

# Australia 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> News from Down Under

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G'day family and friends,

I hope this letter finds you well, sorry for a lack of updates! I have just finished my fourth month here, boy oh boy how time has flown by! My weeks are reasonably full and busy at the moment and so I would love to share a bit of what they look like. I have made sure to pack a load of photos throughout, and there are **prayer points in bold as well**.

As mentioned in my previous newsletter I'm living at a place called Golden Grove (GG), this is where my week begins with the Monday being a day of cleaning guest rooms, dusting, hoovering and some gardening. However, as it has been such wet weather, I have done very little gardening, which is a shame. I also work at GG on Thursday's. I find these days surprisingly restful, who knew hoovering could be so therapeutic (I think I pull off the cleaner look)! Working as well as living at GG has also enabled me to meet a variety of characters, who are lovely and interesting. As well as the duties I have just listed, I do the odd receptionist duties, which consists of booking people into GG. **Please pray for opportunities to share the Christian hope with the guests as many have loved ones in hospital.**

In the last couple months, I have started football coaching at St Andrews Cathedral School, this has been a fantastic opportunity and a great way to spend a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. The boys are very easy to coach and so this makes it an enjoyable experience, the weather has made it slightly more tedious as it was the wettest March in 150 years. **Please pray that I would be bold to share my faith with the boys.**



Biblical theology Lecture  
at Moore College

One of my favorite times of the week is Thursday morning. This is when I go into Moore College and listen to a lecture on Biblical theology, I have to admit a lot of it goes over my head but the things that I do understand are so interesting and just awesome! I also get to enjoy a lunch with the Moore students, getting to know them has been super encouraging and a great to share in fellowship. **Please pray that I would be an avid listener in these lectures.**



Prior lunch cricket  
at Moore college

I'm based in St Andrews Cathedral on Wednesday and Sunday mornings. I get the joy of doing creche on Wednesday mornings whilst the women's bible study happens. I have loved getting stuck into this and I have really appreciated spending time with the little ones we look after, as I miss my younger siblings. After creche I do a bible study with the Dean, Sandy Grant, which has been so insightful as he is such a personable and enthusiastic biblical teacher. Wednesday evening is when we have the healing (prayer) service, I feel I have been able to get to know more people during this service as I don't have to do the livestream duties anymore. There is such a mix of individuals, all with such extraordinary backgrounds. Sunday mornings contain two services that I attend, the 8:30am

Easter Sunday at the Cathedral,  
about 550 people attended

and the 10:30am. The 10:30 Youth has been exciting as it has not happened over the last couple of years due to covid. Myself and two other leaders have started that up again, numbers have been consistent and we are seeing the same faces again and again which is awesome! We have just come back from a weekend Christian camp in the blue mountains. The topic we focused on was Joy, I found this challenging but also encouraging. **Praise God for the fun we had and that friendships were able to grow.**



Some photos at the weekend Christian Camp, KYCK!

Doing a barbie for the CU at Shore School in the pouring rain!!!



Then on Friday I attend Shore school, where I help out with their Christian Union, and also sit in on some of the Christian studies lessons. This has been hard getting to know the boys as they have such an irregular timetable and because there is so many coming to the meeting each week. **Please pray for endurance as it is challenging trying to build relationships. Praise God for the numbers who attend the CU.**



The views from the school!



A CU meeting, we have over 100 boys consistently!



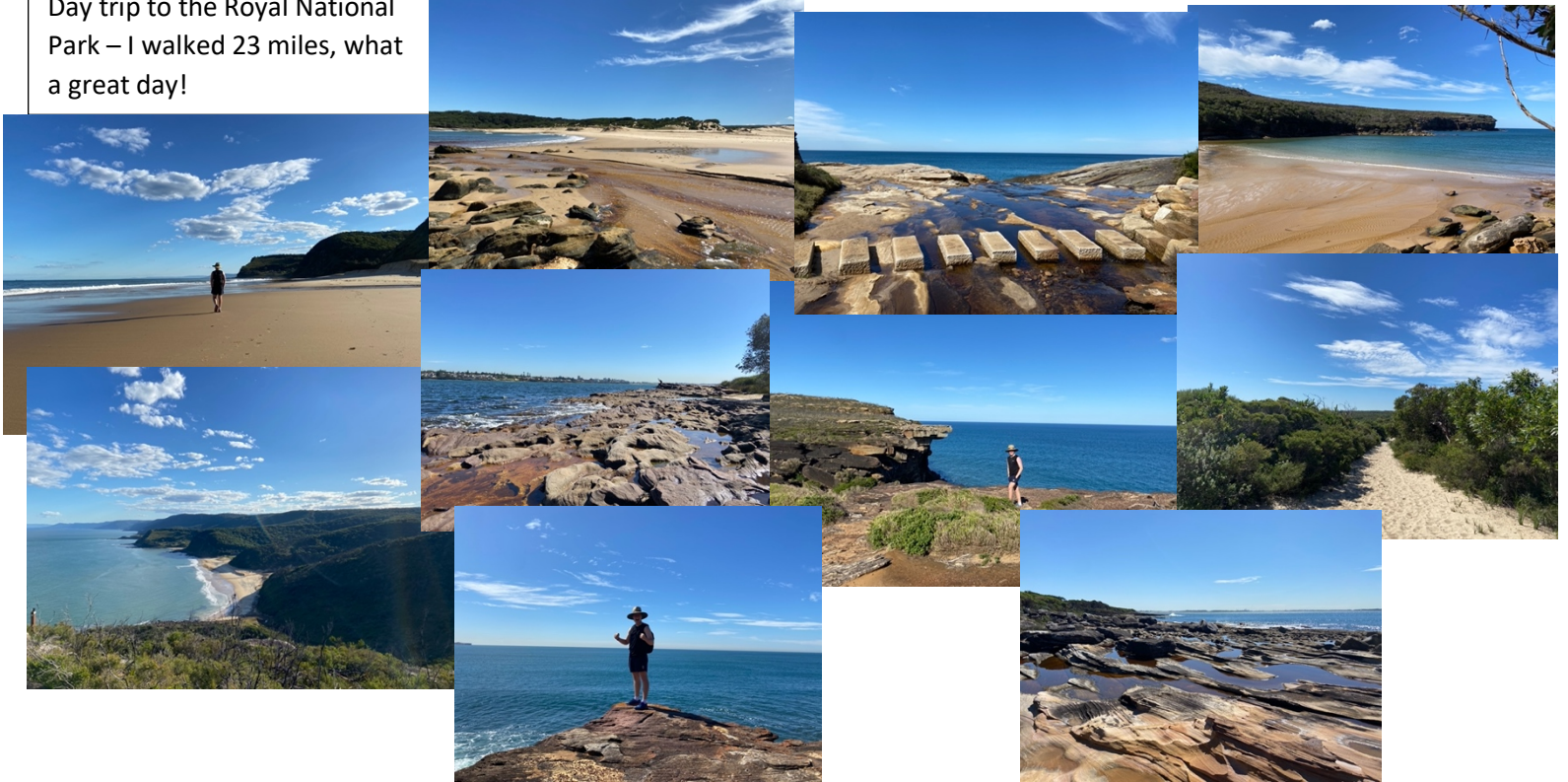
Here's a load more photos showing what I have been able to get up to on my days off and over the Easter holidays. I hope the photos give you an idea of how beautiful parts of Australia are.



I have been to the Blue Mountains a couple of times now, once visiting my Mum and Uncle's old youth leaders. Another time to meet up with a great guy who I lead with on CRU sports camp.



Day trip to the Royal National Park – I walked 23 miles, what a great day!









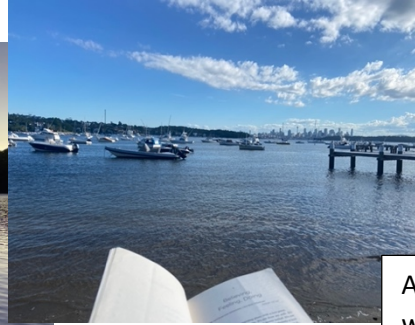


I went to a South Sydney Rabbitohs game, where I met Sonny Bill Williams.



Going to Messina with the Wednesday night bible study group as a social

Staying with a family from the Cathedral for the Easter weekend, they live in the most beautiful location, Grays Point. They are so lovely and have been such a blessing to me, I really enjoyed spending time with them.



A day off visiting Watsons bay with a fish and chips lunch



My first AFL game at the SCG with Sam, Jack and Soph

I am so grateful to be here and to be able to experience so much! I am really excited to see what the next couple of months might entail, a couple of things that have really challenged me so far are, where do I put my trust and hope? And where do I look to for true joy and satisfaction? I would like to thank you all back home for your continued support in messages, facetimes, gifts and prayers. Please do email back and tell me how you are doing, I would love to hear from you all!

Sending love and blessings,  
George

The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.  
My heart leaps for joy,  
and with my song I praise him. Psalm 28:7