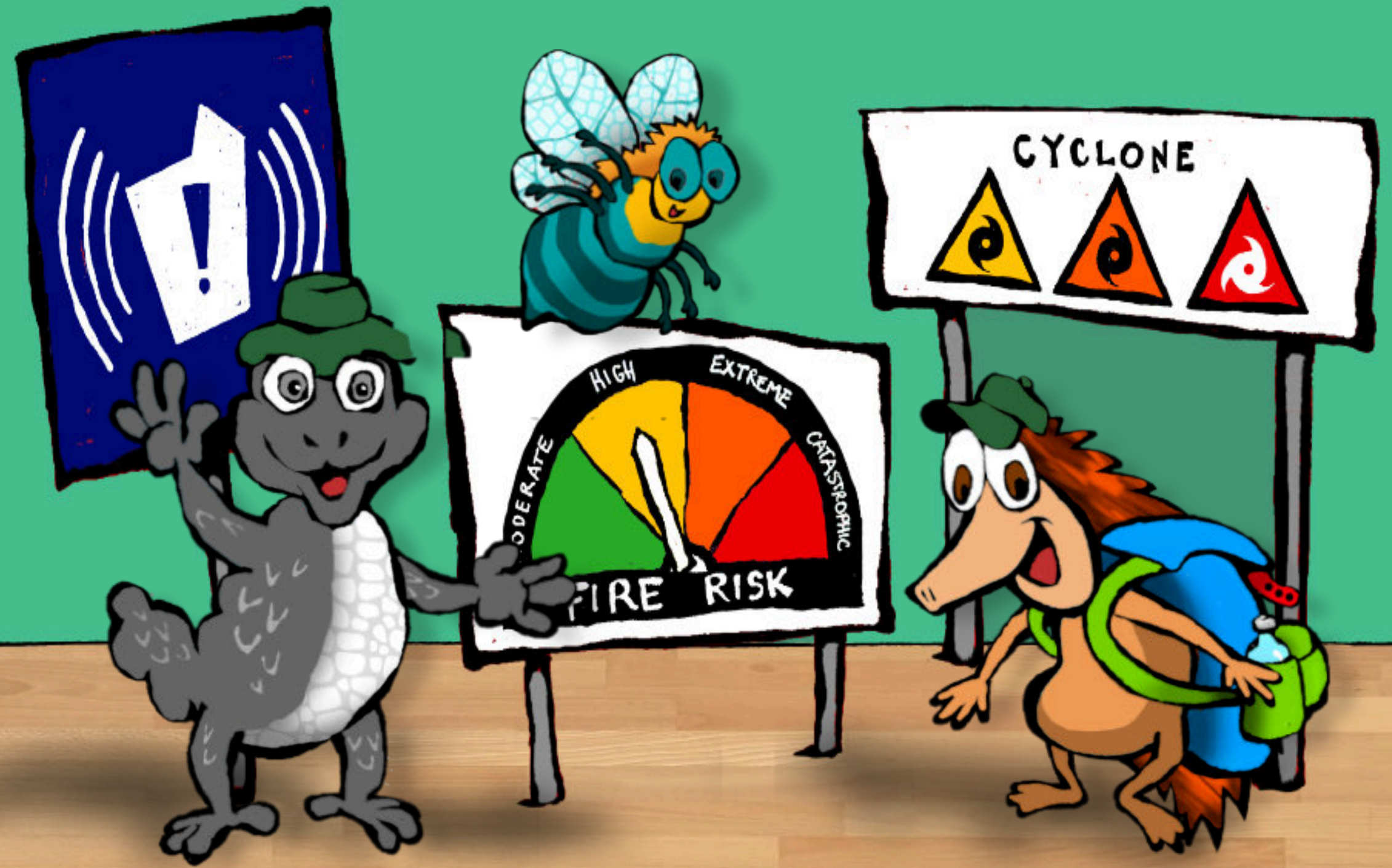


Echo Echidna has a Plan



INTRODUCTION

Echo lives in a lovely town in Western Australia. At school he learns about strong winds called cyclones. At home, Echo and his family make a plan, just in case a cyclone comes along. On the day that a cyclone does happen, Echo and his family are prepared and follow their plan. Echo is a little bit scared, but he knows his family has somewhere safe to go. Echo gets a super surprise when he arrives and sees that all his friends have also made a plan and arrive at the safe place. After the cyclone, it takes a lot of team work to clean the town up, but the community is safe and strong, and they are all happy they had a plan.

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EMERGENCY SYMBOLS



EMERGENCY ITEMS



Echo Echidna lives in a town
a few hours northwest of Perth.
Located near the coastline,
with lots of sun and surf.



He loves exploring nature
and spending time 'round here,

even if November
to April, can be a
dangerous time
of year.



His town can have cyclones,
a storm with very strong winds.
These storms can be quite dangerous,
damaging lots of things.



At school he learns the strategies,
to help him to prepare.
To make a plan, keep his family safe,
and to be cyclone aware.





*After school Echo goes back home,
he knows just what to do.
He'll help his parents make their plan
to see a cyclone through.*

*The plan should include
a safe place for our pets –
at a friend's, the animal shelter
or even at the vets.*

***In the plan there are many things
his family will get ready.
Echo's job is to pack a bag,
especially his teddy.***



***Along with his teddy, his teacher says,
to pack the following things:***

***A water bottle, a torch, some snacks
and his favourite things to do.
Echo will be ready,
and you can be ready too.***



*Then one day when the weather changes,
an alert beeps on the phone.
Echo's parents check the App
and prepare to leave their home.*

*The storm is getting stronger,
a cyclone is on its way.
Echo's family follow their plan,
there is a safer place to stay.*





On the way to the safe place
our pets must first be dropped.
Then off to the evacuation centre
– this is Echo's next stop.

*The centre is a place
For all to safely gather,
shelter from the storm,
and be close to one another.*



At the centre Echo and his family
listen to the instructions of the centre crew,
helping them to settle in
so they know just what to do.



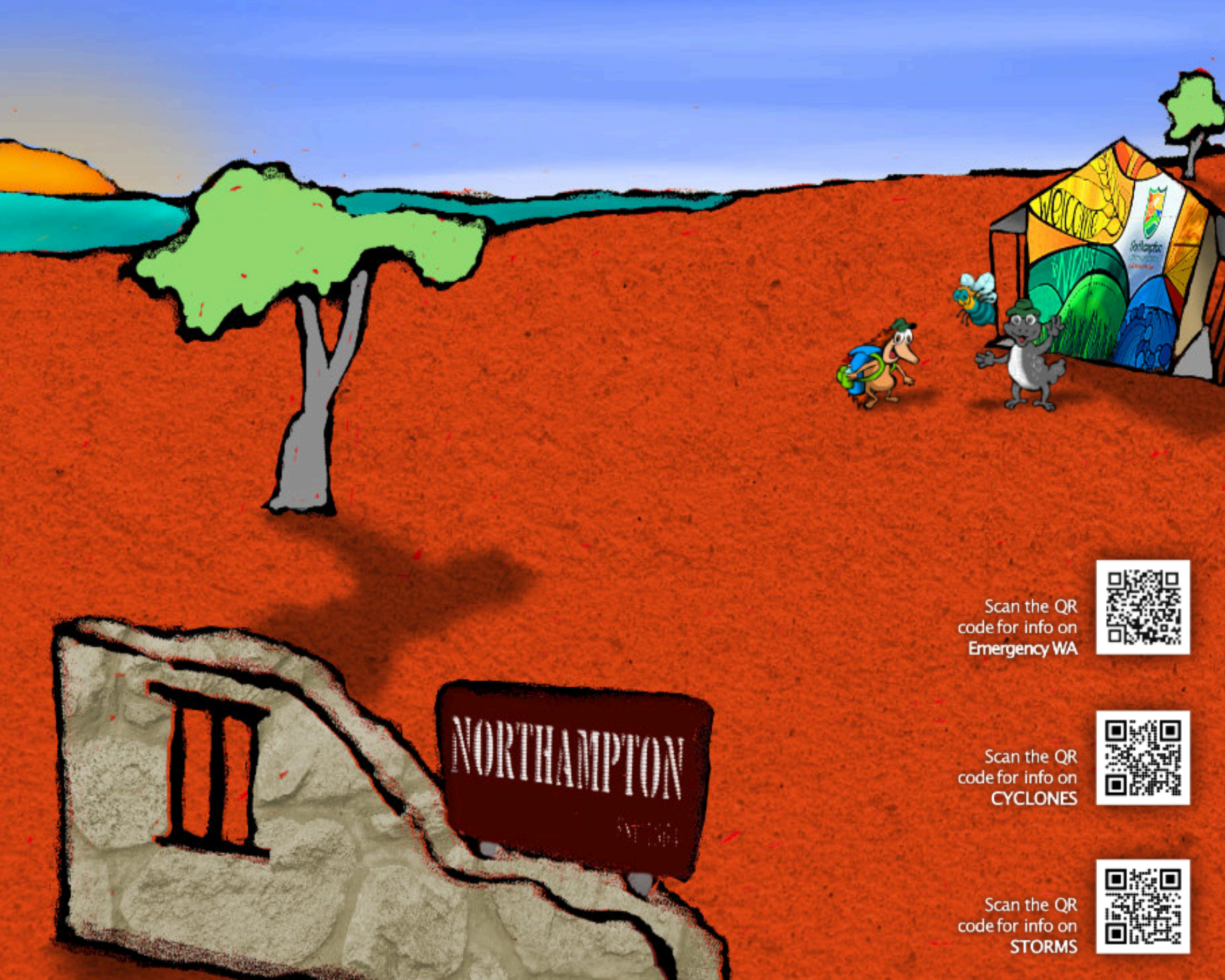
Echo might see his friends from school,
it's good if they are here.
Echo knows the people,
he is glad that they are near.



**When Echo leaves the centre
the town is quite a mess.
But help arrives quickly
including the SES.**

**It takes a lot of teamwork
and Echo must be strong,
to remember in his heart
this won't last all that long.**

**Echo's glad he had a plan
and knew just what to do,
and hopes that in a cyclone
he can also count on you.**



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