

# The Story of Kim Krebs



*Catchment Champion*

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## *Creative Catchment Kids*

Creative Catchment Kids is an initiative of the Murray Darling Association and Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre. It aims to improve engagement between the Murray Catchment Management Authority and school students by providing opportunities for positive and authentic ventures that encourage students to develop creative solutions to natural resource management issues. [www.murray.cma.nsw.gov.au/creative-catchment-kids.html](http://www.murray.cma.nsw.gov.au/creative-catchment-kids.html)

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## *Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre*

The Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre is located in Burrumbuttock, north of Albury in southern NSW. Since 1995, the centre, which is adjacent to Burrumbuttock Public School, has provided opportunities for discovery and learning about the natural environment, the ecology of the local woodlands and the beauty of native plants. [www.wirraminna.org](http://www.wirraminna.org)

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## *Murray Darling Association*

The Murray Darling Association has membership of over 100 Local Government councils in the Murray-Darling Basin, as well as community groups, businesses and individuals with an interest in ensuring that the Basin continues as a valuable asset for all Australians. Since 1950, the Association has initiated various school and community education programs on managing the Basin's land and water resources. [www.mda.asn.au](http://www.mda.asn.au)

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Enviro-Stories is an innovative literacy education program that inspires learning about natural resource and catchment management issues. Developed by PeeKdesigns, this program provides students with an opportunity to publish their own stories that have been written for other kids to support learning about their local area. [www.envirostories.com.au](http://www.envirostories.com.au)

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## *Catchment Champions*

In 2013, students involved in the Creative Catchment Kids program researched and wrote stories about 'Catchment Champions', people who have made important contributions to managing natural resources in their local community. The program was generously funded by the Murray and Murrumbidgee catchment management authorities.

The Catchment Champions books are part of the Enviro-Stories Education Program.



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This story tells the tale of Kim Krebs who has been a member of our local Murray Catchment Management Authority for the past 8 years. On the eve of leaving her current job in search of her 'next adventure in life', we felt it was important to share her story and achievements throughout her life so far.





### *Life at school*

Kim was born in Liverpool in Sydney. In her days of growing up she attended many primary schools including Hoxton Park Primary School, Bathurst Public School and Austral Public School, where she also became school captain.





### *Studying at University*

In 1988, Kim attended the Riverina Institute of Higher Education in Wagga Wagga, which is now known as Charles Sturt University. Her studies then took her to Townsville in 1990 to attend James Cook University and then to Tasmania where she completed her masters in Science in 1993.



### *Adventures to Antarctica*

Although Kim has travelled to New Zealand, United States and China, Antarctica would have to be one of her most memorable places to visit.

As part of her honours degree, Kim went to Antarctica at 20 years of age. In her role as a Geomorphologist, she studied what the glaciers looked like and how they responded to climate change.



In Antarctica, Kim would walk 30 kilometres up a mountain each day. A small tent was for sleeping and sunlight shone 24 hours a day. Kim was fascinated by the size of the glaciers she studied which could be 10 kilometres long and 300 metres wide. She discovered that glaciers could travel up to 2-3 metres per day leaving a trail of debris behind, similar to that of a grader.

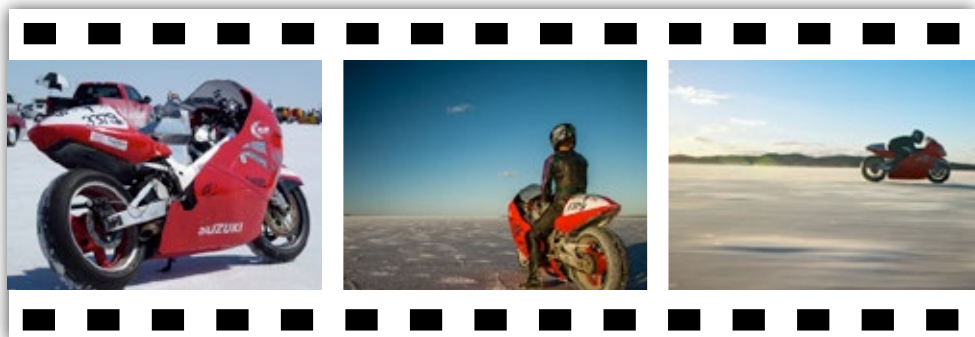




## *Motorbikes, Motorbikes, Motorbikes!*

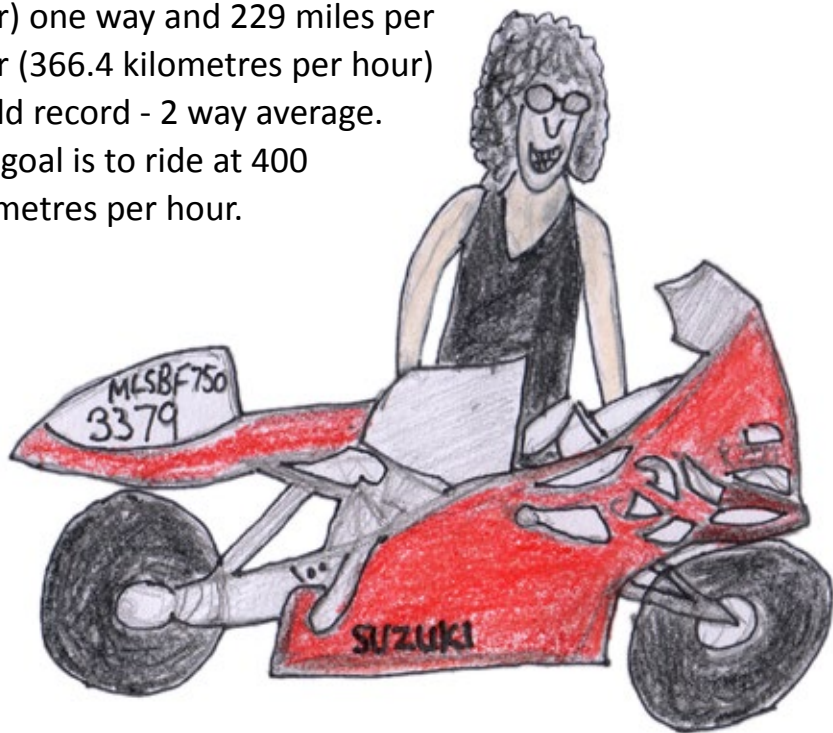
Kim became 'hooked' on motorbikes when she was 6 years old. It all started the day the circus was in town. Her uncle, a mechanic, was asked to repair some small circus bikes. As Kim had never seen a motorbike before, she took the opportunity to have a ride. She rode so fast that she ran straight through a fence!





### *Black Art Racing*

Kim's fascination for riding motorbikes enabled her to become part of a motorbike land speed racing team known as 'Black Art Racing'. Along with her team mates, Greg Watters and Jim Higgins, she set many records including 239 miles per hour (382.4 kilometres per hour) one way and 229 miles per hour (366.4 kilometres per hour) world record - 2 way average. Her goal is to ride at 400 kilometres per hour.





## *Catchment Management Authority*

Kim began working for Landcare in 1998 and in 2004 joined the Murray Catchment Management Authority Team. During her time, Kim assisted with the planning and development of 'Wonga Wetlands' and helped create the 'Creative Catchment Kids' Program. Kim believed the best thing about her job was trying new things, sharing information, working with the environment and creating friendships between people.

## *Achievements*

Kim believes that 'little things or big things' in life can all be achievements.

In her time at Landcare and the Murray Catchment Management Authority, Kim received many state and national awards. One of her biggest achievements is looking down at a farmers paddock every time she flies into Albury, knowing she worked with the landowner to plant a row of trees.



Another proud moment of Kim's is when she received the first 'Woman of the Year' award in 2011 from Motorcycling Australia.





### *Where to next?*

As Kim retires from her position at the Murray Catchment Management Authority, she says she is not afraid to take on the next challenge in life as “new things open new doors”. She now looks forward to travelling to Iceland where she will spend a few months travelling around the country on a pushbike.



In the short amount of time getting to know Kim as part of our Creative Catchment Champion, we have learnt many lessons about the environment and life in general. We thank Kim for inspiring us with words such as; “Do one thing that scares you every day. Try something before saying no and don’t let fear stop you from doing something.”







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