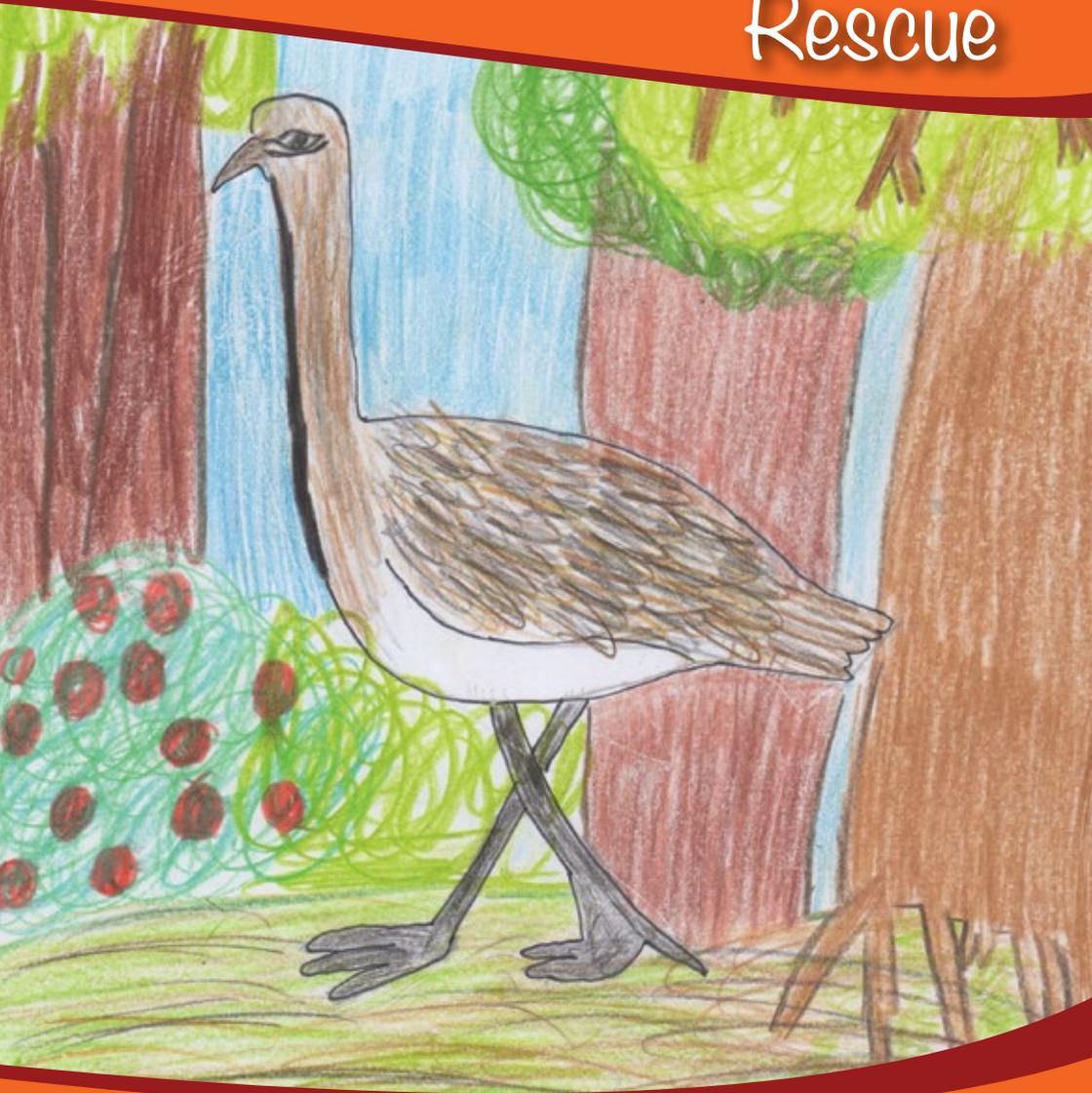


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- Jimmy the Jacky Dragon
- Brushy the Squirrel Glider
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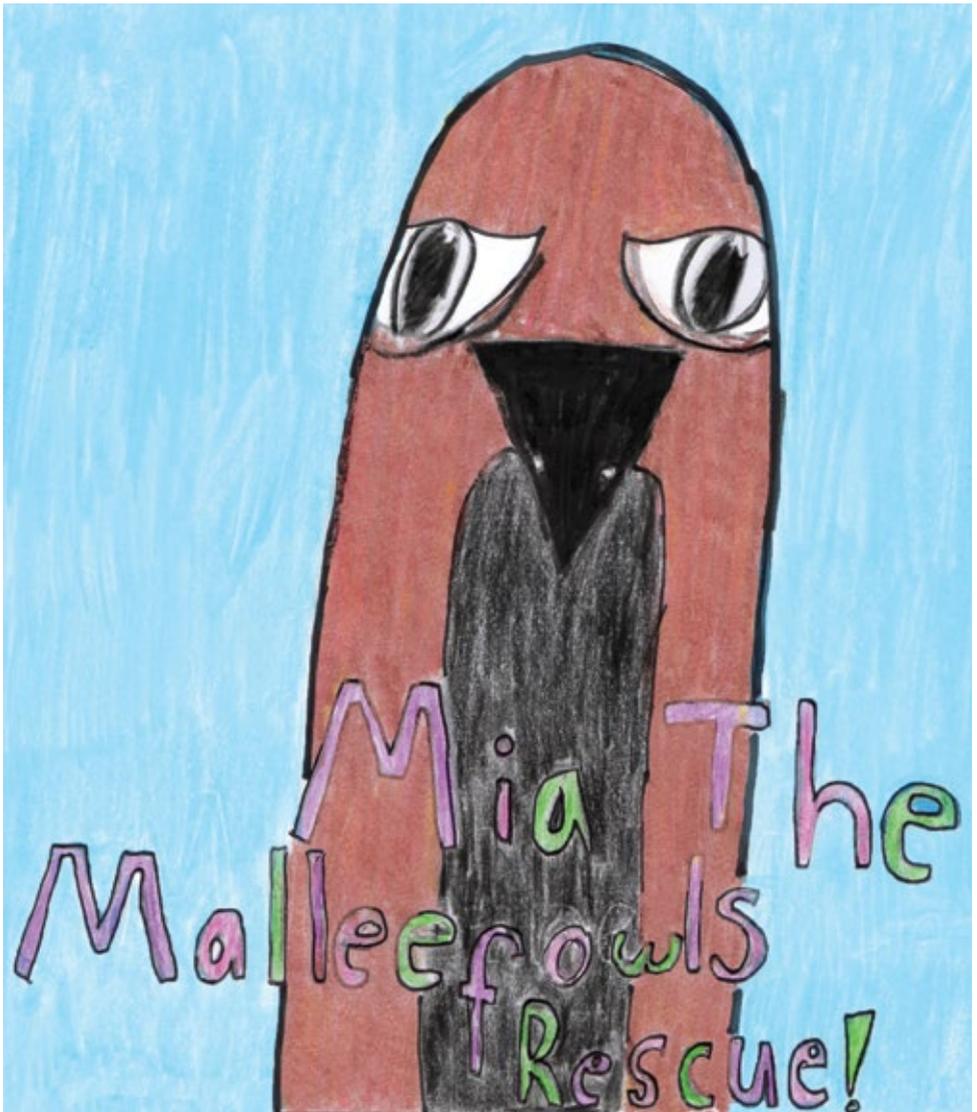
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Follow Mia the Malleefowl on an adventure through the Australian bush. Meet the animals that threaten her, and the kind lady who helps to protect her.

This is Mia and she is a Malleefowl. Her feathers are very colourful. She has three sisters whose names are Missy, Marley and Molly. They have lots of fun together.

Malleefowl are a threatened species. This is largely due to chicks being eaten by feral animals and native birds of prey. They also have to compete with domestic and feral animals for food.



One day, when Mia and her sisters were out eating seeds and berries, Swift the fox popped out of the bush nearby.

“Hello little Malleefowl, what are you doing today?” said Swift.

“Stay away from him! He ate our brother. Let’s get out of here,” said Mia.

They ran away as quickly as they could.





As they walked along out came Tabby the feral cat.

“Hello little Malleefowl, why are you here?” hissed Tabby.

“You ate our sister. Stay away from her,” said Molly.

They quickly ran away again.



Late that evening Mia, Missy, Marley and Molly were going home to perch in their tree. All of a sudden down flew Ravie the Raptor.

“Hello girls!” Ravie screeched.

“Stay away form him. He’ll peck our eyes out just like he did to our brother. Let’s get out of here,” whispered Marley as they scurried away.



The following morning Mia, Missy, Marley and Molly all woke up to the sound of flapping wings.

“Hello ladies,” said Hunter the currawong.

“Anyone hungry? How about Malleefowl eyes for breakfast”

“Let’s get out of here”, exclaimed Mia as they ran away.

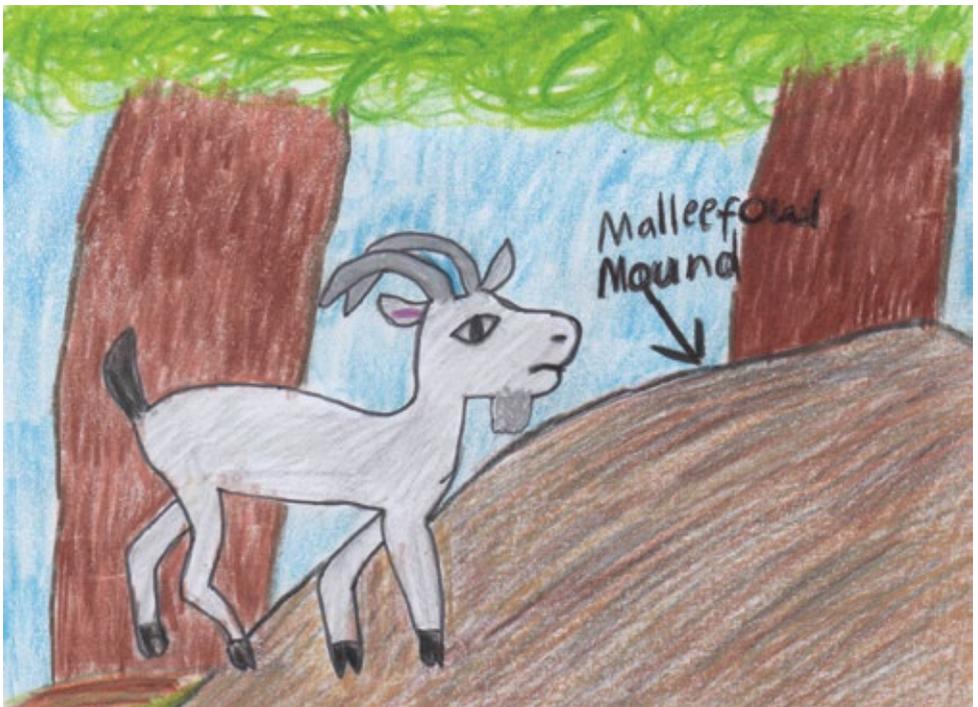
They started walking when they saw Charlie the feral goat.

“Stop, Charlie you’re about to step on Mick the Malleefowl’s mound,” shouted Molly.

“Go away little girls, I do what I want,” said Charlie.

“Get away Charlie!” shouted Mick as he put on a scary and dazzling display to protect the eggs in the mound.

Charlie was totally freaked out and ran away.



“It is so dangerous being a Malleefowl,” said Molly as they walked along. “We have seen way too many predators lately,”

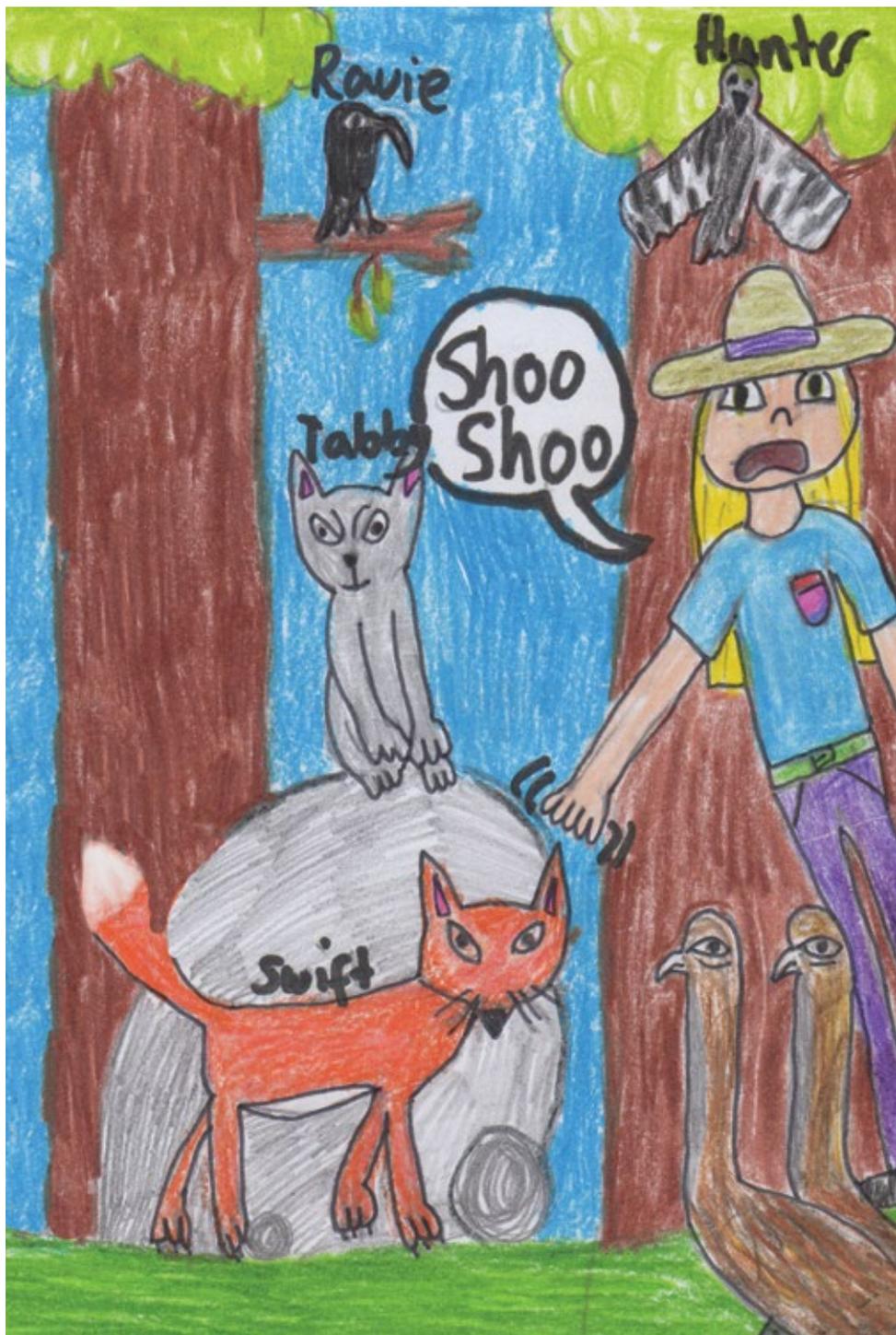
Suddenly all five predators jumped out in front of them.

“Help! SOS! Save Our Species!” yelled Marley.

Fortunately a lady who was bird watching walked out and shouted, “Shoo, Shoo!”

She made lots of noise and scared the predators away. The Malleefowls were safe.







The ladies name was Belinda. She was an amateur bird watcher who loved the environment.

Belinda called WIRES (Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service) to find out how she could help protect the Malleefowl.

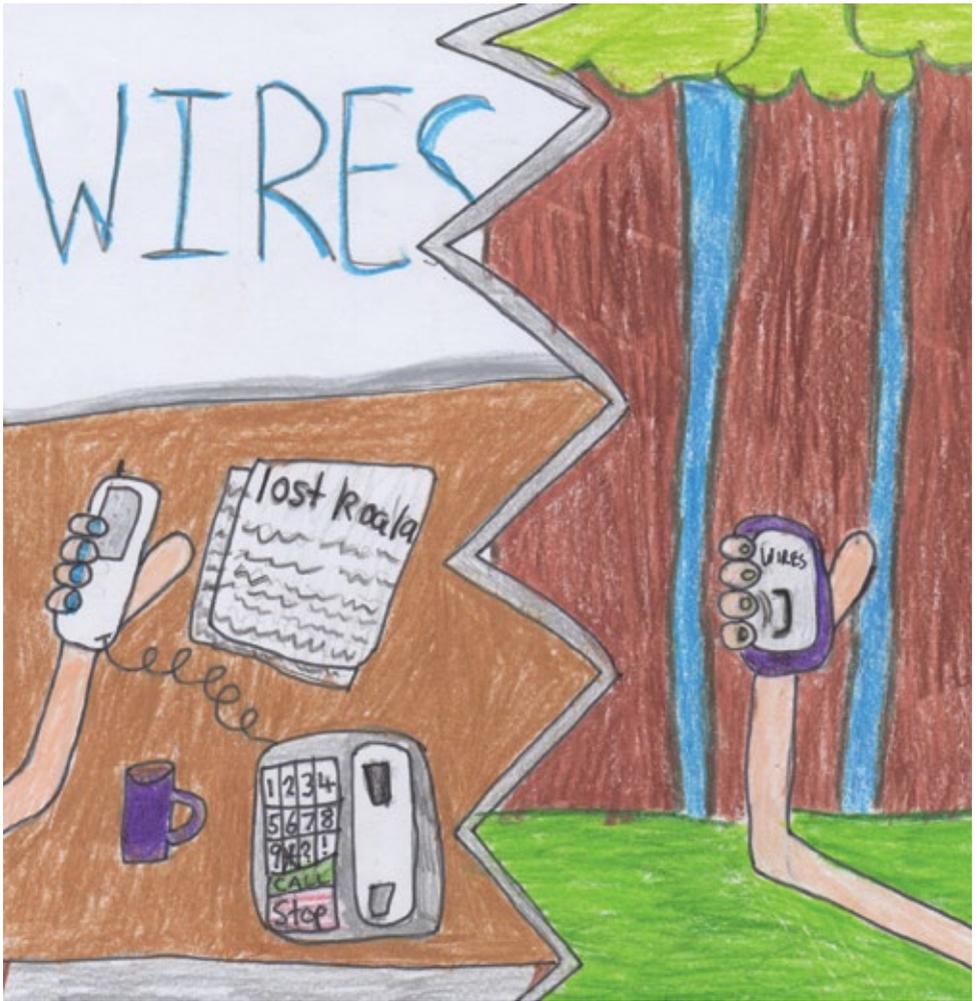
“Hello, I have some Malleefowl here that are under threat. What should I do?” she asked.

The lady from WIRES was named Katherine. Katherine said, “I’ll tell you all about them!”

“The Malleefowl are very important because they are a threatened species,” answered Katherine.

“The predators you saw are a big problem. Maybe you could contact the Lachlan Catchment Management Authority to see if they can help to control feral animals in that area.”

Katherine continued, “You can also help by driving with care when Malleefowl are around to reduce road kill. Also, it is very important to follow fire warnings and do not light fires near Malleefowl sites.”

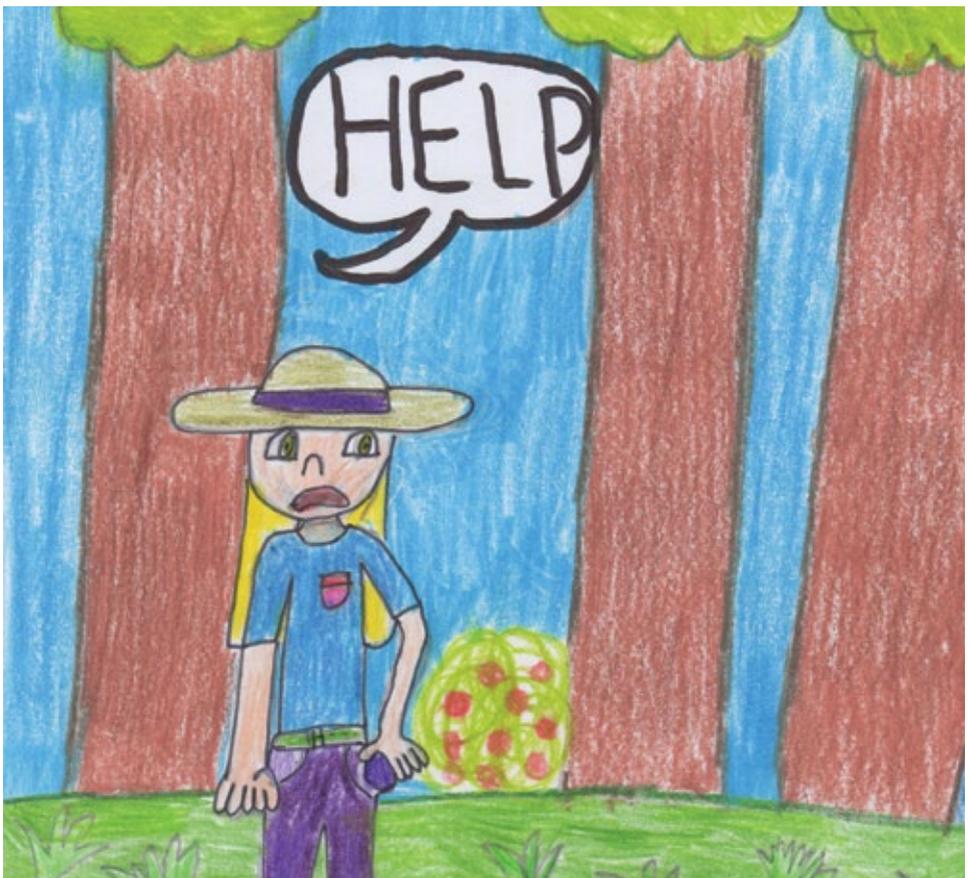


“Lastly, you can help by fencing off domestic animals from bushland areas and removing weeds,” finished Katherine.

“Thank you so much. Now I know a lot about protecting Malleefowl. Ok, got to go, bye,” said Belinda.

Belinda felt great that she now knew how to help the Malleefowl. She thought the first thing to do would be to call the Lachlan Catchment Management Authority and see if they could help.

As she put her phone away she heard, “Help!”
“On no! Another animal needs help.” Then off Belinda went to help.



With Belinda's help to protect them, Mia, Missy, Marley and Molly were able to safely grow in their forest.

Eventually they even bred, laid eggs and had Malleefowl chicks of their own.





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