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Enviro-Stories Competition

Enviro-Stories is a competition based education program for Primary Schools based on the pedagogy of Kids Teaching Kids. Students where given the opportunity



to learn about their local environment, write a story about it, then get their story published. These stories provide an educational experience that creates readers, written about local issues, by local kids, for local kids.

In 2009, the Central West Catchment Management Authority, in conjunction with the Cotton Catchment Communities CRC, has provided local kids with the opportunity to join in on this exciting and innovative competition.

Central West Catchment Management Authority

The Central West Catchment is committed to work with the community to conserve, improve and manage natural and cultural resources. The catchment is located in central western New South Wales, flanked by the Barwon and Darling Catchments to the north and west, Lachlan to the south and the Sydney/Shoalhaven Basin to the east.

Cotton Catchment Communities CRC

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The Central West Catchment Management Authority 2009 "Creepy Crawlies... life underground" Enviro-Stories Competition consists of the following books:

- Holly the Honey Pot Ant
- Ethan the Earthworm Saves the Day
- Emily Ant
- Edwina's Choice
- The War of the Wasps

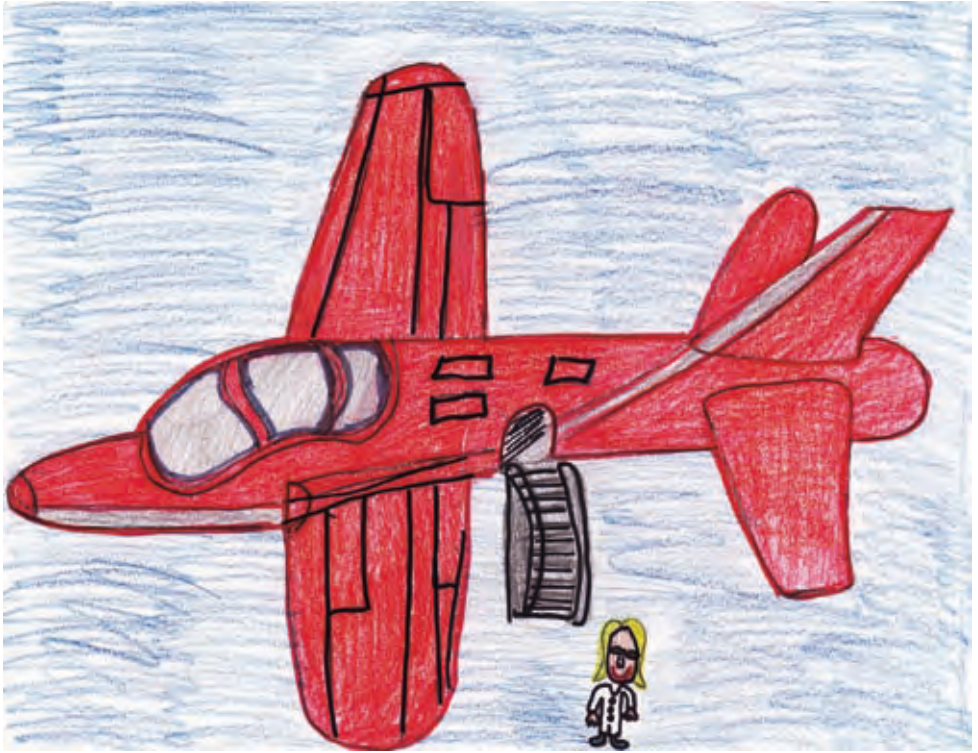
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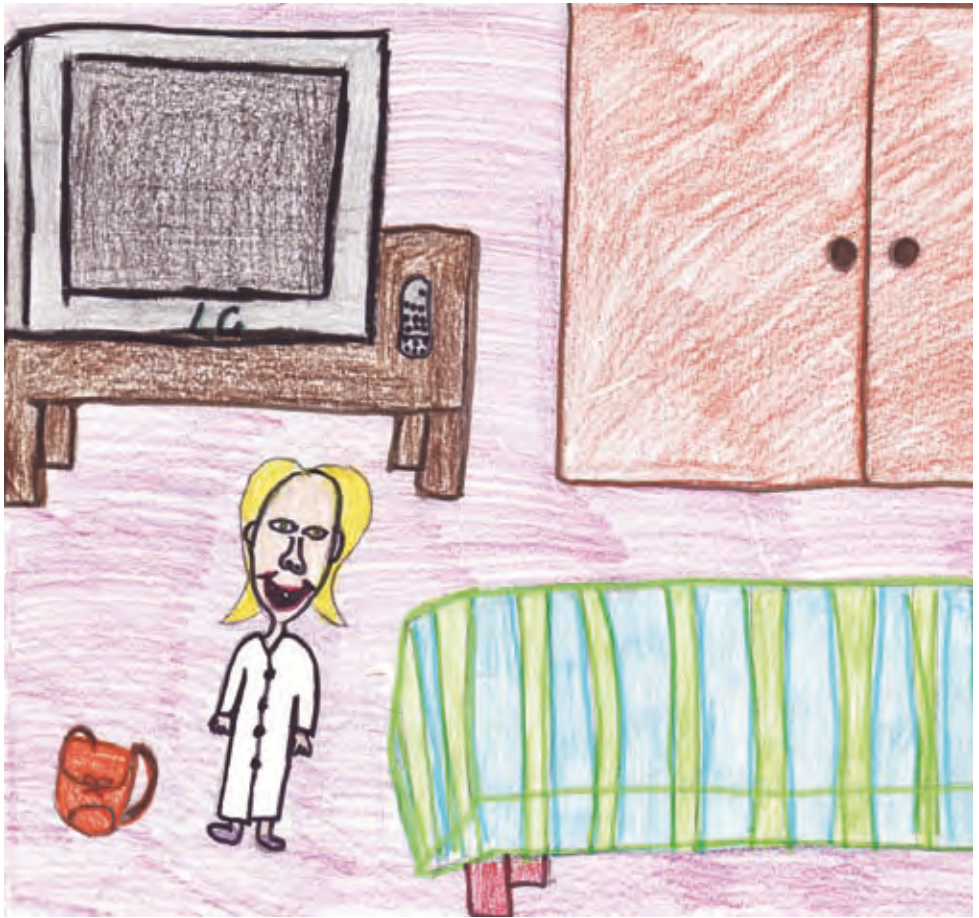


Seven years ago, in a dark and dingy science lab, Edwina was studying her favourite insect, the 'leaf insect'.



Edwina all of a sudden had a great idea. She should go to the rainforest and photograph them in their own habitat.

A week after Edwina had the great idea; she hopped on a plane and headed for the rainforest.



The next morning Edwina packed her equipment for a long day out researching.

She set out to find some leaf insects.

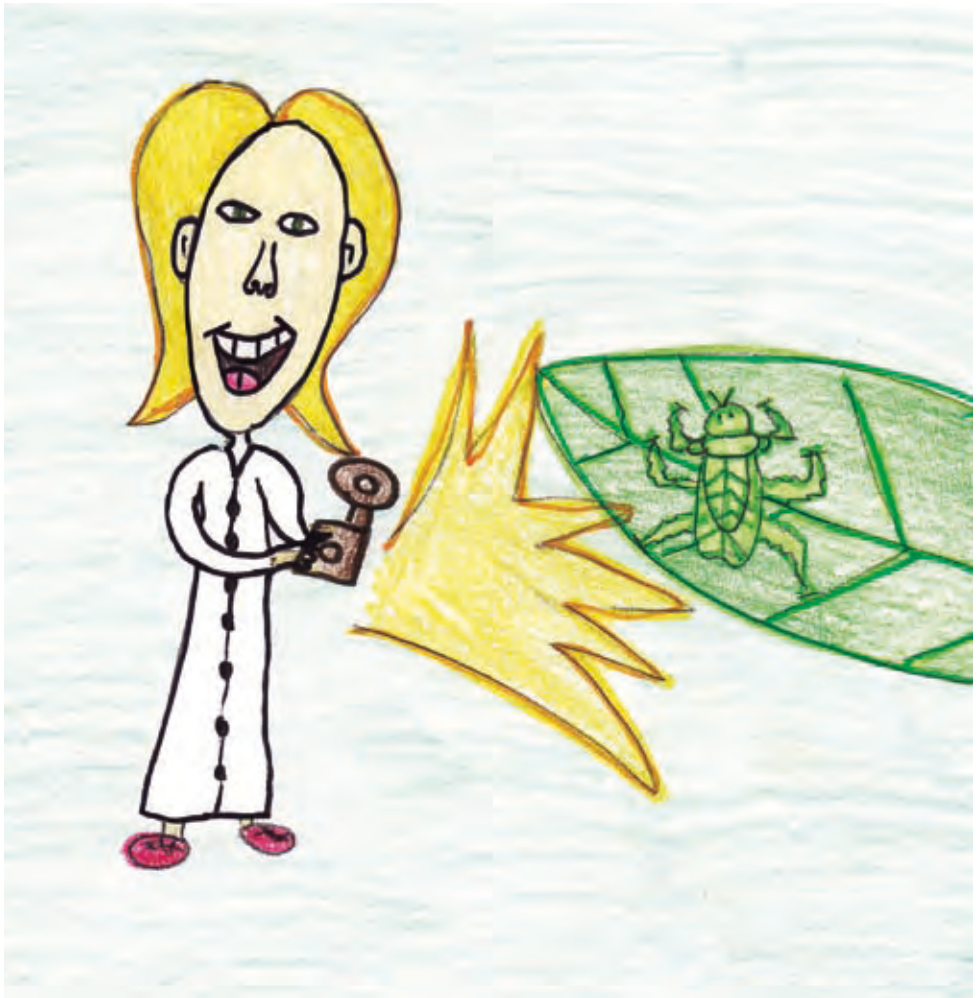


Edwina struggled through vines and branches.

She leaped over cool puddles of water until she finally found a leaf insect in its natural environment.

Edwina was excited, she started to photograph it.

The little leaf insect cried out, "Can you please stop that light flashing?"





Edwina thought she must be going crazy. "I am really sorry. I didn't realize that is was bothering you! What's your name?" asked Edwina.

"My name is Lily! What's your name?" said Lily.

"My name is Edwina and I am an Entomologist," she said, "and I am studying leaf insects."



"Can we please be friends Edwina?" said Lily.

"Of course we can be friends," said Edwina.

“Lily, I was wondering if you would like to come and live with me at Trangie Agricultural Research Station?” asked Edwina.



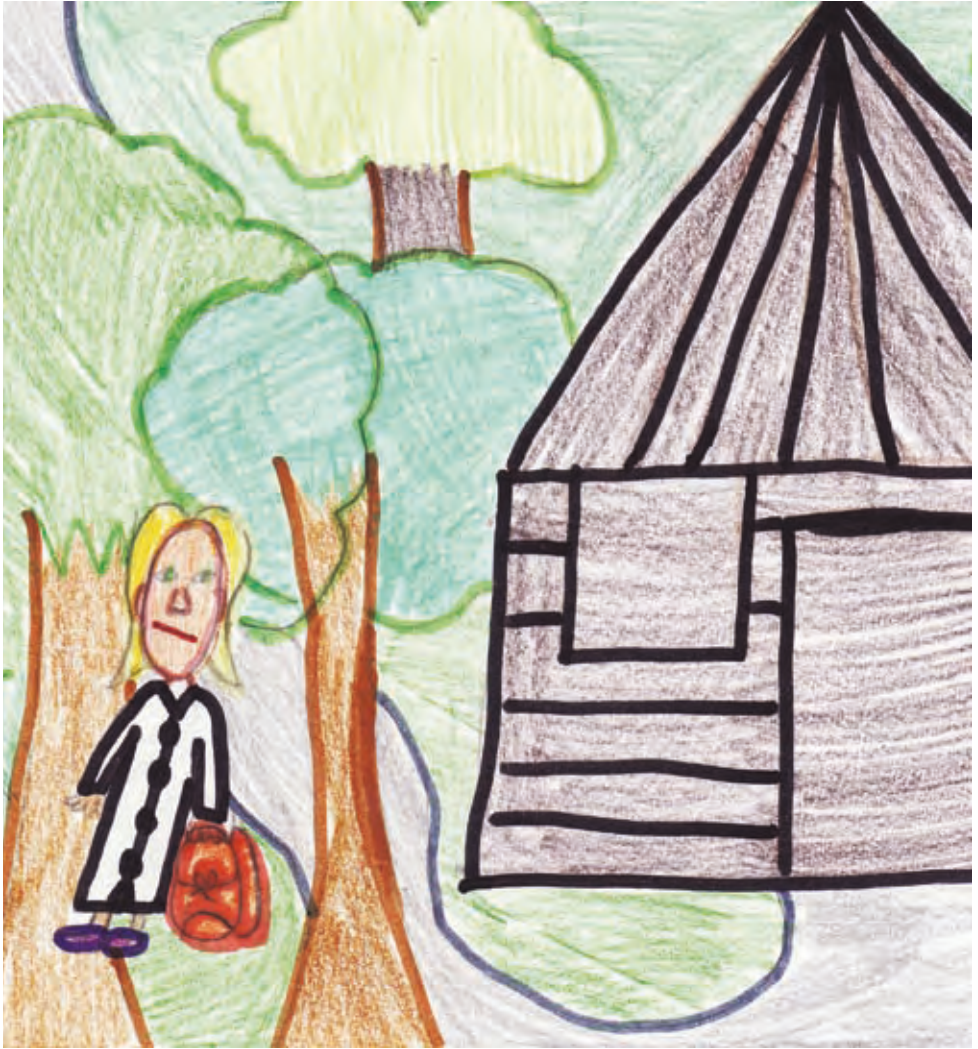


“I am really sorry, but I can’t leave. If I leave I won’t be able to reproduce. I’ll also have to leave my family and all of my leaf insect friends,” said Lily.



Edwina begged and begged Lily to come with her. Edwina became very angry and stormed off back to the cabin.





When she got to the cabin and started to think about it, she knew Lily was right. It was selfish to ask this of her.



Edwina then made a brave decision. She would stay in the rainforest and keep studying the leaf insects.

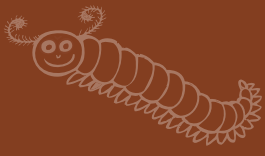
"I am sorry," Edwina told Lily.



Eventually Edwina became a world famous Entomologist. She won lots of awards for her study of leaf insects.

The best thing of all was that she remained friends with Lily for the rest of their lives.





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