

Rostov-on-Don

Seven Ambassadors from Rostov-on-Don visited the Sunshine Coast from 3 to 10 November 2014. Welcome and farewell functions were held in members' homes and trips to a farm, boat cruises, Melbourne Cup function, a walk in a rain forest, BBQs and picnics were part of the programme which was greatly appreciated by the Ambassadors. Some took advantage of optional extras by visiting Australia Zoo and Under Water World and they all enjoyed swimming at the beach. A formal visit to the Mayor was balanced by the very informal atmosphere of the farewell function where delicious Mooloolaba prawns were on the menu. The ideals of Friendship Force were expressed in the farewell speeches which included an email message from FFI's CEO, Joy DiBenidetto.



Hosts waiting to welcome Ambassadors at Maroochydhore airport



Hosts and Ambassadors at the Melbourne Cup



Fantastic Mooloolaba prawns at the Farewell Function



An early morning departure



Dressed up for the Melbourne Cup



Михаил Алехин at Australia Zoo, Sunshine Coast.