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Enviro-Stories Education Program

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This program provides an education experience for kids through learning about the environment. The final product is a published story written about local issues, by local kids, for local kids and future generations.

In 2011, the Cotton Catchment Communities CRC, in partnership with the Central West Catchment Management Authority, provided local kids with the opportunity to join in on this exciting and innovative competition.

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- Noises in the Night
- Pigs in the Dam
- Where am I?
- The Little Village

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Somewhere down the Thompson River there is a little village. Living in the little village is a wide range of animals.

There were kangaroos, koalas, emus, sugar gliders, wombats, dingoes and many more.

Birds filled the skies including cockatoos, kingfishers, kookaburras and eagles.

Even the river was filled with life, yabbies, turtles and many different types of fish including the yellowbelly.



The animals all happily lived together in their little village habitat until one day...



...poachers with guns came and made camp less than a kilometre away.

All the animals were terrified!

Yabby fled to his hole. The birds covered up their nests with leafy branches and all the other creatures tried to hide themselves.

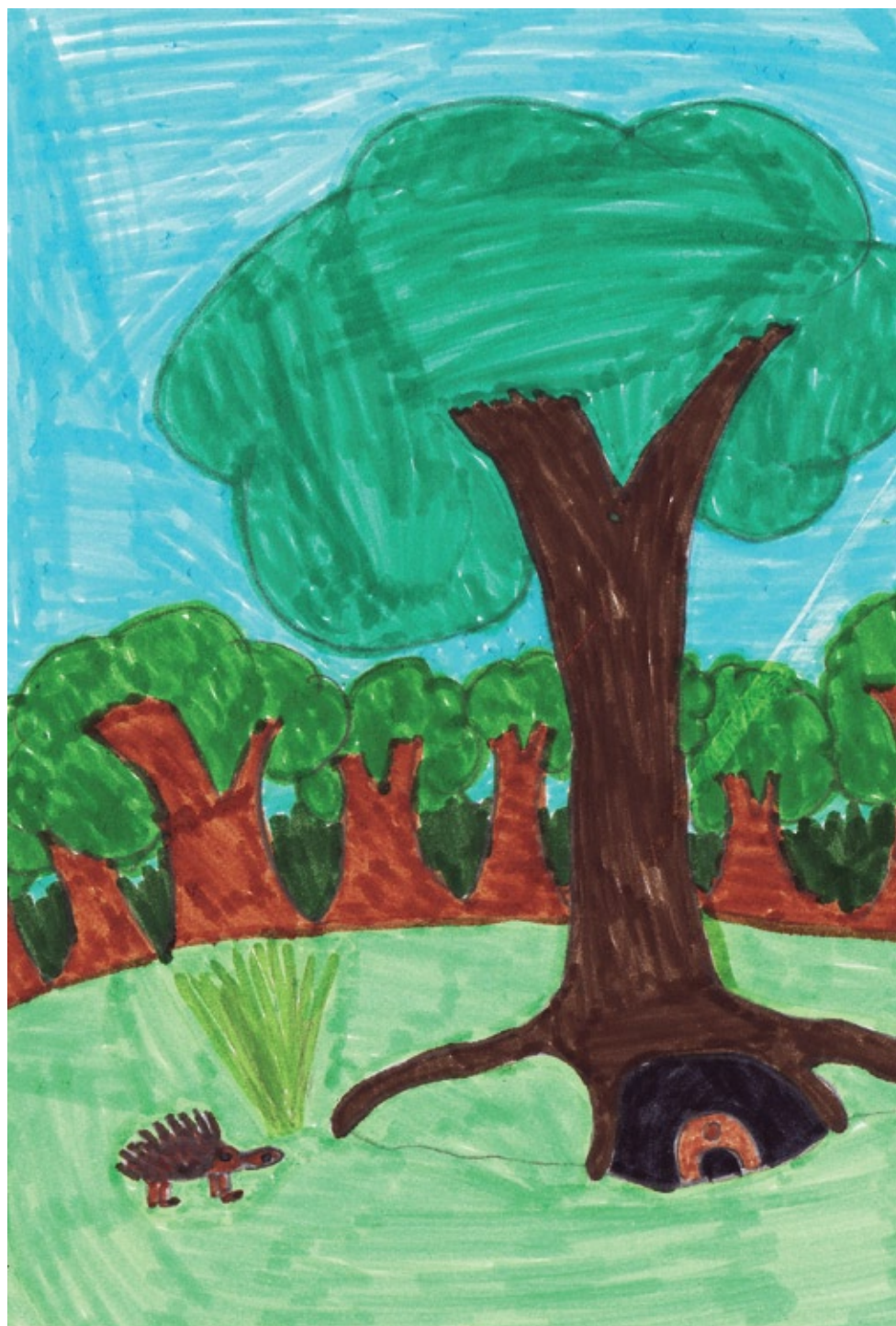
The three bravest and wisest creatures, Mr. Yellowbelly, Mrs. Kangaroo and Mr. Emu, held a meeting to try and figure out what to do.



They discussed the issue of the poachers and decided that they would have to take action to protect their village.

They decided that they would set traps by digging deep holes and covering them with twigs and dirt.

The echidnas and wombats volunteered to dig the big holes.





Everyone else worked hard to cover the pits with the twigs and dirt.

After they finished you wouldn't even notice the traps were there!

The animals of the village felt much safer.

The following day the poachers came. There were five of them in total. All had guns loaded as they crept closer and closer.





Three of them fell into three different pits. One after another.

Mr. Emu gave a small, nearly impossible to hear laugh.

The two poachers, who were in the front, didn't even notice that the other three had disappeared!

They kept on going until another one fell into a trap.

The last poacher, scared and wondering what happened to his friends, raised his gun ready to shoot.

He began to run through the bush.





‘AAAAAAARRGGHHHHH!!!’

The last poacher was down.

Mrs. Kangaroo quickly ran to the local ranger's hut and led the ranger back to the traps.

The ranger called the police and they took the poachers away.



The little village was safe once more!





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