

A nighttime photograph of a city skyline across a body of water. The city lights are reflected on the water's surface. The image is framed by horizontal bands of purple, dark blue, and red at the top and bottom.

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This issue of Echidna Tracks is dedicated to  
Andrew John Reeves  
16th November 1950 – 29th April 2021  
Deeply loved husband of Lyn Reeves

Among many interests and talents in a rich and full life, Andrew was an enthusiastic supporter of our journal, and as an avid photographer generously supplied many of the photos that have graced its pages. As a marathon runner he penned the following haiku which we are honoured to have lead us into this current issue:

miles flow under the runner's shadow

*Andrew Reeves*  
*Famous Reporter #35*

dew on roses—  
in a hundred hues  
the rising sun

*Mirela Brailean*

lawn sprinkler  
a fairy twirls  
through rainbows

*Louise Hopewell*

dragonflies shape-shift in a rainbow mist

*Ron C. Moss*

small arms reaching—  
the rainbow brilliance  
of bubbles

*John Low*



kids' wooden rainbow—  
two lorikeets plummet  
to check it out

*Beverley George*

rainbows waved with pride  
my kid says  
*that's my flag, y'know*

*Steph Amir*

leaves swirl  
in a chill breeze . . .  
kaleidoscope

*Marilyn Humbert*

deep leaf litter  
the half-moons  
of bright fungi

*Nathalie Buckland*

yellowed lawn  
between loose palings  
the bearded gnome's frown

*Jodie Hawthorne*

full moon wakefulness  
the round white  
garden table

*Alice Wanderer*

autumn deepens  
a splash of orange  
in the fishpond

*Louise Hopewell*

where warm breezes touch  
dragonflies  
painted on the lake

*Nathan Sidney*

stillness  
until a green breeze  
brushes sunlight

*Jan Dobb*

autumn noon  
sunflower faces  
motionless

*Zina Ioannou*

purple iris  
bulbs from my mother's garden  
bloom again

*Colleen Keating*

full blooms  
in a bride's bouquet  
white orchids

*Gwen Bitti*

a lily unfurls  
the soft landing  
of winter light

*Liv Saint James*

winter garden  
through the silence  
snowdrops

*Hazel Hall*

my grandparents' wedding sepia in a frame

*Gail Hennessy*

mother's pearls  
she lets me know  
the rainbow of her flaws

*Elisa Theriana*

shorter days  
the garden's show goes on  
soprano purple

*Jane Williams*

stars fading the silver trail of a slug

*Lorin Ford*

in the leaf litter . . .  
faded  
cherry blossom

*Gerry Jacobson*

they take to the air  
in a myriad of colours  
rainbow lorikeets

*Giddy Nielsen-Sweep*

early spring morning  
through filtered sunlight  
a flash of wings

*Maureen Sexton*

forest edge  
bowerbird in a dance  
of blue

*Carole Harrison*

winter rays  
the rose and grey  
of a galah's flight

*Kanjini Devi*

along the creek line  
river red gums  
white with cockatoos

*Carol Reynolds*

black birds thread  
through a tree canopy . . .  
patching blue sky

*Beverley George*

mynah birds . . .  
the car park afloat  
with twilight tales

*Madhuri Pillai*

common bronzewing  
colours of the rainbow  
dip into late afternoon

*Rose van Son*

kookaburras  
greeting first light  
shadow chatter

*Jahan Tyson*

gathering dusk  
the homing cries  
of black cockatoos

*Lyn Reeves*

flooded paddock  
a grey heron stalking  
its reflection

*Carole Harrison*

upside down  
iridescent homing birds—  
riverside cyclists

*Avalanche*

dark water  
a duck's wake  
wobbles the bridge

*Lorraine Haig*



stirring greyness the orange beak of a swan

*Meik Blöttenberger*

misty morning walk...  
above the shrouded world  
two grey crows

*Robyn Braithwaite*

nightfall  
ibis in lines  
of flight

*Dennis Garvey*

winter dusk  
the passing shadow  
of a solitary crow

*Stella Damarjati*

green-tinged cloud  
a summer hailstorm  
chases us home

*Kash Thomson*

frost covered paddock  
a knitted rainbow  
warms the teapot

*Elizabeth Nicholls*

green fields  
strewn  
with shorn sheep

*Irene McGuire*

foggy highway—  
the black and white cows  
only sometimes there

*Sandra Simpson*

5am milking . . .  
a white cat follows  
the  
fog  
in

*Lorin Ford*

winter light—  
a flick of mouse tails  
in the grain drum

*Sandra Simpson*

unravelling light along the boundary fence the glitter of  
hoar frost

*Mark Miller*

dawn bush walk  
the gleam of raindrops  
on unfurling fronds

*Nathalie Buckland*

daybreak  
morning glory hugs  
the parched dam

*Barbara A. Taylor*

she-oak . . .  
a panting kelpie  
in the wisp of shade

*Gavin Austin*

russet with rain  
bark caught in the fork  
of a eucalypt

*Jan Dobb*

burnt-out eucalypt—  
grey branches tangled  
in the stars

*Mark Miller*

indigo web  
shadowed boughs  
gathering night

*Jahan Tyson*

summer field  
a full-blown moon  
silvers each grass blade

*Lyn Reeves*

river shore  
light and shadow  
dapple ancient rocks

*Maire Glacken*

ochre cliff  
dreaming  
of another millennium

*Barry Sanbrook*

sunset red trail to red horizon

*Owen Bullock*

campfire stories burning leaf skeletons in the dark

*Tim Roberts*

steep track—  
hidden in the twilight rain  
the mountain hut

*Ross Coward*

white mist  
the clatter of deer hooves  
across creek stones

*Jennifer Sutherland*

reflections  
on tremulous water  
a rock softens

*Mira Walker*

afternoon kayak—  
lake carp spotlit  
in slanting sunbeams

*Rohan Buettel*

rainforest track  
the interplay of sunlight  
and leaves

*Tom Staudt*

on the hill  
a smudge of sunshine—  
wattle grove

*Kent Robinson*

high country  
golden poplars  
light the landscape

*Carol Reynolds*

winter sun—  
the snow mountain  
capped in cloud

*Ross Coward*

sun and salt bleached  
the shell still sings  
the wind's song

*Glenys Ferguson*

Cairns street market  
dazzling jewellery  
from multihued shells

*Christa Pandey*



storm-torn beach  
a wrecked shell glows  
in rainbow hues

*Quendryth Young*

sunlit tide . . .  
rock pools illuminated  
with sea stars

*Ron C. Moss*

the blues  
of a quilted sea  
I dive into dreams

*Maurice Neville*

the shoreline  
of Surfers Paradise—  
stepping on skyscrapers

*Ingrid Baluchi*

opalescent eyelash droplets  
summer's last swim

*Ronald Chato*

her face  
under the bathing cap  
a child's again

*Tony Beyer*

mango sunrise . . .  
surfers catch  
their first wave

*Margaret Mahony*

spring regatta  
spinnakers unfurl  
in blooms of colour

*Simon Hanson*

autumn sun bejewelled surface of the ship graveyard

*Jane Williams*

shearwater  
one wing skimming  
the sunset

*Lorin Ford*

harbour lights  
a cruise ship  
and the full moon

*Judith E.P. Johnson*

harbour fireworks  
my shadow  
splits five ways

*Tom Staudt*

highway of light  
the silhouette of a boat  
across water

*KL Morris*

fading light  
praying  
for the stranded whales

*Peter Macrow*

lonely shore  
esplanade lights  
ghosting the mist

*Simon Hanson*

art class—  
learning to see where  
the light falls

*Keitha Keyes*

black and white chaos  
on red acrylic  
the guide explains

*Elizabeth Nicholls*

a watercolour sky  
bleeding edges  
to invisible

*Myra King*

modern art  
all the colours  
of my pain

*Margaret Mahony*

my daughter's grave  
shadows of flowers dance  
by my side

*Maureen Sexton*

chapel candle  
a flickering face  
finds the words

*Maurice Neville*

midwinter sunshine  
touches nowhere but the couch  
she mourns and naps

*Steph Amir*

sunset—  
the last rays of sun  
catch in my throat

*Leanne Jaeger*

my mark  
on the cosmos . . .  
moonshadow

*Gregory Piko*

supermoon . . .  
it pulls all of us  
outside

*Vanessa Proctor*

the Milky Way  
in the southern sky  
all the stars he taught me

*Meg Arnot*

beyond  
understanding  
the Milky Way

*Wanda Amos*

through tangled branches  
of the giant pine  
a pale star shines

*Owen Bullock*

streetlamp shadows  
between rail and kerb  
the tabby vanishes

*Lynette Arden*

fur from the brush  
soft in my hand  
a white cloud

*Jan Napier*

charity shop mirror  
all those days and faces  
now only light

*Marietta McGregor*

cut-crystal vase  
every shadow  
a different shape

*Marilyn Humbert*



kintsugi . . .  
the gold tinges  
of sunset

*Samantha Sirimanne Hyde*

broken Wedgewood  
the bowerbird collects  
another piece

*Gavin Austin*

gilding  
my sourdough toast—  
stringy-bark honey

*Leanne Mumford*

country show  
the rosy glow  
of apple jelly

*Glenys Ferguson*

night shopping  
my empty trolley  
fills with neon

*Lynette Arden*

spring cleaning . . .  
the wonderment  
of dustlight

*Samantha Sirimanne Hyde*

redecorating  
after the divorce  
the paintbrush drips  
wild strawberry

*Vanessa Proctor*

last day of work  
the horizon  
a pink champagne

*Marisa Fazio*

Christmas party  
single again  
her flashing earrings

*Judith E.P. Johnson*

dawn  
paints the sky  
without you

*Carl Walsh*

party night over  
fairy lights on the shed  
dance into the dawn

*Robyn Braithwaite*

Canowindra pub  
old shadows front up  
for one last round

*Marietta McGregor*

lunch break  
I smile at pink petals  
in the cashier's hair

*Barbara A. Taylor*

first yellow hibiscus  
I waited so long  
for your smile

*Candy Gordon*

fluttering  
between the lines  
red heart emoji

*Elisa Theriana*

camellia sunset  
the way she blushes  
to say his name

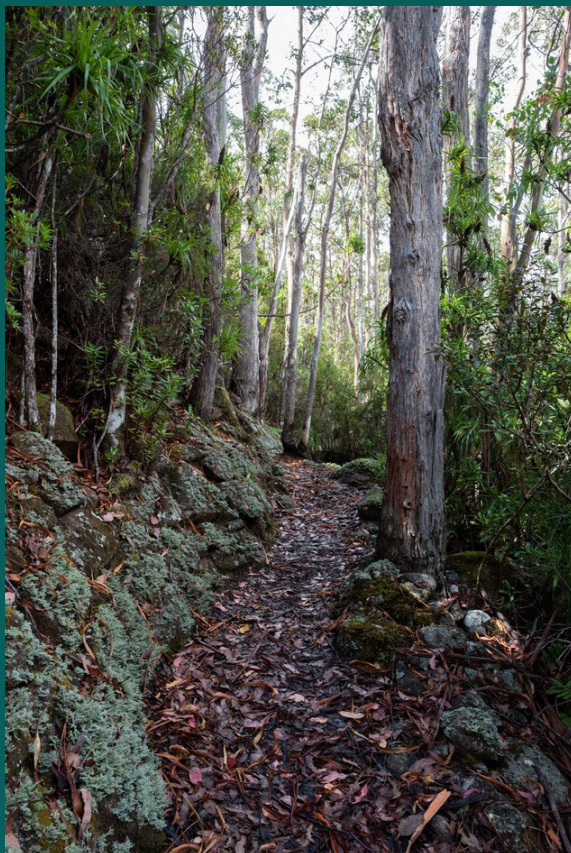
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my long journey  
only the moon for company  
coming back to you

*Avalanche*







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