

Louie the Fruit Fly Causes Big Trouble



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Creative Catchment Kids

Creative Catchment Kids is an initiative of Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre. It aims to improve engagement between our funding partners and school students by providing opportunities for positive and authentic ventures that encourage students to develop creative solutions to agriculture and natural resource management issues.

www.wirraminna.org/creative-catchment-kids/

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

Enviro-Stories

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

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Local Land Heroes - Pests in Irrigation

In 2015, students involved in the Creative Catchment Kids program researched and wrote stories about their 'Local Land Heroes' who are involved in pest management in and around the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area. These heroes are local individuals, couples, a business or industries that have made a difference in their local community by contributing to the management of pest animals and plants. The program was generously funded by Riverina Local Land Services.

Local Land Heroes is part of Enviro-Stories, a PeekDesigns education program.





Hi my name is Louie the
Queensland fruit fly.



I live at Mildura in Victoria. I have lots of friends. My best friend's names are Fruity and Squashy.

One day we decided to go to Leeton in the Riverina of NSW on a holiday. This town is known for its delicious fruit and vegetable crops. We flew onto some fruit being loaded onto a truck travelling to Leeton.

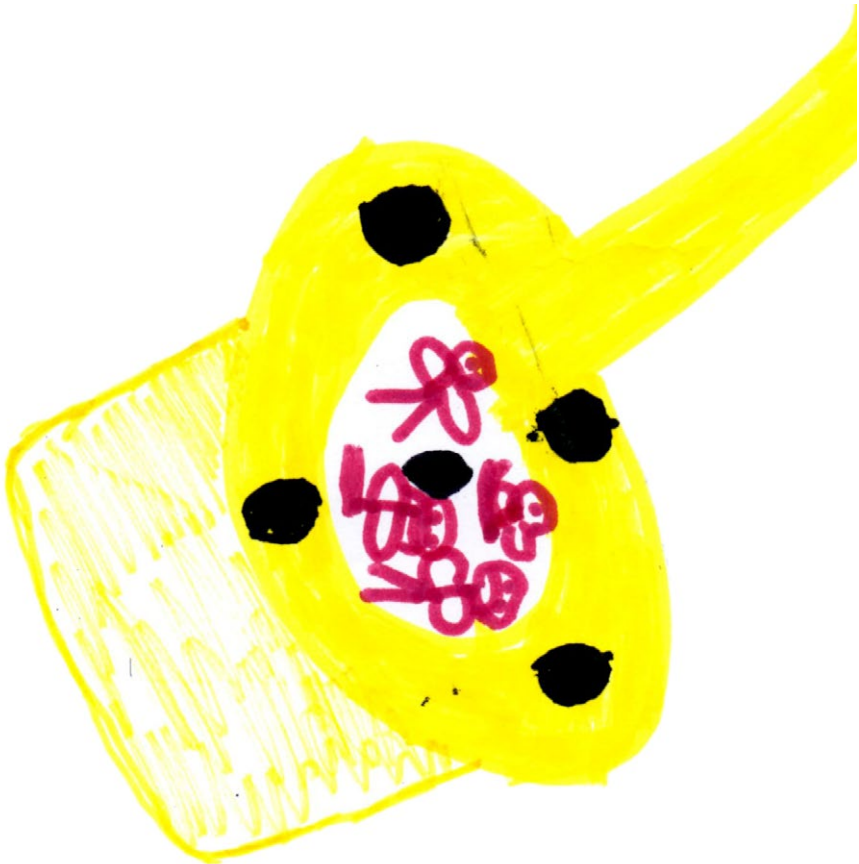




The truck stopped at the Shepparton McDonalds and then travelled on to Leeton. When Fruity, Squashy and I arrived in Leeton we found a farm with juicy big oranges.

The farm was owned by Frank and Rosetta. Frank had put lots of Mat traps in his orange trees, these traps kill us male fruit fly.

Squashy would not listen to our warnings, don't go near the traps! But poor Squashy got caught. No more Squashy, we will miss him.



So Fruity and I moved on to another farm, that had lots of delicious tasty fruit with no traps!

FREEDOM!!! There were lots of female fruit flies for us to chase and they lay many eggs, these eggs become us fruit flies children.

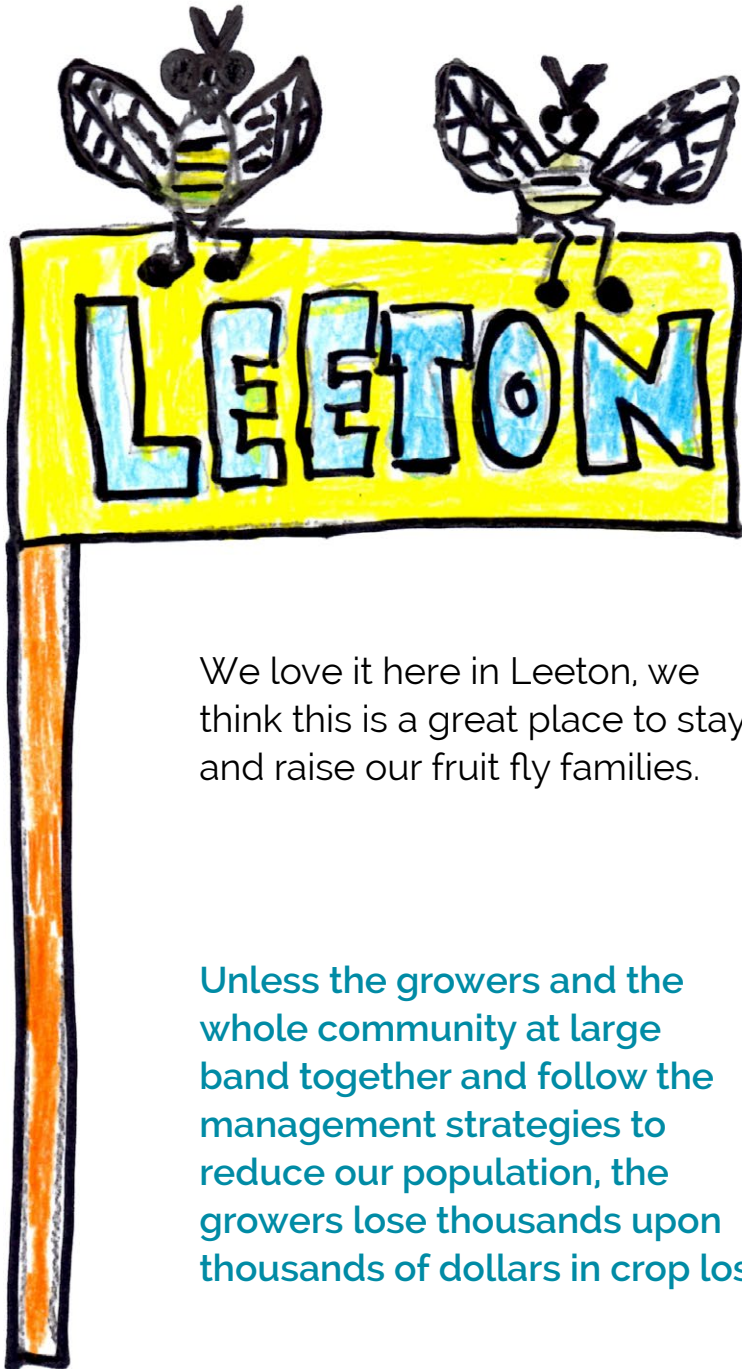




When the grower needs assistance he contacts the local land hero, Tammy Galvin who works out of the Riverina Local Land Services office at Yanco Agricultural Institute. Tammy is the Riverina fruit fly campaign coordinator.



Tammy helps the farmers and growers of fruit and vegetables to put into place management plans to control us Queensland fruit flies.



We love it here in Leeton, we think this is a great place to stay and raise our fruit fly families.

Unless the growers and the whole community at large band together and follow the management strategies to reduce our population, the growers lose thousands upon thousands of dollars in crop loss.

DON'T LOSE **YOUR** BUSINESS TO Queensland Fruit Fly



**Do it
NOW!**

The threat to **YOUR** crop is *immediate*

Take these 3 steps to protect your income:

1

Monitor fruit fly populations
with trap counts

2

Apply **protein bait sprays**
to kill female fruit flies

3

Apply **MAT cups** to
kill male flies

For more information contact
your local DPI office

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So Fruity and I have to be very careful otherwise we will meet the same fate as our poor friend Squashy.



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CONGRATULATIONS

Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre and the Creative Catchment Kids Program won the 2015 NSW Junior Landcare Team Award and will be competing in the 2016 National Landcare Awards.



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