

LOOKING INTO LOWESDALE



Written and illustrated by Year 3-6 students
from Lowesdale Public School



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

Hume Bank

At Hume Bank, community is something we know a lot about, we're a bank for locals and believe money should be kept locally. That's why we are proud to support Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre. By working together, we are able to give back to the community and help build a stronger future for generations to come.

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Our Community

In 2016, students involved in the Creative Catchment Kids program researched and wrote stories about their local community and how local individuals, couples, businesses or industries have made a difference. The program was generously funded by Murray Local Land Services, the Australian government's National Landcare Programme and Hume Bank.

Creative Catchment Kids - Our Community is part of Enviro-Stories, a PeekKdesigns education program.



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The Aboriginal name Buraja means ‘a swamp with young trees growing.’ When people settled in the Buraja district in the 1860s there were two parishes – Lowes and Buraja. The name Lowes (Lowesdale) was taken from one of the owners of ‘Buraja Station,’ a local farm. Apparently, confusion occurred with the delivery of mail to Buraja as there was a town near Bathurst called Burraga.



Aboriginal tools used to hunt a kangaroo

Lowesdale has lots of Aboriginal history. These tools from Savernake Station were used to hunt kangaroos. The first boomerang scared the kangaroos towards the hunter who then hit the kangaroo with a knockout-boomerang. The spear was thrown to maim it. Applying the killing stick allowed the kangaroo to be cut up with a stone axe and flint rock for cooking.



Past Coreen Vale School students - Roly and Sam Nixon

Many small schools around Lowesdale have closed because of a decline in population and the availability of bus transport. The Coreen Vale School near Coreen Hill, was built in 1931 by parents using a traditional mud-earth construction. Ten to fifteen students squashed into the small room, until the school from North Buraja was moved on site and used between 1944 -1951.



Buraja School of Arts 1982

The Buraja School of Arts or Buraja Hall was a place where the Lowesdale community met for dances, meetings, school Christmas concerts and private functions. When it was demolished in the 1990s a community building was built at the Buraja Recreation Grounds. Many buildings have gone from the Lowesdale village, or are now privately owned such as the Burrajaa Hotel.



Lowesdale Store and Post Office

The first Lowesdale postmaster, Mr. John Robinson in 1876, is believed to have delivered mail from the 'Nil Desperandum Hotel,' across the highway from the school. Mail was later sorted at the Lowesdale Store, where the telephone exchange is. People could also buy petrol and basic supplies at the Lowesdale Store. When the store closed it was used as an art gallery and museum.

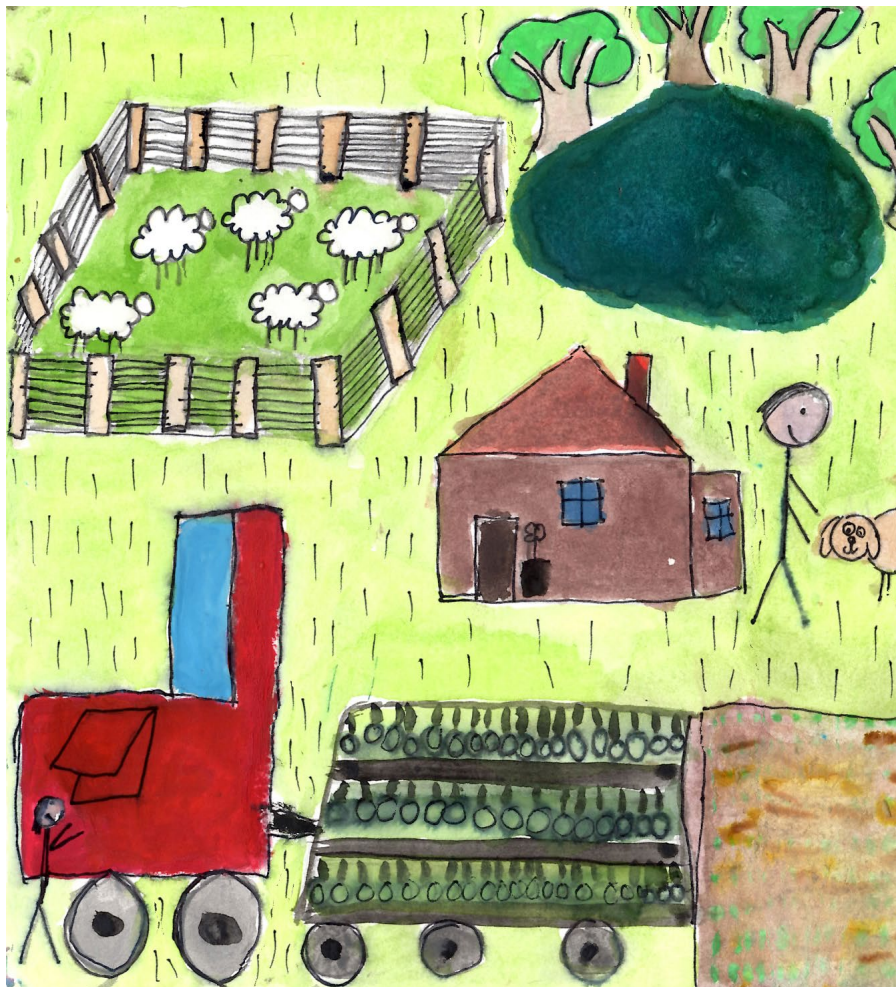
We come together each weekend for football and netball and verse teams from the Hume League. The Coreen Daysdale Hopefield Buraja United (CDHBU) team play at Coreen and most of the community come along as there are teams from young kids to adults. In years past, there used to be football, netball, golf, cricket, tennis and even horse racing at Buraja.



A past Lowesdale student told us about going to school during World War 2, before there was electricity and buses. She told us that there was an air-raid shelter and she remembers practising using a gas mask in case bombs were dropped. She used to get scared. Also, school kids played lots of rounders because there wasn't a lot of sport played during the war.



'Buraja Station' WITH ADELAIDE & MATILDA ROBB



I live with my family on 'Buraja Station' among lots of other farming families. We grow crops like canola, barley and wheat. We also have livestock like sheep. I help out on the farm, rounding up sheep and fixing machines. I love Lowesdale because the community is so supportive and we all know each other.

'Oakbank' WITH IMOGEN TOMLINSON



I live in Daysdale on a farm called 'Oakbank'. We have sheep and grow crops. We have a horse called TC and a working dog called Tip. In April, the lambs are born. Sometimes we get orphaned lambs and feed them powdered milk. We grow wheat, faba beans, barley, canola and lupins.

Farm Truck WITH ANGUS MCFARLANE



Living on the farm you get lots of opportunities to do stuff that town people can't do. I get to drive the old truck on the farm. It is hard to change the gears.

'Woodend Park' WITH SOMMERS HOGAN



I live on a farm called 'Woodend Park' in Daysdale. I help my dad with sheep drafting and moving sheep and cows to different paddocks. We also have horses, chooks and dogs. My dad has workers so they can help him with feeding and shearing. I like riding horses and always have someone leading me.



(L-R): Jade Lewis, Holly Arnold, Lachie Hogan, Matilda Robb, Timothy Haswell, Stacey Bell (Creative Catchment Kids), Angus McFarlane, Clancy Tomlinson, Sommers Hogan, Adelaide Robb, Bradley Gadd and Imogen Tomlinson

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Congratulations!

Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre and the Creative Catchment Kids Program won the National 2016 Yates Junior Landcare Team Award.



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