

NYSF Australia 2011 - Happy New Year!

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We're just preparing to leave for the NYSF in Canberra. We've had a great time in Brisbane. On New Year's Day, we went into the city. For a while, we roamed the streets, and we got to see the State Parliament. We then took a mini-ferry called a City Cat across the river to South Bank, which is home to the Wheel of Brisbane. This was built for the World Expo '88. South Bank has now been converted into a beautiful park with swimming pools and man-made beaches. That night, we went back to South Bank - it is a popular spot to usher in the New Year. There were two huge firework shows, at 8:30, and at midnight. They were amazing - our Canada Day firework show in Ottawa definitely has something to learn from them!

The very next day, we headed to the Gold Coast. We stayed in an apartment that Isabella's family owns. When we arrived, it was cloudy and rainy, but we still went in the water. The waves were so huge and powerful! I was tossed around so many times! That night, we had fish and chips from a local restaurant, and we watched a few episodes of an Australian TV show (The Chaser's War on Everything).

When we got up the next morning, it was a beautiful sunny day! We went for a bit of a walk by the beach, admiring the beautiful sand and waves. It was perfectly picturesque! Finally, we jumped into the water.

We then went to surfer's paradise, a suburb along the Gold Coast with another amazing beach. When we finally started heading back to Brisbane, we got stuck in a huge traffic jam! This was slightly worrisome, as we had to get back so we could catch the coach to Canberra. Luckily, we arrived in time to grab something to eat and still be a bit early for the coach.

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