

10th February 2015

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CLUB OF
GLEN EIRA

Exchange student Allie Pert visits the harbour
in Alicante, Spain.



ALLIE'S FIRST SPANISH OBSERVATIONS

After one month in Spain, exchange student Allie writes...

Host Family: My host family is very kind and welcoming. We have put 'Post It Notes' around the house labelling different objects, rooms and verbs to help me with the language. They have shown me around the city and taken me to the movies, shopping and for walks around Alicante. My family speak in 'Spanglish', and when they speak Spanish they speak slowly so that I can keep up.

Host Rotary Club/Counsellor: I went to my first Rotary meeting on Thursday (29/1) and I introduced myself to everyone. My host sister, Martina (also ROTEX in Spain), helped me to understand what some of the speeches were about, though I didn't understand most of the meeting. One of the rotary members asked his wife to come and pick Martina and I up a little bit earlier because the meeting had gone overtime and we were both very tired.

School: I had my first day of school on Friday 23rd Jan, and everyone in my class was very welcoming and excited to be meeting an Australia. They were also very intrigued to know if I had actually ever seen a kangaroo or if they were really rare! My classmates are very kind and help me to understand what the teachers are saying to me. I have two Norwegian exchange students in my class (they are with a different company - not rotary), and they have been very kind and explaining how school works in Spain as they have already been here for 6 months. I don't understand much of what goes on in class so I usually read my Spanish workbook and try to learn the language. My Spanish teacher also gave me some worksheets to fill in which was good! School starts at 7:55 and finishes at 3:00 most days so I am always very tired - luckily we have a siesta after lunch!

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY IS WORLD

UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Tuesday 10th February

Guest speaker Mayor Jim Magee

Tuesday 14th February

BBQ at Carnegie Cricket Club

Tuesday 17th February

East Timor & Sumba Eye Program

Saturday 21st February

Sausage Sizzle in Glen Huntly

Sunday 22nd February

Concert to celebrate 205th Birthday of Chopin by Rotary Club of Caulfield

Tuesday 24th February

GSE Welcome Dinner at Milano's

Friday 27th - Sunday 29th February

President Elect Training in Ballarat

MARCH WORLD LITERACY MONTH

Tuesday 3rd March

Weekly Meeting

Thursday 5th March

Women in Rotary Breakfast

Saturday 7th March

Sausage Sizzle in Glen Huntly

Sunday 8th March

Movie Night at Classic Cinema

Tuesday 10th March

Weekly Meeting

Thursday 12th - Saturday 14th March

Rotary District 9800 Conference

Saturday 21st March

Sausage Sizzle in Glen Huntly

DATE	GUEST SPEAKER	CASHIER	TOAST TO AUSTRALIA	TOAST TO OUR CLUB	CHAIRMAN
10th February	Guest speaker Cr Jim Magee, Mayor of Glen Eira * STARTS 6.30 SHARP	Keith Faiman	Stuart Pert	Max Sherlock	John Leske
17th February	Guest speaker Dr Mark Ellis East Timor & Sumba Eye Program	Basil Ornellas	Adrian Nelson	Iven Mackay	Mark Preston
24th March	Welcome to Louisiana Group Study Exchange Team at Milano's Brighton	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

WHAT'S THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLEN EIRA UP TO? FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH



REMEMBER ARRIVE EARLY THIS WEEK !!!

This week's guest speaker is the Mayor of the City of Glen Eira, Cr Jim Magee. Due to Council commitments later on Tuesday, Cr Magee will commence his talk at 6.30pm SHARP. Please make sure you arrive early. Dinner will follow his talk. We are honoured to have the mayor talk at our club.



GSE team from Louisiana, USA. It's always a fun night. Please advise President Alan of numbers this week.

ROTARY PROJECT OF THE WEEK

Outback Experience

The Rotary Club of Campbelltown, SA, has just completed its fifth Outback Experience fundraiser for charity, raising \$40,000 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, \$6000 for Angel Flight and \$8000 for Australian Rotary Health. The event is an eight-day mystery adventure into the outback with up to 39 participants in 15 vehicles at a time.

The five fundraisers have taken participants to many interesting places, including remote towns, historical sites, outback stations, memorable tracks, Aboriginal communities, mining towns, sports clubs, hospital auxiliaries, lakes, ranges and national parks. Participants have come from 10 Rotary clubs, mainly from South Australia but also including Melbourne, Drouin, Frankston East, and Malaysia.



Upcoming Movie Night

On Sunday 8th March, we are holding a movie night at Classic Cinema Elsternwick around 7pm. The film is "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel". As this is a fundraiser, please invite family & friends. It's only \$20 and includes supper after the movie. To book, call Sam Binstock on 0425 806 784.

Group Study Exchange Team Welcome

Mark your diaries for Tuesday 24th February when instead of meeting at the London Tavern, we will go to Milano's in Brighton to welcome the arrival of this year's



Sausage Sizzle at Carnegie Cricket Club

One of our sports scholarship club recipients, the Carnegie Cricket Club has invited us to hold a BBQ sausage sizzle on Saturday 14th February for a couple of hours during their weekly T20 Blast tournament. The T20 Blast features primary school aged children from across the City of Glen Eira (a dozen teams participate each week). If you are able to help, please contact Adrian Nelson.

