

Fluffy's Getting Shorn



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Enviro-Stories Education Program

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This program provides an education and learning experience for kids through their active engagement with natural resource and catchment management issues. The final product is a published story written about local issues, by local kids, for local kids and future generations.

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www.brg.cma.nsw.gov.au

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- The New Farm
- The Farmer Changes His Ways
- I Own it All
- Drought and Flooding Rains

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- My Life on a Sheep Farm
- A Weekend on our Farm
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One day there lived a sheep whose name was Fluffy. He lived on a great big sheep station.

It was shearing time and Fluffy had never been shorn before. He was very worried, so he thought he would find out more about it.



First Fluffy went and looked for Buck.
Buck was a bull. He asked Buck, “Do
you know what it is like to be shorn?”





“Sorry Fluffy I only know what it’s like to be branded. When you get branded they put an iron stick that has these weird shapes on the end of it into a fire. Then they put it on your rump to mark who you belong to. I was surprised that it didn’t hurt too much. Now I am a proud member of my farm.”

“Thank you for your description on what it’s like being branded Buck,” said Fluffy. “I’ll speak to Pony the horse and see if she knows what it is like to be shorn. Bye Buck.”

“Bye Fluffy,” Buck replied.

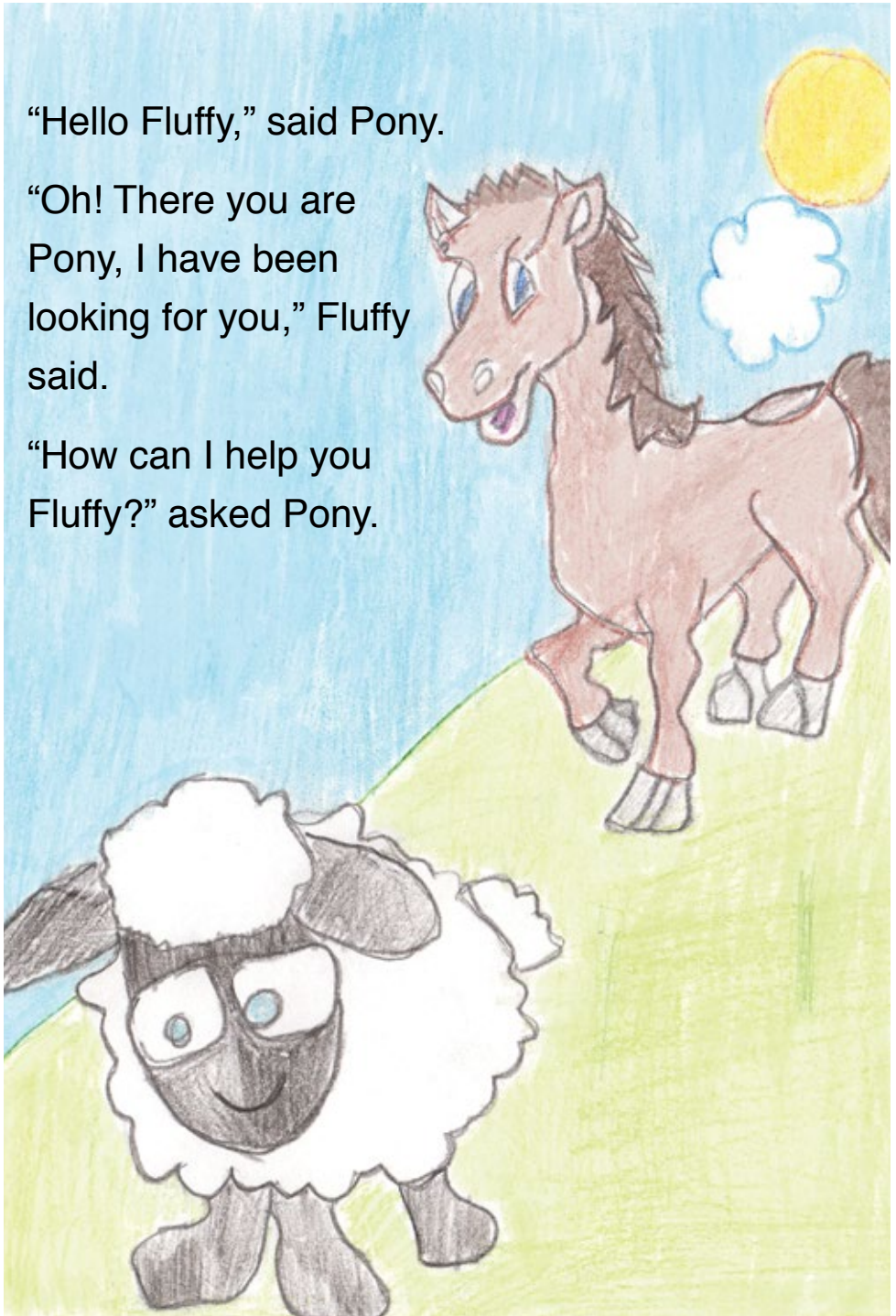
Fluffy wandered off looking for Pony but couldn't find her anywhere. Suddenly he remembered that Pony was in the grass paddock. So off wandered Fluffy to the grass paddock to find Pony.



“Hello Fluffy,” said Pony.

“Oh! There you are Pony, I have been looking for you,” Fluffy said.

“How can I help you Fluffy?” asked Pony.



“I have a question to ask you,” Fluffy said.

“What do you wish to know?” replied Pony.

“Do you know what it is like to be shorn?” Fluffy queried nicely.

“Sorry, I only know what its like to have horse shoes put on your feet. They get a semi circle metal shoe, some nails and a hammer. They put the semi circle thing in the right position then hammer the three nails in. I was surprised that it didn’t even hurt,” answered Pony. “This protects my feet when I go for a run.”





“Thank you for that wonderful description of how a horse gets its shoes,” Fluffy replied. “I’m going to go find my mum and see if she knows. Bye Pony, see you later.”



So Fluffy went and asked his mother.

“Hello Fluff,” said his mother.

“Mum, do you know what it is like to be shorn?” asked Fluffy timidly, “and what will happen to my wool afterwards?”

His mother exclaimed, “Oh Fluffy nothing bad will happen! They use clippers to shear you. This won’t hurt you if you keep still. Think of it as just getting a haircut. Once they have shorn you, they clean all your wool and make it all fluffy like your name. Then they turn it into stringy things called fibres.”





“Fluffy, where are you?” yelled the man that would shear Fluffy. Fluffy said bye to his mother and went to the shearing shed feeling much better.

He was excited and surprised that it didn't even hurt. When Fluffy returned to his mother he said, “That wasn't so bad, it didn't even hurt.”



“Don’t you feel better now without all that heavy, hot wool. Let’s go to the grass paddock to have some lunch,” Fluffy’s mother replied.

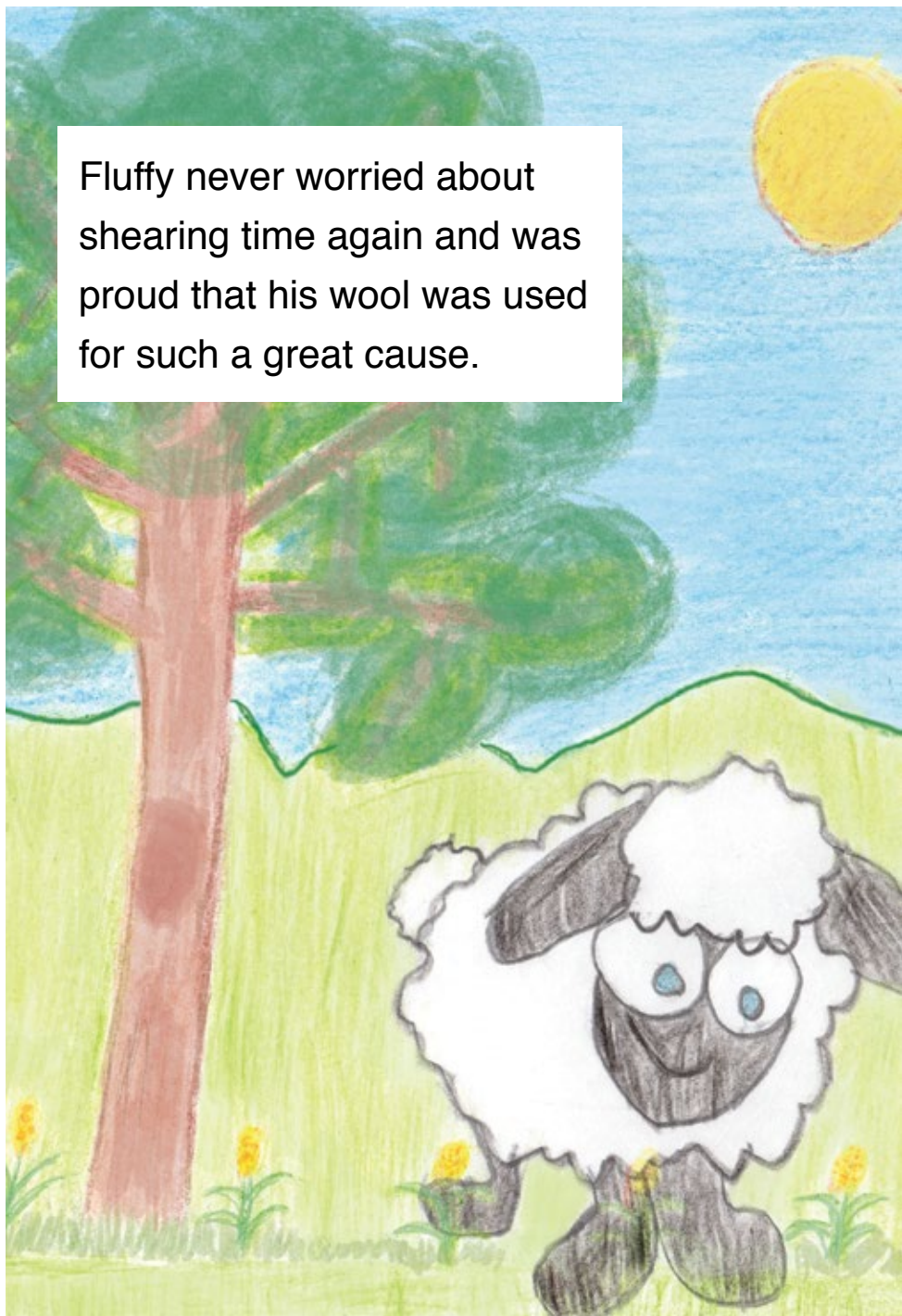




While Fluffy was in the grass paddock, a ram came up to him and explained, “Fluffy your fleece will go to a good cause. It will be used to make socks, jumpers and blankets for the farmer’s family.”

“Really. That’s fantastic!” he replied.

Fluffy never worried about shearing time again and was proud that his wool was used for such a great cause.





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