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VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD AND COMMUNITY AGENCY



Aboriginal  
Colouring book

Artwork by Jenny Kirby

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# Aunty Jenny Kirby

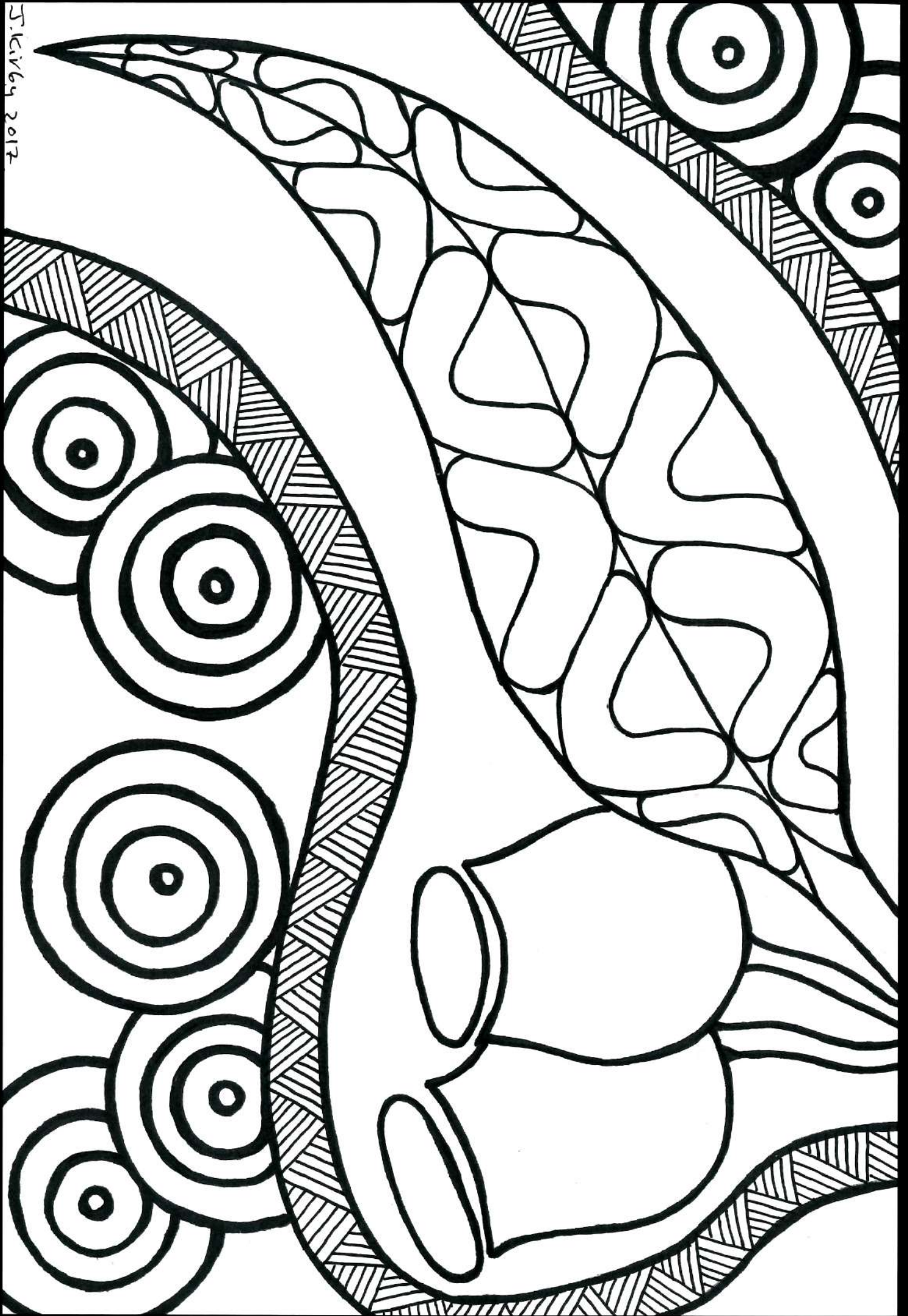
*My name is Jennifer Kirby and I am a proud Ngemba woman from Brewarrina in North/Western NSW, but have had the privilege to work and lived and be a part of the Victorian community for over 30 years.*

*I have shared my passion of art with my 4 children and 4 grandchildren, and found it to be a beautiful way to bond with my grandchildren.*

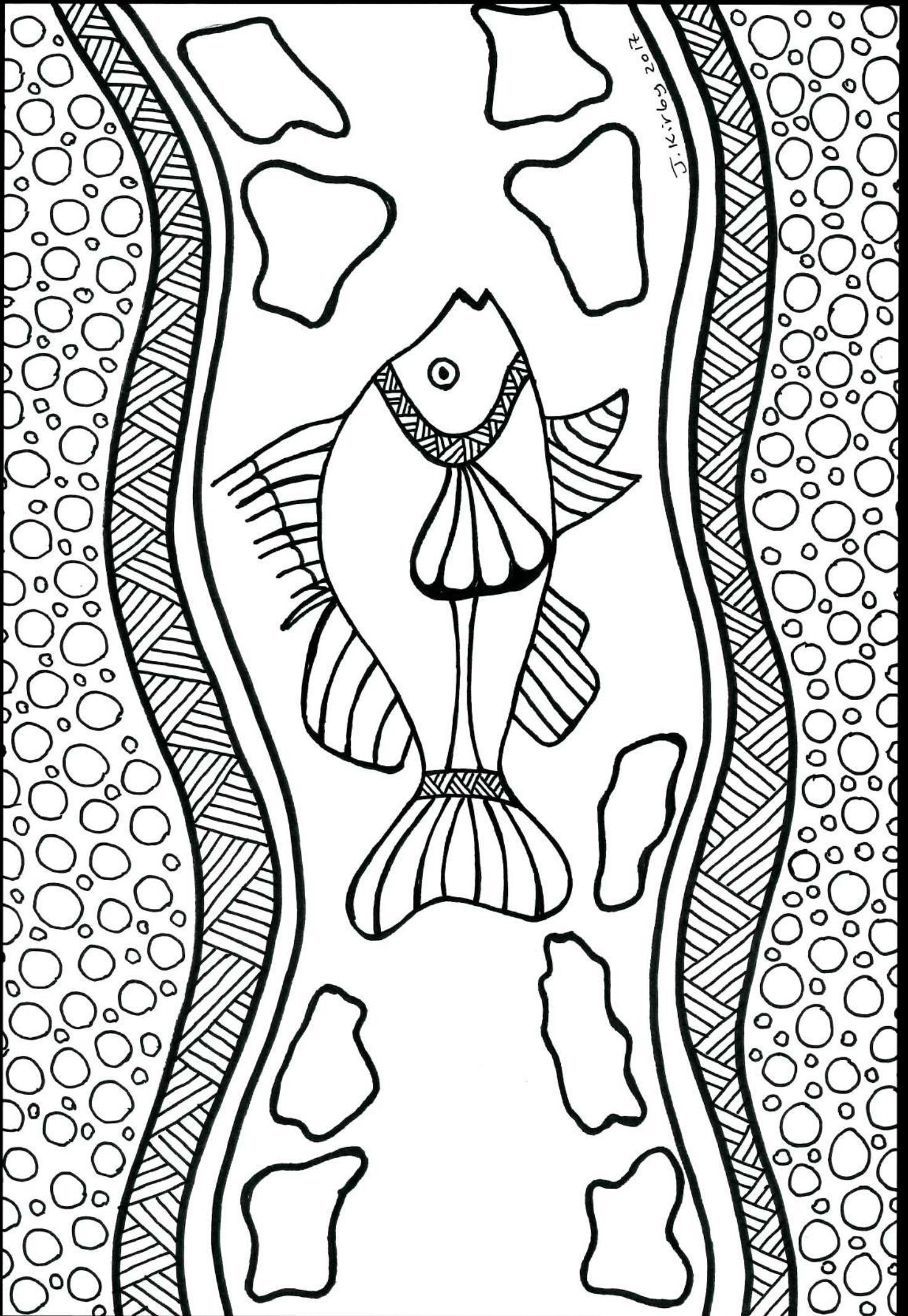
*For many years I have used arts and crafts as way of healing for myself. This has helped me to find a way to relax and get rid of any stresses I may be experiencing in life.*

*I hope this colouring book can help with the healing of the families who use it and also bonding between parents, carers, aunts, uncles whoever it may be and the children they are caring for.*

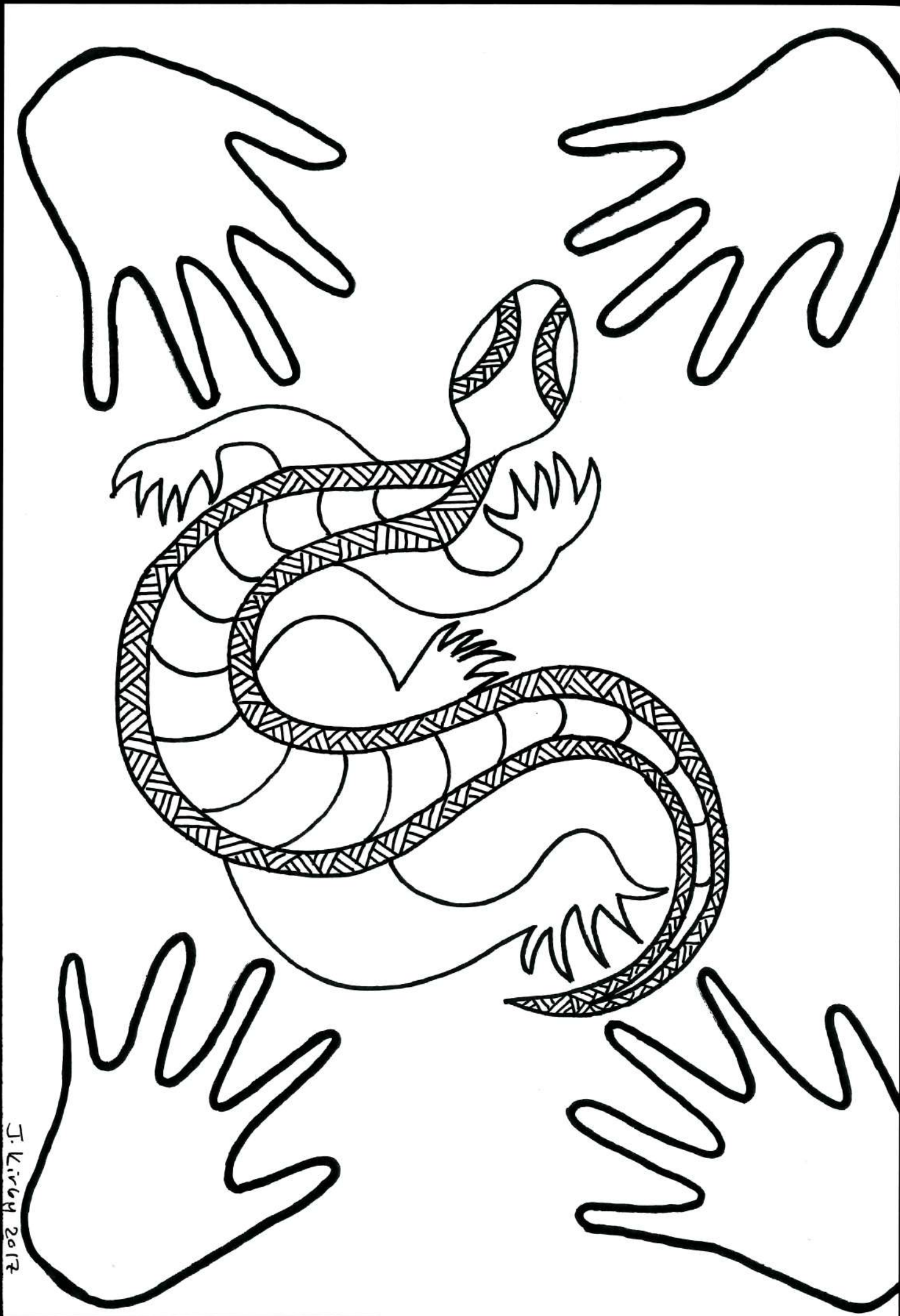
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The Gum leaf was used by our people for smoking ceremonies and also in dancing ceremonies, the Gum trees were also used to make many of our people's weapons.

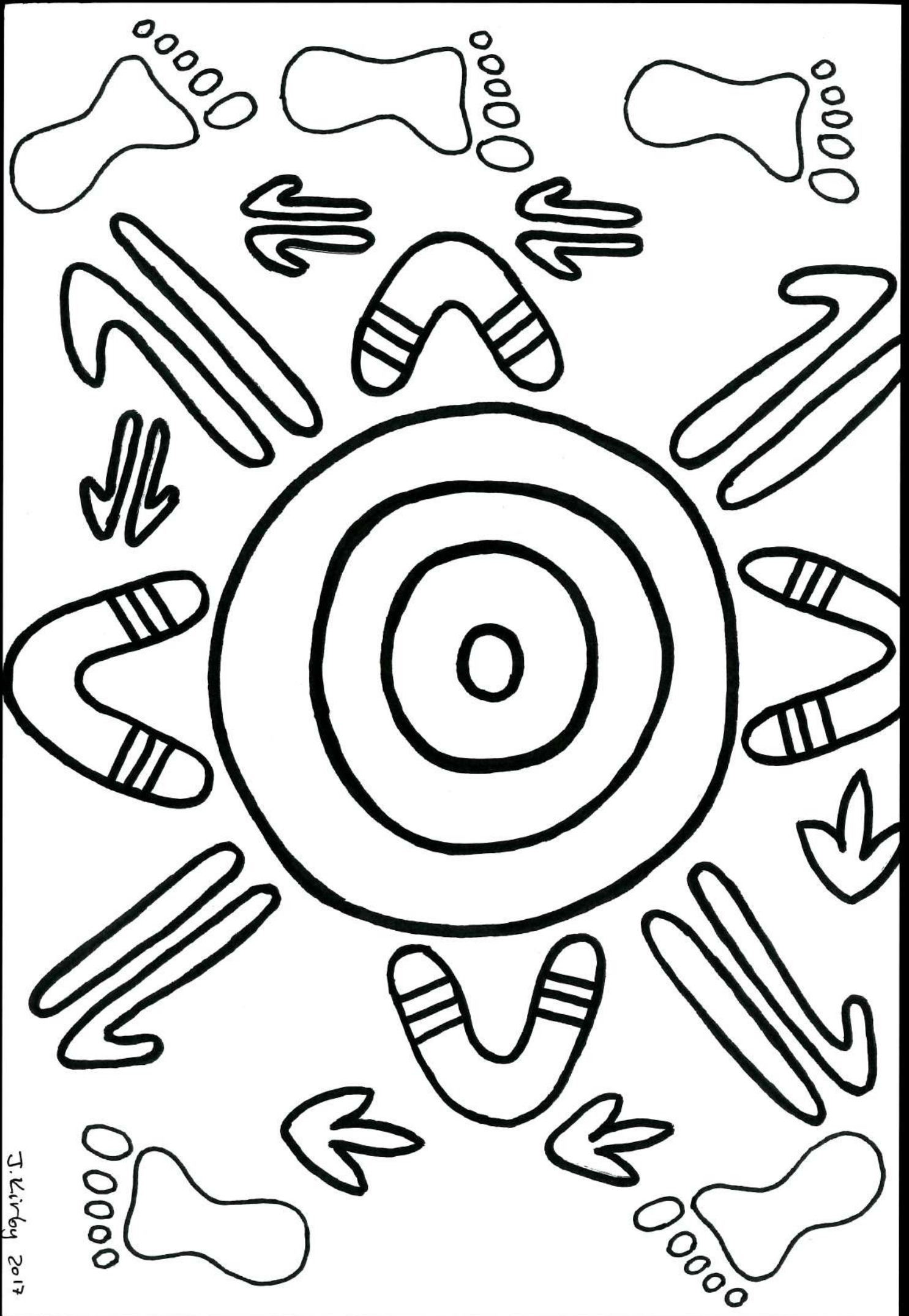


This picture tells the story of the yellow belly fish being caught in the fish traps located in Brewarrina NSW on the Barwon River.

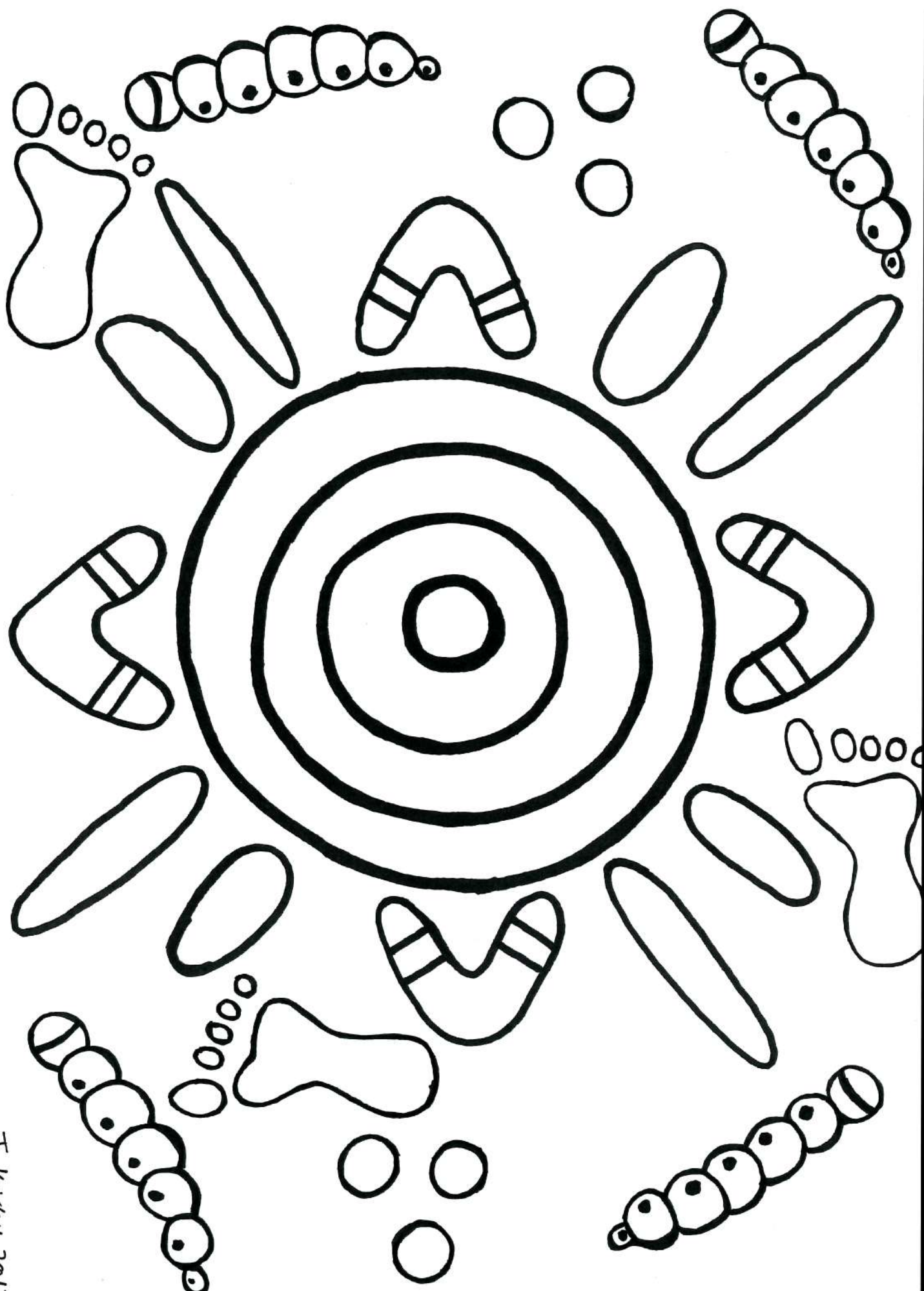


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The goanna is another animal that was hunted by both men and women for food.

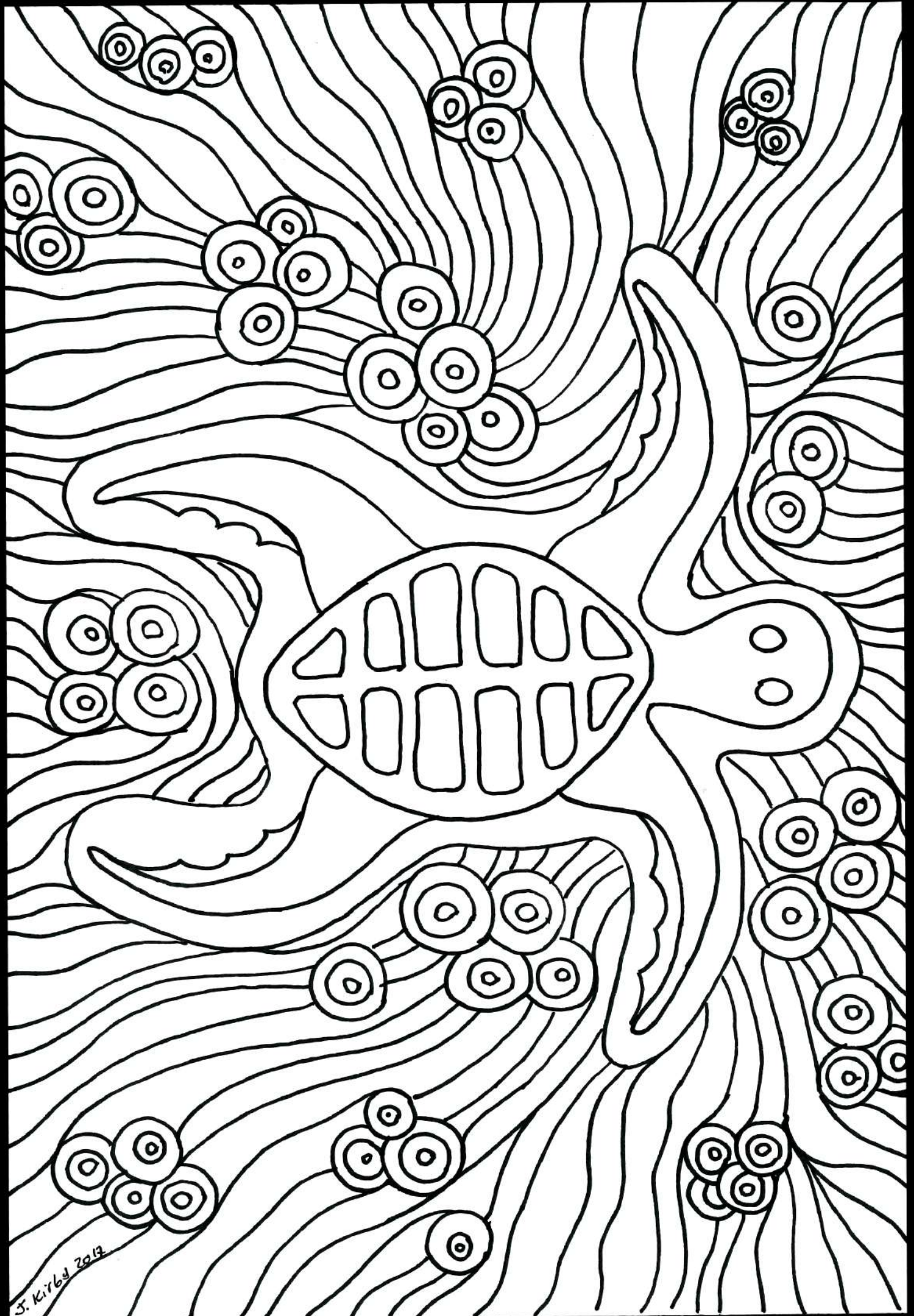


This picture tells the story of our men getting together after being out hunting for the day, the animal tracks shows they were hunting Emu and Kangaroo.



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This picture tells the story of our women coming together after being out gathering bush tucker (witchetty grubs, fruit, flowers and eggs) for the day.



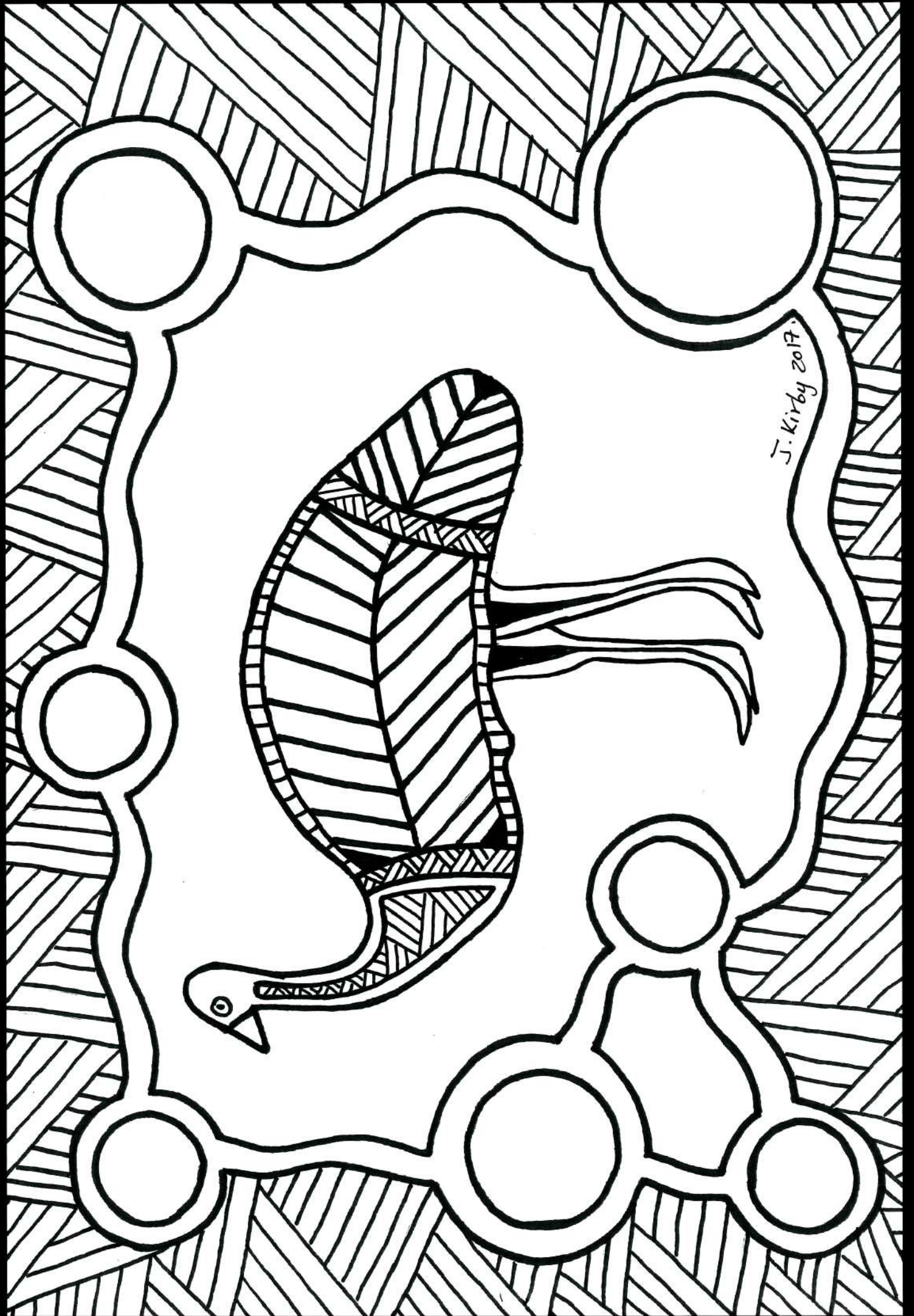
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The Sea Turtle is another animal  
hunted by our people that  
lived near the sea.

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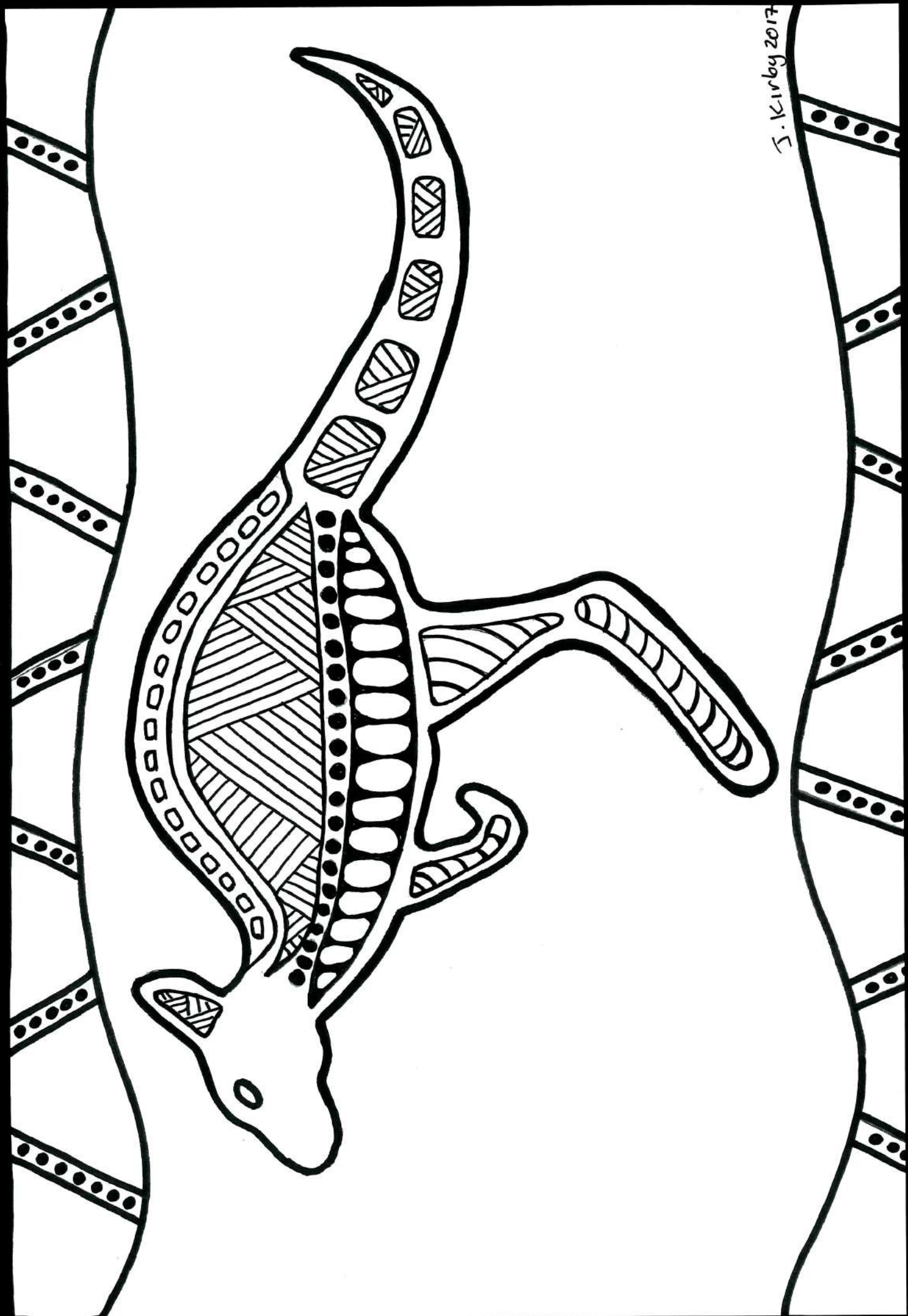
This picture represents our people following the water ways on their long journeys through their countries.



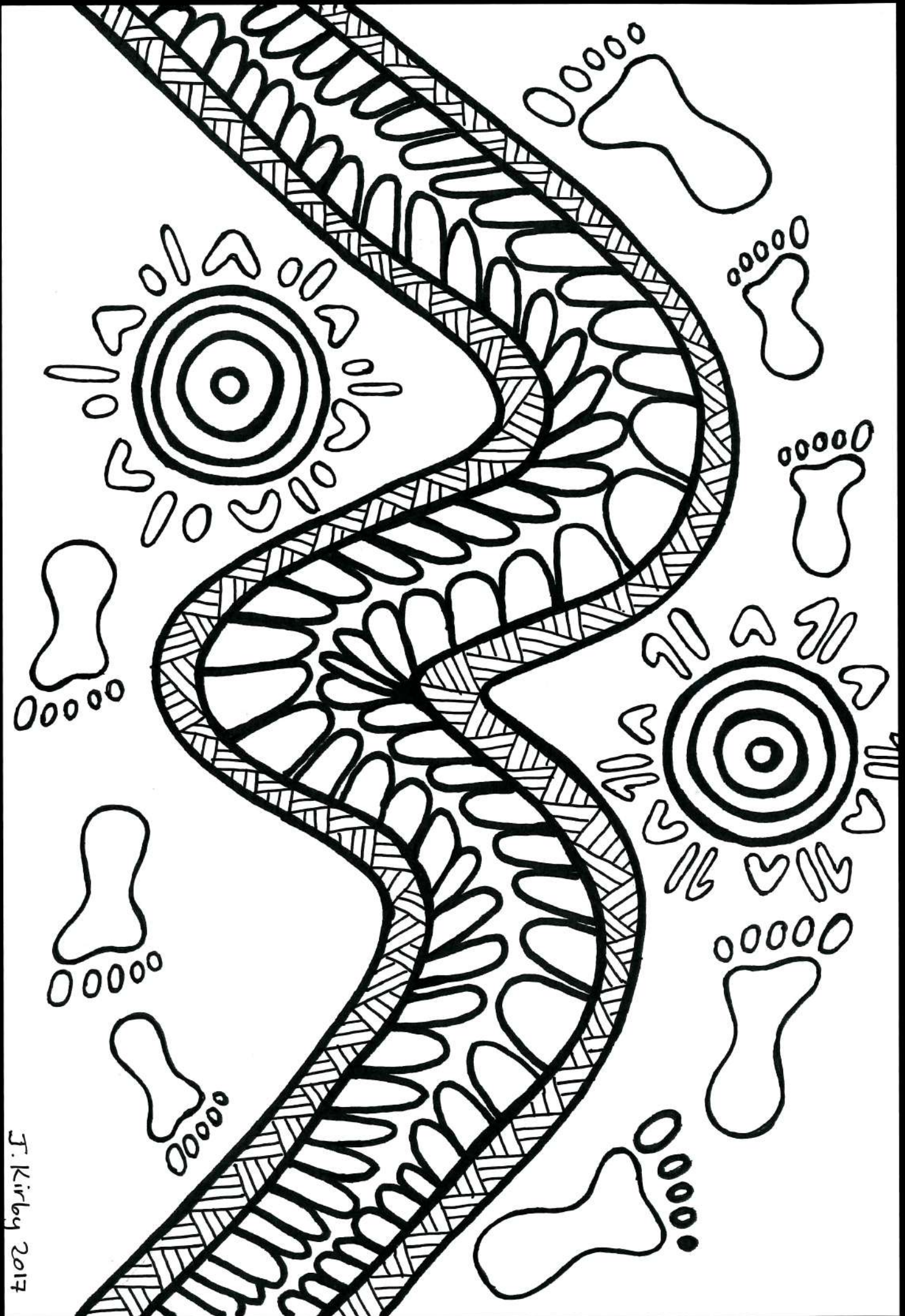
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Emus are hunted by our men for food to feed their mob, they also collected Emu eggs. Emu's meat is very fatty so our people made Emu oil and use it as an ointment for many of our people's ailments and also put it on their bodies in the colder weather to keep them warm. The Emu feathers were also used in many of our people's ceremonies.

J. Kirby 2017



The Kangaroo is one of the animals that our men hunted to feed their mob, not only was the meat used but many of its body parts were used by our people to make other things, such as sinew, which was used for making weapons and the fur was used to make cloaks for the children.



J. Kirby 2017

Men and Women divided by the river  
system to come together to yarn about  
men's and women's business.

Men's and Women's business  
was always separate from  
one another.