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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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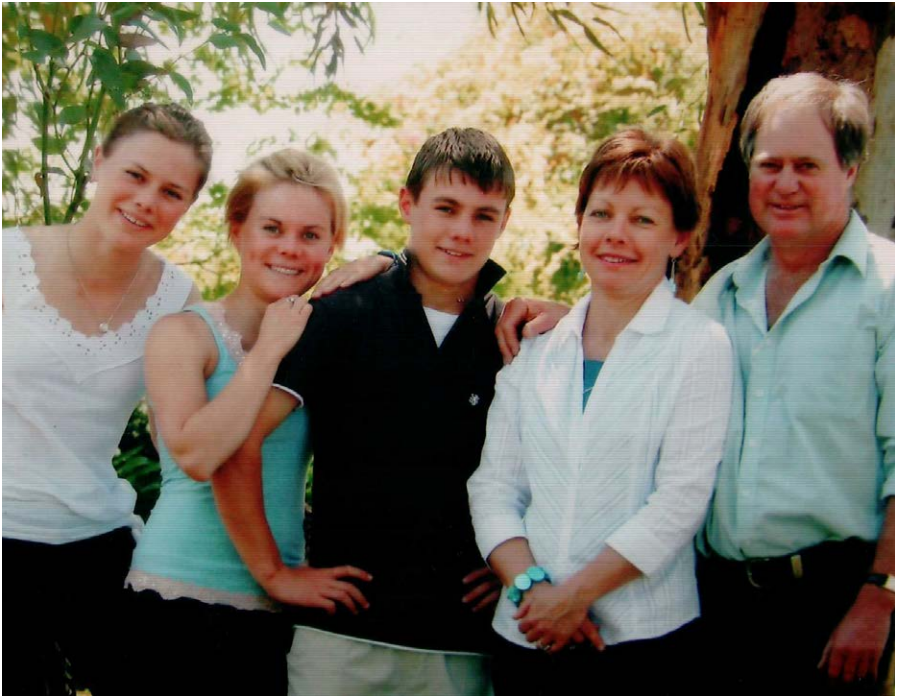
Local Land Heroes - Pests in Irrigation

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.



Our local farm hero is Bryan Dossetor. He is 57 years old and he was born in 1959, south west of Griffith, NSW in the Riverina.



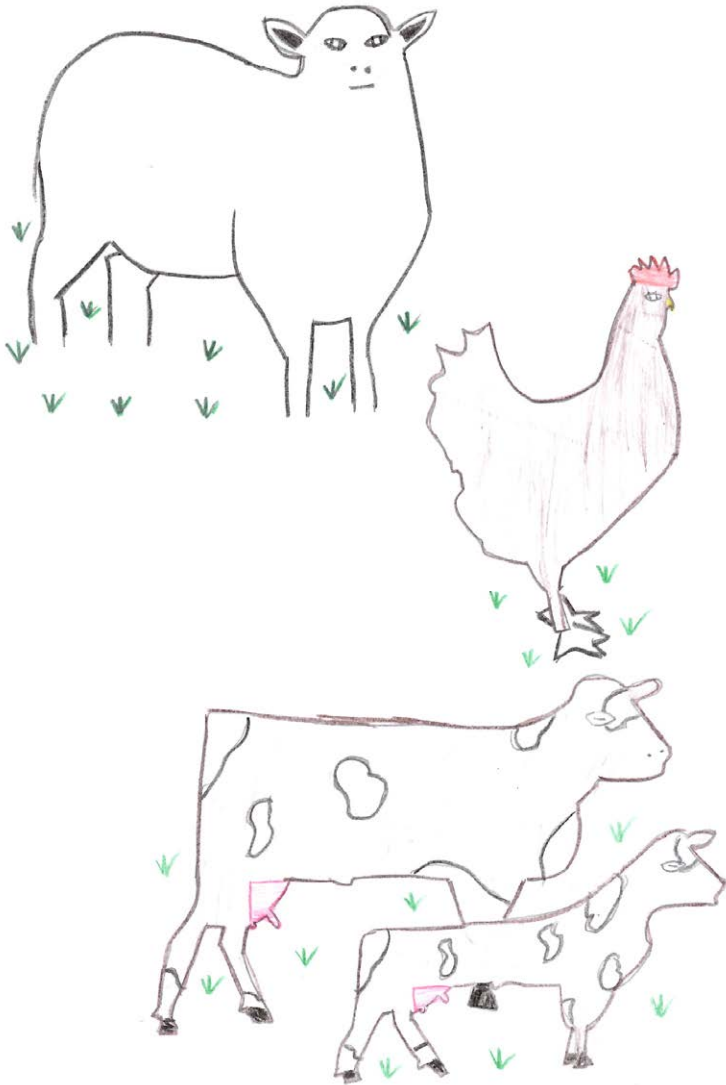
Bryan is married to Caroline. They have a son, Ben, and two daughters, Elizabeth and Sara. Sara is the only one interested in working on the farm. She works 8 hours a day and Bryan works between 6-12 hours a day



Bryan's farm is called 'Vinsondale' and it is located 30 kilometres south west of Griffith in the Riverina, New South Wales. The farm is 500 hectares and it is irrigated.



On Bryan's farm, he has three sheep dogs named Lucky, Teddy and Mac. They are kelpies. He also has a horse called Whiskey, which Bryan use to ride but he had an accident where he injured his hip.



Bryan has 1400 sheep and 20 cows with 18 calves. He also has chooks and collects the eggs to eat. Bryan shears the sheep and sells the wool.

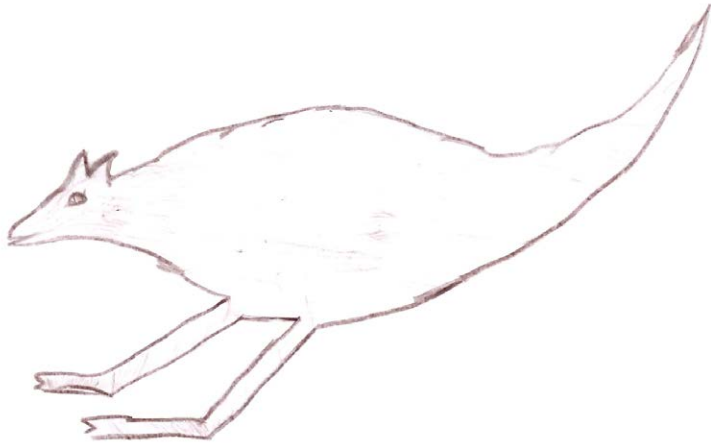
Bryan grows rice, wheat and corn on his farm. He sells his crops. This is one of his main incomes.



One of Bryan's main pests are foxes. They attack his sheep, bite his irrigation pipes and eat his chickens.

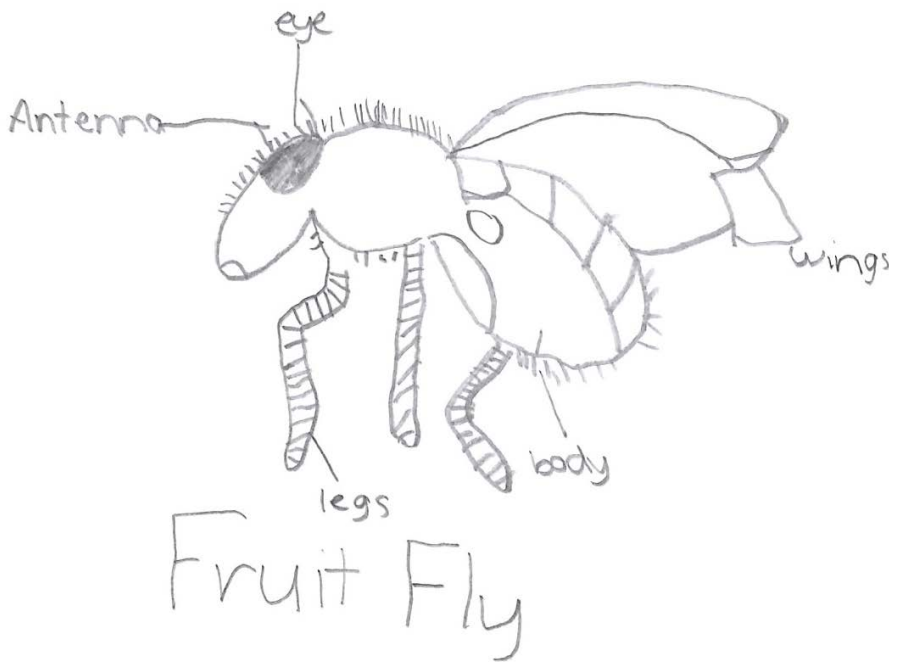


Bryan hides chemical baits under the ground to poison the foxes. He also shoots them.



Kangaroos are another pest that chews his rice, corn and wheat crops. Bryan uses a scare gun to frighten the kangaroos away from his fields. He knows where the kangaroos have been by the footprints on the ground.

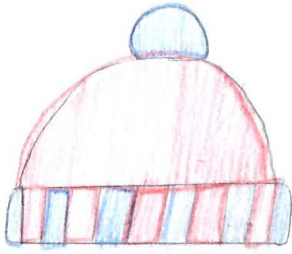




Bryan has many bugs on his farm including the fruit fly which damage his crops by making them go soft and mushy. He plants specific bushes close to his fruit trees which attract the fruit fly and kills them. He only uses spray if it is really necessary.



On Bryan's farm he uses a planter machine, a harvester, tractor and a four wheel motor bike to spray the weeds. He also uses an aeroplane to dust the crops and trucks to cart the harvested crops.



Beanie



scarf



ear muffs



Jacket



Jeans



T-shirt

The produce from 'Vinsondale' is used to make various things like clothes, woollen beanies, woollen jackets and jumpers, scarfs, blankets, bread, flour, meat, rice and corn.

Thank you Mr. Dossetor for letting us interview you and for sharing your family and farm story with us.

You are a local land hero!



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Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre and
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