

Annette in Australia



Hey folks!

BALI

DARWIN

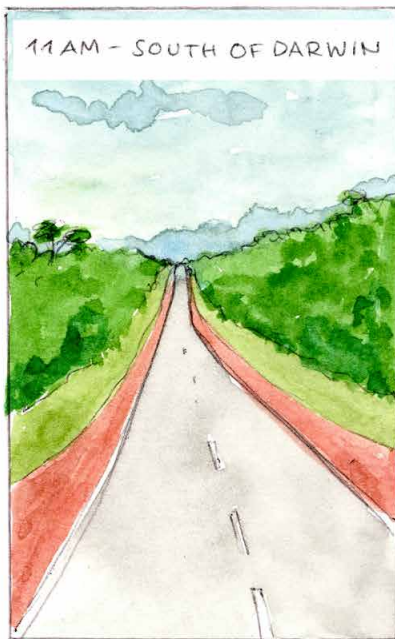
THAT'S ME, JUST ARRIVED AT THE AIRPORT IN SYDNEY. I AM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AUSTRALIA.

ALICE SPRINGS

SYDNEY
BILPIN

ONE WEEK AGO I HEADED OVER TO THIS CONTINENT FROM BALI.

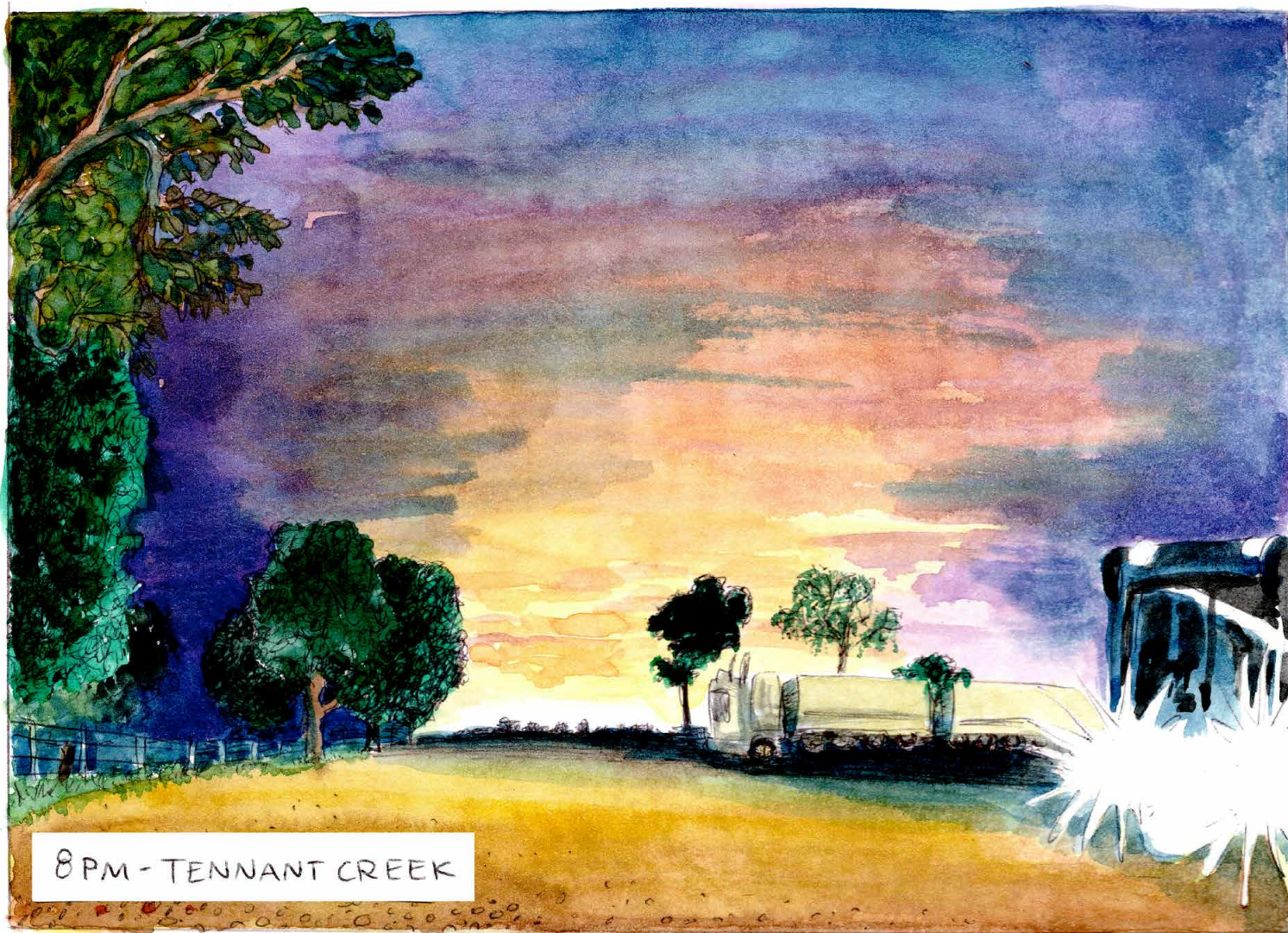
I WAS THEN GOING BY GREYHOUND BUS
FROM DARWIN TO ALICE SPRINGS.



11AM - SOUTH OF DARWIN



7PM - ELLIOTT



8PM - TENNANT CREEK

SUNRISE 6.26 AM, 134 KM TO ALICE SPRINGS.



BY THE WAY, AS MUCH AS I COULD I WAS LOOKING OUT OF THE WINDOW AT DAYTIME TO GLIMPSE ANY TYPICAL AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL.



SO, THE ONLY LIVING ANIMALS I CAN SPOT, ARE SOME BIRDS,



ANNOYING FLIES AND MOSQUITOS.



AND LOTS OF DEAD ONES. THE WHOLE WINDSCREEN IS A MASSACRE!



FINALLY IN THE
EARLY MORNING
AFTER A 20 HOUR
RIDE WE ARRIVE
IN ALICE SPRINGS.



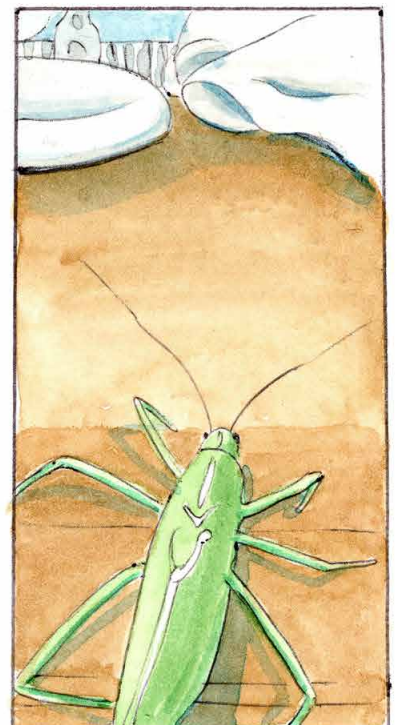
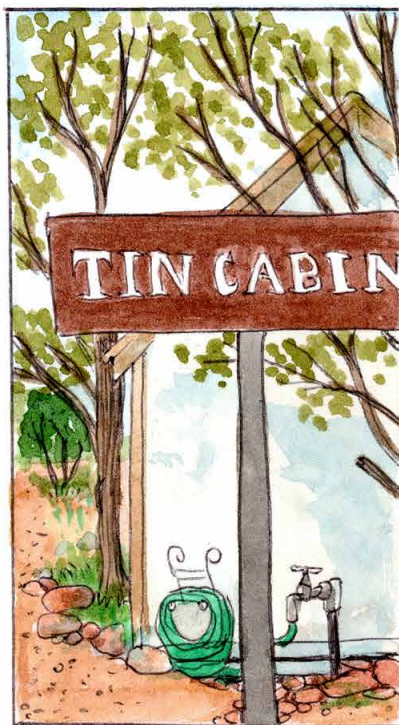
I HEAD DIRECTLY TO
MY ACCOMMODATION*
SOUTH OF THE TOWN,
IN THE MIDDLE OF
WILDERNESS.

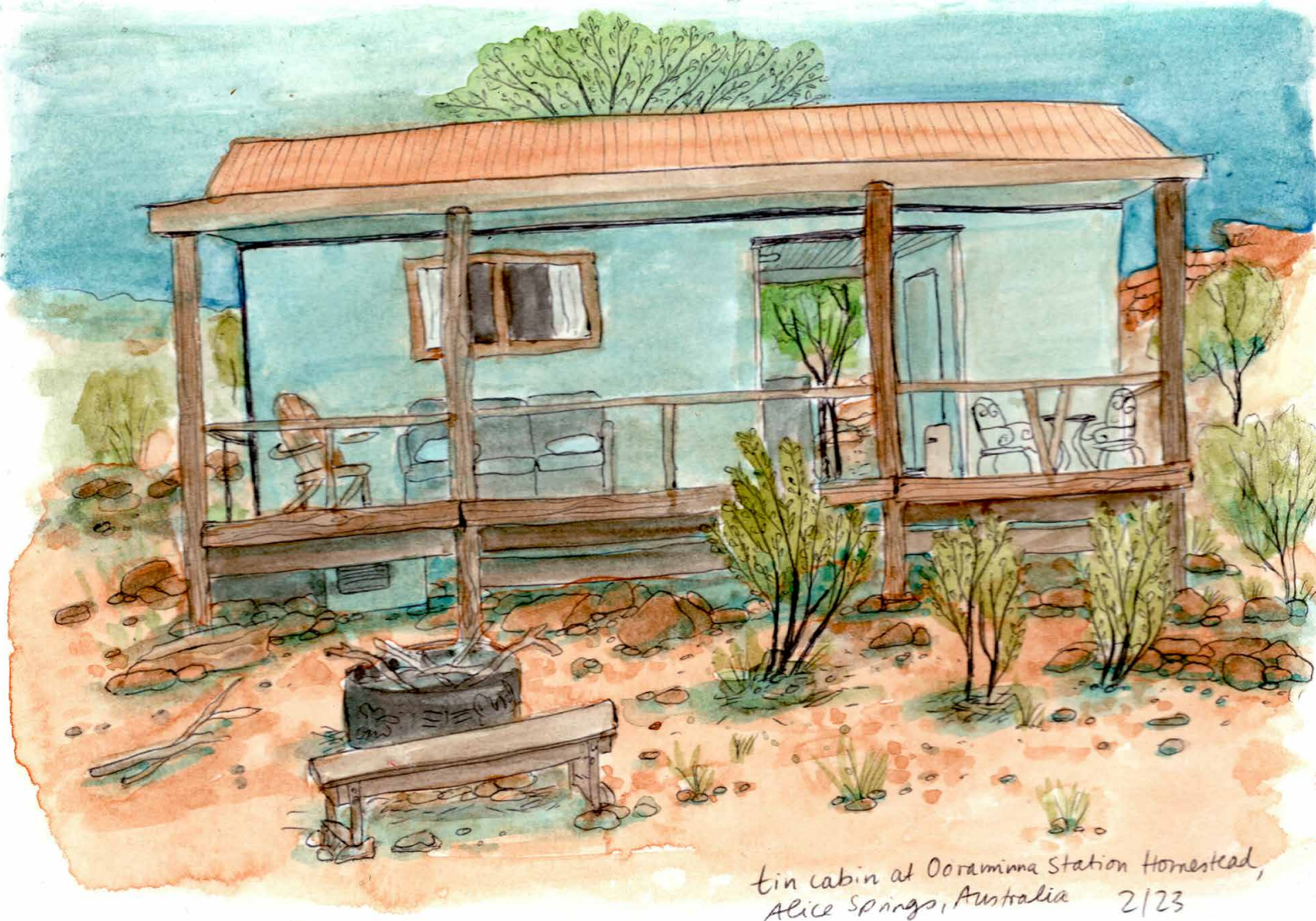
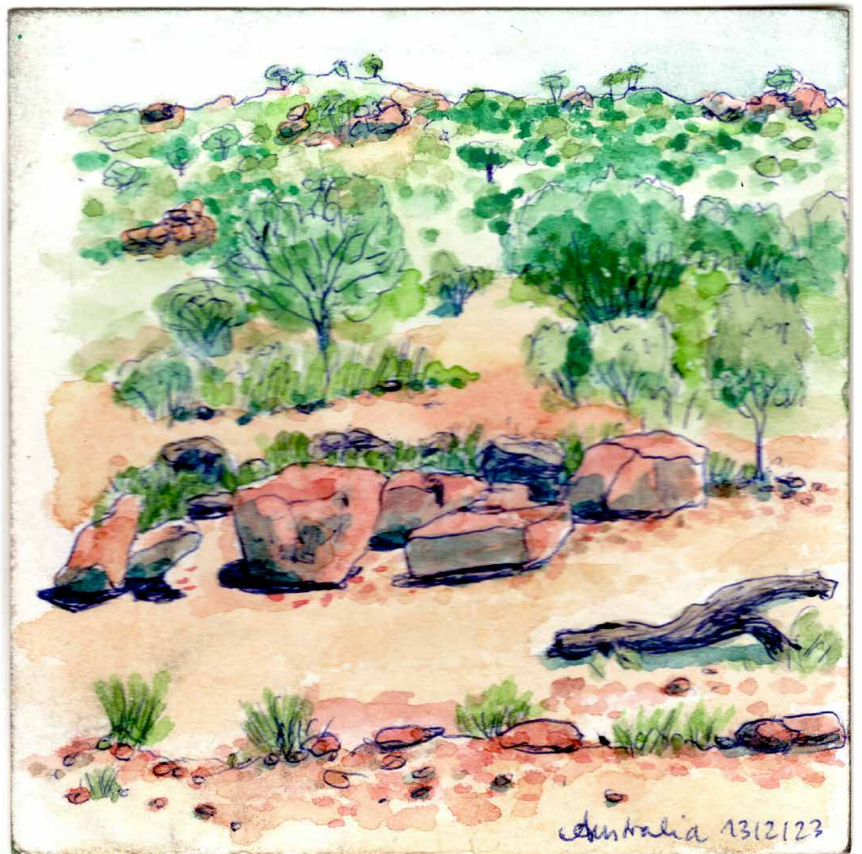
IT DOES NOT DISAPPOINT ME AT ALL.

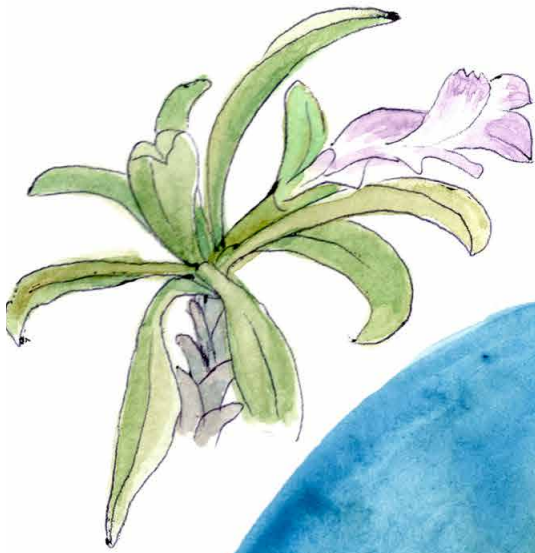


* OORAMINNA HOMESTEAD

I HAVE EVEN
MY OWN
CABIN:





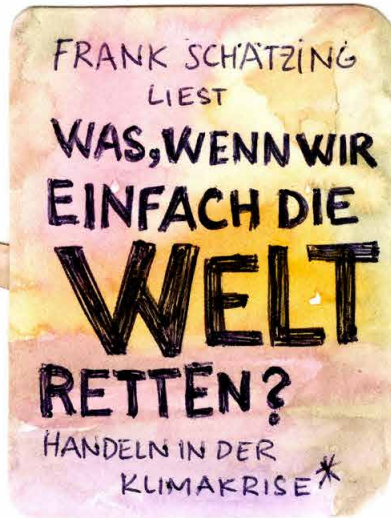
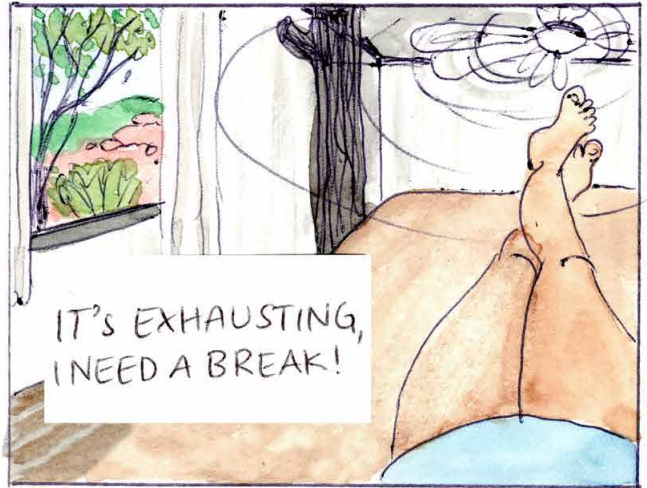


STILL, I DON'T SEE ANY KANGAROOS.



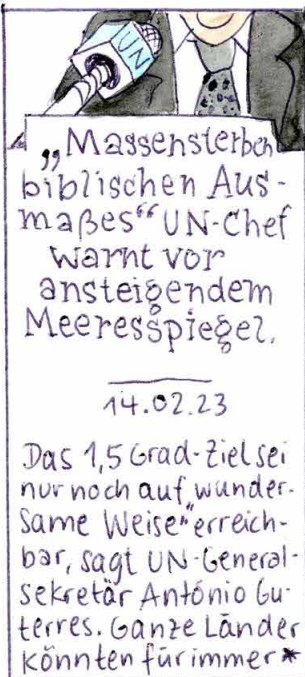
BUT AT NIGHT I AM SURPRISED BY A STAR-STUDDED SKY LIKE I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!





* What if we just save the world?
 -Taking Action in Climate Crisis

... AND FOLLOW THE NEWS...



EARTHQUAKES IN SYRIA AND TURKEY
 FLOODING IN SOUTH AFRICA
 TROPICAL STORM IN NEW ZEALAND

DID YOU KNOW?
 40% OF ELECTRICITY WORLDWIDE IS USED FOR FANS & AIRCON!



* "Mass mortality of biblical proportions" UN-Chief warns against rising sea level - the 1,5-degree-goal can only be reached "in a wondrous way",...

JUST... I CAN NOT ALWAYS AVOID FLYING...
GOTTA REACH MY ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCY
AT BIGCI RIGHT IN TIME, SO I FLY...

There's a huge poster
outside the airport.



... STRAIGHT
TO SYDNEY.



FROM SYDNEY I TAKE THE TRAIN TO RICHMOND.



Where are these
f***ing kangaroos
by the way?

MDO



Yun?

Annette?



Bilpin
has great
cider!

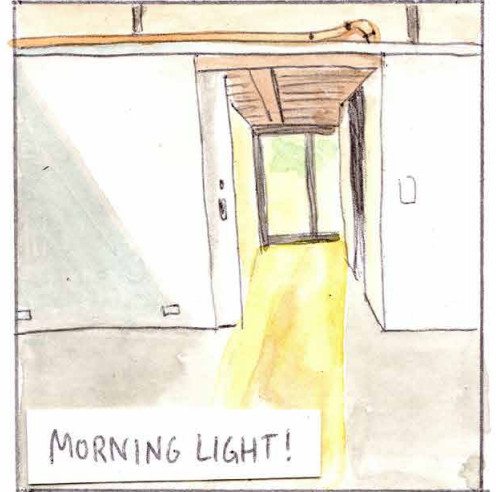
ON OUR WAY TO
BIGCI HE GIVES ME
SOME INFORMATION,
FOR EXAMPLE
THAT I WILL MEET
THE OTHER ARTISTS
RIGHT NOW.
AND WE HAVE
SOME WINE AND
CHEESE TOGETHER.



BUT WHEN WE ARRIVE IT'S
ALREADY DARK AND I SEE
ALMOST NOTHING.

Hi! Who are you?

SO, BETTER TO SHOW YOU AROUND THIS PLACE THE NEXT DAY! HERE I AM:



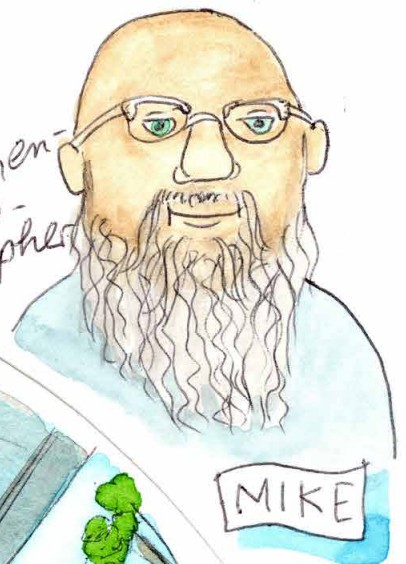
WHEN I DO THESE CIRCLE-PHOTOS (TO BETRACED), I ALWAYS FEEL LIKE THE STATUE OF LIBERTY, HEHE



Bigli
2012/23

AND THESE ARE THE OTHER ARTISTS!

Gloria makes installations and drawings
Mike is an experimental photographer

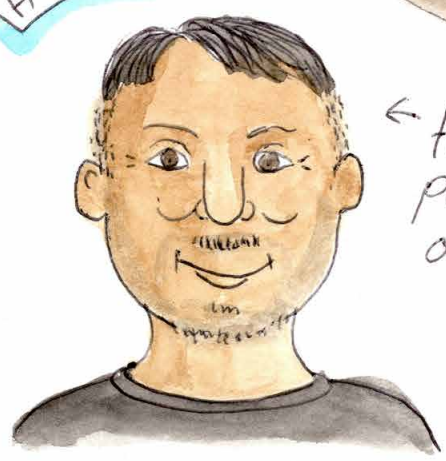


HANGING

MARION

Han Qing paints with oil colors

Marion is working with print and charcoal



THESE ARE THE FOUNDERS AND CHIEFS OF THIS PLACE:



RAE BOLOTIN

I'm mostly an artist and the curator of this place!



YURI BOLOTIN

I used to do something else but now I'm mostly an explorer!

ON THE FIRST DAY YURI TAKES US ON TWO WALKS THROUGH THE FOREST, THE FIRST ONE JUST NEARBY THE HOUSE AND THE SECOND ONE INTO THE NEARBY WOLLEMI NATIONAL PARK.



So, first, I wanna give you the big picture: Both National parks (Wollemi and Blue Mountains) were declared World Heritage Sites, due to their geo- and bio-diversity!

You probably think the soil must be very rich but in fact it's very poor. It mostly consists of sandstone (90%), some shale and due to some extinct volcanoes there's very rich soil, so in rare areas we got even rainforest.

Now, let's go and explore!

BILPIN
INTERNATIONAL
GROUND FOR
CREATIVE
INITIATIVES
BigCi
82 Harlons Road



PINIFOLIA



SASPARILLA



MOSS AND LICHENS

Try this! you can chew the leaves.

Mm, bitter and sweet. I like!



GLORIA

Let's go!

MOUNT TOMAH
MOUNT WILSON

TURPENTINE TREE

EUCALYPTUS PIPERATA

↑
does almost not rot!

SCRIBBLY GUMTREE

ANNETTE

MIKE

ANGOPHORA

← "Art" of wood-worms on the trunk

Instead of losing their leaves, many trees in Australia lose their bark.

BANKSIA SERRATA

GRASS TREE

HANGING

MOUNTAIN DEVIL

GREVILLEA

Wollemia
or
Wollemi Pine



DISCOVERED 1994
FORMERLY KNOWN ONLY AS FOSSIL, SO IT'S ABOUT 200 MILLION YEARS HERE ON EARTH!

CRINKLE BUSH

CRESTED FERN

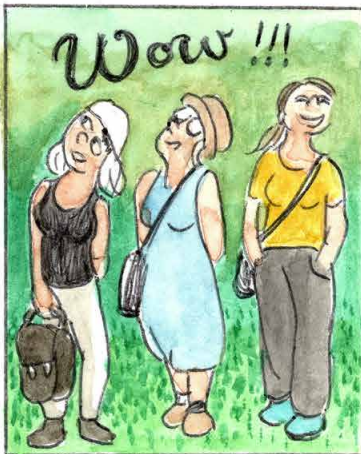
MOUNTAIN FERN

So how are you doing?

Totally over-inspired! Thank you so much!



ON ONE OF OUR FIRST DAYS, GLORIA, MARION AND ME WERE VISITING THE NEARBY BOTANICAL GARDEN. WOW, WHAT A VIEW OVER THE BLUE MOUNTAINS !



ON ANOTHER DAY WE WERE VISITING SOME CAVES.



TODAY, MISCHA, A FORMER PARTICIPANT OF BIGCI COMES WITH US.



BTW: I'm desperate to see a wombat or koala!



I named these caves Seastorm 1 and Seastorm 2 because they look like big waves.

Wonderful, right? A creation by nature: sandstone, water, time!



FINALLY! OR AT LEAST! WOMBAT-SHIT.



NOW I AM ALREADY ALMOST AT THE VERY END OF MY RESIDENCY HERE.



ALSO, I'M JUST FINISHING THE COMIC STORY, SO THAT I HAVE STILL SOME TIME TO MAKE SOME MORE NATURE STUDIES IN THIS GREAT NATURE!



End.