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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 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](http://envirostories.com.au)

## **Kempsey Shire Council**

Kempsey Shire Council's corporate vision is to lead and work with our community to build and inspired, connected Macleay Valley. Our community is at the heart of our decision making and plays an essential role in setting our strategic direction.

The Kempsey Shire Council Local Government Area is located within the NSW Mid North Coast and covers an area of 3,380 square kilometres with a population of approximately 30,000 residents.

The principal town in the Shire is Kempsey, located approximately halfway between the state capitals of Sydney and Brisbane, and between the regional centres of Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour.

[kempsey.nsw.gov.au](http://kempsey.nsw.gov.au)

## **Kempsey Adventist School**

Kempsey Adventist School is a community-oriented, co-educational institution offering Christian education from Pre-Kinder to Year 12. The school has a strong pastoral care program and focuses on the holistic growth of individual students.

Kempsey Adventist School has continued to focus on student literacy and numeracy and the Waratah Project, as supported by Australian Independent Schools NSW which work together to improve outcomes for all students, inclusive of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

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Kempsey was calm. Birds chirped and trees danced in the gentle breeze.

Jerry the Kangaroo loved hopping under sunny skies. He stretched, yawned, and looked across the dry hills.

But far away, something powerful stirred-something wet, wild, and angry.





Cyclone Alfred spun above the sea, tossing rain like confetti.

He laughed, "Muahahaha! I want to soak the land!"

Heavy clouds raced inland, drenching the mountains. Rivers swelled. Dams overflowed. But Alfred wasn't finished-he had a sidekick to unleash.







Cyclone Alfred's rain unleashed torrents of water that formed Flood Fred, and he exploded from the soaked hills, fast and furiously.

"Make way!" he shouted, crashing through forests and roads. Trees tipped. Rocks rolled. He slid toward Kempsey, turning streets into rivers. Jerry watched, frozen in fear.





The wind howled. Water rushed in. Kempsey's peaceful sounds were replaced by crashing branches and scared cries.

Jerry spotted animals scrambling for safety. He knew he couldn't sit still.

"I have to help," he said.





"Tiny, stay here," Jerry whispered, tucking his joey into a dry tree hollow. "I'll find our friends."

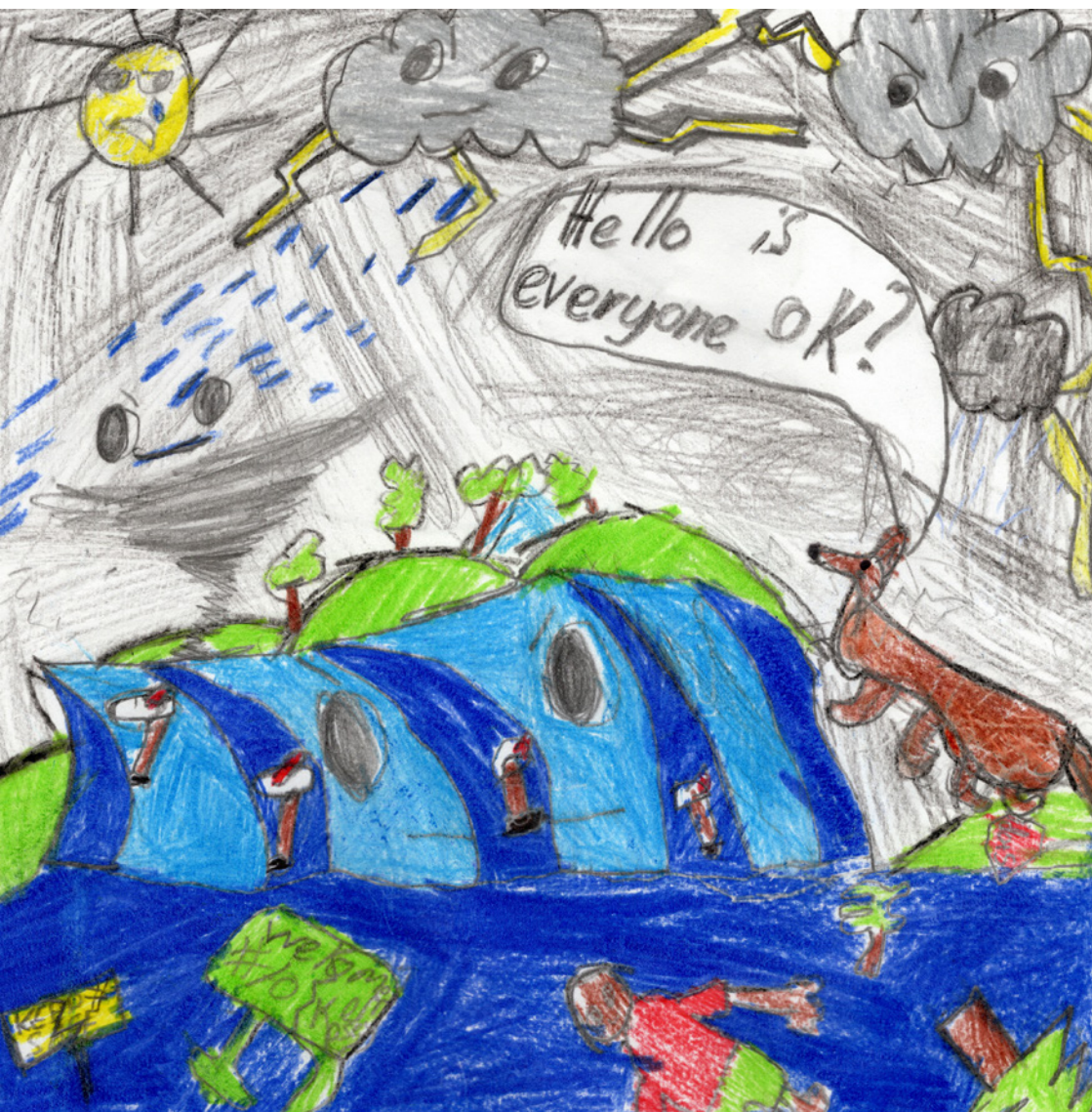
He gave one last nuzzle and bounded off toward the town, determined to face the rising chaos.



Kempsey was underwater. Mailboxes floated. Backyard toys bobbed like boats.

Jerry hopped through puddles and mud, calling out, "Hello? Is everyone okay?"

The flood followed close behind, silent but strong.





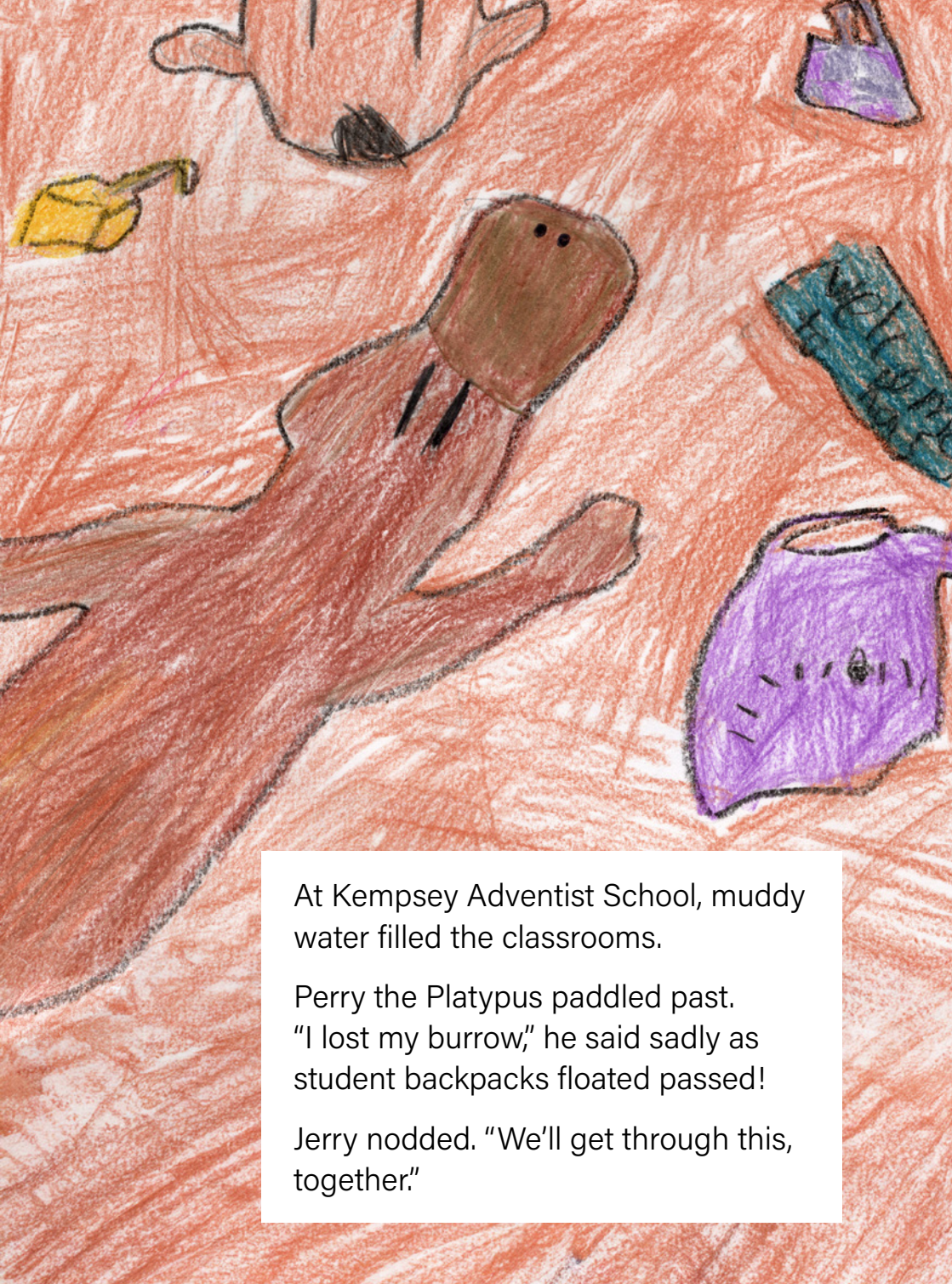


At Riverside Park, Jerry found Eli the Echidna stranded on a drifting log.

"The water came so quickly!" Eli shouted. "My tunnel collapsed!"

Jerry helped him climb onto higher ground and continued his search.





At Kempsey Adventist School, muddy water filled the classrooms.

Perry the Platypus paddled past.  
"I lost my burrow," he said sadly as student backpacks floated passed!

Jerry nodded. "We'll get through this, together."





Near Coles, the Cockatoo Squad circled the flooded car park. "Arhhh! Arhhh! Everything's underwater!" They screeched as groceries floated into the street!

Jerry scanned the skies and told them, "Fly ahead and find safe spots for all the animals. We'll meet there soon!"





By Kempsey Bridge, Billy the Cow stood trembling, "The road's gone and I'm stuck in the mud!"

Jerry gritted his teeth, pulled Billy across the wreckage, and helped him climb to safety.

"Are you okay now?" he asked. "Make your way to higher ground."





On a nearby flooded farm, Jerry slipped. The water pulled him under and he thought that this was the end.

At the last moment, a paw reached into the flood water and grabbed his arm – Kory the Koala had saved him.

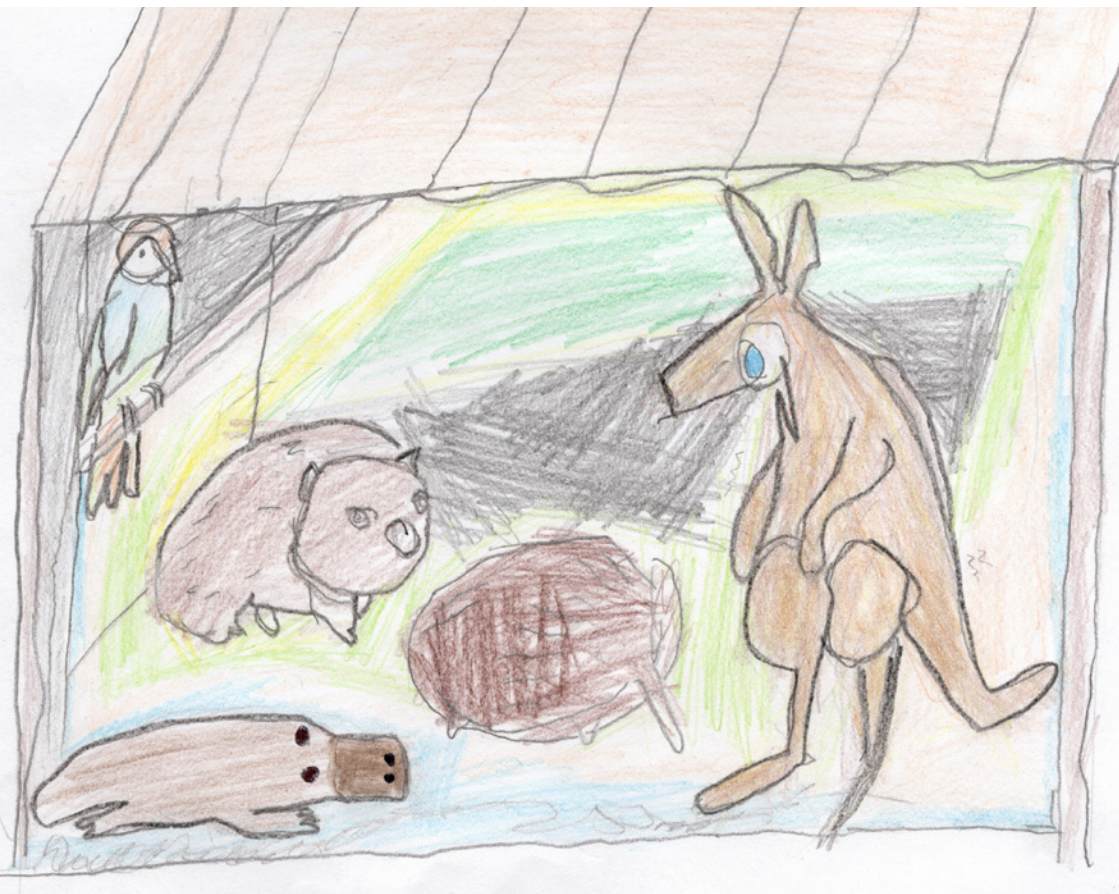
"We've formed a rescue team," Kory said. "Platypus, Wombat, Cockatoo, Echidna and I are all working together. You should join us!"

The animals banded together, working to save as many animals as possible from Cyclone Alfred and Flood Fred's raging waters.

Eventually, under shelter, the animals gathered for a rest.

"Why are floods worse than ever now?" asked Jerry, shivering. "We've always had storms but not as severe or as frequently as this."

Silence followed-until someone brave enough spoke the truth.





"The Earth is getting hotter because of human pollution trapping heat in the atmosphere," William the Wombat explained. "This warming can make our climate more extreme and more unpredictable. This causes more devastating droughts, more frequent severe storms and stronger floods. It's called climate change. And it's getting worse."





"Is there any way we can fight back against Climate Change?" said Jerry.

"Climate change has a huge effect on all of us animals, but it is the humans who must change their behaviours to prevent it from getting worse," William replied. He continued, "there are many things we must convince them to do. Things like riding bikes or walking instead of driving cars, saving water, recycling waste, planting more trees and using clean energy like solar and wind."

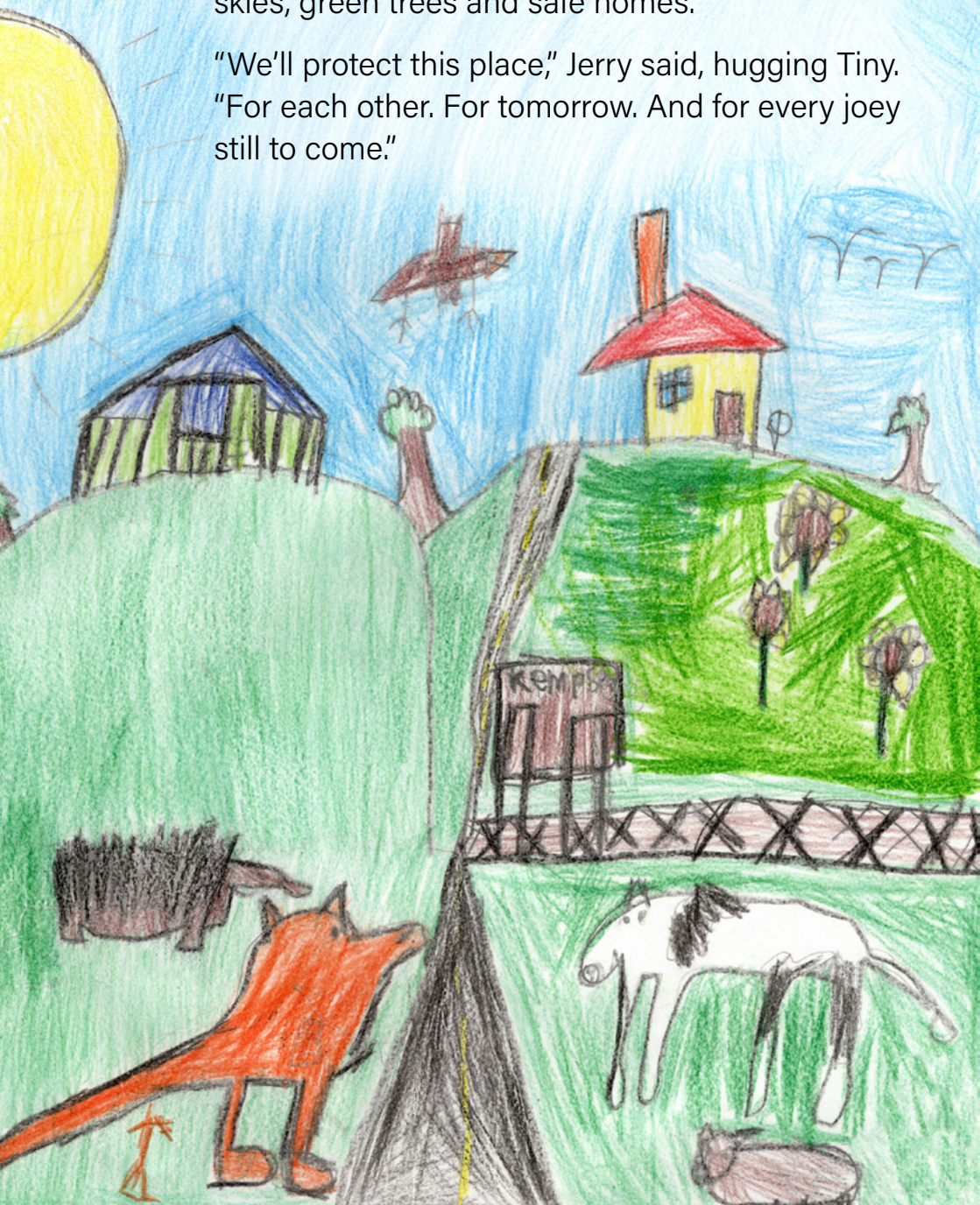
Kory the Koala added in, "Every small action matters. Together, we can make a difference!"





The animals pictured a future Kempsey with clean skies, green trees and safe homes.

"We'll protect this place," Jerry said, hugging Tiny.  
"For each other. For tomorrow. And for every joey still to come."





# Climate change in the Macleay region

Even in the Macleay region, climate change is a big challenge. By learning, preparing and working together to take action, we can build a safer, cleaner and more sustainable future for everyone.

## How climate change affects us

- Hotter temperatures and heatwaves.
- Heavier rainfall, floods, and droughts.
- More intense storms, including hail and strong winds.
- Sea level rise, which can damage coastal areas.
- More bushfires and days with high fire danger.
- Impacts on plants and animals, including where they live and how they survive.
- Changes to our health, water supply, and food production.

## What can you do to help?

- Save energy by turning off lights and using less electricity.
- Use clean energy like solar power, if possible.
- Walk or ride your bike instead of using a car.
- Eat local food and don't waste it.
- Recycle and compost to reduce rubbish.
- Plant trees and look after your garden.
- Get ready for extreme weather by learning what to do in a fire, flood, or heatwave.

**Small actions, when done by many people,  
can make a big difference!**



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