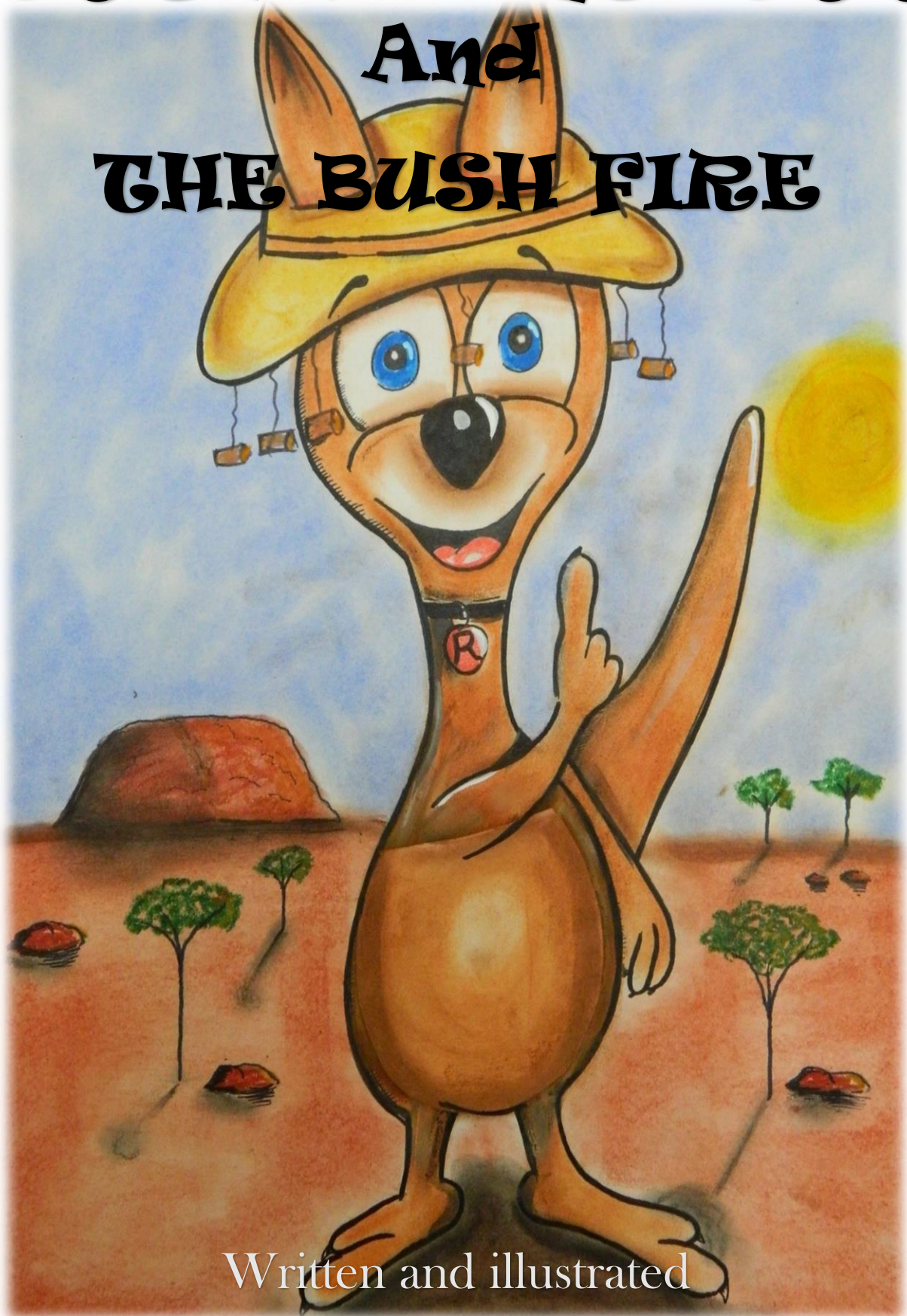


# ROCKY the ROO

## And THE BUSH FIRE



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Thank you to my dear wife Sharon, family and friends for believing in me.



Dedicated to all children everywhere. May your guardian angel  
always be by your side and keep you safe, forever



**Rocky the Roo  
and  
the Bush Fire**



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Rocky the roo lived in the Australian outback.

He would spend hot summer days, grazing under tall trees with his friends, sheltering from the sun's burning rays.

Like most kangaroos, Rocky would eat the wild grass and bush flowers that grew around. Rocky was a happy kangaroo.





One day whilst sleeping under his favourite tree, Rocky and his friends were woken by a nasty smell in the air followed by a loud cracking sound.

They became very frightened as they jumped up and looked across the land to notice it was on fire.

The fire was big and its flames danced high into the sky.







The fire grew and grew and before long it was spreading, like a giant wriggling snake across the land, eating up everything in its path.

Rocky and his friends knew they were in danger and so was their home! They had to get help so they began to run, Rocky began to run.

*Run Rocky, run!*

*Run rocky, run!*



Rocky ran so fast, he ran for miles and miles.

He ran past tall trees and giant buildings. Rocky still kept running.

*Run Rocky, run!*

*Run Rocky, run!*







Rocky was so scared he did not look back.

He ran through towns and big cities. He kept running from the fire.

*Run Rocky, run!*

*Run Rocky, run!*



Big Ben

He even, jumped on a boat and  
set sail across the sea.

The water splashed and  
sploshed as the boat moved  
forward through the waves.

Still Rocky kept running from  
the fire.

*Run Rocky, run!*

*Run Rocky, run!*







Rocky ran up and down  
mountains.

Up and down, up and down.

He kept on running from the  
big fire searching for help.

*Run Rocky, run!*

*Run Rocky, run!*



After running for so long and so far, Rocky came across a big shady tree. Being so tired he thought it would be a great place to have a quick rest.

Whilst sitting under the tree, a wise owl appeared, perched on one of its branches.

The wise owl asked Rocky why he was so out of breath?

Rocky told the wise owl his story about the fire.







“We must get help”, the wise owl told Rocky, “follow me”. And with that the wise owl flew off with Rocky following close behind.

After a short journey they arrived in a small town. Rocky knew this place, it was home!

The wise owl began flapping his wings up and down whilst shouting at the top of his voice, “HOOT, HOOT, HOOT!”.



Everyone in town ran into the street to see what all the noise was about.

As they looked up they noticed the wise owl flapping his wings and pointing towards the tall trees in the distance.

“Fire! Fire!”, they all shouted as they watched the black smoke touch the sky.







The townsfolk jumped into action grabbing buckets and filling them with water.

They ran as fast as they could towards the fire, followed by a big red fire truck, whose sirens wailed and squealed as it sped off down the road.



Before long and with the help of everyone the fire was out.

The wise owl told everyone how brave Rocky was to have run away from the danger of the fire, and to find someone who could help.

The mayor of the town thanked Rocky and the wise owl for raising the alarm and saving the bush land and animals that lived there.





Rocky was very happy  
everyone was safe, but after all  
that running felt so very tired.

Rocky did not have to run  
anymore.

He was pleased to see his  
favourite tree still standing. He  
snuggled under its shady  
leaves and fell fast asleep.

Sleep Rocky, sleep.....

So always remember...be like Rocky.

If you ever see danger run far away and call for help. Never be afraid, for there is always a friend when you're in need.





## **Chris and Rocky**

Chris Mawson is a published author who lives in Cairns, far north Queensland. After 15 years in the Ambulance service as a paramedic he hung up his boots and now works as a published author. He also loves art and this is apparent in his publications.

*"It warms my heart to see children reading my books. I love to put a smile on their faces through my work".*

*Chris Mawson*

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Join Rocky on his high-speed adventure  
as he runs for help to save his town  
from a big bush fire.

Will Rocky get help in time?

Will his town be saved?

**RUN with ROCKY and find out.**



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