




WILD LIFE
SYDNEY

Besties

Ringo and Ella



The top half of the page features a yellow background. On the left, there is a large, stylized paw print. To its right, there are several smaller, scattered paw prints. A dark brown, horizontal branch with a few thin, upward-pointing twigs is positioned below the paw prints.

This book is dedicated to all the amazing curatorial team members at WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo, who love what they do and have shared this incredible story about a unique friendship from an unlikely pair between Ringo Bared-nosed wombat and Ella Yellow-footed rock wallaby!

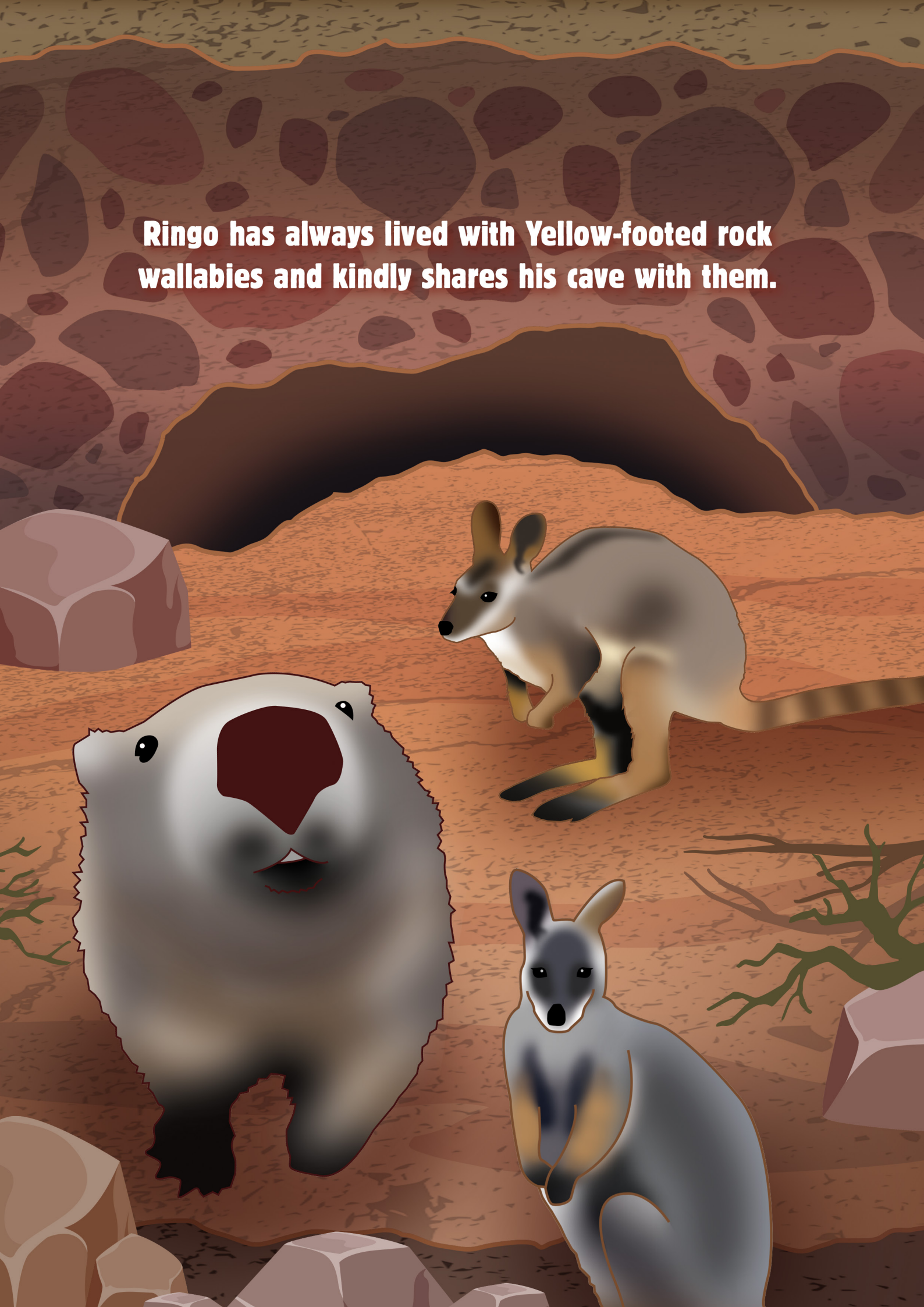


Meet Ringo, our resident Bared-nosed wombat that calls WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo home!

Ringo was orphaned at only a few months of age. As he was too young to live on his own, one of our keepers become his foster mum and raised him until he was old enough to move into his habitat.



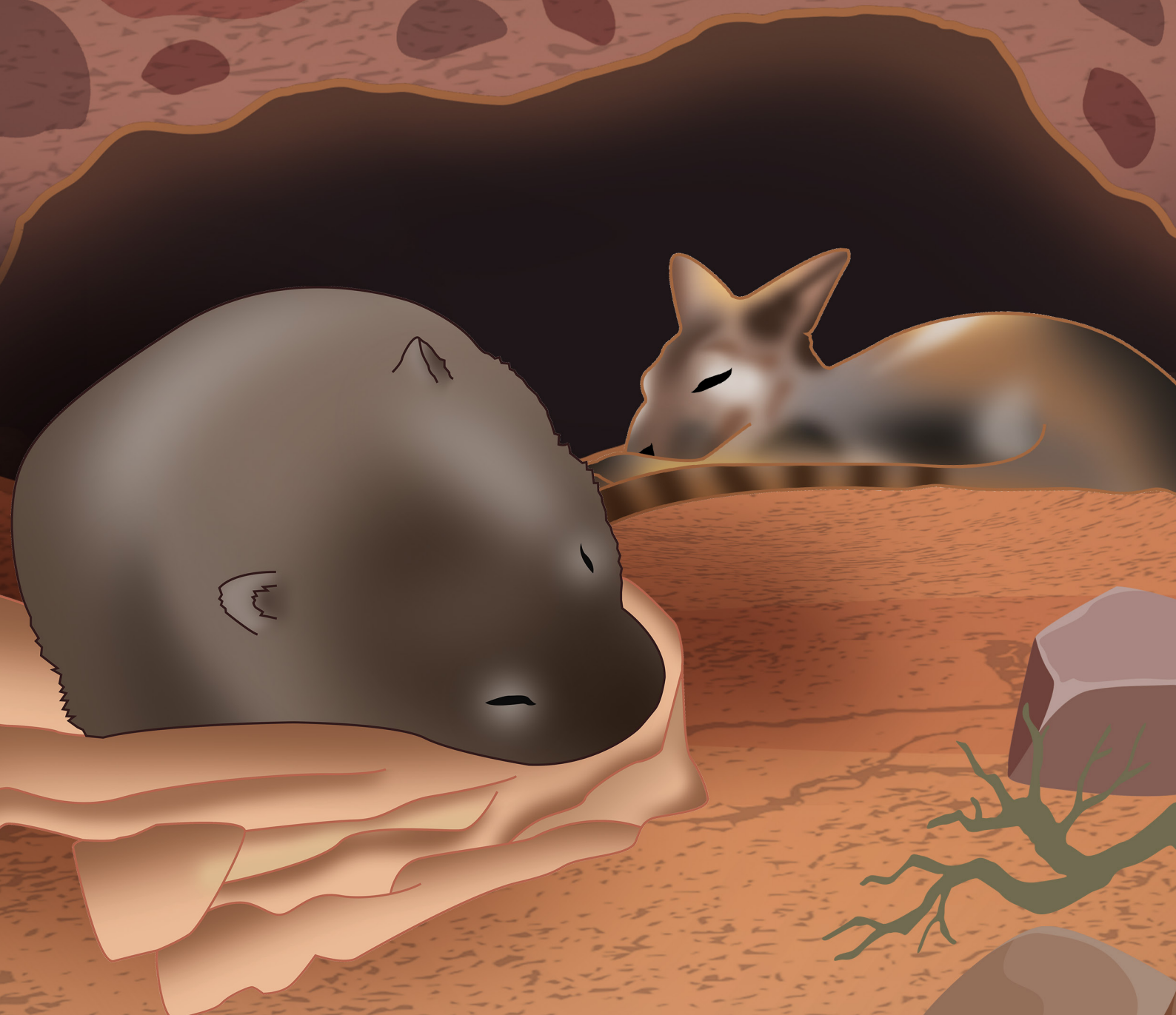
Ringo has always lived with Yellow-footed rock wallabies and kindly shares his cave with them.



Sometime Ella and her friends are a bit cheeky and try to steal Ringo's food and he is not shy about telling them to 'shoo!'



Ella likes to live high up in the cliffs of their Flinders Ranges habitat but when the weather is a bit cold or wet Ella likes to sleep with Ringo in his nice warm cave. Ringo is a true friend and often lets Ella sleep inside the warm cave, so she has more room, Ringo will sleep at the front entrance.



Our keepers have also spotted Ella being a great friend and giving Ringo 'kisses' on his nose and ears while he sleeps, as well as just resting her hands on his back while he sleeps.



One night we set a camera to watch what Ringo and the wallabies were getting up to, and we saw Ringo and several wallabies all gathered around eating hay together.



**So just like Ringo and Ella at WILD LIFE
Sydney Zoo, friendships are unique
and diverse! Bared-nosed wombat and
Yellow-footed rock wallaby are an unlikely
pair but together have formed a friendship
like no other and have learnt to live
together-in harmony!**

