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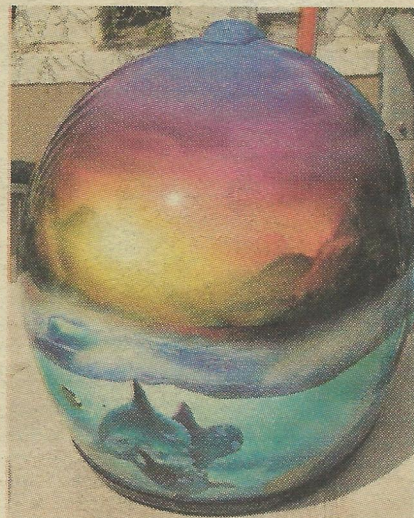
## Didgeridoos to Garage Doors



Two years ago, on a two week holiday Ron helped his dad to move furniture from their home in London to the Costa Blanca, liked the area and decided to stay. He went to the industrial estate in Torrevieja and soon started work for the main Ford Dealers as a panel beater and painter, which is his qualified trade. He learnt the Spanish way of working and the language, picked up contacts and bit by bit his parents brought over his compressor and other machinery needed for panel beating and vehicle painting.

Before moving to Spain Ron, full name Ronen Zlotogovra now 28 years of age and born and brought up in London took a year off work and travelled the world as a back packer with a year long visa. He travelled through India, New Zealand, Australia and Thailand. Having always been interested in art, he purchased a notepad in India, and from that day he drew a picture of all the places he visited as a reminder of his trip. In total he travelled to six countries for £700. Ron told us that it is a great way to see the world. He had lived and worked with tribes in northern Thailand, worked in a garage in Perth where he saved some money and purchased a van, and spent time with aborigines in the Northern territory, seeing how they lived and worked. It was here that Ron met Bill Harney, chief of the tribe. Ron learnt secrets from Bill, one being how to make a didgeridoo, and play it. Ron told us, "It is quite easy to make a didgeridoo because of the termites in Australia most of the trunks are already hollow inside. Then you chip off the bark, sand and paint". Bill taught Ron how to make animal noises such as crocodiles and dingoes, and awarded him the tribal name of Jabara and the personal name Yunbee Yari, which translates to 'go sit in shade'. Didgeridoos which sell for 200 dollars and upwards are made by the tribes all day long and because Ron made a flawless didgeridoo he was offered a job by the tribe. Usually there is a tiny hole somewhere from the original piece of wood which has to be filled, but Ron had managed to find a piece without any defect.

Now Ron is living in Torrevieja, with his fiancée Caroline, three dogs and his mum's almost life size models of a giraffe and couple of zebras.



Any surface that is paintable, Ron can paint it whether it is plastic, metal, wood, glass or anything else. He recently did a landscape scene on an external store room door for a neighbour and he has a very tricky venture in the near future as a friend of the family wants an African scene painted on a large glass topped coffee table and to be able to do this to satisfaction Ron needs to paint it from underneath!

After leaving the Ford main dealers in Torrevieja, Ron decided to try to find work for himself and promptly placed some custom painted crash helmet samples in motorbike shops around the area. He has just completed a 12 meter landscape scene for a business in Catral and a corrugated garage door painting for a scrap yard in Dolores.

Ron told us that a crash helmet can take as long as 70 hours from start to finish as he never uses stickers, but always paints free hand and uses a minimum of seven layers of lacquer.

He also uses the 'trompe l'oeil' which is a technique of still life painting which is designed to make the spectator think the objects represented are real. Ron can be contacted on 96 670 0027 or mobile 653 401 856.