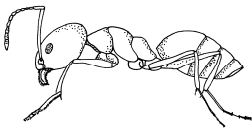


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## LITERACY COMPETITION GOES “Creepy Crawly”

Primary School students in the Central West catchment have an opportunity to participate and register in the Creepy Crawlies...Life Underground *Enviro-Readers* Competition organised by the Central West Catchment Management Authority (CMA).

The theme for the competition is Creepy Crawlies... *Life Underground*, which gives primary school students from grades three to six an opportunity to research, write and illustrate a story about their favourite underground Creepy Crawlies, like worms, centipedes, spiders and ants.



The *Enviro-Readers* Competition has been developed by environmental education consultants from PeeKdesigns to help local kids tell local stories about their local environment.

PeeKdesigns, Lead Consultant Peter Coleman said, “It is important that our kids learn and know about their local environment and the Enviro Readers gets them writing and illustrating stories that can be shared with others.

“By allowing kids to educate other kids we can help to ensure they have a greater understanding of their environment for many years to come.”

Central West CMA, Liz Davis, said “We hope that by running the *Enviro-Readers* competition in our region that not only will the younger generation know more about their local environment, and through them, so too will their families and our communities.”

The competition will conclude with the development of five published readers that will be available to students across the catchment.

For more information, and to register your school for a free education kit, please contact Central West CMA, Liz Davis on 02 6363 8603.

Entries close at the end of school term 2 on 10 July 2009.

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