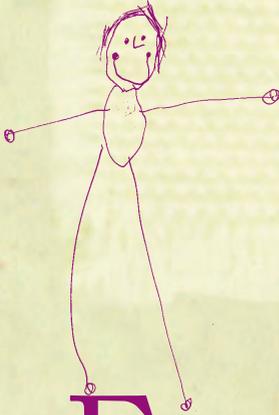




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THE Eco Cubby



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This book captures the journey of the designing and making of the SPCCCC Eco Cubby by the children, their families and educators between 2009-2013.

Eco-Cubby is a workshop program for children that place architects and designers in schools and communities. The program originated through the City of Melbourne's CH2 building and aims to promote new approaches to sustainable design. The program is facilitated and funded by Regional Arts Victoria and Artplay.

The SPCCCC Eco Cubby was launched on April 14, 2013

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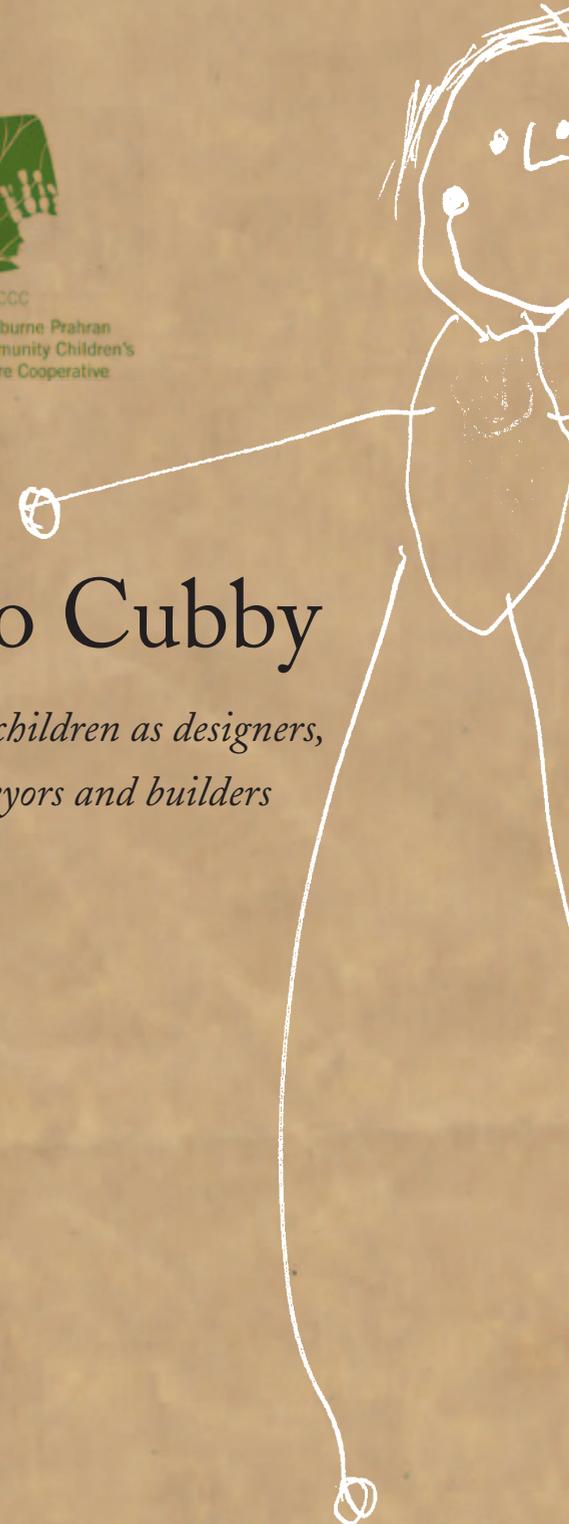
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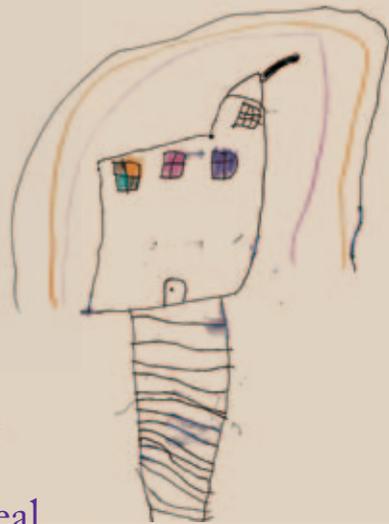
The Eco Cubby

*A book celebrating children as designers,
engineers, surveyors and builders*



'Hold your breath
Make a wish
Count to three
Come with me
And you'll be
In a world of
Pure imagination
Take a look
And you'll see
Into your imagination'

*Leslie Bricusse &
Anthony Newley*



One person saw an idea.

We can do that too.

We joined the idea and made it real.

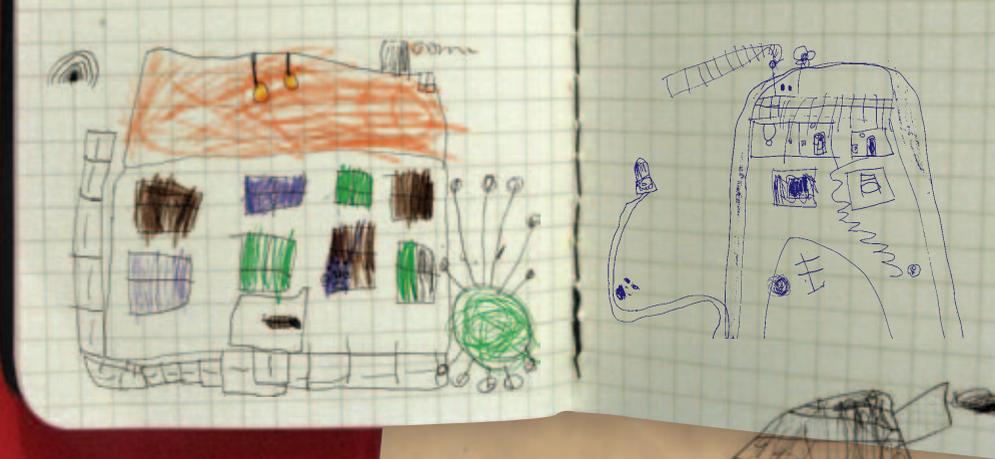
This is the story of how the cubby was built from so many different imaginings and ideas that slowly over time were formed into the shape of the Eco Cubby.

We met Ben and he told us what an architect's job was.



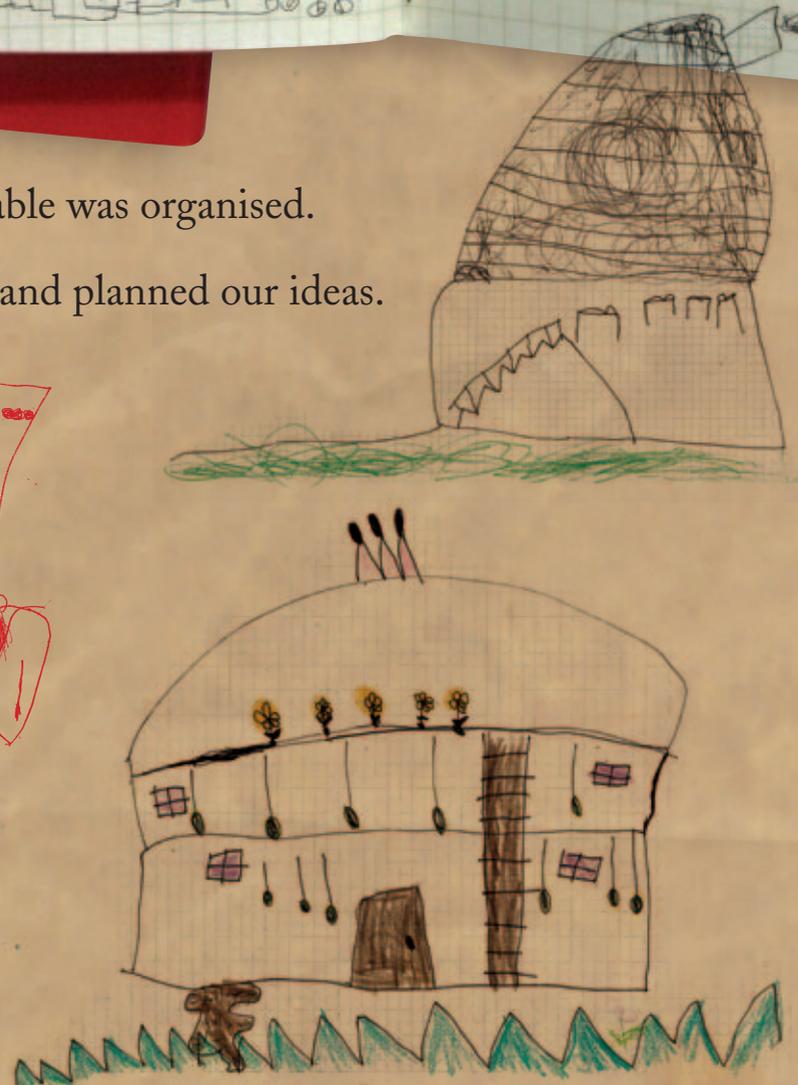
He brought in models for us to look at and showed us pictures of different buildings.





A meeting table was organised.

We mapped and planned our ideas.



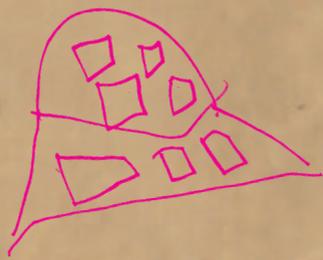
Many, many drawings were created!

We began to make models with clay and found objects.



Shapes were made with different materials...
Blocks and sticks were stacked, placed side by side,
threaded, twisted, turned and bent.





Outside we explored where the cubby could go.



We tested different sites in all kinds of weather and how many people could fit inside.





Everyone explored it.

The place for the cubby was decided.

Amongst the bamboo was threaded a bamboo screen.

We got to see what shapes could be formed and what it would feel and look like from inside and outside.

Ben came up with a plan and we began to construct our model.



Thin lengths of bamboo were glued onto a wire frame. The ground was made with a thick slurry of terracotta clay, a sprinkling of tanbark and careful placing of stones.



The roof was made and put on top to catch all the water.



Our model was finished.



It curves like the wind blowing through the bamboo



It has a roof with arms to catch the water and a water tank that will be a table as well.

We will have plants that grow up the side and form the walls.

It's a shape that can be anything its only boundary is the limits of your imagination.

In the first few years of a child's life fundamental attitudes, skills, knowledge and patterns of behaviour are formed. Children form strong links to their environments and begin to develop an awareness of the impact we have on the natural world. The Eco Cubby project provides a way in which children can begin to work with and understand the value of minimising our impact on the environment in developing knowledge and skills as well as being empowered to make choices and decisions about their environment.

Their ideas have left a permanent structure for future children to imagine in.





**The designers, engineers, artisans, planners, builders,
creators, thinkers and general all round creative types!**

Children who attended SPCCCC 2010-2011:

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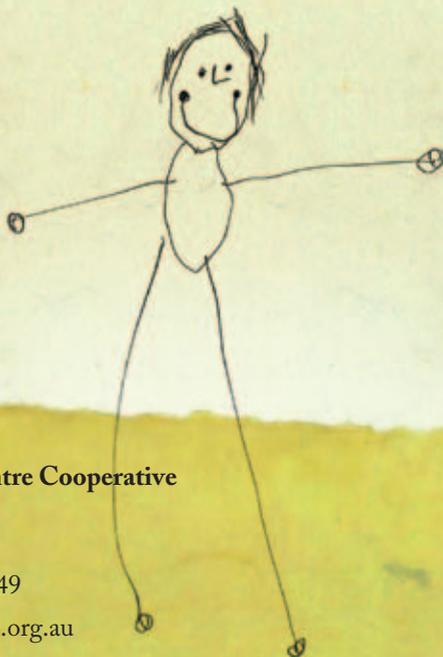
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Emma Carter is an educator and has been part of the SPCCCC family since 2008. She has a passion for environmental and sustainable practices, and takes an active approach in integrating them into SPCCCC's early childhood curricula.

It is Emma's commitment and vision that has paved the way for innovative projects such as the Eco Cubby to come to fruition.



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