



The ROTARY CLUB of COROWA

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Auf Wiedersehen Jasper!



In magnificently presented sporting cars, these exchange students loved being part of the big parade.

Rotary Youth Exchange

YOUTH EXCHANGE SUSPENDED.

After a meeting of all Australia District Governors, it has been decided to suspend the Youth Exchange Program for 12 months nationally in all formats.

This will mean there will be no inbound students arriving from overseas in July/August 2020, and there will be no outbound students in January 2021.

We are hoping, depending on the COVID-19 situation, that we may be able to accept inbound students again in July/August 2021, and our next group of out bounds will be in January 2022.

We appreciate the decision of the DG's and it is in the best interest of not only the program, but also all people associated with this truly life changing youth program of Rotary International.

Bruce McIntyre, Chairman, District 9790 Youth Exchange

Farewell Jasper

With great sadness Guy & I took Jasper to a strangely quiet Tullamarine Airport on Monday 30th March.



Jasper's stay with us was very short, but we were delighted to have such a lovely young man become part of our family. Unfortunately Covid-19 put a damper on Jaspers social life, but not before he was able to attend the CDHBU Debutante Ball.



The Rotary 4 Way Test

1: Is it the
TRUTH?

2: Is it **FAIR**
to all
concerned.

3: Will it build
GOODWILL
and
BETTER
FRIENDSHIP
S?

4: Will it be
BENEFICIAL
to all
concerned?

In Jasper's last weeks, before further restrictions on social isolating, he was able to visit the Brown's and experience kayaking with Graham. He was also able to catch up with Paul, Meredith and Stephen.

A brief good bye to the teachers at the Corowa High, but sadly not with his friends.

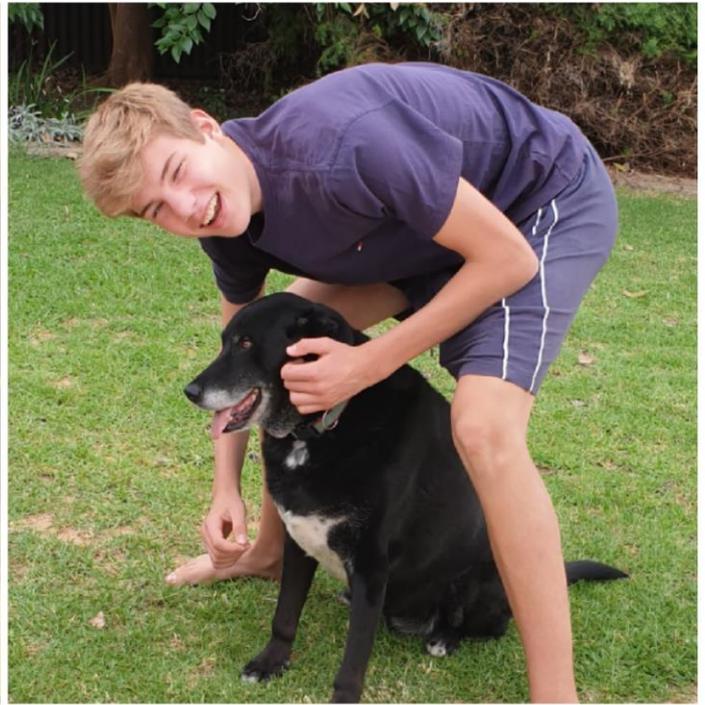


We wandered around the Whitehead Street Wetlands at sunset, always a nice walk.



Jasper grew at least 4cm whilst here, possibly more as he hasn't been measured for a few months and yes he is ducking down for this photo.

**It turns out that Jasper can cook, just wish I'd discovered that a bit sooner.
A very yummy stuffed capsicum dish, one of his favorites from home.**



The Rotary Club of Corowa

meets every WEDNESDAY at the Corowa RSL Club: 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start

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No Meetings until further notice.

JASPER WITH THE LAVIS FAMILY, BACK TO SCHOOL 2020.

Spending months with a competitive sporting family, resulted in Jasper training with the Corowa Rutherglen Football Club, he managed to get one practice game in before sport stopped nationwide. They didn't quite manage to turn him into a cricketer but he did go and watch the final and celebrated afterwards with the Lavis clan.



I would like to thank Howard and Jeanette for letting me hijack the bulletin for this edition.

I know you all would have wanted the opportunity to spend more time with Jasper and also to be able to say goodbye to him.

He was very disappointed to be leaving early. The decision was greatly influenced by the German government and consequently Rotary. It was a difficult position for Oliver and Susann, so ultimately they decided to get Jasper home. We thank them for letting us have their son for as long as we did.

Guy & I are very thankful for again having the opportunity to be host parents.

Yours in Rotary, Deb Rowe

JASPER'S MESSAGE

G'Day mate, it really was a pleasure to get to meet all of you.

What I experienced in this rotary club, is that really everyone is welcome and I have to say I felt like it was another home for me. I really enjoyed my year here and I am so sorry and sad by myself that I couldn't say goodbye or rather "see you later MATE" to lots of you.

But I am sure I will come back one day and see that lots has changed, or maybe nothing will change but what I can say that this year changed me a lot and I will take all those great experiences home with me and will never forget those friend and family's I made here.

These circumstances are hard for everyone at the moment but with this I really just want to say thank you again, for everyone who made my exchange year to what it was, thank you for forming a part of my personality and thank you for a bloody good year.

I hope I can stay in contact with the great rotary club of Corowa.

I won't forget how much I learned out of this year and I really hope more exchange students after me will get the same opportunity too.

I hope everyone stays safe, I arrived good and healthy here at home now, lots of love Jasper ❤️

