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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land, the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk peoples, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

We recognise that this land has always been a place of gathering, learning, storytelling and connection for young people, long before us.

As young people, we commit to walking together with respect, curiosity and courage, listening to First Nations voices, honouring their stories, and helping to build a future that is fair, inclusive and strong for the next generation.

The Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk Peoples of the Wotjobaluk Nations (known collectively as the Wotjobaluk Nations Peoples) are represented by the Barengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BGLC).
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Rainbow Fruit

Acrylic on canvas

Ashling Barber 2025

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FRIENDLY
FUNNY
WILLING

SMART
QUIET
CREATIVE

ARTISTIC
CREATIVE
FUNNY

CREATIVE
MUSICAL
TALKATIVE

DETERMINED
LOYAL
SPORTY

CREATIVE
HONEST
PASSIONATE

FUNNY
ENERGETIC
SLEEPY

BY BILLIE H.



"I'm so happy 'cause
today I found my
friends, they're in my
head."
Kurt Cobain

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START

IN 2025, OVER 17,000 YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 14-19 PARTICIPATED IN THE MISSION AUSTRALIA YOUTH SURVEY, OFFERING A POWERFUL SNAPSHOT OF THEIR EXPERIENCES, CHALLENGES AND HOPES FOR THE FUTURE.

THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IN AUSTRALIA TODAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE CONTINUED TO BE THE COST OF LIVING - MENTIONED BY 64% OF RESPONDENTS. CONCERN ABOUT COST OF LIVING HAS DOUBLED OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS AND, IN 2025, REACHED THE HIGHEST LEVEL RECORDED FOR ANY ISSUE SINCE THE QUESTION WAS FIRST ASKED IN 2010. MENTAL HEALTH (29%), CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT (27%) AND HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS (25%) ALSO RANKED HIGHLY AS NATIONAL CONCERNS.



HIDDEN IN EVERY EDITION. FIND ME!

If you're 14-19, you can share what matters to you - your challenges, hopes, goals, and what you wish adults understood. What you tell us helps schools, governments, and community groups better support young people and respond to the issues you face.

#MISSION AUSTRALIA YOUTH SURVEY

Survey



LADYBUG ON LADYBUG NAIL!



WHICH HORROR MOVIE CHARACTER DOES THIS ACTOR PLAY? MOVIE REVIEW ENCLOSED!

Q= WHY DO FISH LIVE IN SALTWATER?
A= BECAUSE PEPPER MAKES THEM SNEEZE!

Have your say!

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Are you
passionate
about the arts
in Horsham?

Things
Amplify has
organised:

- Skateboard painting
- Skate Park Bowl art
- Pride Prom
- Jam Sandwich
- Push All-Ages
- and so much more!



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Fortnightly on Tuesday

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Ages 12-25

@ The Station

Contact Ari via email to join
arianna.vettos@hrcc.vic.gov.au

WHIP IT UP!

MICROWAVED
COOKIE



Method:

1. Place the softened butter into a microwave-safe bowl.
2. Microwave in 20-second bursts until fully melted, stirring between each burst.
3. Add the brown sugar and white sugar. Mix until well combined.
4. Add the egg yolk and vanilla. Mix until well combined.
5. Add plain flour and mix until fully combined
6. Stir the chocolate chips and fold them through the mixture.
7. Sprinkle extra chocolate chips on top (optional).
8. Microwave on medium for 40-50 seconds.
9. Allow to cool for 1 minute before serving.
10. Enjoy! 🍪

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp butter
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- ½ tsp vanilla
- 2 tbsp plain flour
- 1 tbsp choc chips



MIC DROP

HUDDO - GUITARIST

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO START PLAYING GUITAR?

I've just always loved music and I've listened to some cool band's and thought, "I want to do that."



WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE EVER GUITAR RIFF?

TNT by ACDC

WHAT MUSICIAN INSPIRES YOU AND WHY?

Lots of bands have inspired me over the time, but my main one is ACDC because they all lived though lives as teenagers but they kept at it and look at them now!

IF YOU COULD JAM WITH ANY GUITARIST (DEAD OR ALIVE), WHO WOULD IT BE?

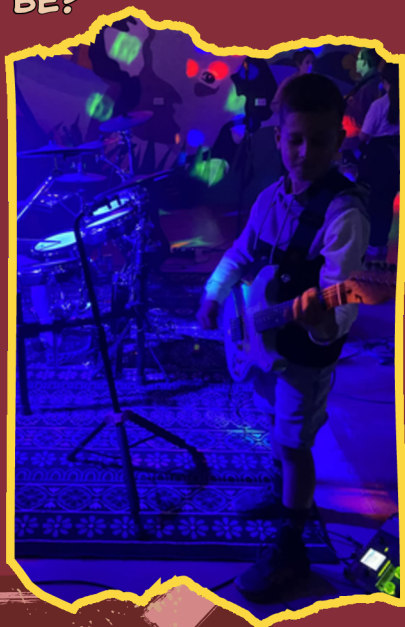
Angus Young

IF YOU COULD PERFECTLY NAIL ANY GUITAR SOLO IN EXISTENCE, WHICH ONE WOULD IT BE?

Thunderstruck

A LOT OF MUSICIANS NAME THEIR GUITARS. WHAT'S YOUR GUITAR'S NAME?

Maximum Strum



VOX POP

What's something that adults just don't get?

"67" - Charlie K.

"The chance to be stress free" - Olivia R.

"Adults don't really get ambition, they seem like they've given up on achieving anything in life" - Hamish H.

"We're constantly learning who we are, but it feels like the world expects us to already know, and that pressure makes everything, even small stuff feel way more intense than it looks to them" - Dayne F.

"How much the workload for young people has changed since `back in the day"" - Anon.

"Adults can forget how much pressure kids are under from socials, peers, and school" - Sammy K

"If you go to school half sick, you're going to get sicker, but if you stay home half sick you're going to get better, BUT then you're accused of faking it." - Julia H.

"That you CAN'T pause an online game!" - Minha R.

"We are expected to behave like adults but we are treated like children." - Anon.

(BAND) JAM SANDWICH

WITH TIM WILLIAMS



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BUILD CONFIDENCE & HAVE FUN

MENTORING BY INDUSTRY PRO

MUSIC GEAR SUPPLIED OR BYO INSTRUMENT

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AMPHLETT	4:00PM - 4:45PM
THE KELLYS	4:50PM - 5:35PM
CAVE	5:40PM - 6:25PM
HIGGINS	6:30PM - 7:15PM
THE BON	7:30PM - 9:00PM



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Ella
Port Fairy Beach, 2026
Acrylic on canvas



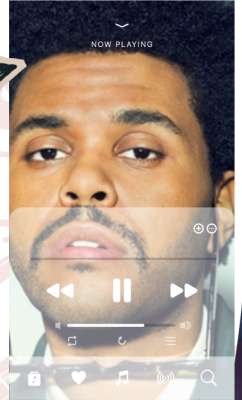
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TOP 5 ARTISTS & THEIR BIGGEST HITS

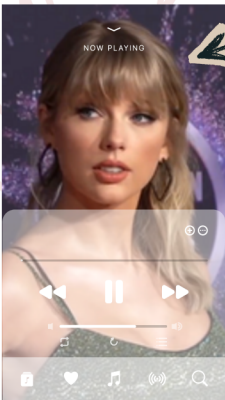
#1-Bruno Mars
Die with a smile Ft Lady
Gaga
3.4b streams



#2-The Weekend
Blinding Lights
5.27b streams



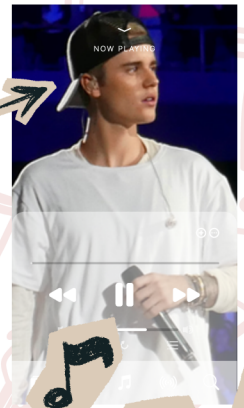
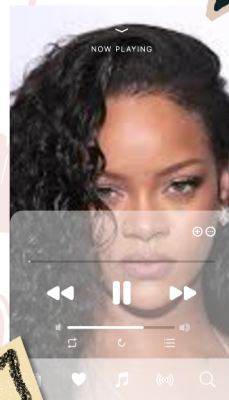
#3-Taylor Swift
Cruel Summer
3.23b streams



#4-Rihanna
We found love FT Calvin
Harris
2.37b streams



#5-Justin Bieber
STAY Ft The KID
LAROI
3.79b streams



MUSIC TRIVIA!

- 1 The lyric "I wish I was special" is from what 1992 Radiohead song?
- 2 Who sang "Wonderwall"?
- 3 Whose famous stage name was inspired by the Queen song "Radio Ga Ga"?
- 4 Which female singer is known for hiding her face?
- 5 Roger Taylor is the drummer for which band?
- 6 Before becoming famous, where did Harry Styles work?
- 7 Which famous 2000s singer was a part of the famous girl group 'Destiny's Child'?
- 8 What do you call a group of musicians playing together, like the London Symphony?
- 9 What is the most well-known song in the world?
- 10 Translated from German, what member of the percussion section means "bell play"?

ANSWERS:

1. Creep. 2. Oasis. 3. Lady Gaga. 4. Sia. 5. Queen. 6. At a bakery. 7. Beyoncé. 8. An orchestra. 9. Happy Birthday. 10. Glockenspiel.



INTERVIEW WITH A LOVER OF ANIME: OLIVIA R



LOCAL, 20 YEARS

1. WHAT SERIES COMPLETELY CHANGED YOUR EXPECTATIONS OF WHAT ANIME COULD BE?

PREVIOUSLY, I'D ONLY WATCHED A FEW SHORT HORROR ANIME AND WASN'T VERY INTERESTED. FAIRY TAIL, WITH ITS CHARISMATIC CHARACTERS AND LONG RUN TIME, HOOKED ME AND SHOWED ME HOW MUCH I REALLY COULD ENJOY WATCHING IT AS IT WAS RELEASED.

2. ANIME OFTEN EXPLORES BIG THEMES LIKE FRIENDSHIP, LOSS, AMBITION, AND IDENTITY. IS THERE A STORYLINE FROM A SERIES THAT HAS STUCK WITH YOU LONG AFTER FINISHING IT?

BANANA FISH STAYED WITH ME BECAUSE OF ITS FINAL ARC. WATCHING THE ENDING, I CRIED FOR THE FIRST TIME OVER A CHARACTER—THEIR GROWTH, BONDS, AND LOSS. THE SHOW EXPLORES FRIENDSHIP, TRAUMA, AND HOW IT AFFECTS BOTH THE PERSON AND THEIR LOVED ONES. DESPITE HOW MUCH I LOVE IT, I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND IT TO SOMEONE NEW TO ANIME, AS THE THEMES ARE VERY HEAVY.

3. IF YOU COULD INTERVIEW THE CREATOR OF ONE SERIES, WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASK THEM THE MOST?

YOSHIHIRO TOGASHI, CREATOR OF HUNTER X HUNTER. I'VE LOVED HXH FOR YEARS, WATCHING BOTH ANIME VERSIONS AND READING THE MANGA. I'D ASK HIM ABOUT CHANGES IN THE UPDATED ANIME, HIS INPUT, AND HOW HE KEEPS TRACK OF THE MANY ARCS AND CHARACTERS.

4. WHAT MAKES AN ANIME WORTH WATCHING?

THERE ARE MANY REASONS! FRIENDS OFTEN RECOMMEND SHOWS TO DISCUSS, OR I MIGHT PICK SOMETHING OUT OF BOREDOM. EVEN IF I DON'T ENJOY IT, IT'S STILL WORTH WATCHING BECAUSE I LEARN WHAT TOPICS OR STYLES I DON'T LIKE.

5. IF YOU COULD RECOMMEND ONE ANIME TO SOMEONE THAT HAS NEVER WATCHED ONE BEFORE TO START THEIR JOURNEY. WHAT ARE YOU CHOOSING? WHAT IS IT ABOUT THIS ONE THAT MAKES YOU CHOOSE IT?

HAIKYUU. IT IS A HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SHOW WITH A MIX OF FUNNY, LIGHT-HEARTED EPISODES AND SERIOUS, ADVENTUROUS ONES. EVERYONE HAS DIFFERENT TASTES, BUT I BELIEVE THERE'S AN ANIME OUT THERE FOR EVERYONE.

CULTURE IRL

Translation for old people:
"In Real Life" →

AN INTERVIEW WITH MINHA RAHMAN

Can you tell us a little about yourself?

I've lived in Horsham for at least 3 years by now, and I'm part of the local Muslim community. I enjoy trying new things and getting involved where I can in the community. I hope to do great things in the future and give back to the community.

What has your experience been like growing up in Horsham as a young Muslim?

Growing up in Horsham has been a unique experience. It's a smaller community, so people tend to know each other and it can feel very supportive. As a young Muslim, it has also meant that sometimes I get the chance to share my culture and religion with people who might not have met many Muslims before. That can be really positive because it creates understanding and conversations. Overall, it has helped me appreciate both my faith and the wider community I live in.

Can you explain what Ramadan is for those who may not be aware. Why, and how is it celebrated?

Ramadan is a very special month for Muslims. During this month, Muslims fast from dawn until sunset, which means not eating or drinking during those hours. The fast is meant to help us focus on gratitude, patience, and self-discipline. It's also a time to strengthen our relationship with God through prayer, reflection, and doing good deeds.

At sunset, families and communities come together to break the fast with a meal called **iftar**. Ramadan is also about generosity and helping others, so many people give to charity or support those in need. At the end of the month, Muslims celebrate a holiday called **Eid al-Fitr**, which is a joyful day spent with family, friends, food, and gifts.



★ **What's something people may be surprised to learn about your community?**

One thing people might be surprised to learn is how diverse the Muslim community actually is. Muslims come from many different cultures, countries, and backgrounds, but we share the same faith.

Because of that, the community often brings together lots of different traditions, foods, and languages. It can be a really rich mix of cultures while still feeling connected through shared values.



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Paul Carracher
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★ **How does your faith show up in your everyday life?**

My faith guides a lot of my values and the way I try to treat people. It encourages me to be kind, respectful, honest, and helpful to others. It also reminds me to be grateful for what I have and to keep trying to improve myself. Even in everyday things like school, friendships, and helping people in the community, my faith encourages me to do my best and have a positive impact.



TAIL TALES

Featured: Alphaie, Buffy, Chi, Stiky and the Chicken Quad, Loki, Milla & Buddy, Navi, Nimbus, Rosie, Bun Bun (RIP), Katana, Bunny, Delphie, Rey, Luna, Billie, Bird, Stormi, Blaze (RIP)



A cheetah can go from 0 to 100 km/h in about 3 seconds.

Written by:
Nadia S



The Joy of Pen Pals: What inspired me to join?

I started writing pen friend letters during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

My inspiration came from my mum, who had joined a club called International Pen Friends (IPF) when she was young. I thought it would be exciting to meet new people from around the world and learn about their cultures.

One friend, in particular, from Germany, has become one of my closest friends - even though we've never met in person (yet!). What began with exchanging letters eventually turned into text messaging as she got busier with her studies, and over time, it grew into a strong and lasting friendship.

Over the years, I've had many wonderful connections and hope to meet some of my pen friends in person one day. Recently, I rejoined the club and received a list of 13 new penfriends, plus 14 surprise ones - I can't wait to hear from them!

I was also thrilled to be contacted by Julie Delbridge, President of International Pen Friends, who asked if I would like to be interviewed by A Current Affair about what penfriend letter writing means to me and how Gen Z is discovering this hobby. I haven't heard back yet, but I would be absolutely delighted to share my experience if given the chance.

I would definitely recommend penfriend letter writing to anyone. It's a great way to make new friends, learn more about different cultures, and create meaningful connections that could last a lifetime! There's something truly special about receiving a letter from someone who shares your interests and stories, and I hope more people give this timeless hobby a try!

Join today @ <https://www.ipf.net.au/index.html>

NEW BAND HIGHLIGHT

= ROCKET =

One thing I love to do is support up-and-coming bands from all over the world. For the first edition, I decided to research a band I have recently been introduced to, Rocket.

Rocket is an alternative rock band from Los Angeles, California, formed by four childhood best friends during the COVID-19 lockdown. Having all grown up in Los Angeles, they were exposed to the city's musical influences at a very young age, attending shows, frequenting record stores, and slowly becoming embedded in the sprawling DIY scene. They released their debut hit, "On Your Heels," in 2022, followed by their debut EP, 'Versions of You', in 2023. Last year, they released their debut album, 'R is for Rocket'.

Despite being cited as being reminiscent of the 90s alternative rock and grunge, as well as having elements of shoegaze, Scaglione said in an interview, "I don't think any of us consider ourselves a shoegaze or grunge band, at the end of the day, were just a rock band. One who loves a lot of different kinds of music." Rocket has also cited bands such as The Smashing Pumpkins, Nirvana and My Bloody Valentine as inspirations for their unique sound.



Members:

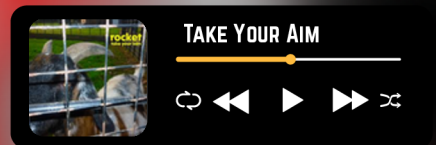
Alithea Tuttle - lead vocalist, bassist

Desi Scaglione - guitar, keys and producer

Baron Rinzler - guitarist, keys

Cooper Ladamade - drummer

"Don't change for you, Don't change a thing for me" - Michael Hutchence, INXS



MUSIC

QUEEN'S GUIDE AWARD

BY JULIA HASTINGS

On the 28th February, I had the honour to visit the Melbourne Government House to celebrate the completion of my Queen's Guide award with Girl Guides.

It was quite a special event; it's not every day you get to meet such special, important people in such a beautiful place. I never knew that Government House held such beauty, but it is kept hidden away by the gardens.

The day consisted of waking up at 6am to travel to the House before being organised into our groups. We sat along the front row, ready for them to call our names out so we could walk across the "stage", shaking hands with the King's Representative, collecting our certificates, then sitting back down again.

The Queen's Guide Award consists of 6 different sections, where I had to complete over 35 challenges in order to earn this award. Whilst there is a lot of freedom with what we get to choose, there were also some compulsory things, like volunteering.



To learn more about Guides:
WWW.GUIDESVIC.ORG.AU

The Importance of Physical Media

In a society where you have to pay for everything yet own nothing, buying and making physical media is a permanent and cheap alternative that we can actually own.

CDs

CDs are easy to obtain, although can be expensive these days. Blank CDs, however, are cheap. All you need is a blank CD, a CD drive (old computers have them built in, although you can buy external ones), and a few minutes!

Having CDs means you don't risk losing music you love, and they're easy to burn! There are so many online tutorials!



Vinyls

Whilst vinyls are more expensive than CDs, they are also so cool! You can find such beautiful designs and it gives off such an old-timey vibe. It is beautiful to dance to with the one you love, or just to revel in what could have been if not for corporate greed and technology.

Many artists release vinyl copies of their songs, and they're just so fun to collect!



DVDs

DVDs are such an important thing in today's society. Streaming services can take down movies whenever they want, leaving people with no way to watch them. That's why we should be buying and burning DVDs! It's a similar process to burning a CD, however you do need additional software (my choice of software is CDStyler)

Having DVDs means that you can't have the films taken away, and you actually own them!

also you can directly support the creators by buying a dvd first-hand





What if you can't do these?

If you can't afford to buy the things needed to make physical media, or to buy original copies, you can still keep media, except digitally.

Downloading movies obviously comes with the risk of viruses, to be careful and use a VPN, if you don't own your own device, please don't risk it, the owner will probably be upset if you get viruses on their device!

Downloading music, however, is less risky if you use the correct services. My go-to is spotify downloader, and it works quite well!



You can also keep this downloaded music on your device, or put it on an mp3 player if you have one!



LOCALLY SCENE

Photography by Ace B and Chloe W

The "wait... that's a craft!" Dictionary A-E



ALTERED BOOKS: Turning old books into art by painting, carving, collaging, or sculpting the pages into 3D designs. Think secret compartments, layered paper scenes...

BATIK: A fabric-dyeing technique where you use wax to block out areas before dyeing cloth. The wax resists the dye creating bold patterns.



CYNOTYPE: A sun-printing process that makes bright blue images. You place objects on special coated paper and leave it in sunlight—then rinse it to reveal white shapes on a blue background.

DECOUPAGE: Decorating objects by gluing paper cutouts onto them and sealing them with varnish. Think: aesthetic notebooks, vintage vibes...



EMBOSSING: Using heat or pressure to create raised designs on paper. Often seen in fancy cards.

BOOK REVIEW:

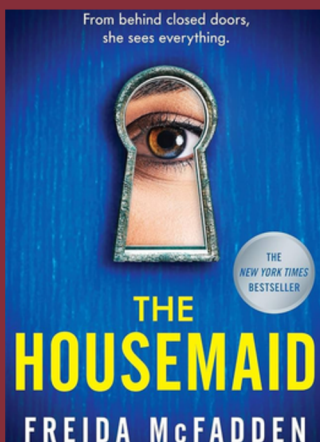
THE HOUSEMAID
AUTHOR: FRIEDA
MCFADDEN

THE HOUSEMAID IS A GRIPPING PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER WRITTEN BY FREIDA MCFADDEN, SET ON LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK, AND CENTRED ON MILLIE CALLOWAY, A YOUNG WOMAN TRYING TO REBUILD HER LIFE AFTER A TROUBLED PAST. WHEN MILLIE LANDS A LIVE-IN HOUSEMAID JOB WITH THE WEALTHY WINCHESTER FAMILY, IT SEEMS LIKE A FRESH START—BUT THE REALITY IS FAR DARKER THAN IT FIRST APPEARS.

THE NOVEL IS FULL OF SUSPENSE AND MYSTERY. THE WINCHESTER HOME LOOKS PERFECT ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT THERE ARE SECRETS AND HIDDEN TENSIONS THAT KEEP YOU ON EDGE. EVERY CHAPTER HAS SMALL TWISTS THAT MAKE IT HARD TO PUT THE BOOK DOWN. I FOUND MYSELF GUESSING WHAT WOULD HAPPEN NEXT, BUT MCFADDEN ALWAYS MANAGED TO SURPRISE ME! THE STORY EXPLORES THEMES LIKE POWER, TRUST, AND DECEPTION, MAKING IT MORE THAN JUST A SIMPLE THRILLER.

I ALSO LOVED HOW FAST-PACED AND EASY TO READ IT WAS. THE SHORT CHAPTERS MADE THE STORY FLOW SMOOTHLY AND KEPT THE TENSION BUILDING, SO IT NEVER FELT SLOW OR BORING. I REALLY ENJOYED HOW THE PLOT KEPT MOVING AND KEPT ME HOOKED FROM START TO FINISH.

OVERALL, THE HOUSEMAID IS PERFECT FOR ANYONE WHO ENJOYS MYSTERY, SUSPENSE, AND DRAMA. IT'S FULL OF SECRETS, SURPRISES, AND INTENSE MOMENTS THAT MAKE IT NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO PUT DOWN. IF YOU ENJOYED THIS BOOK, I WOULD DEFINITELY RECOMMEND THE SEQUELS, THE HOUSEMAID'S SECRET AND THE HOUSEMAID IS WATCHING, AS THEY CONTINUE THE STORY AND ARE JUST AS THRILLING.



STARS OUT OF 5 =



IT SEEMS...

NOTHING IS EVER PERFECT THAN



Zodiac Signs

♑ Capricorn ♑

Dec 22 - Jan 19

Earth 🌱

ambitious , disciplined , loyal
goal-focused mindset
old-soul energy
vibe: soft heart, strong mind

♒ Aquarius ♒

Jan 20 - Feb 18

Air 🌬️

independent , creative , unique
thinks differently
future-focused mind
vibe: don't label me

♓ Pisces ♓

Feb 19 - Mar 20

Water 💧

dreamy , artistic , emotional
deep imagination
very empathetic
vibe: living in a daydream

♋ Cancer ♋

Jun 21 - Jul 22

Water 💧

emotional , caring , intuitive
protective of loved ones
feels deeply, loves harder
vibe: soft but strong

♌ Leo ♌

Jul 23 - Aug 22

Fire 🔥

confident , warm , bold
loves attention + loyalty
big heart, big presence
vibe: born to shine

♍ Virgo ♍

Aug 23 - Sep 22

Earth 🌱

organised , thoughtful , precise,
notices every detail
always wants to help
vibe: calm perfection

♈ Aries ♈

Mar 21 - Apr 19

Fire 🔥

bold , fearless , energetic
acts fast, thinks later
natural leader energy
vibe: confident + unstoppable

♉ Taurus ♉

Apr 20 - May 20

Earth 🌱

loyal , calm , dependable
loves comfort + stability
strong values, soft heart
vibe: peaceful but powerful

♊ Gemini ♊

May 21 - Jun 20

Air 🌬️

curious , expressive , social
quick thinker, fast talker
many interests, many moods
vibe: playful chaos

♎ Libra ♎

Sep 23 - Oct 22

Air 🌬️

charming , fair , social
hates conflict
loves beauty + balance
vibe: effortless elegance

♏ Sagittarius ♏

Nov 22 - Dec 21

Fire 🔥

adventurous , honest , free
loves learning + travel
hates feeling trapped
vibe: wild & optimistic

♏ Scorpio ♏

Oct 23 - Nov 21

Water 💧

intense , loyal , private
all-or-nothing energy
trust is everything
vibe: quiet power

“The Stars Have a Story”



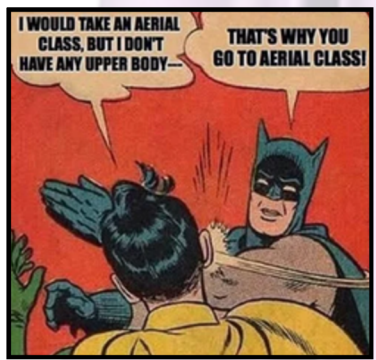
SILKS ARTIST
TALKING
WITH
SO-MARI

The origins for aerial silk fitness goes all the way back to the very late 1950's, in which a French circus claimed to be its birthplace, as performers were encouraged to come up with fresh ideas to entertain audiences. However, only one local newspaper article reported on the event, so its credibility is often disputed.

"I learned the artform of Silks from the wonderful Bec who runs NatiSilks in Natimuk. I never really enjoyed the sports offered through school or the general community, and I often found it hard to get into physical exercise. Because of that, I sometimes felt a bit disconnected and lonely.

One day I saw an advertisement in the newspaper for NatiSilks and decided to give it a try. At first it was difficult, and there were weeks when I didn't feel very motivated. But I kept showing up and training consistently. Over time I built strength, started to feel happier, and made some amazing friendships. I also discovered an art form that I know I'll be passionate about for the rest of my life. Silks taught me that hobbies can really support mental health, whether it's art, sport, reading, writing, dancing, or music.

During my second-last year of high school I noticed my confidence grow. My motivation, attention, and quality of work improved, and I truly believe that discovering my passion through this hobby played a big role in that. That's why I've stuck with it for so long."





"I've had the opportunity to perform in a few showcases, two of them in Natimuk. One was a community showcase alongside other silks students, and another was for a local excursion where teenagers from surrounding schools came to town to learn about alternative sports and activities.

My most recent performance was at the Dimboola Steampunk Festival, which was definitely a night to remember. It was amazing to see everyone's passion for art and the incredible atmosphere as people roamed the streets in costume. Being part of the entertainment for such a vibrant event was a really special experience.

I would recommend finding a professional instructor to train with. Silks is a sport that requires a lot of training, consistency and, most importantly, safety.

Any drops you perform are super scary, but I find the Star Drop the most intimidating. I'm very lucky to have learned the correct techniques to ensure the skills I perform are as safe as possible, but there's always an adrenaline rush when you let go of the silks and tumble through the air."



ABOVE: Silks Instructor Bec, being amazing!

PS. Don't try this at home. Get lessons with Bec first!



BARBIE DOING A STAR DROP

A Star Drop is when the performer initiates the drop by falling from an anchored position (often a split or standing posture) and spinning around their waist as they fall, with the fabric wrapping around them. At the bottom of the drop, the performer is usually suspended upside down or in a "star" shape, where the arms and legs are open, creating a visually impressive, sudden pause in the momentum.

THE TOP BENEFITS OF READING:

1. READING LETS YOU ENTER NEW WORLDS, MEET DIFFERENT CHARACTERS, AND EXPLORE IDEAS YOU MIGHT NEVER EXPERIENCE IN REAL LIFE. IT SPARKS CREATIVITY AND LETS YOU THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX.
2. THE MORE YOU READ THE MORE WORDS YOU PICK UP NATURALLY. THIS IMPROVES YOUR SPEAKING, WRITING, AND OVERALL COMMUNICATION - HELPFUL FOR WORK, SCHOOL, OR SOCIAL LIFE.
3. GETTING LOST IN A GOOD BOOK CAN CALM YOUR MIND AND HELP YOU RELAX. UNLIKE SCROLLING ON SOCIAL MEDIA, READING REQUIRES FOCUS, WHICH CAN TRAIN YOUR BRAIN TO CONCENTRATE BETTER.
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5. READING IMPROVES SLEEP. PICKING UP A BOOK AT BEDTIME INSTEAD OF USING SCREENS HELPS YOUR BODY RELAX AND SIGNALS IT'S TIME TO SLEEP. UNLIKE SCREENS, WHICH EMIT BLUE LIGHT AND CAN DELAY MELATONIN, READING SLOWS YOUR MIND AND BODY, MAKING IT EASIER TO DRIFT OFF.



Reduce, Reuse, Restyle (with V)!



"Stuff is expensive" said by me just now, but the statement still stands.

Simple pleasures like décor and accessories are pretty much luxuries or borderline

overpriced. That's why I believe that DIY and upcycling should be utilised

to its full power, and I'm going to show you how on the next page!

\$500 billion is lost each year because of under-wearing and failure to recycle clothes



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Bag Personalisation!

if you make stuff yourself it will be one of a kind!!!



Gather any materials you can sew or stick or pin on!



Safety Pins



Can Tabs



Needle Thread Scissors



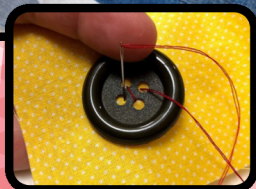
Buttons



Bottle Tops



Old clothing



Get Creative!



MUSIC



'I Love You' is the debut album by Canberra rock band Teen Jesus and the Jean Teasers (TJJT). This all-girl band consists of four best friends – Anna on vocals, Scarlett on guitar, Jaida on bass and Neve on drums – who started the band back in 2015 while still in high school. I was lucky enough to see them open for the Foo Fighters back in late 2023, and despite knowing almost none of their songs, I knew they had the potential to be a huge band.

From the catchy upbeat songs, such as the opening song “I Used To Be Fun” to the slower and more meaningful songs like “Never Saw It Coming”, this debut album showcases the group's songwriting talents. Personally, all songs stand out to me for various reasons, like “Your House My House” is a stripped-back acoustic song with all four girls featuring on vocals, but my favourite out of all songs on the album would be “AHHHH!”, a song about the rage after a break-up. This song also featured on their 2022 EP titled ‘Pretty Good For A Girl Band’, another great listen.

This album has its ups and downs like every other album, but with the majority of the songs written when they were teenagers, the themes of toxic relationships, heartbreak, and being anti-social or not fitting in hit the hardest, as they are the most relatable for many of us. Each member took lead on at least one song each during the writing process which has created the album into a powerful album where every single song would be a hit at a live show.

**ALBUM
REVIEW**

Overall Rating 4.8 stars



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The Horsham Rural City Council Youth Council is a group of local young people who work together to represent the voices, ideas and experiences of youth in the community.

The HRCC Youth Councillors (aka **Hamish, Torey, Cass, Minha, Isla, Ashling, Max, Ham, Harper, Charlie, Willow and Tarsh**),

collaborate with council and community organisations to share perspectives, contribute to local projects and help shape decisions that affect young people.



Youth Councillors gaining their teen Mental Health First Aid certificates.



Fan Creativity



Fan media is any content created by fans of a movie, TV show, game, band, or book, rather than by the official creators.

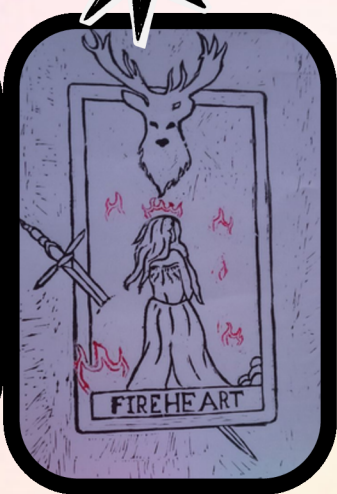
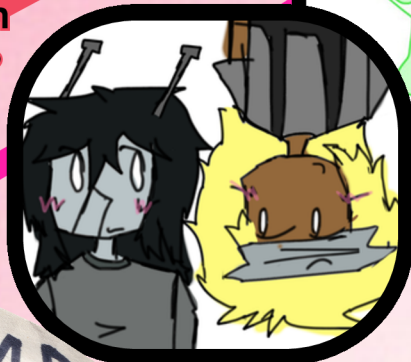
It's basically people showing their love for something by making their own creative stuff inspired by it!



Want your Fan Media included in the next edition?



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WRITERS ROOM



Submit your short story for publication in 2VOX!



WRITING PROMPTS



Write a short story based off a song

Describe life from a stuffed animals POV

"Who are you?"

He would never forget that smell

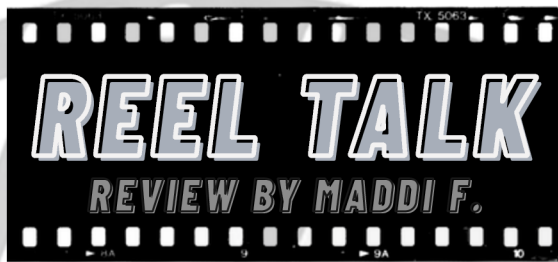
Re-write a fairy tale with a different ending

An old piano

Write about the love between the sun and the moon

Use this as the opening line:
The flowers died on monday

I lost someone and found myself



DAMIEN LEONE'S TERRIFIER

Release Year: 2016
Director: Damien Leone
Genre: Horror

BEST BITS...

What I loved about Terrifier is how action packed the movie is. If you don't get scared or squeamish by gore, blood or violence in general then I would definitely recommend Terrifier to you. Terrifier had me hooked the more the movie went on, and the acting was absolutely **AMAZING**.

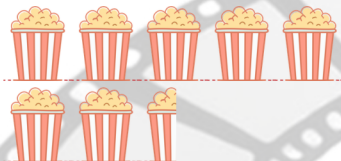
WORST BITS...

I wasn't the biggest fan of the Art vs Lara scene. It felt like the movie just tossed away its most likeable character halfway through for a cheap 'Hitchcockian twist' that left the rest of the film feeling empty and aimless. I liked it when Tara finally faces Art before she died. All I want in a good horror is way more suspense.

CHARACTERS...

My favourite character was Tara because she was brutally honest and was the start of the terrifier franchise.

A character I didn't really like was Dawn, I felt she was really loud and kept riling up Art by being really close to him.



RATING:

7.5 out of 10 popcorn buckets



DAVID HOWARD THORNTON PLAYS "ART THE CLOWN" IN TERRIFIER!

FUN FACT:

To save money, director Damien Leone handled the writing, directing, editing, and the elaborate special effects makeup himself.

INTERVIEW WITH COMPOSER/MUSO/TEACHER NICK SHERIFFS

J.H.

WHAT IS YOUR EARLIEST MEMORY THAT MADE YOU LOVE MUSIC?

The earliest memory isn't actually my memory. It will probably come as no surprise that I was what they would call today, a 'busy' kid. I believe in the 80's the term was 'a terror'. At some stage the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra came to Warrnambool to put on a concert at the P.A.C. My mum was very keen on opening me up to all kinds of experiences and was also very brave taking, what I think was probably about an 8 or 9 year old version of me, to a performance by the MSO. Mum said it was the first time she can remember me sitting still and focusing. I have vague recollections of the concert. Also, the film 'Shine' had a massive impact on my decision to focus on music.

IF YOU COULD HAVE 5 MUSICIANS OVER FOR DINNER, DEAD OR ALIVE, WHO WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

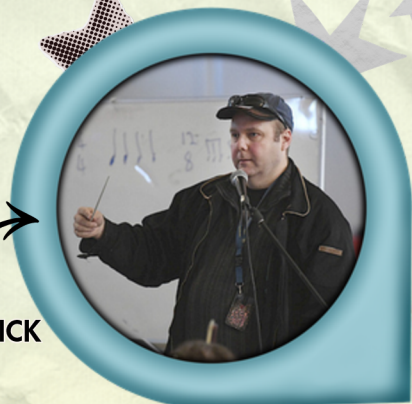
- Sergei Rachmaninoff** - From a piano playing point of view, the man was a beast. Technical skills you can only dream about. I'd have loved to see him play.
- Freddie Mercury** - The man was a one-stop-shop of pure entertainment, and what a voice! There'll only ever be one Freddie.
- Ludwig Van Beethoven** - Who wouldn't want to meet the man who wrote music we're still playing (with enthusiasm) 200 years after he died. I'd have to speak up though. He was a little hard of hearing.
- Eva Cassidy** - I don't want to sit through the night bawling my eyes out, but she was my Dad's favourite singer. A beautiful voice and a beautiful human.
- My Dad** - Seriously underrated musician. He was a policeman for most of his life, but he could have been an outstanding jazz pianist. He had an amazing ear for picking up tunes. Miss him every day.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST MUSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENT?

Getting my own compositions published. That was a bucket list item ticked off. I still have a few musical items on that list, but getting published was a big one.

WHAT IS THE QUIRKIEST/WEIRDEST INSTRUMENT YOU KNOW HOW TO PLAY?

I have a theremin. I'm not saying I can play it, but I have one. I also have a jaw harp somewhere. I was given a Kosh Kash for Christmas a year or two ago. Still haven't figured that one out. It's not particularly quirky, but I'm not bad on the didgeridoo.



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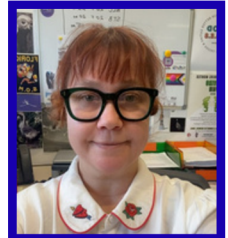
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Horsham's new YOUTH MAG wants to know about it

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- essays
- reviews - eats, movies, music
- interviews
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- rants
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