

Take yourself back to 1987...

Let's go back to 1987 – a year when hair was worn high, Bob Hawke was our Prime Minister, Queensland Premier Joh Bjelke-Peterson stepped down after 19 years (!!), the West Coast Eagles joined the AFL, and Hawthorn star Buddy Franklin was *born*. (Yikes, that last one makes me feel old: Carol)

This week's Blue Tunes star was still making music, however, and still is.

On with the show...



Would you like to hear more 'Blue' music? Listen on!

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[Joni Mitchell: Blue](#)

[Willie Nelson: Blue Skies](#)

[Indigo Girls: Tangled up in Blue](#)

[Emmylou Harris: Blue Kentucky Girl](#)

[Etta James: Misty Blue](#)

[Flunk: Blue Monday](#)

[Linda Ronstadt: Blue Bayou](#)

Nothing like a fresh coat of paint

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[/dropcap]his week from Mum's Drawer we have extracted an attractive brochure detailing how to brighten your home with Dulux paints.

More than 50 years after this pamphlet was printed, the retro-styling of the homes is very much back in vogue.

It is a little hard to read in this image, but the range of colours suggested for the lounge included nasturtium (ceiling), parchment (walls) and golf brown (walls).

Suggestions for the adult bedrooms – including those with two single beds – ranged from Nile green or pumpkin to Cloud pink and pewter.

Inspired?

LOUNGE ROOMS

Above Left: 3 Walls: Parchment Super-Latex. Feature Wall: Suede Super-Latex. Ceiling: Nasturtium Super-Matt. Trim: *White Super-Satin.

Above Right: 3 Walls: Seagrass Super-Latex. Feature Wall: Spanish Blue Super-Latex. Ceiling: Suede Super-Matt. Trim: *White Super-Satin.

Below: 4 Walls: Driftwood Super-Latex. Ceiling: Golf Brown Super-Matt. Trim: *White Super-Satin.

Right Top: 3 Walls: Bamboo Super-Latex. Feature Wall: Capucino Super-Latex. Ceiling: *White Super-Matt. Trim: *White Super-Satin. Doors: Bamboo Super-Satin.

Right Bottom: 4 Walls: Spice Pink Super-Latex. Ceiling: Pearl Super-Matt. Trim: *White Super-Satin. Door, Fireplace & Skirting: Pearl Super-Satin.

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ADULT BEDROOMS

Above: 3 Walls: Mirage Super-Latex. Feature Wall: Starlight Blue Super-Latex. Ceiling: Mink Super-Matt. Trim: *White Super-Satin.

Left Top: 4 Walls: *Nile Green Super-Latex. Ceiling: *Primrose Super-Matt. Door: Pumpkin Super-Satin. Trim: *White Super-Satin.

Left Bottom: 4 Walls: *Cloud Pink Super-Latex. Ceiling: *White Super-Matt. Cupboards & Trim: *White Super-Satin. Furniture: *Olive Super-Satin, *Cloud Pink Super-Satin, *White Super-Satin.

Right Top: 4 Walls: *Glacier Green Super-Latex. Ceiling: Peach Tint Super-Matt. Trim: *Cream Super-Satin.

Right: 3 Walls: Pewter Super-Latex. Feature Wall: Radiant Pink Super-Latex. Ceiling: Tuscan Red Super-Matt. Trim: *White Super-Satin.

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Other treasures from Mum's drawer...

[Do you remember the Drive-In?](#)

[To Hoover or not to Hoover?](#)

[A well-travelled junket](#)

[Bowlin, bowlin', bowlin'...](#)

[Lunch order, 1975?](#)

[signed, Fletcher Jones](#)

Cheapest house ever?

Each week we post a gem from Gumtree gem – the online sell, buy, swap site – that is odd, unusual or just plain different.

Most are from South-West Victoria or not far beyond.

This week: we had heard prices were a little cool in the real estate market, but this is ridiculous.

[box] Fully renovated, large, four-bedroom home \$420.[/box]



Find more Gumtree gems here...

[Need a little gardening?](#)

[Couch with an ouch](#)

[All I need is the air that I breathe](#)

[Always check the auto-correct!](#)

[Too short for this Hill's Hoist](#)

[12 things for \\$12](#)

[Can't afford a real horse?](#)

Retro meets whimsy



‘Whistleblower’ by Ben Sanders.

[Image: www.bensanders.com.au]

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[/dropcap]ENNINGTON is a little town that punches above its weight in terms of growing serious talent – think **Shane Howard** (Goanna) and **Val Bertrand** (champion rower and netballer) – and it is where talented author and illustrator **Ben Sanders** was born.

Michaelie Clark, from Warrnambool Books, has chosen Ben’s new children’s book as her selection for the week and what a fine choice it is.

[We love children’s books – even though we don’t have any children – because they can take you to another place, a bit like a Disney movie, or the wonderful stuff from Pixar. Who

can resist Dr Seuss, Shaun Tan, Mem Fox, Pamela Allen...no matter how old you are. If you are having a bad day, try reading a kid's book: we promise it will improve your mood.]

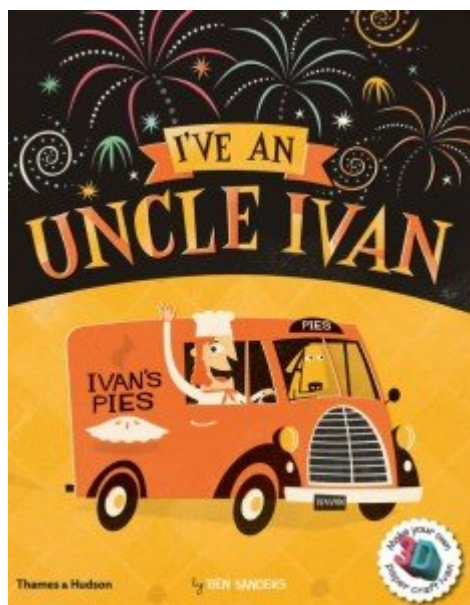
Meanwhile, here is what Michaelie has to say about Ben's book:

"Written and illustrated by award-winning artist Ben Sanders, ***I've an Uncle Ivan*** is a delightfully whimsical picture story book that has been a stand-out over the last few months for its cruising rhythm and retro style.

Following Uncle Ivan in his pie van is his entire extended family on various modes of transport, including Kate on a single roller skate and Michael on a unicycle. Through a romp of rhyme and nostalgia, they form a capering convoy all the way to their ultimate destination – the circus.

The book also includes a make-your-own 3D paper craft van.

Check out Warrnambool Books on [Facebook](#) for more updates on new releases by local authors.



[box] Ben Sanders has a sensational website. You can check it out at www.bensanders.com.au [/box]



Catch up on our other Bookmarks...

[Can Paul Jennings put a foot wrong?](#)

[Getting fit the fun way with Marie Bean](#)

[Gorgeous working dogs](#)

Stitching it all together: Joella Hill

A young woman from Terang, Victoria, is making her mark in the world of travel accessories with her one-off, funky designs that are sure to turn heads in the departure lounge.



Joella Hill, from Terang, specialises in making hand-crafted travel goods from vintage and imported fabrics.

[dropcap style="font-size: 60px; color: #A02F2F;"] G
[/dropcap]ROWING UP IN a family of women who liked to sew, it

was almost certain that **Joella Hill** would eventually discover her own crafty streak.

“My Mum made all of my clothes and my grandmother was a sewer as well, so I guess you could say I come from a strong craft background,” Joella, from Terang, says.

Joella, 30, has spent the past decade finding her niche as a creator of unique travel accessories after completing a studio textile and design course at TAFE and discovering that sewing, more than screen-printing, was really her thing.

“I started by making things from other people’s patterns, but then I thought, hey, I can design my own patterns and create my own pieces,” she says.

By 2007, Joella was making the first of what have become her signature tote bags in vibrant fabrics that she sources from the United States and locally.

“I really like bright, funky colours and I find that the US has the best selection. It also means that once a fabric is gone, it is gone, so there are only a limited number of items that can be made and I think that adds to their appeal,” she says.



Eye-catching fabrics are a signature of Joella's work.

[dropcap style="font-size: 60px; color: #A02F2F;"]A[/dropcap] small business scheme in 2010 helped Joella to firm up her ideas and realise that her range of functional travel products could find a wider market.

Soon after, she set up an online store and, from a spare room in her parent's house at Terang, works with two sewing machines to create a range that includes travel wallets, eye-masks, pocket books, pencil cases and, of course, her multi-purpose tote bags.

The personal technology boom has also seen Joella creating pieces for items that were unheard of when she first began, such as covers for ipads, tablets and smartphones.

"The other day I had a lady who wanted a cover for (an older version) of a Samsung Galaxy phone, so I had to hunt down a template," she says.



Family travel wallet and matching eye mask – forget the airline issue mask!

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O[/dropcap]ne of Joella's most popular items is the family travel wallet, which holds up to four passports and "can be found at the bottom of your bag", while the eye-masks are almost destined to become a must-have item for long-haul travel because they look so much better than those issued by airlines.

An important part of the process for Joella is to keep experimenting with new ideas and fabrics, such as recycling old denim jeans. (A pair of her old jeans feature in the babushka doll travel bag series.)

And while she now works as a supermarket night filler twice a week, she hopes to build the *Joella Hill* label into a full-time job.

"I still live at home. I want to travel. So, you know, it's hard, but I am hoping this will be how I eventually make a living."

You can contact Joella Hill at studio@joellahill.com.au or

visit www.joellahill.com.au.

[box type="bio"] Joella Hill has a regular stall at the Terang Market, All Saints Church, which is held on the first Saturday of the month from 9am-1pm. [/box]



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