

Help Me!

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Year 3–6 Dingo classroom
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Enviro-Stories

Enviro-Stories is a 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.

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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The sky became engulfed with black and then the Earth began to shake. Kubbye, the black-breasted buttonquail, was sitting quietly when the roof of her house tumbled onto her garan (head).

"The roof is falling!" Kubbye cried.

She raced outside to find a bara (place) to live.



As Kubbye waddled down the road, she came across Thdou, the bandicoot.

She said, "Can I live with you? My roof is falling."

The kind, daal (old man), bashful bandicoot smiled his crooked smile and agreed.





Kubbye moved into Thdou's burrow. She tried to get comfortable, but eventually, she thanked Thdou for his kindness and said that his burrow was too dark.

She wondered off, looking for a new bara to live.

Kubbye skipped down the street and ran into Toolooa, the galah.

Kubbye asked politely, "Can I live with you? My roof is falling."

The giggling galah smiled gracefully and quickly agreed.





Kubbye followed Toolooa up an enormous wanggara (tree). She tried to get comfortable, but eventually, she thanked Toolooa for his kindness and said that his nest was too high. She wandered off, looking for a new bara to live.



Kubbye jumped down the street and ran into Karabi, the echidna.

Kubbye asked politely, "Can I live with you? My roof is falling."

The energetic echidna eagerly agreed.



Kubbye followed Karabi into an old hollow log. She tried to get comfortable, but eventually, she thanked Karabi for his kindness and said that his home was too spiky.

She wondered off, looking for a new bara to live.

Kubbye danced down the street and ran into Baarne, the mayi (kangaroo).

Kubbye asked politely, "Can I live with you? My roof is falling."

The kind and courteous mayi nodded silently.



Kubbye quickly hopped into Baarne's pouch.
She tried to get comfortable, but eventually, she
thanked Baarne for her kindness and said that
her pouch was too hot.

She wondered off, looking for a new bara to live.





Kubbye toddled down the street and ran into Kuain, the frog.

Kubbye asked politely, "Can I live with you? My roof is falling."

The fun, fascinating, Facebook-frenzy frog smiled and in a friendly tone said, "Guwal." (Yes)



Kubbye followed Kuain to a marshy creek. She tried to get comfortable, but eventually, she thanked Kuain for his kindness and said that his creek was too wet.

She wondered off, looking for a new bara to live.

Kubbye skated down the street and ran into a group of Miirii Wandu (Dingo Babies).

Kubbye asked politely, "Can I live with you? My roof is falling."

The daring, dancy and delightful children said, "Wanda." (No)



Kubbye was very upset until the children finished their sentence, "...but we will build you a new house somewhere safe that will not be destroyed."

The children built a thicket especially for Kubbye in the school grounds, ensuring its safety.





Kubbye, the black-breasted buttonquail, moved in immediately and she was never bothered again by predators, pollution or deforestation.

Join with the Miirii Wandu (Dingo Babies). and make the world a better bara by looking after the land and its creatures.



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