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- Nigel the Nasty Rabbit
- Rabbits Running Rife
- Some Help for Harry
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- The Twins and the Mouse Plague
- Who got the Chickens?

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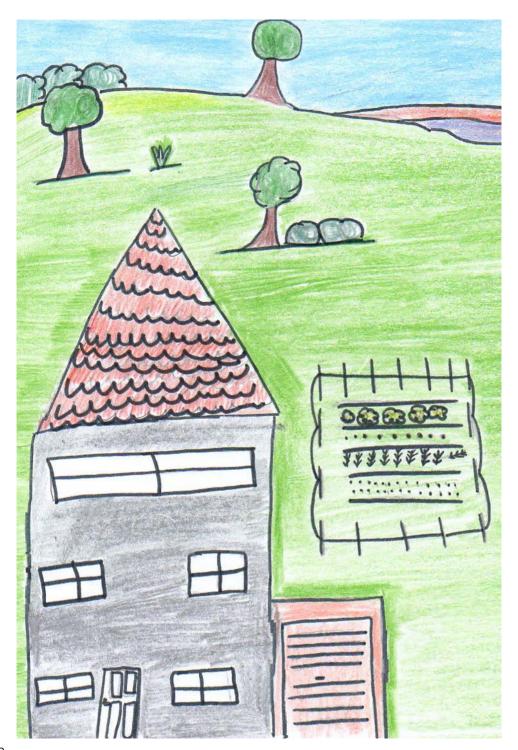
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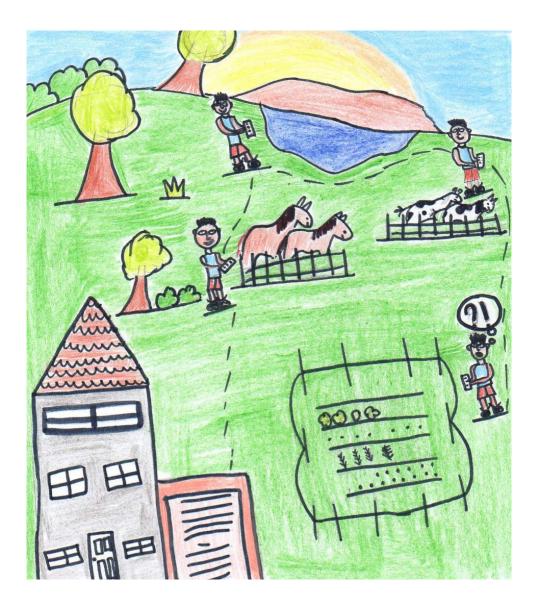
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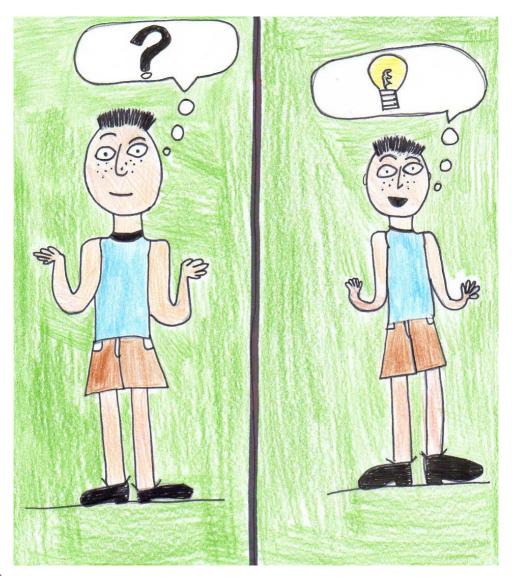
Once upon a time, there was a young man called Harry Hook. He owned a beautiful farm in the Lachlan Valley. Harry had inherited his farm from his parents. The farm had been owned by his family for three generations.



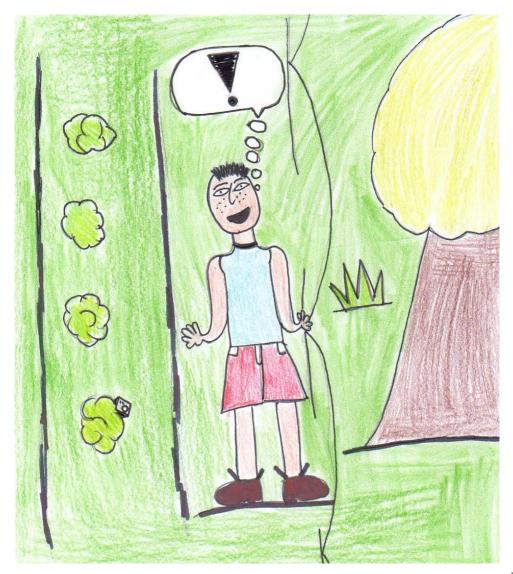
Harry loved his farm so much that he made sure that everything was perfect all day everyday...every crop, every horse and cow and every dam. But Harry had one BIG problem!



Every morning Harry checked his crops. Every morning he found them half eaten. This was bad for Harry because he sells his crops to make a living. He can't sell the crops if they have been eaten by an animal. Harry had not yet figured out what animals had been eating his crops. However, he had an idea of how he could deal with that!



Harry had the idea of putting a camera in amongst one of his crops so that he could video what was happening. So, that night Harry put out his little spycam in one of the yummiest crops and went home.









In the morning, Harry was super excited about figuring out what animals were eating his deliciously ripe crops that were ready to pick. He collected his spycam and hooked it up to his computer. He made himself a cuppa, sat back and watched the video. Harry was amazed by what he saw. He couldn't believe how many feral pigs were munching their way through his crops. Harry had identified his problem, but how was he going to fix it?



That day Harry started researching to find someone to help. When he clicked the search button the first thing that popped up told him to go and see his local Biosecurity officer.





The following day, Harry went into town to see the officer. They talked and talked about the crisis. Soon enough they had come up with a solution for it. Harry was super excited about it!



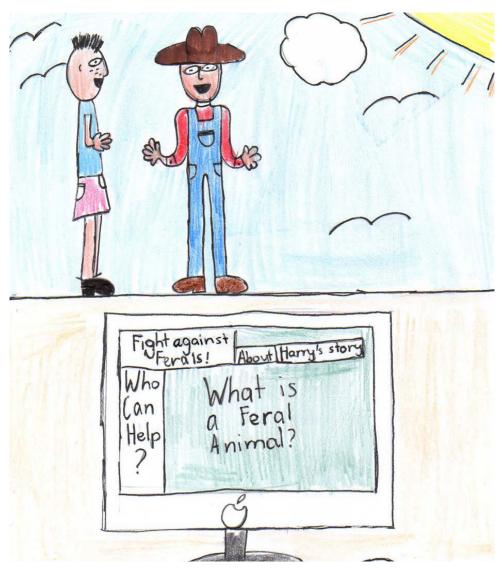
The officer had given him a picture of the new fence that he had to put in to keep the pests away. She also gave him a list of equipment he needed to make it. So Harry went off to the shop. He bought tons of metal fencing and a lot of chicken wire, and took it all back to the farm to start his work. He started digging a very deep trench that went all around the crop paddock so he could partly bury the fence and stop the pigs once and for all.



After two days work he finally finished the project. Harry was so excited to have, at last, found a solution. Now he could get back to selling his crops and going back to a normal life.



Not long after Harry fixed the problem, he started to tell neighbouring farmers about how he fixed his wild pig problem. Harry started a campaign to let people know how to deal with feral animals.





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