

My Home, Your Home



Out of Hours School Care (OHSC)
St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Gladstone



Enviro-Stories

Enviro-Stories is a literacy education program that inspires learning about natural resource and catchment management issues.

Developed by PeekKdesigns, 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.

envirostories.com.au

Gladstone Wildlife

Gladstone Wildlife is a volunteer not-for-profit community organisation dedicated to the rescue, recovery, rehabilitation and release of native animals in Central Queensland.

Gladstone Wildlife provides training and education sessions to our carers through specialised carer workshops and community education sessions, regularly visiting schools and community groups sharing our love our wildlife and environment.

gladstonewildlife.org.au

A Country Arts Practice

A Country Arts Practice is a micro community arts business based in the Gladstone region with a focus on environment, conservation, and sustainability.

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Regional Arts Services Network

Central Queensland Universities Regional Art Services Network strives to deliver excellent regional arts programs and services to ensure that our Queensland communities are connected, creative and cultural communities to live and work. The Regional Arts Services Network is an initiative of the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.

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'My home, your home' is a story developed by students that attend OHSC at St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Gladstone.

This book has been published as part of the Habits for Habitat Enviro-Stories program and involves children learning about some of the precious animals and habitats of Central Queensland.

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The wind was blowing through
the wattle and blue gum trees
where Samantha the snake lived.

As Samantha the snake lays down to rest on her beautiful Mount Larcom tree, she looks to the glistening sun setting over the Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng and Tariblelang Bunda land.





Samantha has always wanted to meet the Turtles (Milbi, Budgial*) and see the turtle eggs. It has always been a life-long dream of hers.

**Gurang (Indigenous) language for turtle.*

It was known that turtles could be found at Canoe Point. They lay eggs in the sand and swim in the water. Yet Samantha did not know where Canoe Point was.



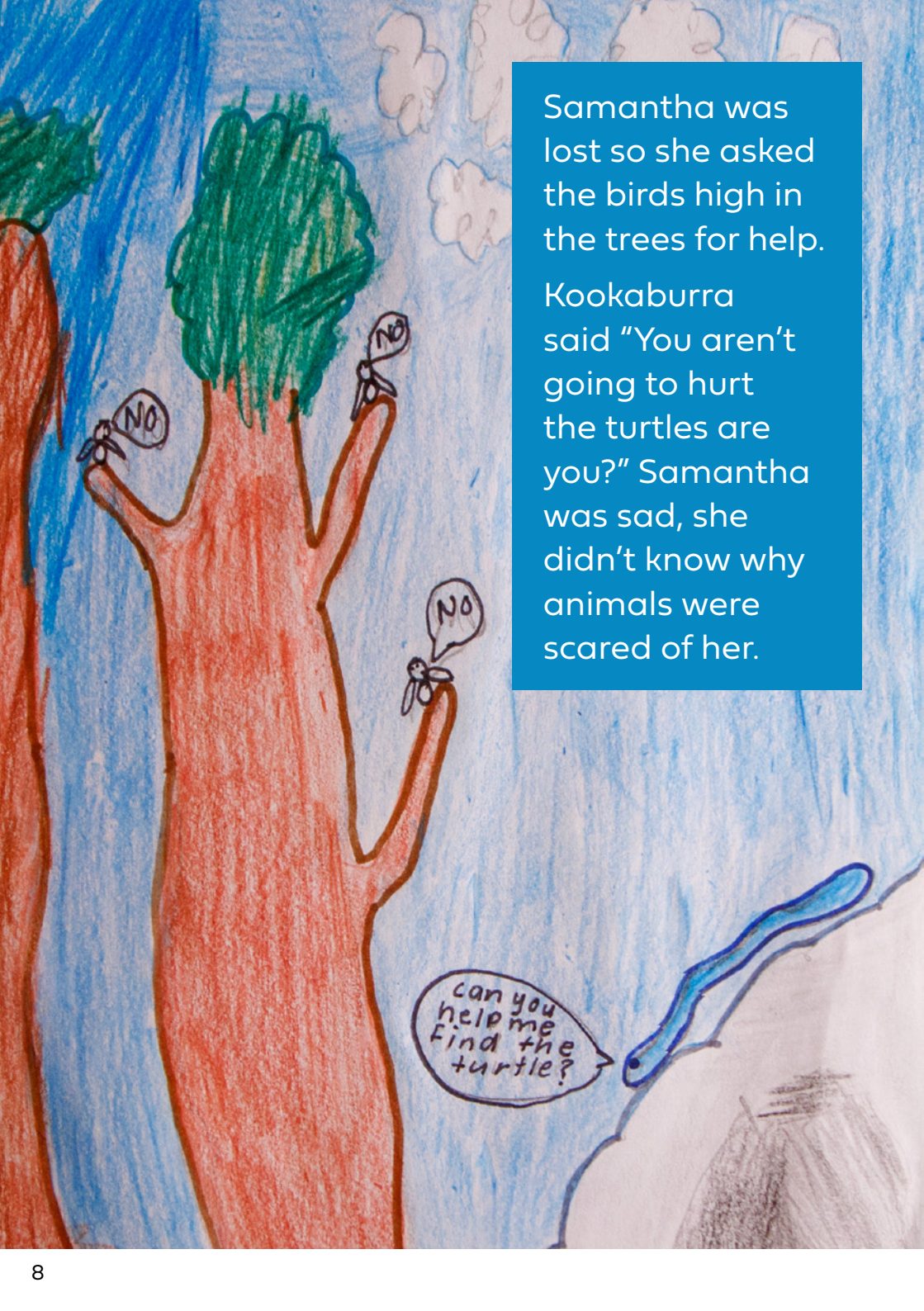


Samantha was so excited to see the turtles and the turtle eggs, she set off early morning for her big adventure.



Samantha travelled all day and night through the bush hoping to find the turtles. During her journey, she stumbled across a cockatoo and a kookaburra.





Samantha was lost so she asked the birds high in the trees for help. Kookaburra said "You aren't going to hurt the turtles are you?" Samantha was sad, she didn't know why animals were scared of her.

can you help me find the turtle?



Then Samantha found some strange looking creatures marching in a line. The leader of the line told Samantha they were called itchy grubs (processionary caterpillars).

They told Samantha they could lead her to Canoe Point through the bush track at Tannum Sands.





Samantha was so tired after travelling all day. Finally, they stopped at a huge blue gum tree where the itchy grubs lived. Samantha had never seen such a beautiful area of the Gladstone Region.

As Samantha looked around canoe Point, she realised the area was a very different place to live than her home in the blue gums. The beach had trees that were called mangroves and the ground was sand with mudflats on the shore.



As she started to lay to sleep in a comfortable hole in the sand under a huge mangrove, Samantha felt the ground move. Suddenly, a mud crab popped out of a hole next to her.





Samantha told the mud crab that she had been on a long journey to try and find where the turtles laid their eggs. He replied that he knew a leatherback turtle called Shelly and she had laid her eggs in the sand almost three months ago and that they were ready to hatch.



Following the mud crab, Samantha travelled along the beach at Canoe Point to a quiet area near some banksia trees. As they arrived, the ground exploded with movement! From below, dozens of baby turtles were hatching and flipping their way towards the water.

The mud crab told Samantha that turtles have an internal magnet to head towards the water for safety when they are born. As the moon rose, Samantha sat and watched the turtles discover their new world. Finally, Samantha had seen the turtles and their home near Gladstone.



About the book

'My home, your home' is a story developed by students that attend OHSC (Out of Hours School Care) at St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School in the Gladstone Region.

In the lead up to their planning of their story, the students had a visit from Iris Cosgrove, Project Officer for Revive with Conservation Volunteers Australia and Jodi Jones, Program Coordinator for Habits for Habitat. Many, many questions by the students were answered around the region's ecosystems, surrounding environments, habitats and endangered animals.

A collage approach was decided for the illustrations, utilising fallen and organic material from the school grounds.



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