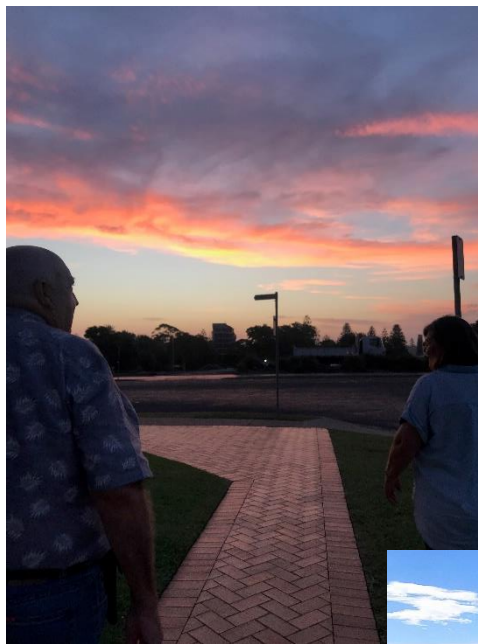
At the beginning of this month I went canoeing with my host mum Kathie and my host dad Bill and my host sister Jaci at a river in Dubbo.



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I was very lucky to be able to go to Foster for a week with a couple from my Rotary club. We stayed in a penthouse close to the beach and I had an amazing time.



We went on a dolphin cruise which was very cool and I got to spend time at the beach. Thank you so much to Bert and Faye from my Rotary club for inviting me for the week.

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We had the District conference for 9670 in Forster. Some of our members from my Rotary club attended. This was a very enjoyable weekend and was good to see all the exchange student again.



All the inbounds went to the beach in Forster.



Here are some pictures from the conference dinner where we all had to get dressed formal.

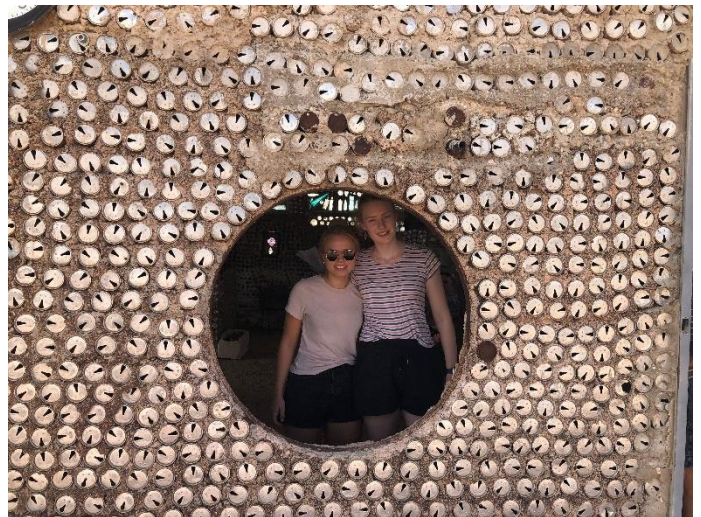




As part of the conference the inbound students presented. We each sung the Australian National Anthem in our native tongues.



In this image each student carries a flag, generally of our native countries. I am carrying the Aboriginal flag, as Henrik was carrying the Norwegian Flag.



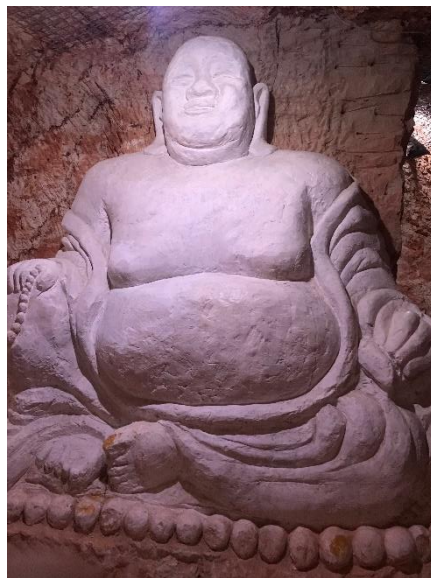
I went to Lightning Ridge with my second host family, once I returned. We visited many historical sites including the bottle house and underground mining sites.



This is a photo inside of the bottle house.



We went underground to look at the Black Hand Opal Mine. I found it very interesting, there were lots of images carved and painted in the sandstone walls.





This photo is from inside an old coal mine at Lightning Ridge.



I had a very good trip to Lightning Ridge and was good to see my second family together before I moved.

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When I got back to Dubbo my new host family got a puppy called Alfie.



With my school friends in our uniform.



At the end of the month I went to an Abba show with my first host family Jim and Debbie and some other Rotarians. It was a very fun night, and I was very thankful for the invitation.