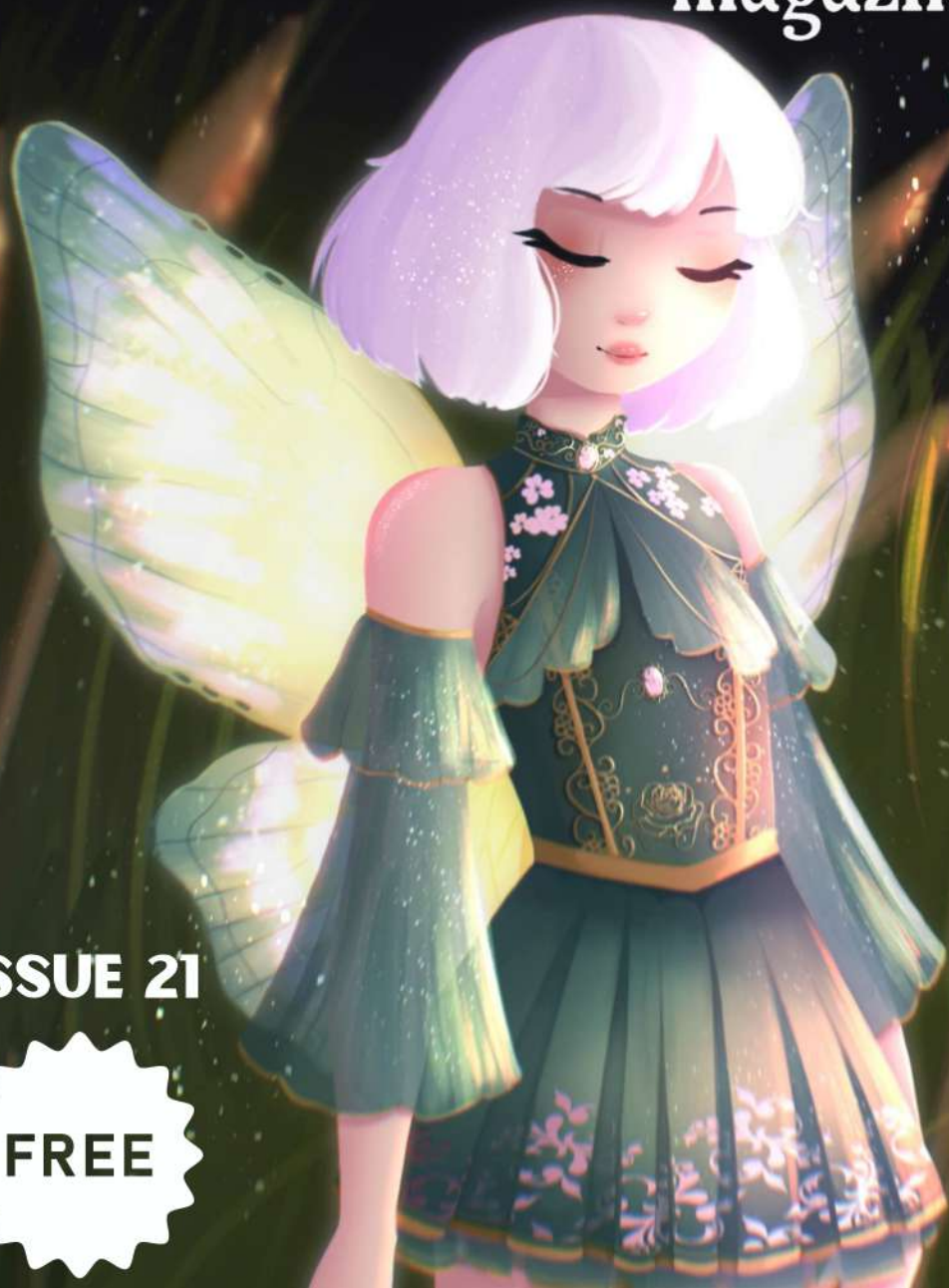


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Ambedo aims to inspire its readers, make a positive impact, and create a better awareness of the local arts, music, events, business, and, most importantly, youth culture within the City of Greater Bendigo.

As a Bendigo magazine for young people by young people, our YO Media team always ensures that issues that matter to its readers are placed at the forefront. Our goal is to create something that local young people can rely on as a portal into the community of Bendigo and everything it has to offer.

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## Front Cover Artist Profile:


# JEMMA MUNRO

My name is Jemma (or J.D), and I'm a 20-year-old digital artist who began my creative journey with traditional art at age 11. At 13, I transitioned to digital art, and though my early attempts were far from perfect, with dedication and perseverance I have honed my skills over time. Art is a massive creative outlet for me and allows me to create fun and colourful works inspired by a variety of emotions and ideas. I enjoy working with different themes and often experiment with different styles.



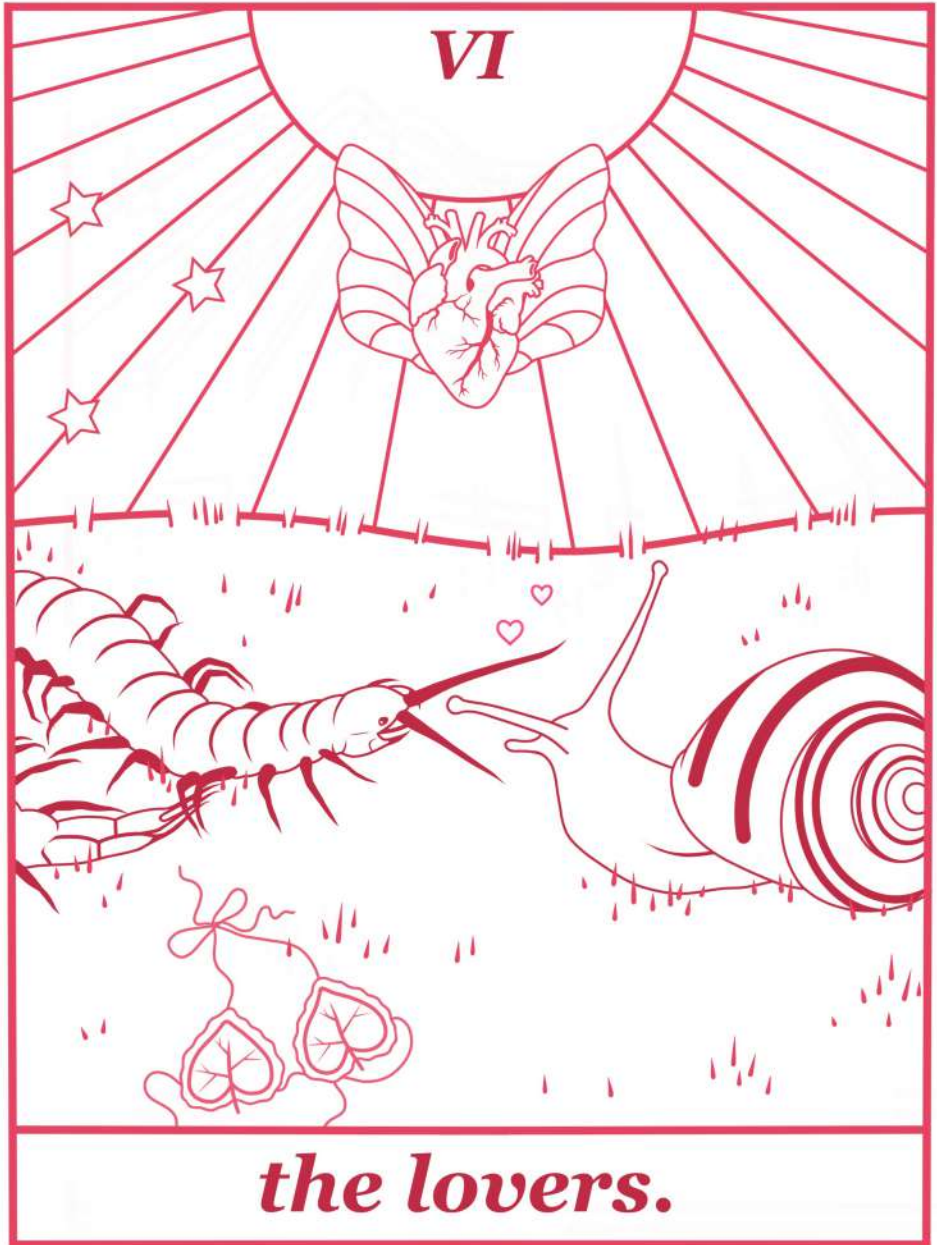
Graeme Base's illustrations in his books always amazed me as a child, the attention to detail and his composition inspired me a lot when I began doing art. These influences shape my approach to creating vivid and dynamic digital art. I've always admired the beauty in Vincent Van Gogh's and Salvador Dalí's works, which profoundly inspire me. Van Gogh uses vibrant colour palettes and unique textures to create beautiful works and Dalí creates surreal and detailed pieces.



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# VANESSA CAMPI

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**Sara  
Ellen**



## Local Business

### Interview by Connor Findlay

**C** Tell us a bit about yourself?

**S** I'm Sara, been in Bendigo for a couple of years now and have been doing this biz since just before COVID started, but really got the time to do more of it during lockdown. I'm also part of the Ambedo Team so hello!

**C** What does your business do/sell?

**S** Entomology specimens, jewelry, and art.

**C** Is it an online store, or a physical store?

**S** A mix of both, I sell online and also at local markets around Bendigo. I currently stock specimens at Pagan Lore Tattoo in Golden Square. As well as jewellery and some specimens at In.cube8r Melbourne Central.

**C** What was your inspiration behind starting your business?

**S** I have always wanted to create art for a living so the inspiration has just been that, but the insect side came from learning to pin them during covid. I started just doing it for myself but took a few failed ones to a market and people loved them so decided to start making them for others as well.

**C** What is your favorite kind of bug?

**S** It's a toss-up between centipedes and weevils at the moment. I also really like Old Lady Moths.

**C** If you could turn into any kind of bug, which would you choose, and why?

**S** Easy question, a weevil.

**C** Is there anything else you want to add?

**S** Check out my Instagram to see what fun things I've been making, and if you see me at a market come say hi!



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# RAW Arts 2024

## AMBEDO AWARD

Interview by Connor Findlay

In June, the 25th annual RAW Arts award was held, showcasing some of the finest youth artists in the City of Greater Bendigo region. Since 2022, the Ambedo Magazine has presented the “Ambedo Award” to an artist who shares and showcases life as a young person in Bendigo.

This year’s winner of the Ambedo Award is Benjamin Martin, with his music video of ‘HOTMESS’, performed by Setho. Ben’s video is a brilliant accompaniment of Setho’s song, fitting the themes and tone. Fortunately, we were able to grab Ben Martin, and ask him a few questions about his video!

**C** Explain a little bit about your art piece

**B** This music video was my first project of 2024. I worked with local artist ‘Setho’, who is originally from Bendigo and a long-time collaborator of mine! He provided the song, and from there, I brainstormed this piece from planning to postproduction. The video follows a rough storyline that includes the featured artist on the song, ‘Juiceboxx’. The whole process from beginning to end took about 4-5 weeks in total.

**C** What is the message/theme of the video?

**B** With the visuals I created, I wanted to show Seth and Juice’s personalities through the video by adding humorous undertones to the storyline. There wasn’t really any deeper meaning behind the video, just some nice visuals to go along with Setho’s song!

**C** Are there any other pieces that you’ve done?

**B** Since this video, I’ve created around four other music videos this year, alongside some smaller short-form and photography projects here and there. There is a lot in the works.

**C** Who else helped you out with this project?

**B** This project was entirely planned, shot, and edited by me. I didn’t feel the need to bring on other help for this project as I was confident that I could complete it solo.

# HOT



# HOTMESS

**C** How long did the process take (writing, recording, mixing, filming)?

Roughly 4-5 weeks in total.

**C** What would have been the hardest part about the production?

**B** The hardest part about production was definitely pre-production. Trying to organise props, timings and locations proved a bit of a challenge, but it all worked out in the end.

**C** Are you currently working on any new projects?

**B** Currently I have a few projects underway, from music videos to spec ad work. Definitely keeping busy!

**C** What would have been the most fun part?

**B** Definitely our shoot day! Setho and Juice both brought their own humour and personality into the video which was amusing to see from behind the camera.

**C** Is there anything else you wanted to share about Hot Mess, or yourself?

**B** That's it really, I'm super proud of this project and definitely going to be doing more videos with Setho in the near future!



SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE TO WATCH HOTMESS

Follow the Artist Ben Martin on Instagram to stay up to date with his latest work!

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# HIDDEN GEMS:

BY CHLOË NGUYEN-DRURY



## Pinoy Tambayan

CAFE AND SNACK BAR

Are you looking for a new place to grab a coffee, chill out with friends, or take ~aesthetic~ pics for Instagram? Check out Pinoy Tambayan Café and Snack Bar!

**A Filipino fusion café serving up food and drinks in a cute laneway spot (Lyttleton Terrace next to the Wholefoods Kitchen, across from Coles).**

We sat down with manager Aeri Dimacuja to chat about the café and what it's like to bring new flavours to Bendigo.

Pinoy Tambayan is a family-run operation owned by Aeri's sister Ari Ballantyne and her husband Douglas Ballantyne. "The business is under my sister and brother-in-law's name, and I'm the only one who's managing the kitchen," says Aeri. "We work together. It's better."

The café first opened on Good Friday and had a grand opening two weeks later. Their clientele has been a mix of demographics: "A lot of Filipino come in for food, and a lot of Australians come in for coffee," says Aeri. "We're trying to let the Australians know about the Filipino food and coffees."



Their menu features a mix of traditional and fusion eats like Filipino spaghetti and croissant waffles with strawberry and chocolate topping. For people who have never tried Filipino food before, Aeri recommends adobo, the national dish of the Philippines. She also recommends the Turo-Turo Special, which is a combination of kikiam (fish rolls) and fish balls.

We tried the Kondensada (Spanish Latte) and Ube (Taro Drink). The Ube is similar to a taro bubble tea, but with a sweeter, stronger flavor. The Kondensada is made with condensed milk and special beans imported straight from the Philippines. "The Spanish latte is like Vietnamese coffee since it has condensed milk as well," says Aerie. "But it tastes a little different because our beans are from the Philippines itself. We call it on the Philippines 'kapeng barako' but the bean itself is called liberica." The café also hopes to sell whole liberica beans when shipping is more reliable.



Aeri says the café is popular amongst teenagers who come in to hang out after school. It's a perfect spot to chill with friends or grab a quick bite, and it's great for photo ops. The cozy alleyway has exposed brick murals and street art, and newly-installed Edison bulbs add a warm glow. They also have comfy patio seating, a selection of board games, and even blankets for those chilly winter days. In addition, they sell goods from local artists and small businesses.

Aeri mentions, "I think the Filipino cuisine is not really advertised a lot [...] but people feel interested in knowing about it." Bendigo has only one other Filipino restaurant, but Pinoy Tambayan's popularity (among both Filipino and non-Filipino people) shows there is definitely a desire for new and diverse food options in Bendigo.



 [pinoytambayan.bendigo](https://www.instagram.com/pinoytambayan.bendigo)



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# TOMORROW AND TOMORROW AND TOMORROW

By Gabrielle Zevin

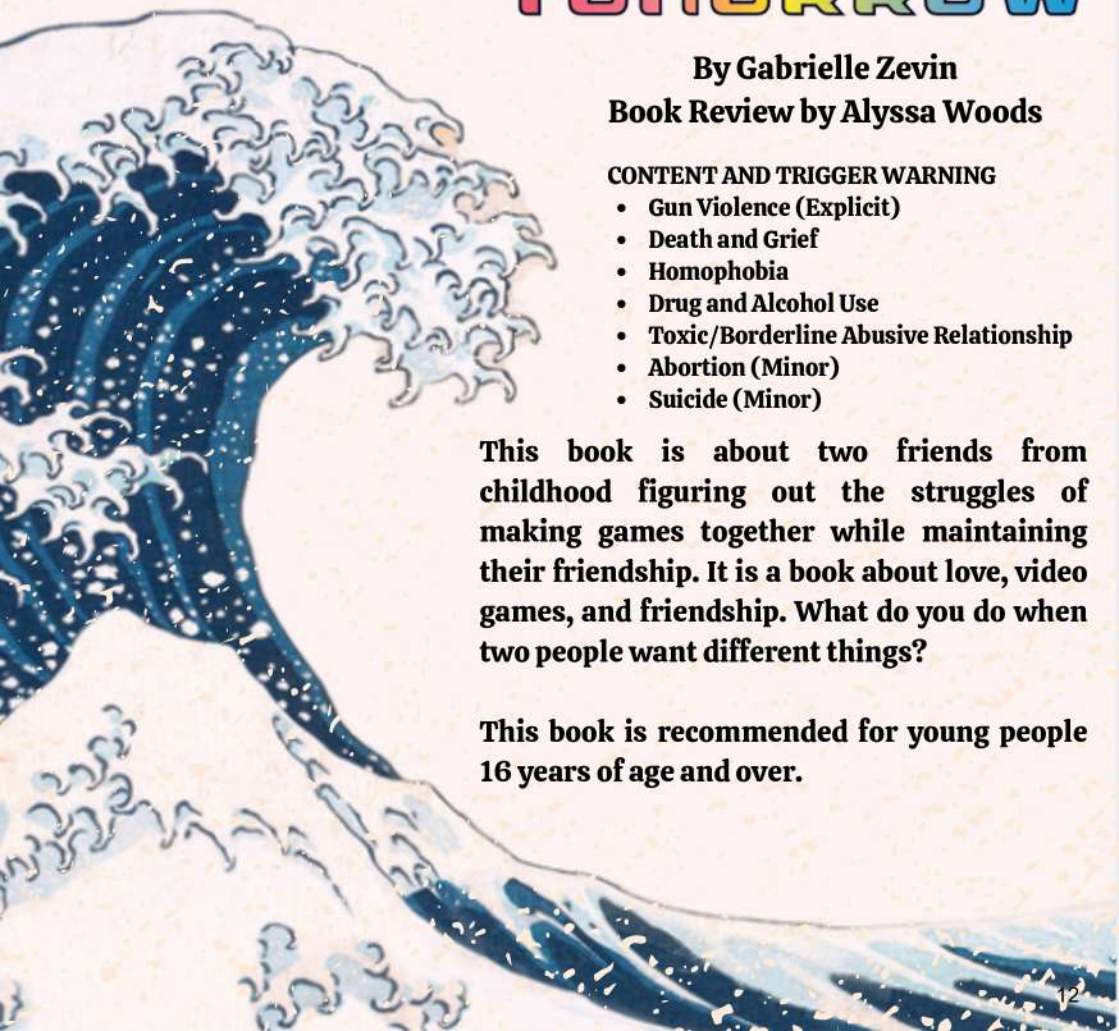
Book Review by Alyssa Woods

#### CONTENT AND TRIGGER WARNING

- Gun Violence (Explicit)
- Death and Grief
- Homophobia
- Drug and Alcohol Use
- Toxic/Borderline Abusive Relationship
- Abortion (Minor)
- Suicide (Minor)

This book is about two friends from childhood figuring out the struggles of making games together while maintaining their friendship. It is a book about love, video games, and friendship. What do you do when two people want different things?

This book is recommended for young people 16 years of age and over.



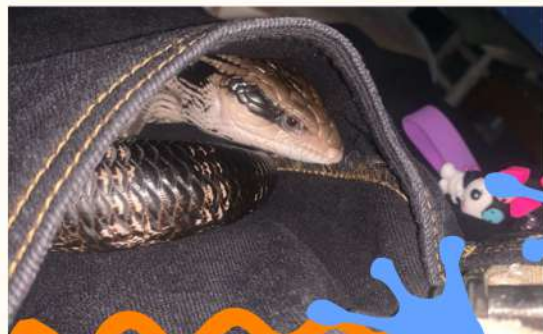
# HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PET LIZARD

## DO YOU WANT TO OWN A LIZARD?

Here are some of the key things that you should know

**Keep them warm!** Lizards are reptiles- this means they are cold-blooded and need to soak up sunlight or warmth from heaters. So getting a heat lamp or heat mat is a must-have in their enclosure; this ensures that their body temperature doesn't drop too low. The only exception is during winter when you must turn down their heaters and leave them to sleep. Since lizards spend a lot of time in the sun soaking up the warmth and getting Vitamin D, it is a good idea to get a UV light.

**Provide hiding spots.** Another very important thing to have in your lizard's enclosure is spots for them to hide. Even if they don't feel threatened, they might still want spaces to hide or go to sleep in.



**Make sure you have enough room.** A common beginner's mistake is not knowing how much lizards can grow; therefore, getting a big enough enclosure for them is very important so they can grow freely without running out of room.

**Know what to do when they're shedding.** When your lizard is shedding their skin, try to make sure it is not having any trouble with its ears, nose, eyes, or feet, as these spots can be tricky for them to shed. They may become agitated sometimes during their shedding. So if they hiss at you, give them some space so you don't stress them out.

BY MJ GIBBS



**This is Styx !**

**Pick them up properly.** When you pick up your lizard, hold them with support under their belly, as well as their front and back legs and tail.

**Give them love!** Give love to your lizard like you would to any other animal; give them attention and pats. Often my lizard will lay on my chest to get some warmth and go to sleep. It is important that you show them that you are not going to hurt them so they can build trust and love from that.

My pet lizard's name is Styx. She's a Blue Tongue Lizard and I have had her for almost 3 years. She loves to eat all my food, with some of her favourites being mashed potatoes, packet pasta, yabbies, and grapes. She loves it in summer when I make fruit drinks and give her some. I have taken her to many places in Bendigo like the movies, the supermarket, Bunnings. I have even taken her out to a restaurant and even to the beach! Styx has become my best friend and is very important to me. She is the coolest lizard around and has helped me a lot over the years




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# PSYCHO



## INTERVIEW

BY MJ GIBBS

**MJ** What is the name of your band and how did you come up with it?

**Z** It started with the name Dream Dilemma but we wanted to change it to something more suiting to the sludge genre, so we went with Psychosybin which we thought was the name for Psilocybin."

**MJ** What is the process that you take to make your music and how would you describe the music you make?

**Z** Make a riff, then jam with the band and then create lyrics as I play. We make sludge and doom.

**MJ** How do you feel when you are at gigs and what is your favorite show that you have done?

**Z** I feel nervous and scared, but our favorite show is the house party show that we planned and also playing at Last Chance Rock and Roll Bar in Melbourne recently

**MJ** What made you want to start a band, and has it always been a dream of yours to be in a band?


**Z** I always hated music, but then when I was 15, I got into psychedelic rock and it just clicked. I got into guitar and have always tried making bands- I've made and been in 6 bands before Psychosybin



**MJ** What made you want to play guitar and when did you start playing?

**Z** I started when I was 15. I listened to the song 'Muffin Man' by Frank Zappa for the first time and was blown away by the guitar solo. I also wanted to create noise like Les Rallizes Denudes.



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**MJ** How do you come up with the name and the lyrics of your songs and what is your favorite song that you have written?

**Z** Personal experiences and just reading books and watching films. I always get a random idea during the day, then I'll write it down and keep it for maybe a title or a theme. So far I really love 'flower fuzz' and 'herbert's flower box', they're both pretty cool.

**MJ** What got you into music and if you could play with any famous person who would it be?

**Z** I started making music because of the feelings and emotions that can be portrayed through it, the way it just makes everyone feel different things and causes a new conversation to happen, it is fascinating. I would love to play with Jus Oborn, or Tony Iommi, they seem like they would be pretty chill.

**MJ** What artists do you use as inspiration for your own music and who is your music aimed at?

**Z** For inspiration we look at Electric Wizard, Les Rallizes Denudes, Eyehategod, Acid King, Jucifer, Alice In Chains, Yob, Thou and Korn. We usually aim for people our age who are interested in similar things but we also just don't care who listens, as long as we're having fun making it.

**MJ** Has it always been a dream of yours to be in a band?

**Z** Nah.



# How To Plan An Overseas Trip

Written By Connor Findlay

Thinking of planning that wonderful getaway trip outside of Australia? Well look no further for those simple travel tips, written by another eager, yet admittedly beginner traveller.

I had recently returned from a **four-month working holiday in Japan**, living in the Northern mountains, while also visiting Tokyo and Osaka. I got a few travel tips from others around the world, and my dear sisters, Emily and Louise, who have travelled many times.

## Easily forgettable items:

Items like chargers, pajamas, and a reusable water bottle may slip your mind while packing. Be sure to pack comfortable footwear, even if you aren't planning on walking long distances. If you are backpacking, or going into more remote areas, consider your hiking gear, first aid kits, and even a personal locating beacon or charged phone to call for help. I also recommend looking into travel adaptors before traveling away, in case you need to buy alternative cables. My computer charger couldn't plug into a Japanese adaptor, so I had to use a different charger for the whole trip.

## Passport, visas and insurance:

These three are essential to travel. If you can't afford insurance, you can't afford to travel. Many countries recommend that your passport is valid for at least six months, so be sure that it is up to date. Some countries require visas to enter and stay over a long period as well. Be sure to apply for these visas with plenty of time in advance. Consult the embassy website for any visa requirements, as it usually requires a lot of paperwork and forms to be filled out in advance. If you need help with travel insurance quotes, I recommend Travel Centre in Bath Lane, Bendigo. As a first-time traveler, they were able to help me with an affordable quote. The staff was also friendly, and well-travelled too.



## Flight booking:

To search for flights, I used [skyscanner.com](https://www.skyscanner.com). It helps to compare different websites and airline prices, but I recommend using the website on an Incognito browser, as the website can bump up the prices if you use it multiple times. The website also tells you which days are more expensive to travel, usually on weekends. When I flew to Japan, I departed on a Thursday evening, and it was significantly cheaper than if I were to travel on a weekend or during the day.

Choosing your seat can also be a big decision to make for some. I recommend an aisle seat if you're on a long flight because it allows you to stretch your legs more easily in the aisle and get up to the toilet without disturbing anyone. A window seat might be good for a first-time flier, as well as an overnight flight.

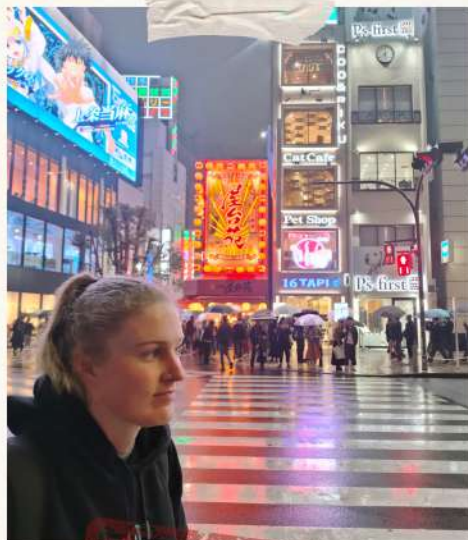


## What do I do? What can I see?

Whether it's your first time overseas, or you are an experienced traveler, it's always a good idea to see what's around before travelling. Obviously, you'll want to go to big tourist sites, like theme parks, temples, and the city, but also consider smaller attractions, like markets, restaurants, and galleries. You will see that each major city has a few major attractions that pull in many tourists, but if you look around the streets, you might end up finding something unique and hidden. My sister and I, Emily, were walking through the streets just south of Tokyo looking for a restaurant, and we discovered an aquarium, full of amazing jellyfish, octopus, turtles, and even capybaras.

## How am I getting around?

Public transport and travel may be very different in other countries and include modes of transport that we don't even have in Australia. If you're going to take a taxi, or anything similar, be sure it looks legitimate, and that it is a documented company. Look into train and road infrastructure, as it will be more built up and better maintained in the cities. If you are travelling to a different part of the country over land or sea, book your travel dates well in advance, to avoid disappointment, or move around any possible cancellations.



*"Special thanks to my sister Emily, who made sure I didn't get lost in a city of 40 million"*



## What am I allowed to do?


It is important to research local laws and customs before travelling overseas. Be aware of all the dangers in the country you are travelling in, and not just laws. Weather, climate, and natural disasters can also be a hazard to consider. Crime may be more prevalent in regional areas, or cities as well.

For a good, comprehensive, and well-updated site for safe travelling, I would recommend <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/>, a service provided by the Australian Government. This website gives up-to-date and detailed travel advice on almost every country in the world, including advice on healthcare requirements, local laws and customs, and consular advice on national embassies.

**REMEMBER!** You are subject to all local laws and penalties, including those that may appear harsh by Australian standards. If you're arrested or jailed, the Australian Government will do what it can to help you, but it can't get you out of trouble or out of jail.

The most important thing is to have fun, try new things, experience a completely different culture, and also take loads of pics to show your friends back at home!

# RUE WATERS

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# AMBEDO FORTUNES

ADVICE, AFFIRMATIONS AND  
FORTUNES FROM THE TEAM

**“People pleasing is over, become unacceptable”**

**“If you're encountering a boss  
fight, that means you're going in  
the right direction”**

**“Ah, you may leave here for  
four days in space. but when  
you return, it's the same old  
place”**

**“Don't kill the part of  
you that is cringe, kill  
the part that cringes”**

**“Those who have the ability to  
take action, have the  
responsibility to take action”**

**“Do whatever you want forever”**

# PHASES MOON

by Mj Gibbs

Some people find the **phases of the moon** interesting. How the phases of the moon work, how they affect us, and what they mean. There are **eight moon phases** and each of them play a different role. The eight phases begin with a new moon, following with a Waxing Crescent, First Quarter, Waxing Gibbous, Full Moon, Waning Gibbous, Third Quarter, and a Waning Crescent.

**Full Moon** – This moon phase is halfway through the lunar cycle. This moon can also help improve your intuition as it is known for good luck and increasing your emotions. However, some people might find it harder to fall asleep when there is a full moon.

**Waning Gibbous** – The Waning Gibbous moon phase is the sixth moon phase in the lunar cycle. It is a good time to re-think your goals and be grateful for the things that have happened around you. This moon phase will help you become more self-aware, which will be helpful for your personal growth.

**Third Quarter** – The third quarter is the seventh phase of the lunar cycle (also known as a half-moon). It is also the second last moon phase of the lunar cycle. This moon phase symbolizes empowerment. This moon cycle is so close to a completely new lunar cycle, so during this phase it is important to start letting go.

**Waning Crescent** – The Waning Crescent is the last moon in the lunar cycle. This moon phase is a time for rest and healing, and is a time for self-reflection and fully letting go of things you are holding on to. During the last moon of the lunar cycle, you want to be able to start fresh for the next new moon.



**New Moon** – The new moon is the first moon phase of the lunar cycle. A new moon takes place about once a month, this is because of the time it takes to orbit the Earth. This moon phase symbolizes growth, intention, and hope. It is also a time for new beginnings. In this moon phase your emotions are pulled to the surface and your feelings are felt more deeply.

**Waxing Crescent** – This is the second phase of the lunar cycle, known as a rebuilding phase. This moon phase is perfect for self-improvement as the moon has re-emerged with new energy. It is an ideal time to set intentions for the month ahead.

**First Quarter** – This moon phase happens halfway between the new moon and the full moon. This moon phase is a time for action, making decisions and commitment. In this moon phase, you might feel resistance and frustration, but it is also a great time for self-care.

**Waxing Gibbous** – The Waxing Gibbous moon is the fourth moon phase in the lunar cycle. This moon phase looks like the waxing crescent. This moon phase is a time for processing and preparation. It encourages you to go over your progress and make any adjustments you need to achieve your goals.

BELLA



# Teaching in the Northern Territory

Interview by Connor Findlay

Recently, I heard from a family friend, who had spent some time working at a school, in remote Northern Territory, with his partner. I was interested to hear about their experience and time there, and thought they'd might like to share it to anyone who might be interested in travelling for their work.



This is where Oli and Laura were!

**C** Where have you volunteered in this line of work?

**O** When I was doing my placement, we had to do a total of 20 weeks over the four years, which was crazy considering you never got paid for placement. Hence, to support myself when I was on placement, I worked a lot part-time, as although it takes a lot of time, placement is where you learn everything needed for the workplace. Outside of placement, I also coached football and cricket which was eventually how I got my foot in the door for my first job in Melbourne. You put your hand up for everything when you were trying to get a job, as it seemed to be much harder to find a teaching job back then than it is now. I remember a particular instance in 2014 when one job in Melbourne had over 120 people applying. You were lucky if schools even opened your application.

**C** Explain a bit about yourselves:

**O** Hi, I'm Oli, I have recently moved to Bendigo after living and working in the NT for 4.5 years. I recently became a dad when my partner, Laura, and I welcomed our daughter in January.

**C** How did you get into this work?

**O** I've been teaching for 10 years now, which is crazy to think, given the retention rate in teaching is quite low these days. I credit this to my absolute love of teaching. Originally, I tried another course at uni for six months before taking time out to work for another six months. During that time, I worked at a primary school and enjoyed it, so I decided to head off to study Education instead. I enjoyed my course and spent the day hanging out with a bunch of sports-mad individuals. I stuck at it, and 14 years later, here I am.



## C What are the duties and responsibilities?

O My first job was in Melbourne, working as a PE and Health Teacher, but I also taught some VCE Biology. After five years of working in different schools around Melbourne, my partner and I wanted a new challenge. We moved to Galiwin'ku, which is on Elcho Island, 550 km east of Darwin. The local school services the 2500 residents of the island, which is only accessible by plane. I was very lucky to get this position because it allowed us to get out of Melbourne before COVID-19, although most of the isolation issues already existed there due to the geographical isolation. On the island, I was a classroom teacher and then a specialist PE teacher at Shepherdson College. The athletic talent was immense at this college, despite the students facing many challenges that students on the mainland couldn't even comprehend. I was able to coordinate whole school sporting events, with the highlight being Arnhem Sports that Shepherdson held and won in 202



## C What would be the most rewarding part?

O The highlight was supporting the super-talented students to access sporting opportunities they may not be able to otherwise. We had one student make it to Nationals Athletics which was a super effort considering they had never run in shoes on an Athletics Track before. It just shows what's possible when you remove a few barriers for these kids in remote communities. There are Cathy Freeman's waiting to be discovered in communities.

## C Why did you move back to Bendigo?

O We were able to buy a place in Bendigo a few years back as it was affordable and central to our families who live within a few hours. Bendigo is big enough to have plenty of jobs and still has the country town vibes. We have liked it so far and have enjoyed being able to go shopping so easily rather than having to order online and wait 2 weeks for it to arrive by barge!

## C Is there anything else you'd like to add?

O If you're a teacher considering going remote I would certainly recommend giving it a shot.



# MY TIME AT AMBEDO

Hello readers! I'm Chloë, one of the writers here at Ambedo Magazine (see my Hidden Gems article on page 9).

For the past eight months, I've had the pleasure of working with the YO Media team to create Ambedo while getting to know Bendigo and its people a little better.

I'm from Canada, and after a few tough years of the pandemic, university, and working in healthcare, I knew I needed a major vacation.

I arrived in Australia in October on a working holiday visa. After a short period of solo travel (saw the Sydney Opera House, went to the NGV, all the touristy stuff), I settled in Bendigo with my partner.

Although I had a part-time job, I was itching for something more. I learned about Ambedo from a poster at Bendigo Records and decided it was time to get back in touch with my creative side. I've been writing since I was a little kid, but after high school I shifted focus to university and work, leaving me little time to continue my creative writing. From then on, I spent every Tuesday evening at the YO Bendigo hub. I was free to write about whatever interested me, with a focus on local events and topics.

Not every article idea made it to print (RIP Groovin The Moo), but I was still encouraged to explore Bendigo and all it had to offer. I voraciously researched local music gigs, chatted with small business owners, and attended Bendigo Pride events. But more than that, Ambedo was an opportunity to just hang out and talk to people my age; discuss what movies we were watching, what we were doing on the weekend, if anyone had any restaurant recommendations, our experiences with school, work and life.

If you're a young artist or writer, or if you just want a place to hang out and feel like part of a community, I can't recommend a better group of people than the team at Ambedo. I want to thank everyone I've worked with, with a special shout-out to the regular collaborators whom I've gotten to know over these past few months: Connor, Ella, Georgia, Izzy, Jesse, and Sara.

Hope to see you 'Down Under' again soon!

Sincerely, Chloë



# AVI COCKS





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# ANIME RECOMMENDATIONS

By Isabella Byrne

**Anime is a style of movie or animated TV series that has originated in Japan. They are usually subbed (original audio with English subtitles) or dubbed (audio is replaced with English translation). Anime films are typically an adaptation of a manga or an OVA (original video animated). Anime is typically made for anyone to view.**

## TV SHOWS

**Stars Align:** After Maki moves back to his hometown and joins the school's tennis club, the club faces the potential to close down for good. However, Maki sets out to prevent this from happening.

**Where to watch:** Crunchyroll

**Tags:** Drama, Slice of Life, School, Sports, LGBTQIA+

**Content Warning:** Psychological and physical abuse, bullying, homophobia, violence

**Given:** When high school student and guitarist, Ritsuka finds his classmate, Mafuyu, asleep hugging a broken and rusted guitar, Ritsuka teaches him how to play, forming the beginning of an amateur rock band.

**Where to watch:** Apple TV or Crunchyroll

**Tags:** Drama, Romance, Slice of Life, School, LGBTQIA+

## MOVIES

**Words Bubble Up Like Soda Pop:** Yui, a shy boy who expresses his emotions through haiku, and Yuki, an online streamer and influencer, meet and begin a relationship.

**Where to watch:** Netflix

**Tags:** Slice of Life, Music, Romance

**The Stranger By The Beach:** A queer love story following Shun and Mio as they move in together and encounter struggles in their relationship.

**Where to watch:** Apple TV or Crunchyroll

**Tags:** Drama, Romance, Slice of Life, LGBTQIA+

**Horimiya:** Two very different high school students from the same school run into each other looking very differently outside of school, sparking an agreement to keep each other's secrets and beginning a journey of learning the other sides of each other.

**Where to watch:** Apple TV, Crunchyroll

**Tags:** Slice of life, school, romance, comedy

**Heaven Official's Blessing:** Xie Lian, the crown prince of Xian Le Kingdom, ascends to heaven. However, his accidental destruction on his way up means he must descend again on a mission to stop the ghost groom.

**Where to watch:** Crunchyroll

**Tags:** Action, Adventure, Drama, Fantasy, Romance, Demons, Magic, LGBTQIA+

**A Silent Voice:** Shouya Ishida is a former bully who now suffers from severe social anxiety attempting to resolve his past mistakes with his former victims, including Shouko Nishimiya, a deaf girl he attended elementary school with.

**Where to watch:** Prime Video

**Tags:** Drama, Romance, Slice of Life, School  
**Content Warning:** Suicide

**Belle:** High school student Suzu enters a virtual world, known as 'the U' where she hears of the notorious 'The Dragon' and embarks on a journey to help him.

**Where to watch:** Watch Now

**Tags:** Drama, School, Music, Myster, Sci-Fi, Isekai, Fantasy

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# DIY STICKERS

## **You will need:**

- **Scissors**
- **Sticky tape**
- **Baking paper**
- **The pictures (Turn the page)**

**Step 1: Cut out the pictures on the page.**

**Step 2: Put a layer of sticky tape (sticky side down) onto the baking paper.**

**Step 3: Place the cut out pictures on top of the placed down sticky tape.**

**Step 4: Put on another layer of tape, this time on top of the cut out pictures.**

**Step 5: Cut out the pictures and leave a bit of a border.**

**You now have your stickers. You can either peel it off immediately to use it or store it for later use :) Do whatever you want!**

Cut along the line



Designed by Colf

# Meet The Team

**Current fave video game?**  
Jet Set Radio

**First game video game you ever played and what console?**  
Crash Bandicoot on the PS1

**If you could be a video game character, who would you be?**  
Kirby



 Connor

**Current fave video game?**  
Disco Elysium

**First game video game you ever played and what console?**  
Super Smash Brothers Brawl on the Wii

**If you could be a video game character, who would you be?**  
Harry Du Bois from Disco Elysium



 Cayla

**Current fave video game?**  
Animal Crossing

**First game video game you ever played and what console?**  
Diablo 2, Computer

**If you could be a video game character, who would you be?**  
Flappy Bird



 Sara

**Current fave video game?**  
Dress to impress Roblox

**First game video game you ever played and what console?**  
Wii u sports

**If you could be a video game character, who would you be?**  
Bowser



 Georgia

**Current fave video game?**  
Far Cry 5 or Dead by Daylight

**First game video game you ever played and what console?**  
Littlebigplanet on ps3

**If you could be a video game character, who would you be?**  
The Aquanaut from Loddlenaut

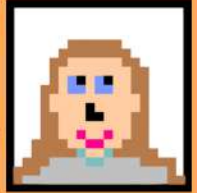


 Chloe

**Current fave video game?**  
Master Detective Achieves: RAIN CODE

**First game video game you ever played and what console?**  
Sonic Dash

**If you could be a video game character, who would you be?**  
A singular pixel



 Isabella

**Current fave video game?**  
Sims

**First game video game you ever played and what console?**  
12 Dancing Princesses on PS2

**If you could be a video game character, who would you be?**  
Navi from Zelda



 Ella

**Current fave video game?**  
EarthBound

**First game video game you ever played and what console?**  
Nintendogs on the DS

**If you could be a video game character, who would you be?**  
All of them



 Rui



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**AMBEDO**; noun.

A kind of melancholic trance in which you become completely absorbed in vivid sensory details - soaking in the experience of being alive.