

# The Invasion



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## Enviro-Stories

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The Central Tablelands Local Land Services region is located in central New South Wales and covers an area of approximately 31,365 km<sup>2</sup>. It includes the major towns of Bathurst, Blayney, Cowra, Lithgow, Molong, Mudgee, Oberon and Orange.

[www.lls.nsw.gov.au/centraltablelands](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/centraltablelands)

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[www.invasiveanimals.com](http://www.invasiveanimals.com) | [www.pestsmart.org.au](http://www.pestsmart.org.au)

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- Carl the Carp
- Farmer Bob and the Red Fox
- Just Too Feral for Meadow Flat
- Nigel the Nasty Rabbit
- Rabbits Running Rife
- Some Help for Harry
- The Invasion
- The Twins and the Mouse Plague
- Who got the Chickens?

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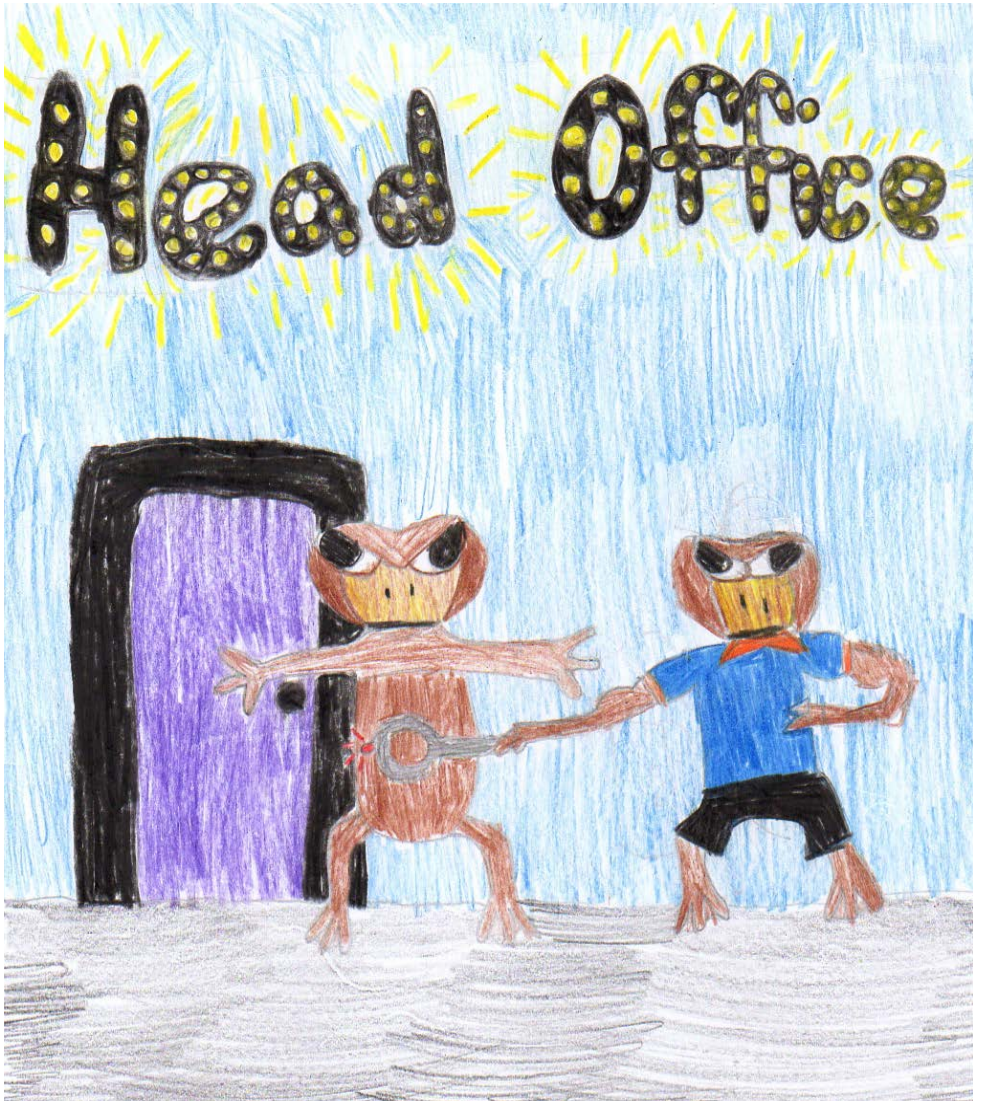




Terry the cane toad was going to his new job in Australia. He and one hundred of his friends were travelling from Hawaii to Australia to help control the cane and Frenchi beetles that destroyed sugarcane crops.



They were released in Australia at Gordonvale, just south of Cairns, when Terry was called into the state office of cane toads. He hadn't known that he was part of a bigger scheme that the head cane toad was planning.



Before Terry went inside the office, he was sworn to secrecy by the security toad and checked for listening devices. Terry didn't know why they were taking extra precautions, but he could tell it was a serious matter.



When Terry entered the office, the head cane toad greeted him in his very flash suit.

“I have something to tell you,” he croaked. “I plan to take over the world.”



To add to that, the head cane toad laughed a great evil laugh ... "MWA HA HA!" Terry just sat there staring in disbelief. Was this really the head cane toad, or had he become crazy with the power of being a leader?

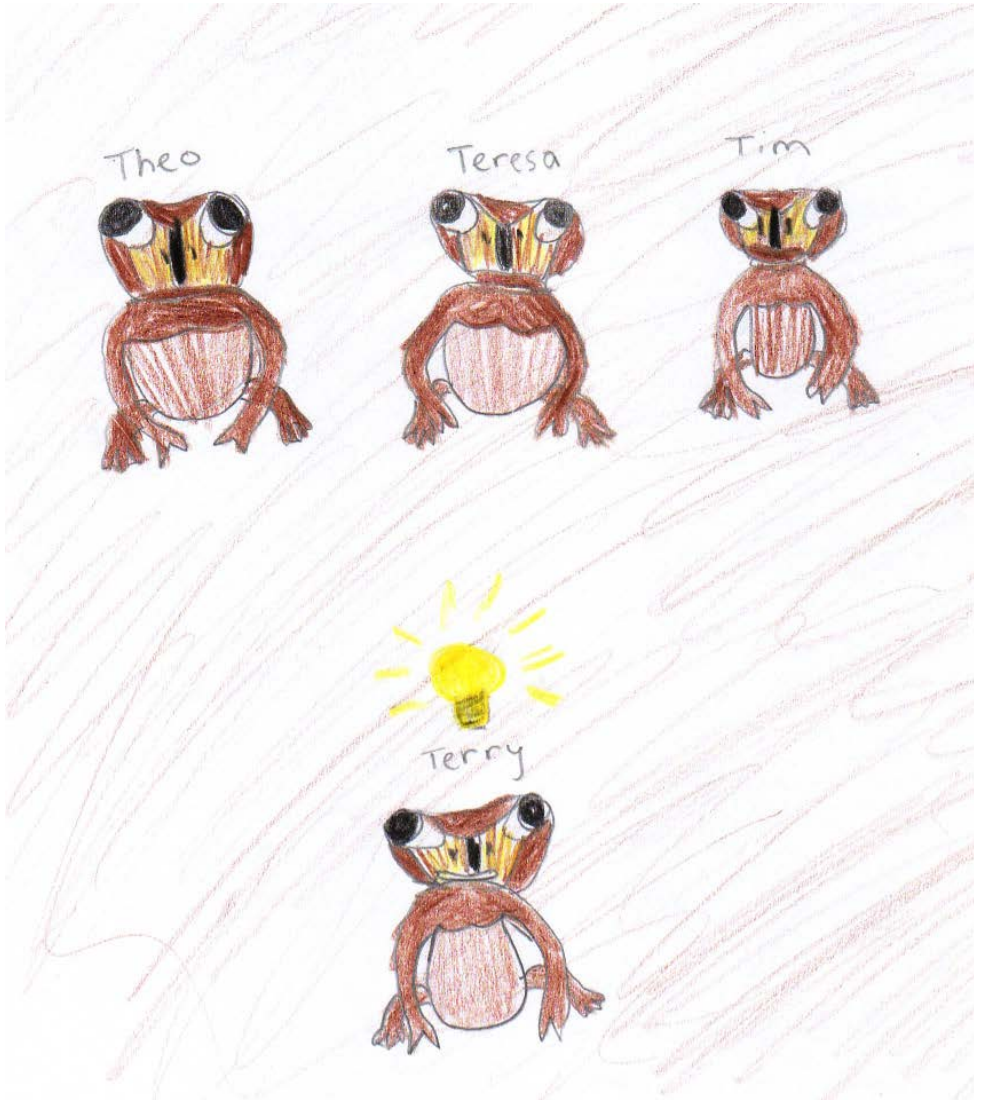




As Terry left the office, he thought about the head cane toad's plan of taking over the world. Terry didn't want the cane toads to take over the world and he was going to stop them!



The next day, all of the cane toads started eating everything in sight until there was almost nothing left. Wherever a native animal tried to eat them, they released a poisonous toxin that killed them.



Terry watched all this happening, wondering how to stop them, and then he had a brilliant idea. Terry gathered up his friends who agreed with him. Their names were Theo, Teresa and Tim.



Terry and his friends set off to find an Australian house, eventually they found one. It was a small shack about the size of two caravans and it had a family of four living inside.



The four cane toads hopped into the backyard of the small home and started destroying it. Soon enough, the father came out and he was shocked to find four cane toads in the middle of a totally destroyed yard.



The father of the Patricks family started jumping about and shooing the cane toads away. Not long after the rest of the family came outside to see what was going on. They were equally as shocked to see what Terry and his friends had done.



When the cane toads had hopped off, the family went inside and had a family meeting.

“The toads have not helped us! They are eating and poisoning everything in sight. We must get rid of them!” yelled Mr. Patricks.

“Let’s go around collecting them,” suggested Mrs. Patricks.



Terry's plan had worked. He had notified the people and now they were going to get rid of them! He just hoped that they would be fast enough to keep up with the cane toads.





The Patricks family organised a party with all their friends and family. They went around picking up the cane toads, putting them into garbage bags. But they couldn't keep up with the 35,000 eggs that each cane toad can lay.



To this day, the cane toad population is still rising and people are still trying to get rid of them. The head cane toad's evil plan was working.

Will Australia ever get rid of the cane toads?





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