



Story of the River (1 hour Activity)



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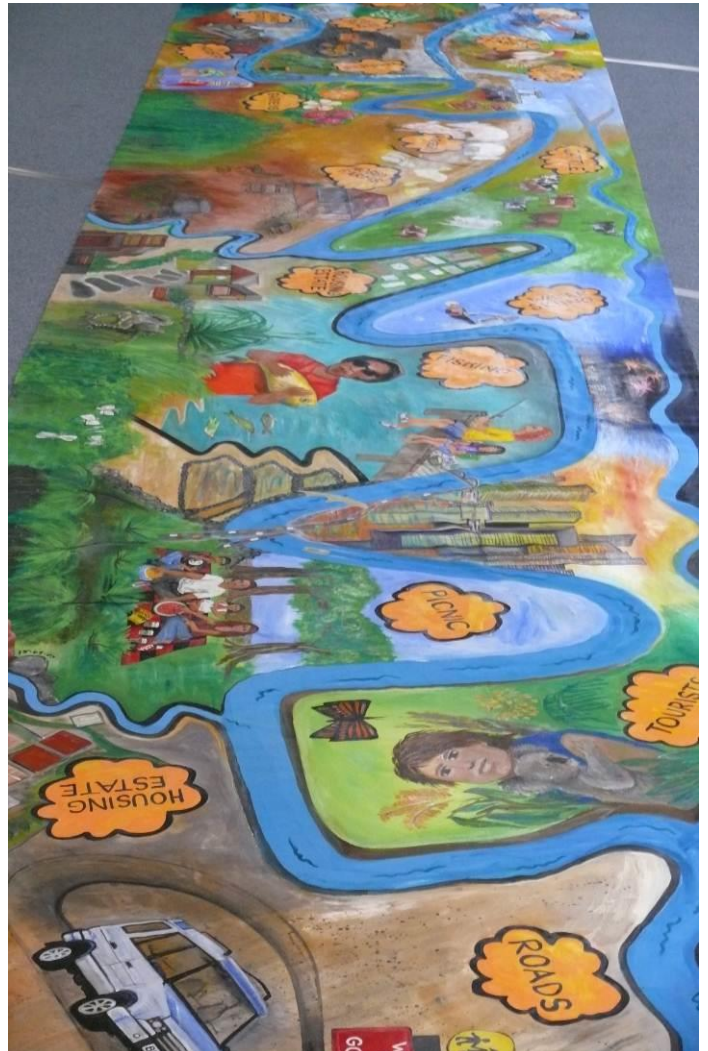
Overview

The 'Story of the River' is a one hour activity that focuses upon the Brisbane River and the impact of people upon the health of our waterways.

At the centre of the activity is a ten metre canvas that follows the rivers journey from its origin in the mountains to the west of Ipswich, through farmland, housing estates, Brisbane City on the way to its final destination in Moreton Bay. Students use the accompanying storybook and add contaminants to a water sample, discussing the changes to the water as a result of the impacts of human activities.

The activity concludes with students brain storming ways in which human impacts can be prevented or minimised on our waterways.

Note: This activity requires a large open space to accommodate the 10 metre canvas and access to water.



Curriculum Intent

Science

- Earth's resources are used in a variety of ways (ACSSU032)
- Science knowledge helps people to understand the effect of their actions (ACSHE062)

Geography

- The use and management of natural resources and waste, and the different views on how to do this sustainably (ACHASSK090)

Sustainability

- Actions for a sustainable future reflect values of care, respect and responsibility, and require us to explore and understand environments (OI.7)
- Sustainable futures result from actions designed to preserve and/or restore the quality and uniqueness of environments. (OI.9)