

Avalon's Guide

Emigrate to New Zealand

How to Live The Dream
Without Breaking
The Piggy Bank

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Dedication

To Alan, for deciding that New Zealand was the place to take me on our Honeymoon.

To my family – for teaching me that anything is possible, and for being the sort of family that didn't think I was completely bonkers for wanting to move half way round the world.

To all the members (past, present and future) of the EmigrateNZ forum, for having the guts to dream big.

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