

THE CASE OF THE MISSING EMU



Epilogue

Kai spread the sticky notes out upon the kitchen table at Mila's grandma's house.

E ERFDN AENOE RAE

'What does that mean?' Mila asked, scratching her head.
'It makes no sense.'

Kangaroo was stomping a foot on the kitchen floor.
Thump, thump, thump.

'What's wrong Kangaroo?' Kai asked.

'I've got something stuck on my foot!'

Kai reached down and looked at the bottom of Kangaroo's raised foot.

'It's a sticky note with the letter **W**,' he cried. 'You were the last clue, Kangaroo! You, Emu and the Commonwealth Coat of Arms! You are one of our most important symbols.'

E ERFDN AENOE RAE W

'But it still doesn't make sense. We're missing something.' Mila moaned in frustration.

'I've got it,' Mila gasped in excitement. 'What's one thing kangaroos and emus have in common?'

Kangaroo gasped, with a growing smile. 'Oh, very clever Mila! Kangaroos and emus have difficulty walking backwards.'

'Maybe we need to reverse the order of the letters?' Mila said, getting to work on the sticky notes.

WE ARE ONE AND FREE



'That's it,' Mila cried. 'This must be the message Emu wants to share with everyone.'

Kai and Mila looked around, but Kangaroo had vanished.

'Why would Kangaroo leave us when we're so close to finding Emu?' asked Kai in confusion.

'Oh I really hope they are both back on the Coat of Arms,' Mila gulped. 'Let's go and see.'

Kai and Mila raced off to Old Parliament House. Hardly daring to breathe, they looked up. There was the Commonwealth Coat of Arms.

'They're both there, look,' Kai whispered, breathing a sigh of relief.

Mila moved closer and peered up at the Coat of Arms. It was gleaming in the setting sun. 'We did it, Kai! Another case solved.'

As they started to leave, Mila glanced back and took one last look at the Australian animals standing tall and

proud. She couldn't be sure, but she thought she saw Emu give her a cheeky wink, and there was definitely a very relieved expression on Kangaroo's face.

