

FEBRUARY IN AUSTRALIA

This month I went to Newcastle with my host sisters Lilli and Jaci. We also went and stayed with my host sister Ellie and her husband Matt in Nyngan where they live. Here I went and saw the Big Bogan and went spotlighting. My host sister Jaci turned 18 and we had a party for her. I also went to Canberra with my host sister Lilli and my host Mum Kathie. Here we went and saw the Australian War Memorial and the new and old Parliament House. The last night we went to the Multicultural Festival. We drove past the Norwegian Embassy. Our last day in Canberra we went to the Royal Australian Mint. When I got back to Dubbo, I went to Sydney on a school retreat with Year 12 and stayed there for two nights. My friend turned 18 and we had a surprise dinner for her. Also my school had their swimming carnival.



At the beginning of February, I visited Newcastle with my host sisters Lilli and Jaci. We stayed the weekend where Lilli lives when she goes to university. I had a great weekend and spent a lot of time at the beach with my lovely host sisters.





My host sister Jaci turned 18. Friends and family came to celebrate the special day. It was a very good night.



I visited my oldest host sister Ellie and her husband Matt in Nyngan, which happens to be a 2 hour drive from Dubbo on the flattest and straightest roads I have ever seen. Here we went sight-seeing around Nyngan and we saw the Big Bogan, which was the highlight of my trip to Nyngan. One of the nights we went spotlighting.



It was a very good weekend and I enjoyed seeing where my host sister has moved. Thank you to them for being such good hosts.



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My friends and I at school.

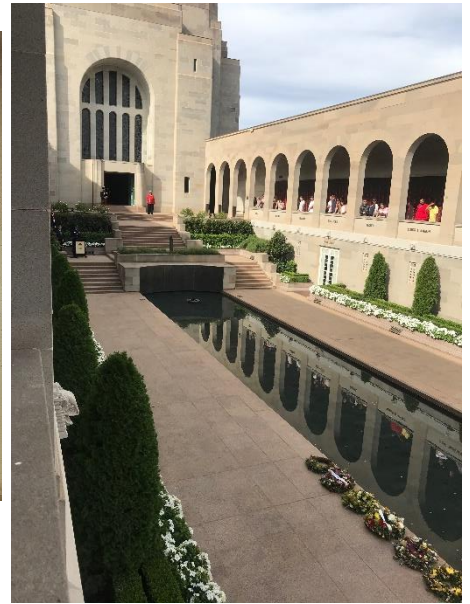
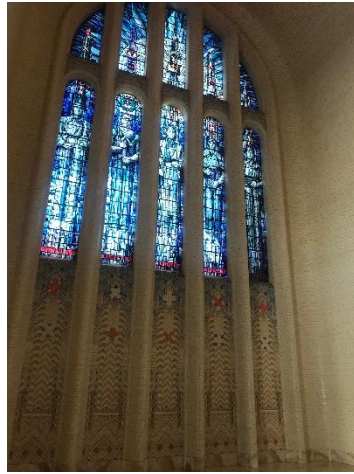
On Valentine's day one of my friend's had a breakfast with the girls from school.



I was lucky to get a chance to go to Canberra with my host Mum Kathie and my host sister Lilli for a weekend. Was a great sight-seeing weekend and I got to see a lot of Canberra.

We went to the old and new Parliament House.



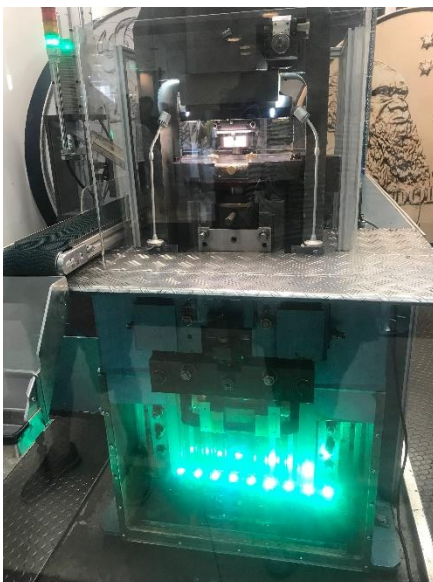


We went to the Australian War Memorial. This was a very moving experience. I got to read about the stories of people and events that shaped Australia.

Our second night in Canberra we went to the National Multicultural Festival, which I really enjoyed.



On the last day in Canberra we drove past the Norwegian Embassy and I got a picture outside the embassy with the sign.



Then we visited the Royal Australian Mint, which is the sole producer of all of Australia's circulating coins. Here they can produce up to two million coins each day. This was a very interesting place to visit.



Year 12 went on a school retreat to Sydney for two nights. This was their last school retreat and we had lots of fun.



My friend Anna turned 18 and we organized a surprise dinner for her.



My school had their swimming carnival and my friends and I dressed up as our last Year Coordinator.