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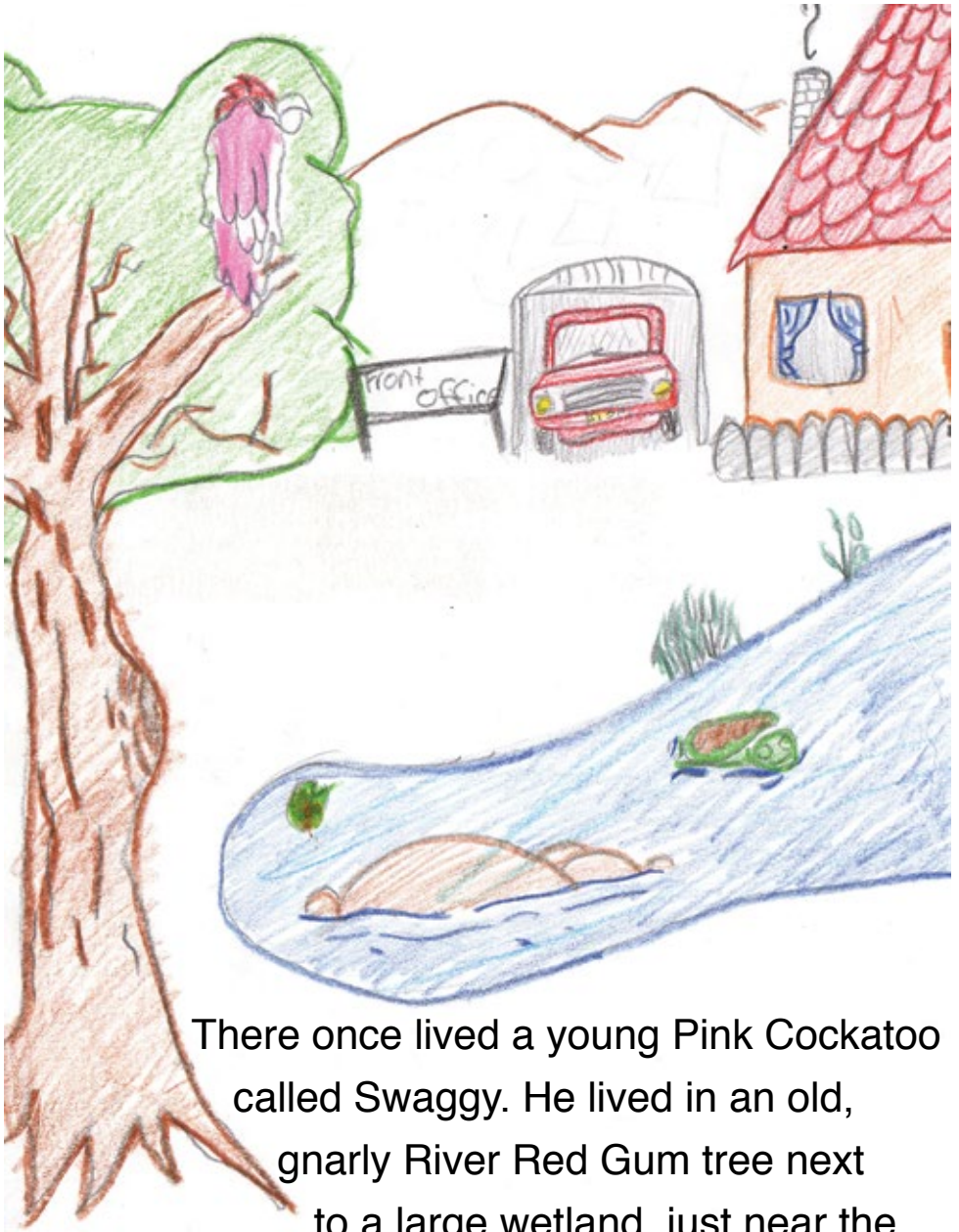
## **WATER! The Life of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area Enviro-Stories Education Program**

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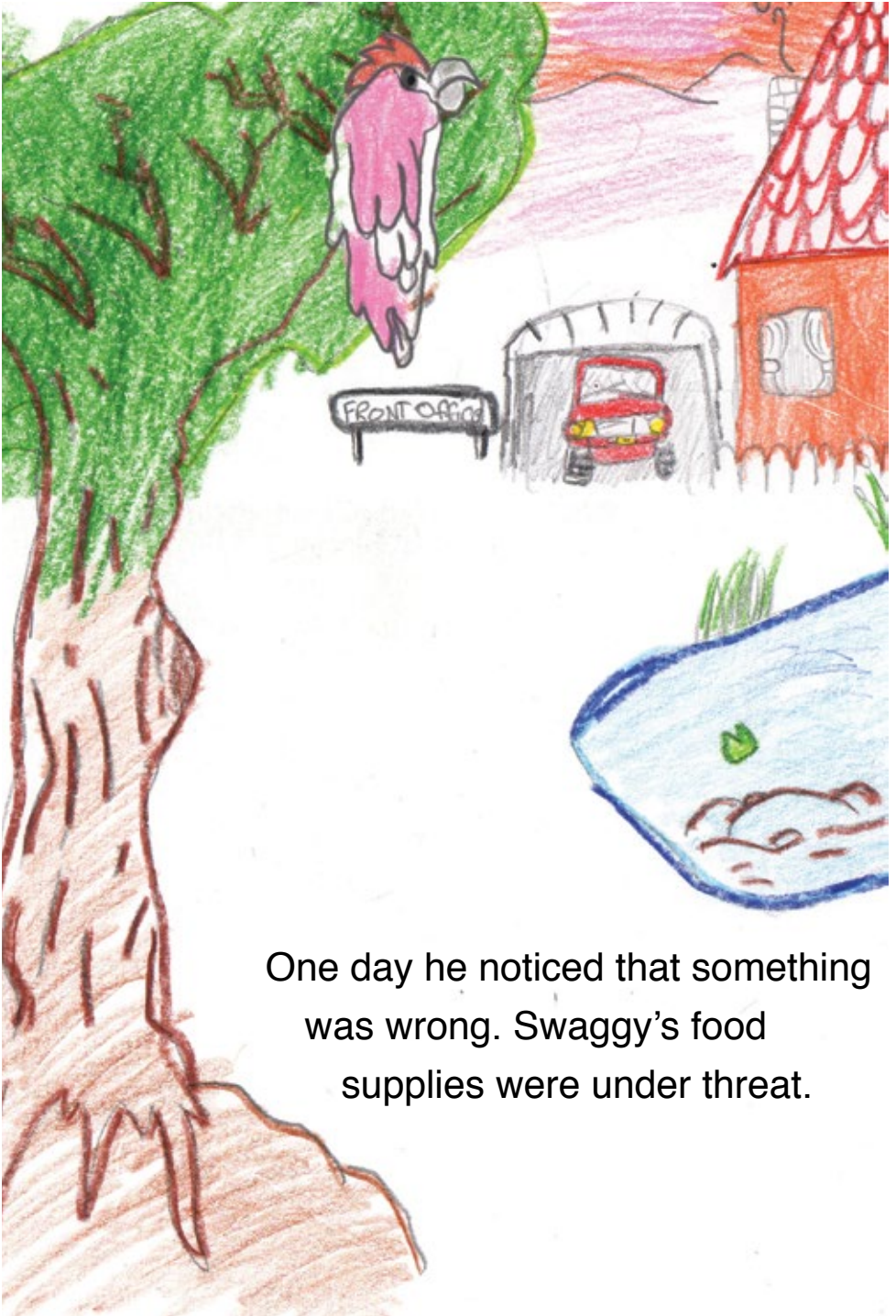
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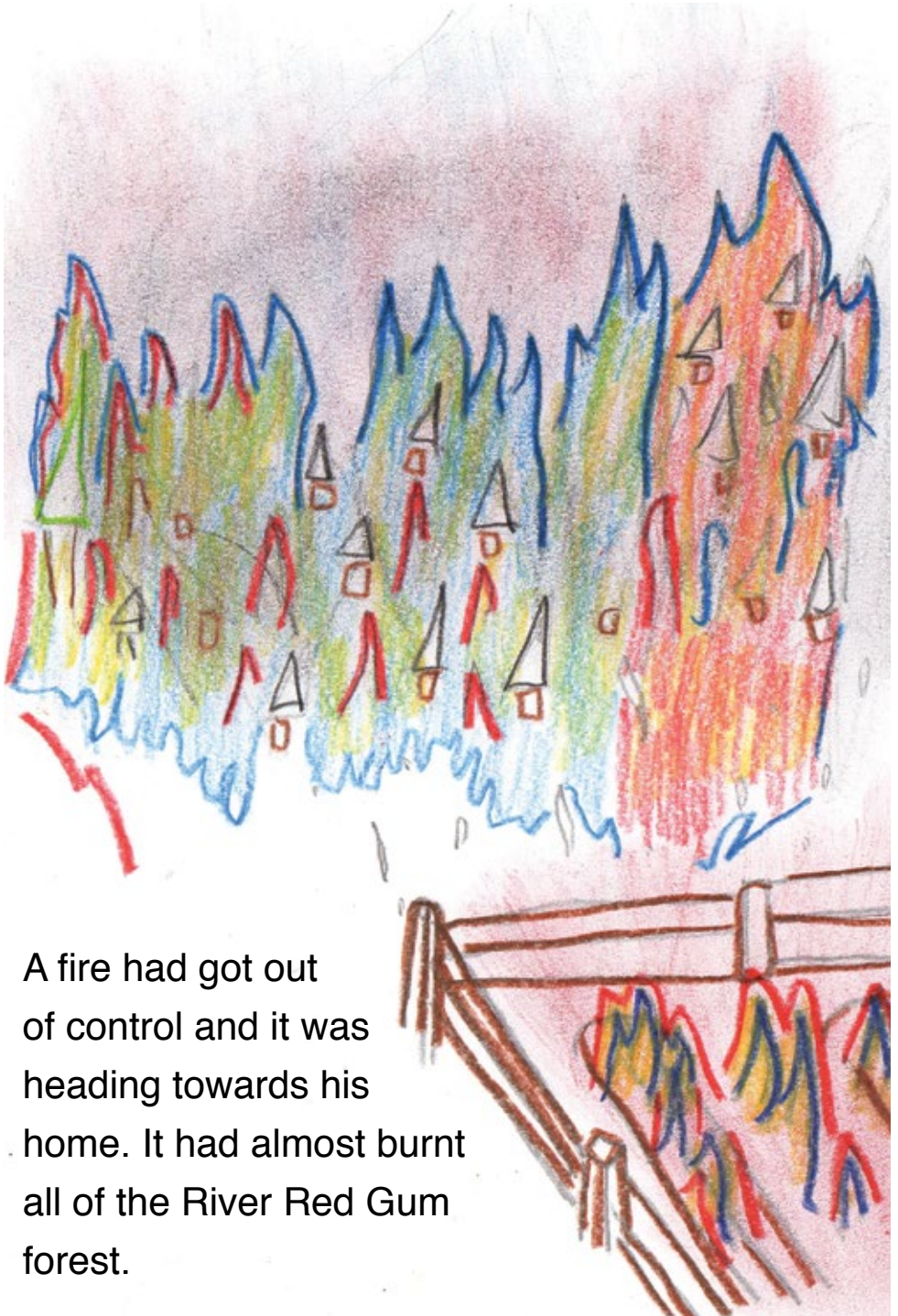
There once lived a young Pink Cockatoo called Swaggy. He lived in an old, gnarly River Red Gum tree next to a large wetland, just near the Murrumbidgee River. This area provided him and his friends with a home and a great source of food.



He always kept his food supplies in his home just in case there was a drought. The drought hit and clever Swaggy thought, "I don't have to worry because I have plenty of food". Or so he thought.



One day he noticed that something was wrong. Swaggy's food supplies were under threat.



A fire had got out of control and it was heading towards his home. It had almost burnt all of the River Red Gum forest.

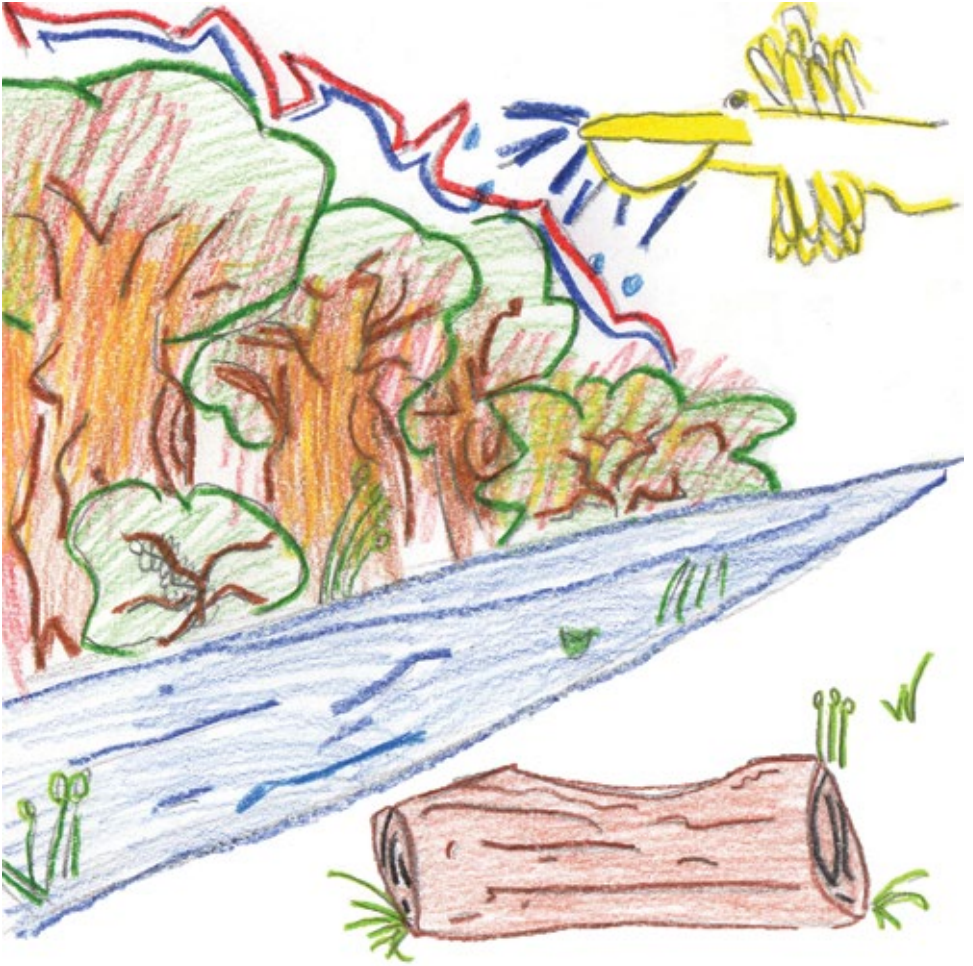


As Swaggy flew over the bushfire he saw the animals running and crying for help. He knew he couldn't help them but then he noticed a helpless baby goanna. He swooped down and grabbed the baby goanna and returned him home to his family at Mirrool Creek.





Swaggy flew to his friends that lived on the Murrumbidgee River. He was so happy that the pelicans were there. He quickly asked them to collect water in their large beaks, fly over and dump the water onto the fire.



As the pelicans flew over they put the fire out and helped other animals to find safe places. They promised to show Swaggy a place called Barren Box swamp – a Murrumbidgee Irrigation storage and wetland area. The pelicans thought he might like to make this his new home.

They left for Barren Box the next morning.  
Swaggy didn't want to go forever because he thought he would have a hard time forgetting his friends back at the Murrumbidgee River.

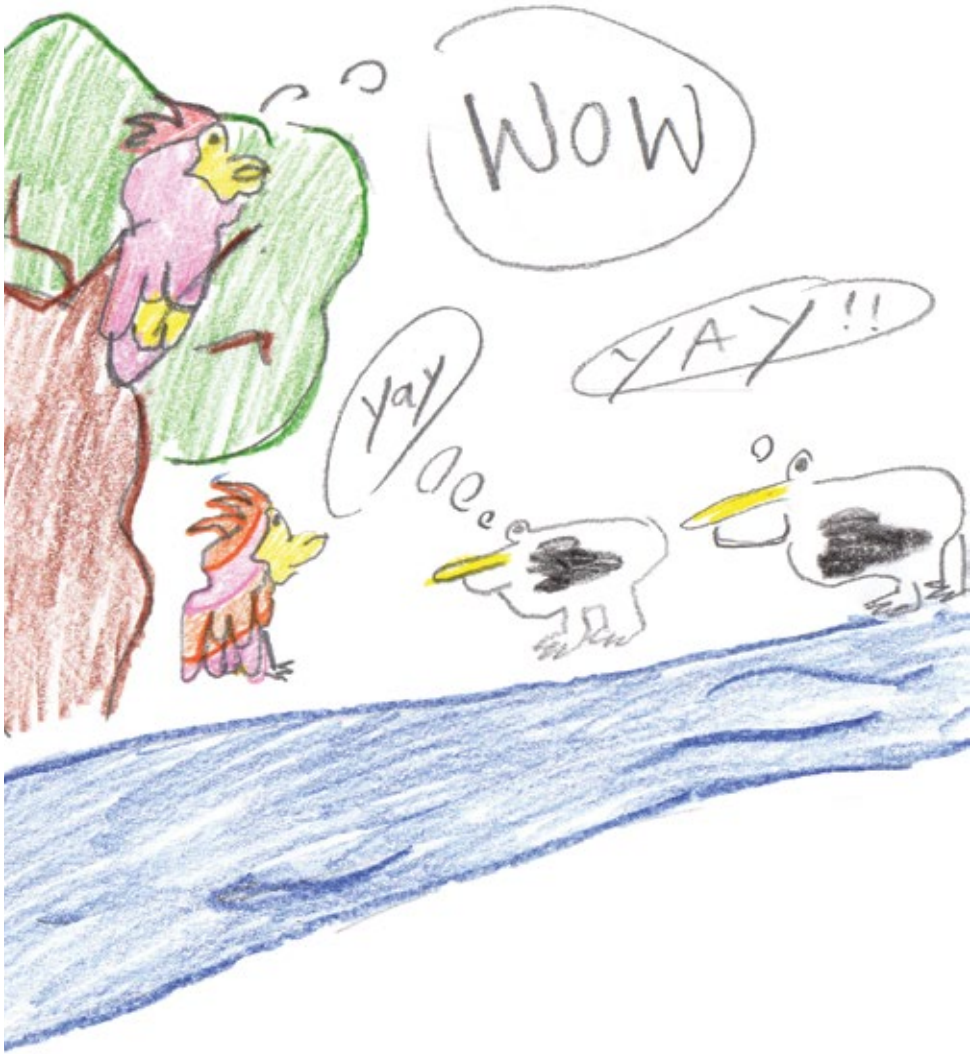




Swaggy loved Barren Box Swamp. It was a place with plenty of food and trees to live in.

Even though it was lovely place at Barren Box swamp, he would return home. A storm was closing in so Swaggy decided to wait for the storm to pass.



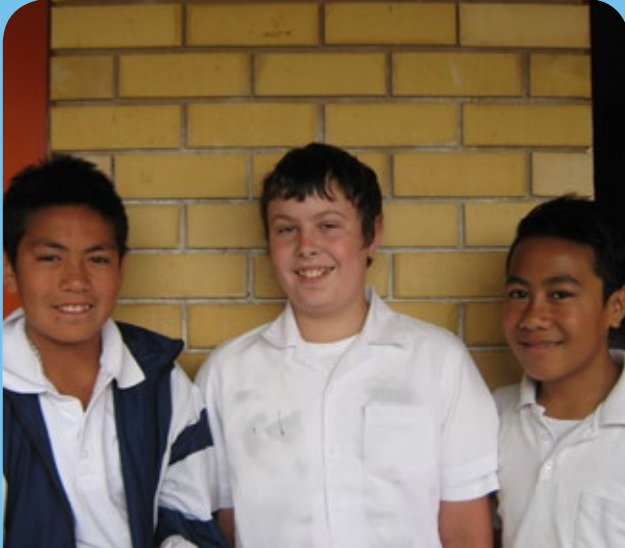


When he and the pelican had reached home on the Murrumbidgee River the animals rejoiced for Swaggy. The baby goanna said, “The hero’s returned!”

Swaggy told his many friends of the place called Barren Box swamp. Some of them decided to leave to find a new home at the swamp. However, Swaggy was quite content to stay by the Murrumbidgee River in his own River Red Gum.







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