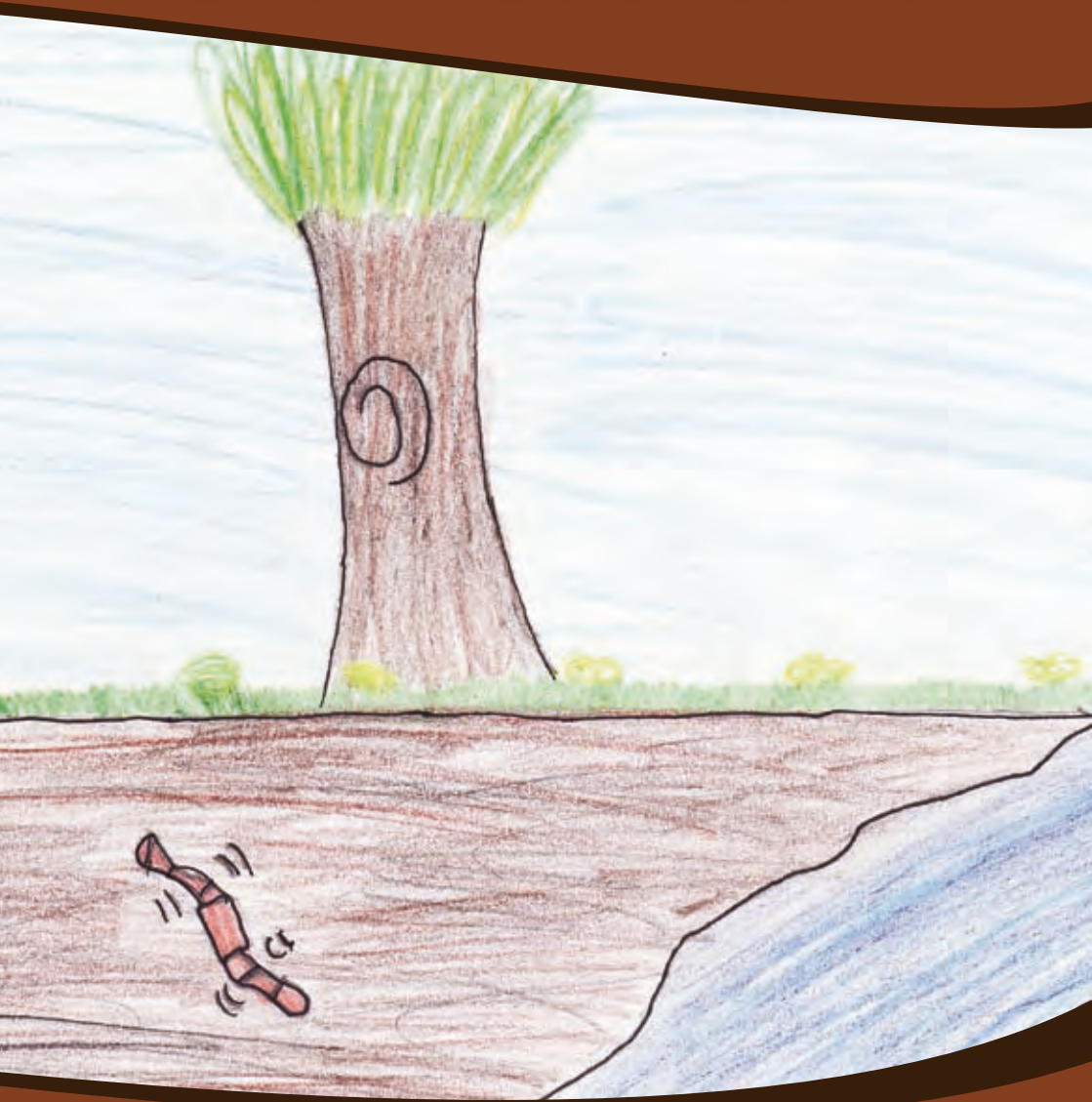


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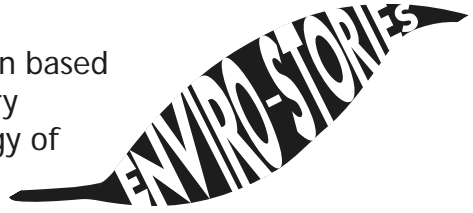


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# Enviro-Stories Competition

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

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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.

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The Cotton Catchment Communities CRC 2009 “Creepy Crawlies...life underground” Enviro-Stories Competition consists of the following books:

- Holly the Honey Pot Ant
- Timmy Termite Saves the Day
- Squiggles’ Big Day
- Angus Ant
- Cameron’s Birthday
- Eric the Earthworm
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One fine summer's morning, Eric the earthworm wriggled down to the banks of the Namoi River to have a little nibble on some leaf litter.



Little did Eric know that the Council had arrived to spray the weeds around his home.

When Eric returned from the riverbank the council had started spraying the ground.

He began to feel ill as he detected the chemicals in the ground with his sensors.

Suddenly Eric heard a voice. It was that of a lady named Addison.





Addison was a lady who helped the earth.

Her favourite creepy crawly was the earthworm.

She said to the council worker, "There are earthworms underneath the soil."

The council worker paused for a moment and said, "We need to spray this area. How can we do this and let the creepy crawlies live?"



Addison suggested, "Can I take them home and care for them at my place?"



So the worker dug a hole and he found the earthworms. Addison took Eric and his friends and made a worm farm at her house.



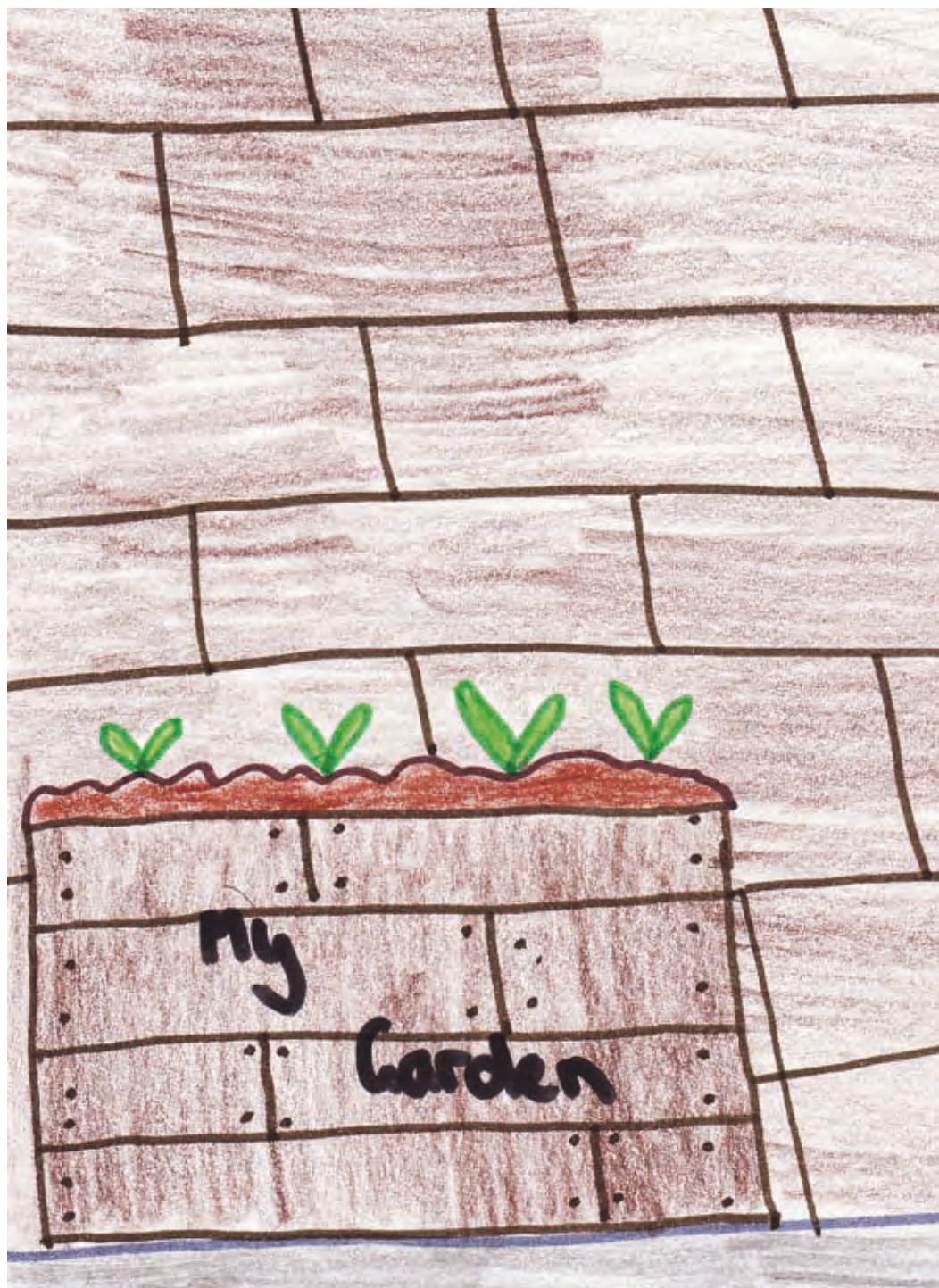


Eric didn't have to worry about people spraying or damaging the environment again.

Eric got fed lots of yummy food scraps.

His favourite thing was red apple cores.





One day Addison took out the soil that the earthworms had made from eating the scraps.

She put the newly made soil onto her garden beds.





Addison made sure that Eric and the other worms were comfortable by putting some new soil into the worm farm.



One day, Addison took the worm farm to Narrabri Public School.



The children at the school were learning about worms and composting. Addison kindly gave the worm farm to the school.



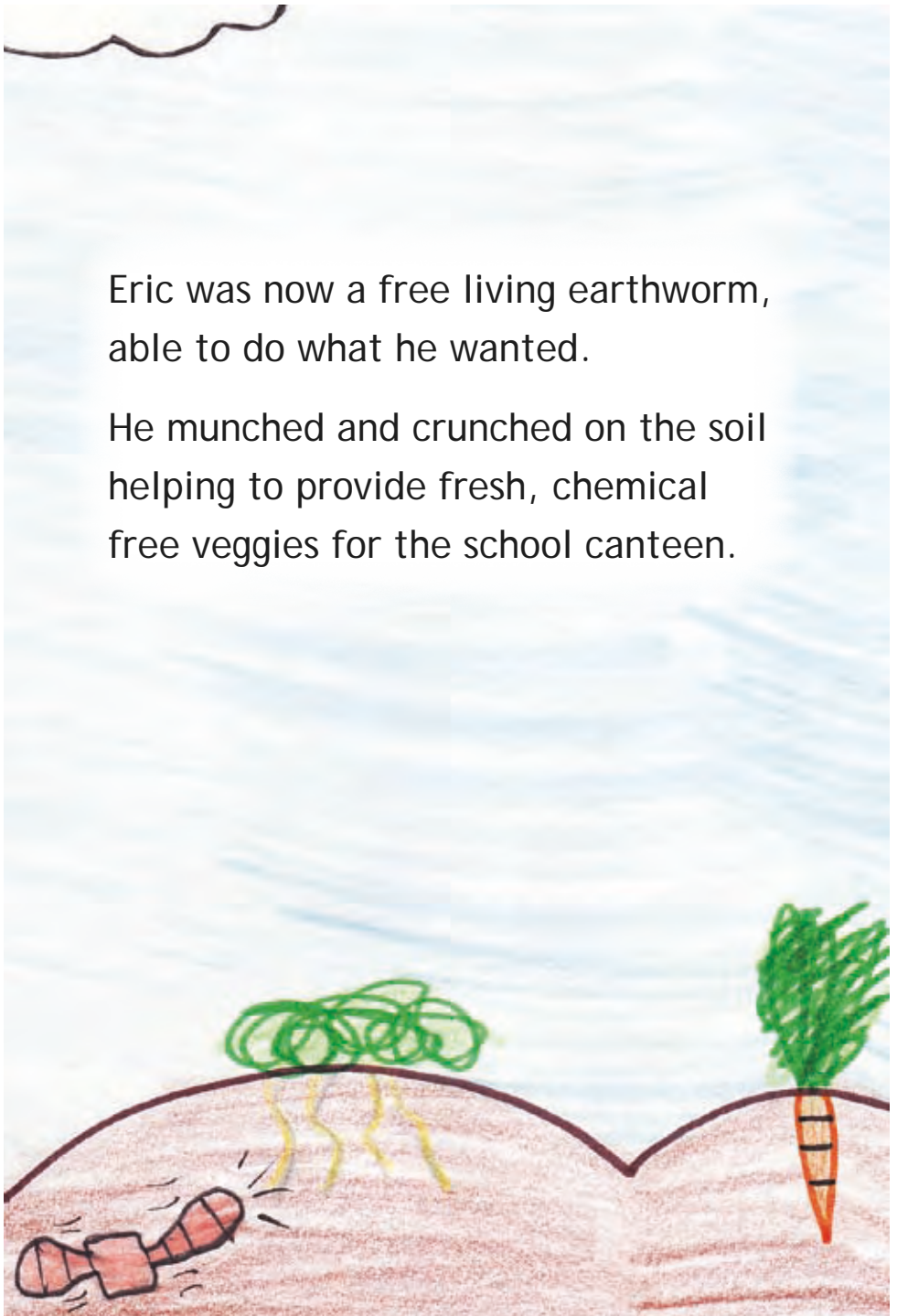
The students fed the earthworms all their vegetable scraps.

After a while, they released Eric and the other earthworms into the freshly dug veggie patch.



Eric was now a free living earthworm,  
able to do what he wanted.

He munched and crunched on the soil  
helping to provide fresh, chemical  
free veggies for the school canteen.







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