

# Geography On The Road Trip 2014

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Relax into yourself  
and you will feel free.  
- Ella

# Durras

Choose; stay in that warm, calm rock pool, or climb out and make the whole ocean your rock pool.  
- Dylan





# Durras

## Oscar

*The ocean is a dark blue crashing against the rocks in front of me. The trees with strong, brown trunks open up into a flourish of green. The orange moss on the sea beaten rock looks like the setting sun.*

## Lemuel

*I'm not wearing any shoes at the moment so the sharp and rough rocks really hurt my feet when I step on them but when I walk on the smooth, round rocks it is actually quite nice. Here sand doesn't exist. The painful rocks drop straight into the water with a few boulders of the same kind making the descent almost like a slope. The round rocks are much smaller and run into the water at a gentle angle as if to make the waves as comfortable as possible without being sand. The water itself is clear and probably a bit cold but it doesn't care, it just keeps on sending little waves over the smooth rocks making them even smoother and slightly larger waves at the harsh rocks trying to make them more friendly. Around this pocket of nice, nasty and persuasive are the trees who keep their distance from the rocks without seeming rude.*



# *Mumbulla Mountain*



Everyone knows how our  
journey ends, but we  
determine our path.  
- Dylan

# *Aragannu Beach*



Life is like a tide falling and  
rising in the swell of life.  
- Ella



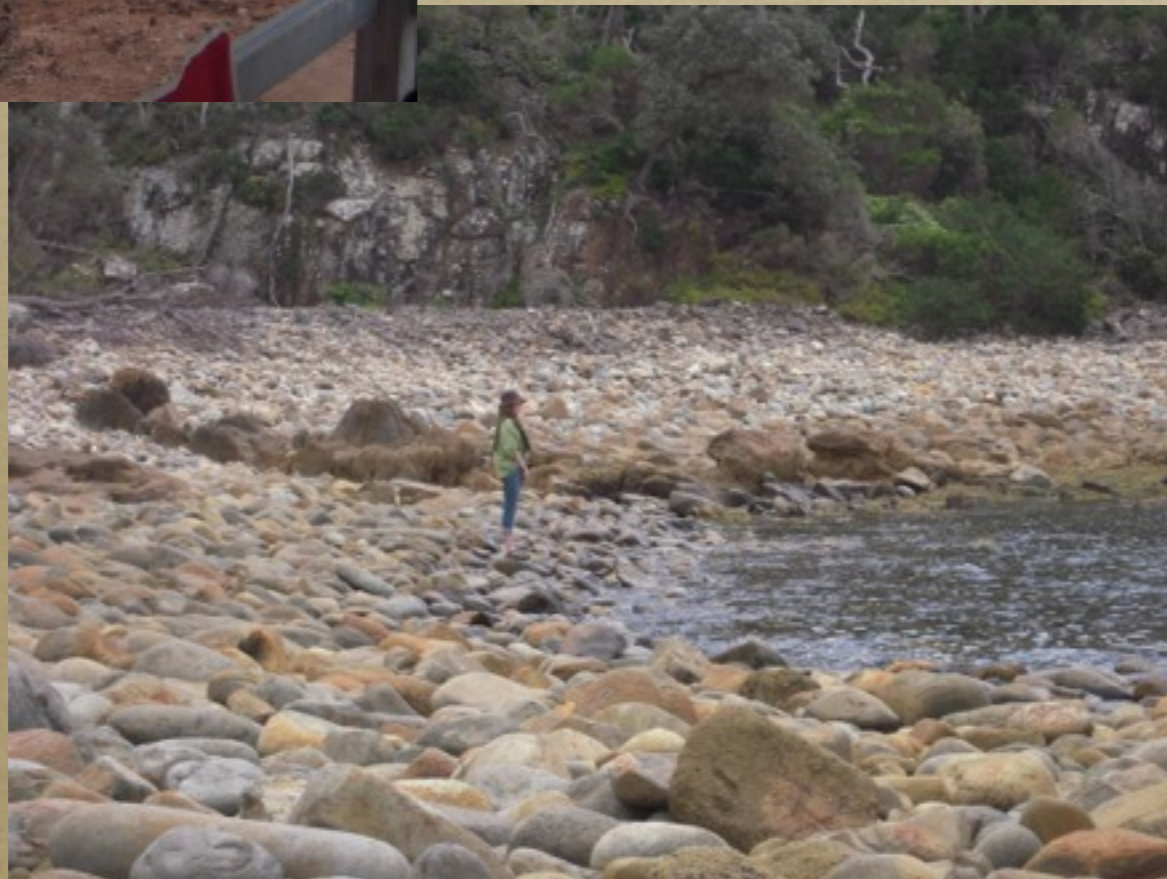
# *Mimosa Rocks*



A smooth rock  
will lay amongst  
rough ones.  
- Olivana



# Mimosa Rocks



Ella

*This place is special, it is full of memories. I can hear the waves rolling on to the rocky shore. I can feel the breeze gently blowing my clothes and hair into soft billows. And I can smell the sea, the salt, the richness and the serenity of it all. I can see the wind on the water making silent quivers on the untouched surface. I also see people's feelings and their presents to the people who long ago lived here and asked us to protect this sacred place, the rocks piled high, many of them stacked carefully with patience and care on top of one and other. It is special here and I can feel its significance and we are lucky to be here.*



# *Goodenia Rainforest*



What happens to  
one tree effects  
another.  
- Lemuel

# Goodenia Rainforest

## Olivana

*So soft and shady with luscious green. So touchable. So approachable. So vast. So endless. I want to drink the colors like lemonade and lay in a flowing creek with mossy rocks and ferns guarding me from the sun. I want to siesta in moss and dew. I want to reach up and stroke the canopy. And lay here for a small infinity.*



## Dylan

*I feel dwarfed by the towering canopy, thirty metres up. I feel like a giant, surrounded by the miniscule mosses, ferns, fungi and minute creatures, whole worlds under my feet. The air is still, yet fresh. Currawongs, bell birds, whip birds and countless others, create the perfect background music against the meditative quietness of the forest. Everywhere I look I see a new detail. Nothing is alike, yet everything fits together perfectly. From the tiny mushrooms and blue bracket fungi that I nearly sat on, to the stinging nettle that I did sit on. From the mosquitoes to the towering eucalyptus, eons old, I love this place. I feel sleepy. I feel refreshed and invigorated. I love this place.*

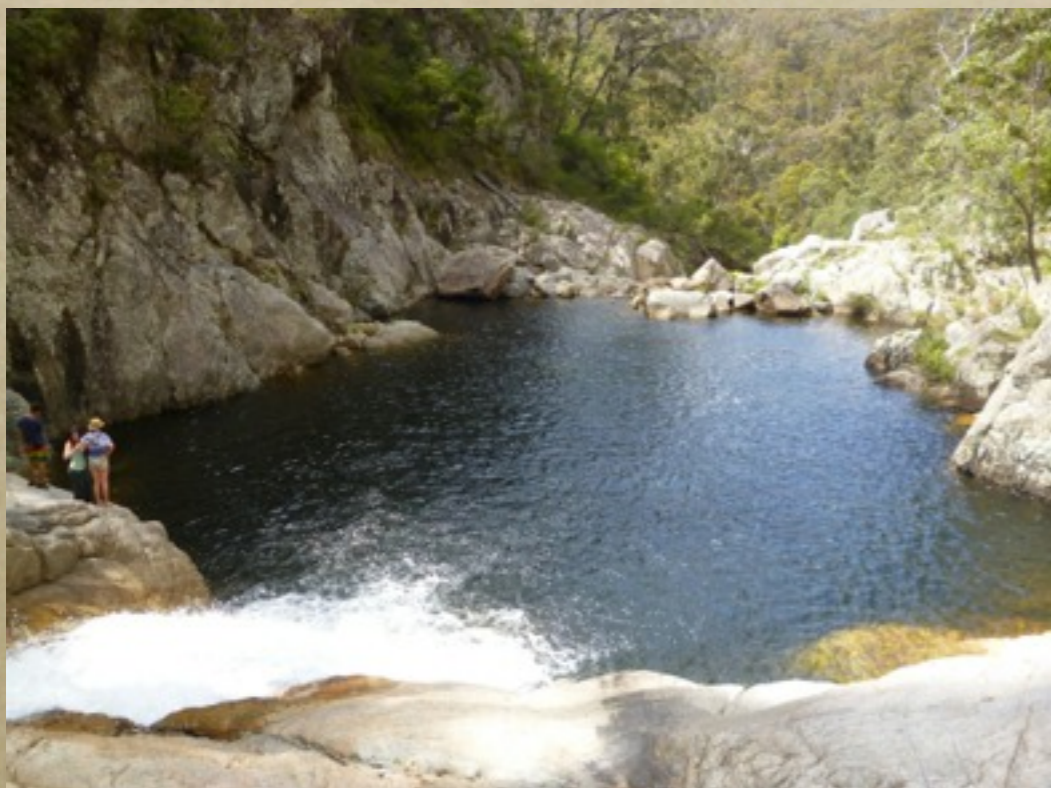


# *South East Forest*



Life is like a vine  
winding and crawling  
up the tree of life.  
- Galileo

# *Six Mile Creek*



Everything has  
beauty in it. It  
just might take a  
while for you to  
notice it.  
- Bella



# *Snowy Mountains - Yarrangobilly & Thermal Pool*



Fears are our  
boundaries,  
but fears are not  
our limits.  
- Olivana



# Yarrangobilly - Jersey Cave



Change will find  
you no matter where  
you may be hiding.  
- Bella



# Yarrangobilly - Jersey Cave



## Bella

*Footsteps echo as people walk down the stairs. The drips are a normal thing for those who live in the cave. We are used to the magic glittering of the rocks, but we still admire it. Like a phantom, the lights flick on and off as tourists arrive. They don't understand the true meaning of these rocks. Stalactites and stalagmites create our homes. We have chandeliers, pools and palaces. I feel the breath of life flow through our halls. We don't have stars here, but the presence of them is still evident in our lives. The rocks create the world's heartbeat. These rocks are our home and they are everyones' home. Many ignore them, consider them boring, but without them where would you all be? Floating in space amongst the stars and orbiting around the moon? Our world is beautiful and if you pay attention you will find even more beauty in every nook and cranny this big breathing ball of rock has ever created.*

# *Hay Plains*

You can  
never reach  
the horizon.  
- Oscar





# Hay Plains - Willow Grove



It's ok. You can  
always rebuild.  
- Sashka



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## Galileo

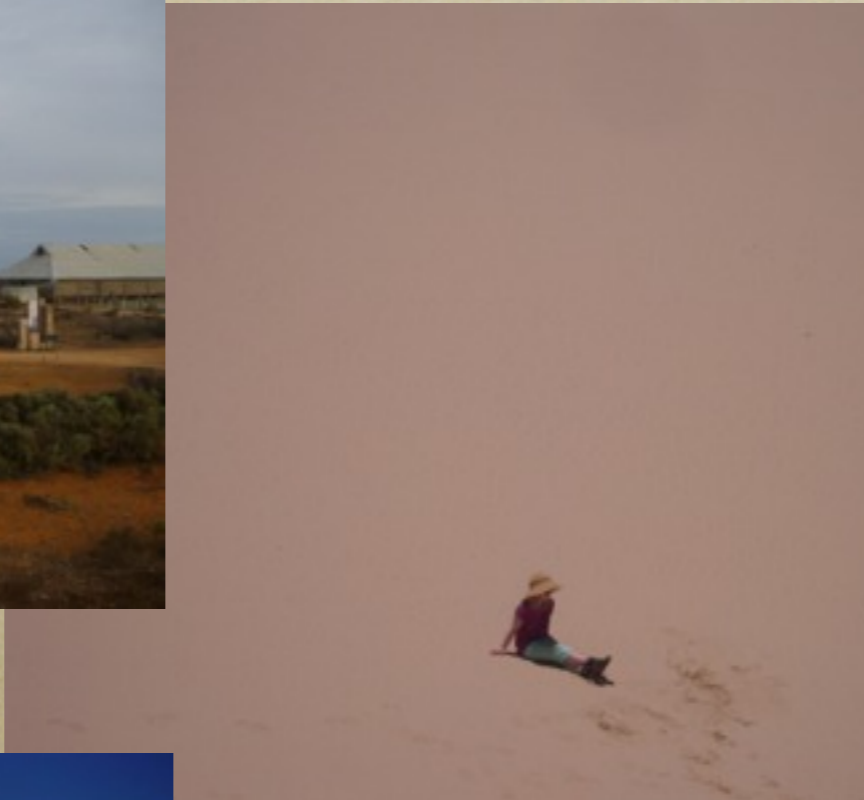
*The warm wind blows my hair in my face as I walk over dry and cracked earth, the dry grass scrapes past my bare legs. There are a few willow trees by the shearers' quarters, there are more shrubs and trees on the horizon, silhouetted by the evening sun.*



## Sashka

*This place is empty yet fills you to your satisfaction, with dry grass and many cracks in the earth and a community of generations of brothers and sisters who... could help the cracks in the earth heal. A cottage is in the middle of nowhere. It has a strange feeling of bustle and love. The tinned roof and old books and magazines are stashed in old forgotten draws, head to toe in spider webs.*

# *Lake Mungo - The Walls of China*



Landscape slowly  
vast in my eyes,  
stays alert to the  
endless business of  
strewn rain clouds.  
- Olivana



# *Lake Mungo Rain Storm*



Don't judge the  
desert by its cover.  
- Lachlan



# Lake Mungo Wool Shed



Everything  
comes to an  
end,  
remember the  
past, enjoy the  
present, and  
look forward  
to the future.  
- Aurelia



# Lake Mungo

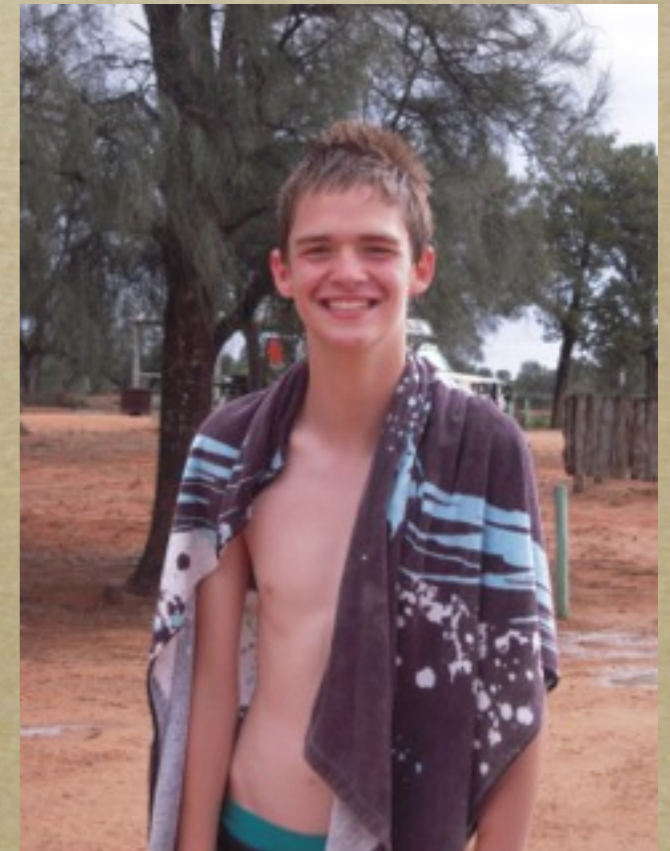


## Lachlan

*This place is barren, dry and hot, no life for miles. The weather gets under your skin and makes you angry and upset. It's like two spirits fighting and it never stops. It is hot and cold. Then something breaks it up, it's the beauty of this place. You see it for what it really is, not barren - there is life and there is a big rain coming...*

## Aurelia

*Some people say, that the outback is beautiful, that the endless plains and browned grass create a certain beauty not found elsewhere, that the leaping kangaroos, swift emus are all part of the amazing 'Aussie' experience - this stereo cast of our country, the whole 'g'day mate' thing. Some people have spent too long in the sun.*



# Condobolin



Clear sky, clear mind.  
- Dylan

Tears aren't always bad.  
- Oscar



# Orange - Ophir Campground



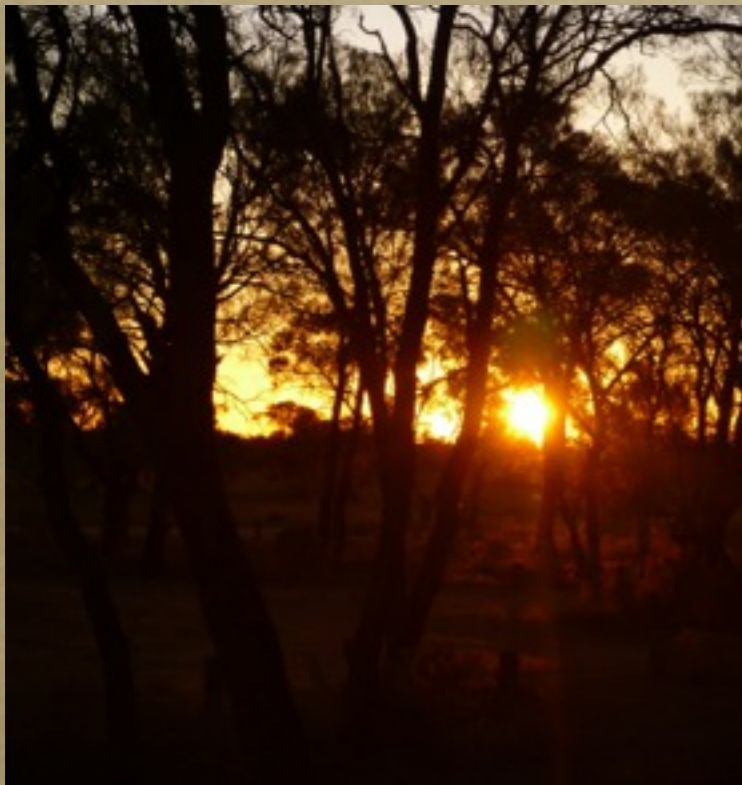
Sometimes you  
need to find the  
harshness,  
so you can find  
the softness in  
life.  
- Sashka





# Sunsets and Sunrises

As you paddle  
down the river  
that is life, the  
further you go,  
the more  
obstacles you  
can pass  
through, and  
the less you  
will have to  
avoid, or get  
stuck in.  
- Aurelia



# Wildlife



Life is everywhere...  
It is an amazing thing, you just have to look for it.  
- Bella



# The Bus Trip



Hate is a  
thought,  
happiness is  
a feeling.  
- Sashka

# *Social Circle and Morning Warm-Up*



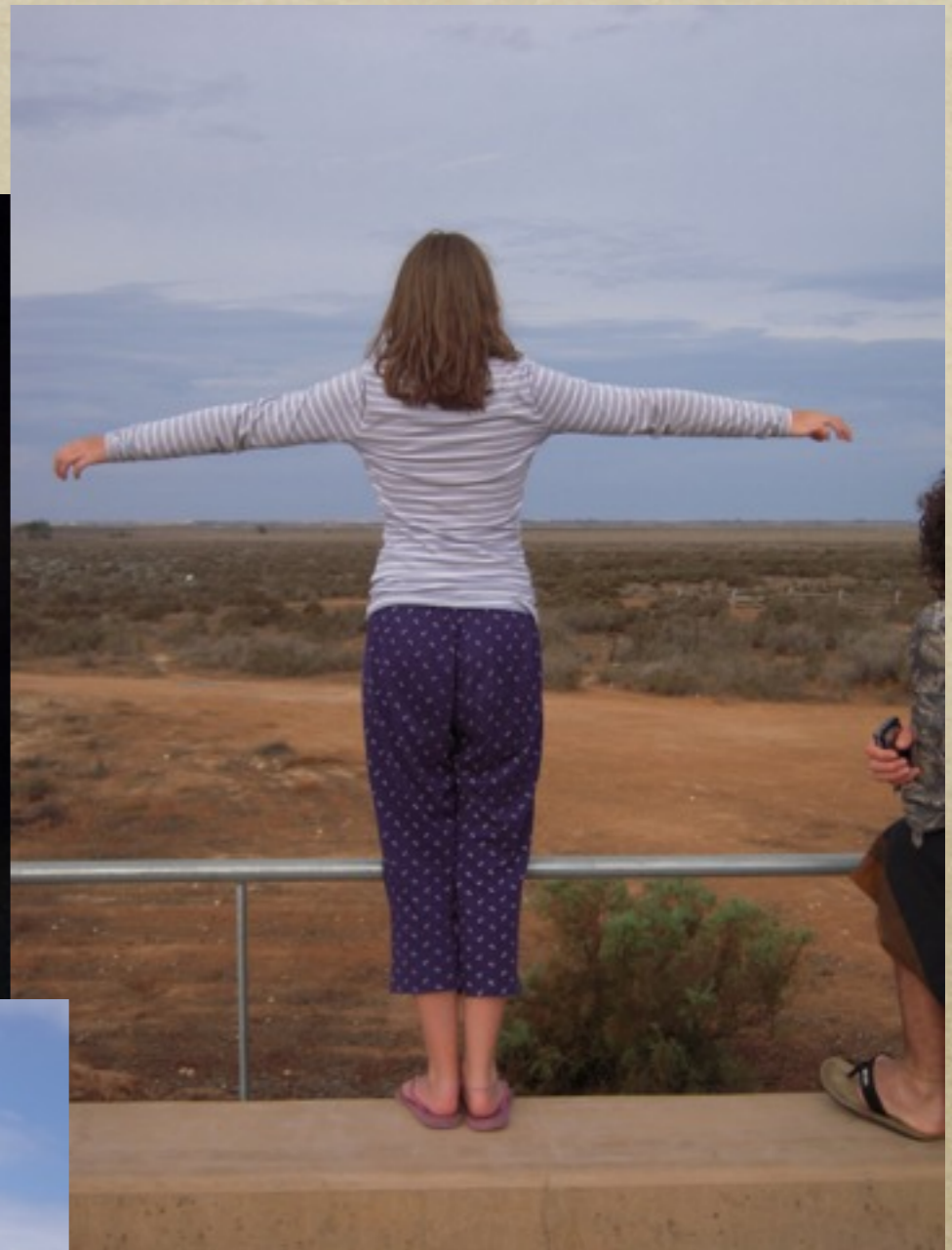
Life is created out of death.  
- Aurelia

# Friends

You can  
find  
kindness  
in the  
most  
unlikely  
places.  
- Ella



# *Our Journey*



Just because you're alone it  
doesn't mean you're lonely.  
- Oscar



*Everyone enjoyed the camp. The different sceneries, the new experiences and the long hours on the bus were all a part of an amazing episode in our lives. We will never forget this trip.*

*Thank you to our wonderful teachers!!!  
Lynn and Kalindra*

