

THE ADVENTURES OF **WOMWOM!**

# INTRODUCING WOMWOM

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**Reading recovery level:** 26

**Word count:** 374

**Genre type:** fiction

**Text type:** narrative

**Subject matter/theme:** Looking at a familiar Australian marsupial and its needs and ecology.

**Australian Curriculum reference:**

ACARA: ACSSU002 - living things have basic needs, including food and water.

ACSHE021 - observing and commenting on nature and science. It involves observing and commenting on the observations.

**Teaching notes:** WomWom, as a small Australian marsupial, is a guide and companion in viewing and querying the sciences as needed for Foundation/Prep and Grade 1. The series will treat the science topics in enquiry form and more questions will be raised than possibly answered.

**Difficult words:**

Flinders, wombat, Australia, adventure, healthy, breakfast, important, favourite, pollinate, prettiest, thousands, vegetable, wallaby, echidna, recharged, collecting, rubbish, dolphin, tomorrow.

#### **About the author:**

Simon Saffigna is an international award-winning Australian filmmaker who brings to the world of children's books a fresh and innovative approach to communicating environmental messages to children.

Simon's mother and father are both school teachers and university lecturers who travelled extensively as a family. From an early age Simon observed much about the world when the family travelled to many different countries.

At the tender age of fifteen, Simon assisted the research team from Griffith University and Neumann Contractors who made the scientific/engineering breakthrough to convert potentially toxic acid sulfate sediment from the Tweed River to high quality topsoil. From this experience, Simon learnt that the correct application of science and engineering can solve environmental problems. This helped shape his philosophy that searching for solutions to environmental problems is more productive than complaining about them or ignoring them.

With his extraordinarily diverse background and knowledge of film and multimedia, it is no surprise that after nearly twenty years of successful filmmaking, Simon has blended these life experiences to launch his latest endeavour, "The Adventures of WomWom."

"It is my deep belief that at least one, maybe hundreds, perhaps thousands, hopefully millions of children on planet Earth will be inspired by the messages from WomWom," said Simon Saffigna.

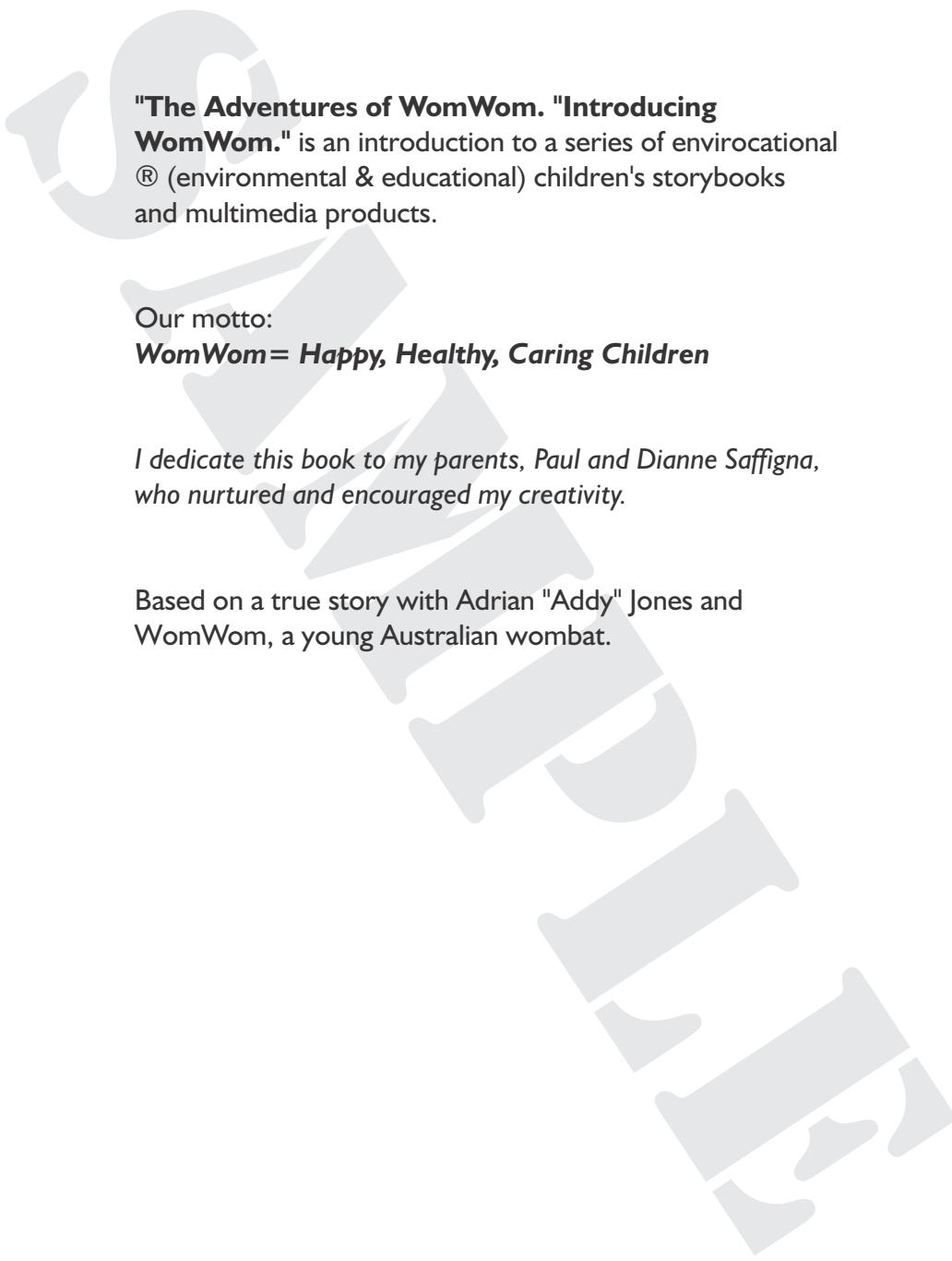


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**"The Adventures of WomWom. "Introducing WomWom."** is an introduction to a series of envirocational<sup>®</sup> (environmental & educational) children's storybooks and multimedia products.

Our motto:

***WomWom = Happy, Healthy, Caring Children***

*I dedicate this book to my parents, Paul and Dianne Saffigna, who nurtured and encouraged my creativity.*

Based on a true story with Adrian "Addy" Jones and WomWom, a young Australian wombat.



G'day boys and girls my name is WomWom. I am a Flinders Island wombat from Australia. I lost my mum when I was just a little baby but lucky for me Farmer Addy saved me and took care of me. I live with him on his organic fruit and vegetable farm now. Every day is a new adventure for me. Are you ready to come adventuring? Ok let's go!







I always start the day with a healthy breakfast. It is the most important meal of the day. It gives me a lot of energy so I can adventure all day long.



Living on the farm is so much fun. There is always something cool to do. One of my favourite things to do is to help Farmer Addy in the vegetable garden.





We grow our own food on the farm. It is really important that we make sure all the plants get enough of water and healthy plant food.