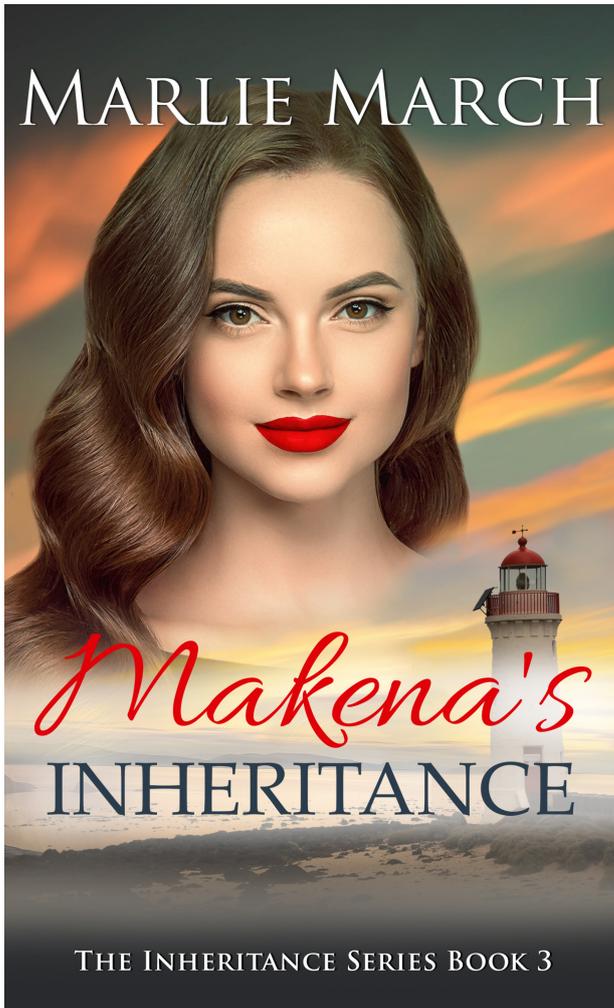


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## MAKENA'S INHERITANCE: THE INHERITANCE SERIES BOOK 3



## THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY

Most authors fall into three categories when it comes to their approach to writing. They are the plotter, the pantsler and the procrastinator. I have managed to escape from the category of procrastinator and am now, definitely a pantsler. I do have a basic plot in mind when I commence any novel but I have learned not to spend too much time on planning because inevitably, my characters will come to life through their dialogue as I write.

In Makena's case, by the time I had reached chapter two, her whole personality had altered into someone I hadn't envisioned. She became the 'Princess,' as Jared dubbed her. I had no clue. I thought he'd call her 'Mak,' but what do I know? I'm only the author, lol!

## MAKENA'S PREGNANCY

Everything I wrote about Makena and Jared's experience regarding pregnancy and birth were similar to my own experience. Our eldest daughter was born 9 weeks early. 12 months and 3 weeks later, our twin daughters arrived, only 6 weeks prematurely.

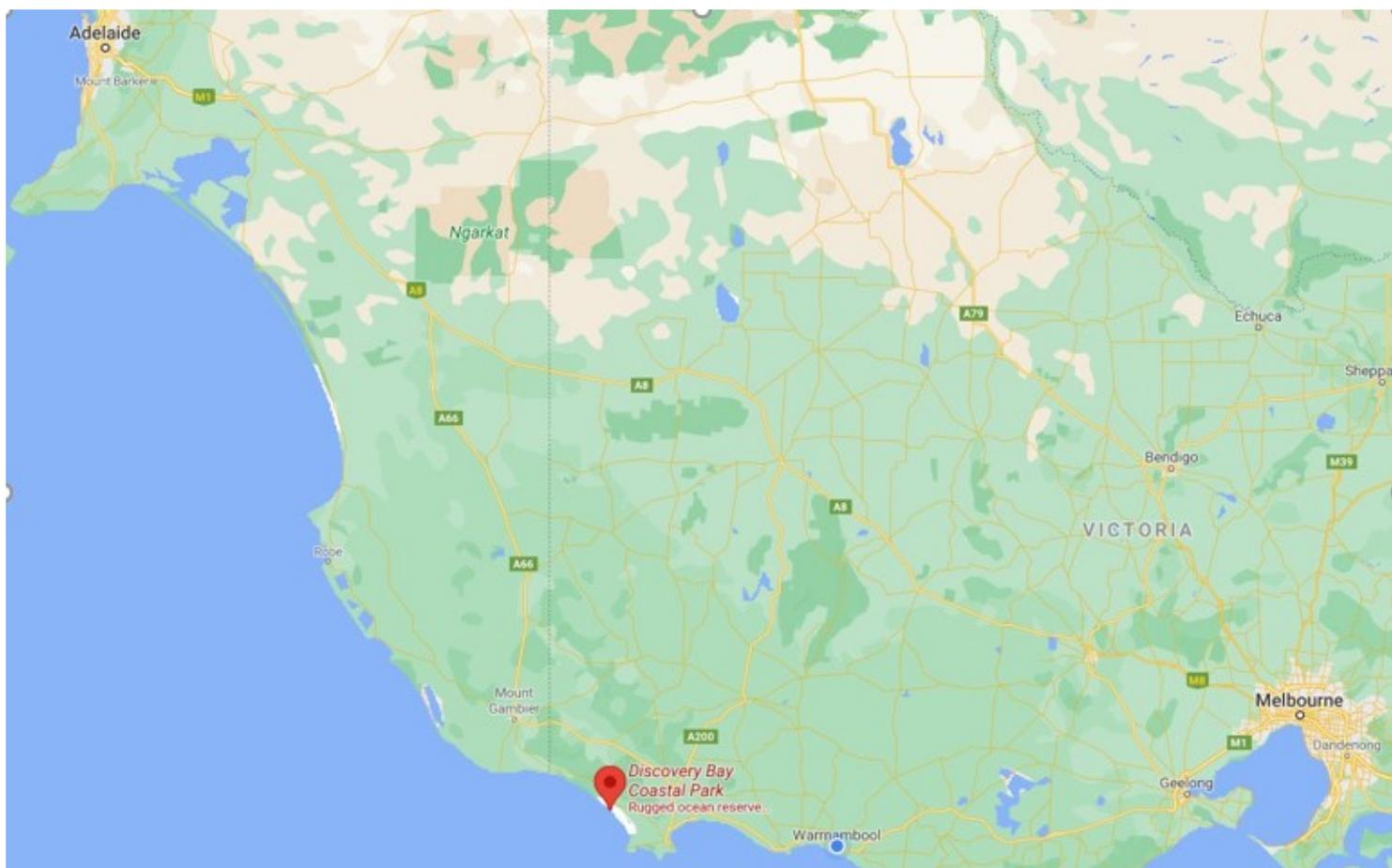
The scene where Makena has her ultrasound is exactly what happened to us. I did have a premonition that we would have three children when we knew that our second pregnancy had to be our last. The technician was terrified to reveal that we were having twins. I was over the moon and my husband really did just plonk himself down muttering the same expletive under his breath for quite some time.

I also had to have general anaesthetic caesareans and we were all transported to Melbourne to access specialised care. Those times were difficult, but we managed to get through them all and our beautiful daughters are now in their 20's.

## STORY LOCATION

Beacon Holiday Park is an imaginary place situated at Discovery Bay Coastal Park near the Victorian border to South Australia.

For those of you who do not know the region, I have snipped a copy from google maps to show you its position between Melbourne, Adelaide, and also Mount Gambier.



People living in the regional and rural areas of Australia rely heavily on the amazing medical teams and volunteers who man the emergency services, fire brigades and ambulances. It is a fact of life that we have to rely on air ambulances to be flown to the closest capital city in emergency situations.

## Princess Pyjamas

I'm always looking for images to inspire my writing and hopefully my descriptions will give my reader a similar image. I even googled princess pyjamas and laughed so hard when I came across #originalprincess that I just had to add it in somewhere.

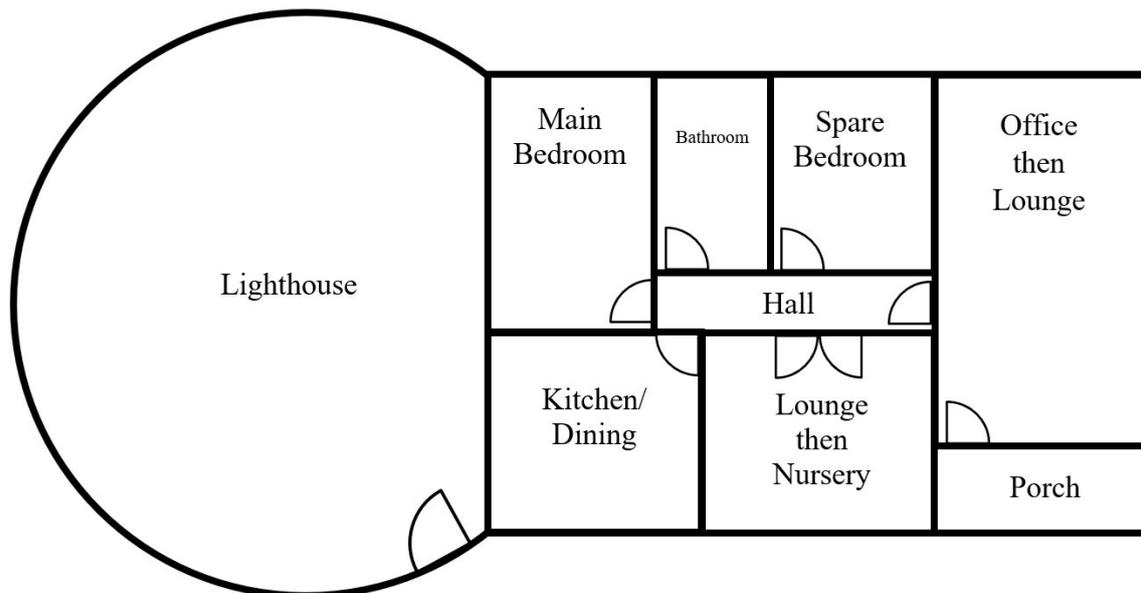


## Sam's Bedroom

Likewise, when I googled queen-sized Harry Potter doona covers, Hedwig and the Nimbus 2000 just had to star in Sam's newly decorated bedroom.

## THE RESIDENCE

So much of Makena's story happens in the residence attached to the lighthouse. Here is a floorplan of how I imagined it while writing.



# The Wedding

Makena's decision to have a beach wedding did not mean that she had to scrimp on style. I thought that the wedding gown shown in this photo would work perfectly for our barefoot bride.

I didn't go over the top describing Jared's mother's engagement ring and tiara.

A well-to-do Toorak woman of her time would have chosen simple yet elegant designs that would be in keeping with what one should wear when meeting Princess Diana but not be so ostentatious as to overshadow royalty.



Well, that's it for this 'story behind the story.'  
I hope you enjoyed visiting Makena's world.

Siblings Banjo, Lawson and Poet will each have their own stories written in The Lyric Creek Farm Series which will be published in 2022.

I love hearing from readers, so please leave a review and subscribe to my website.

Much love, Marlie March.

