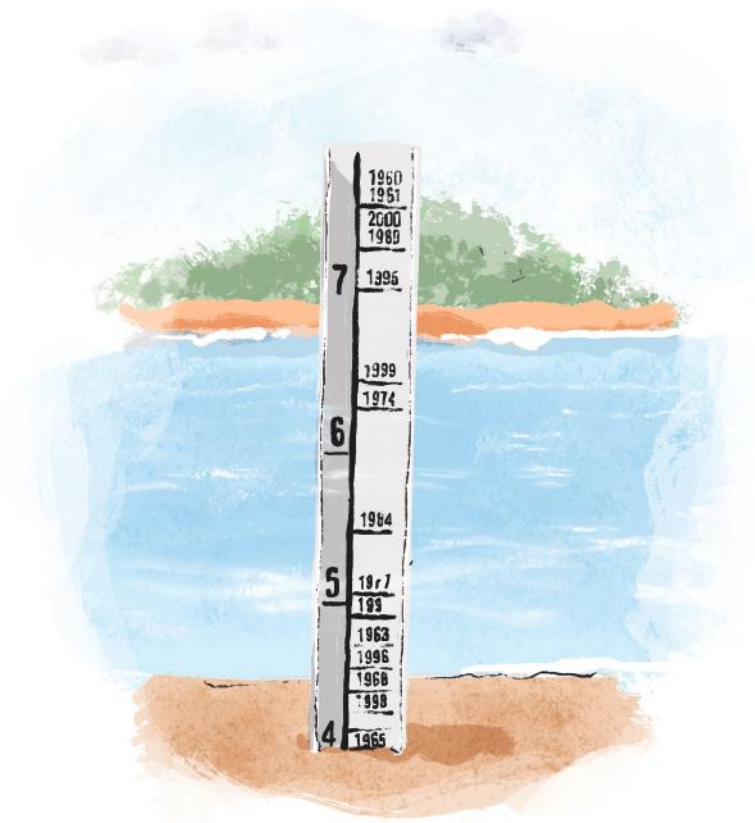


Keeping Kids Safe in Carnarvon



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This book is dedicated to all the wonderful children in Carnarvon and all the adults who were once children in Carnarvon.

'Keeping Kids Safe in Carnarvon'

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Have you ever thought about how big
the world can be?

On the map, there's a little place
north of Perth called
Carnarvon
that sits along the sea.

For many kids, it's the place
they call home.

It's also a place where
kangaroos meet and the emus
like to roam.





You are here



Carnarvon is a land of sunburnt country
where the river meets the ocean.

It's the land of the Yinggarda people where some
Indigenous languages are spoken.

Carnarvon has long days and warm summer nights,
and the stars above Carnarvon always shine so bright.



When travelling north or travelling south,
the dish is what you see when coming into town.

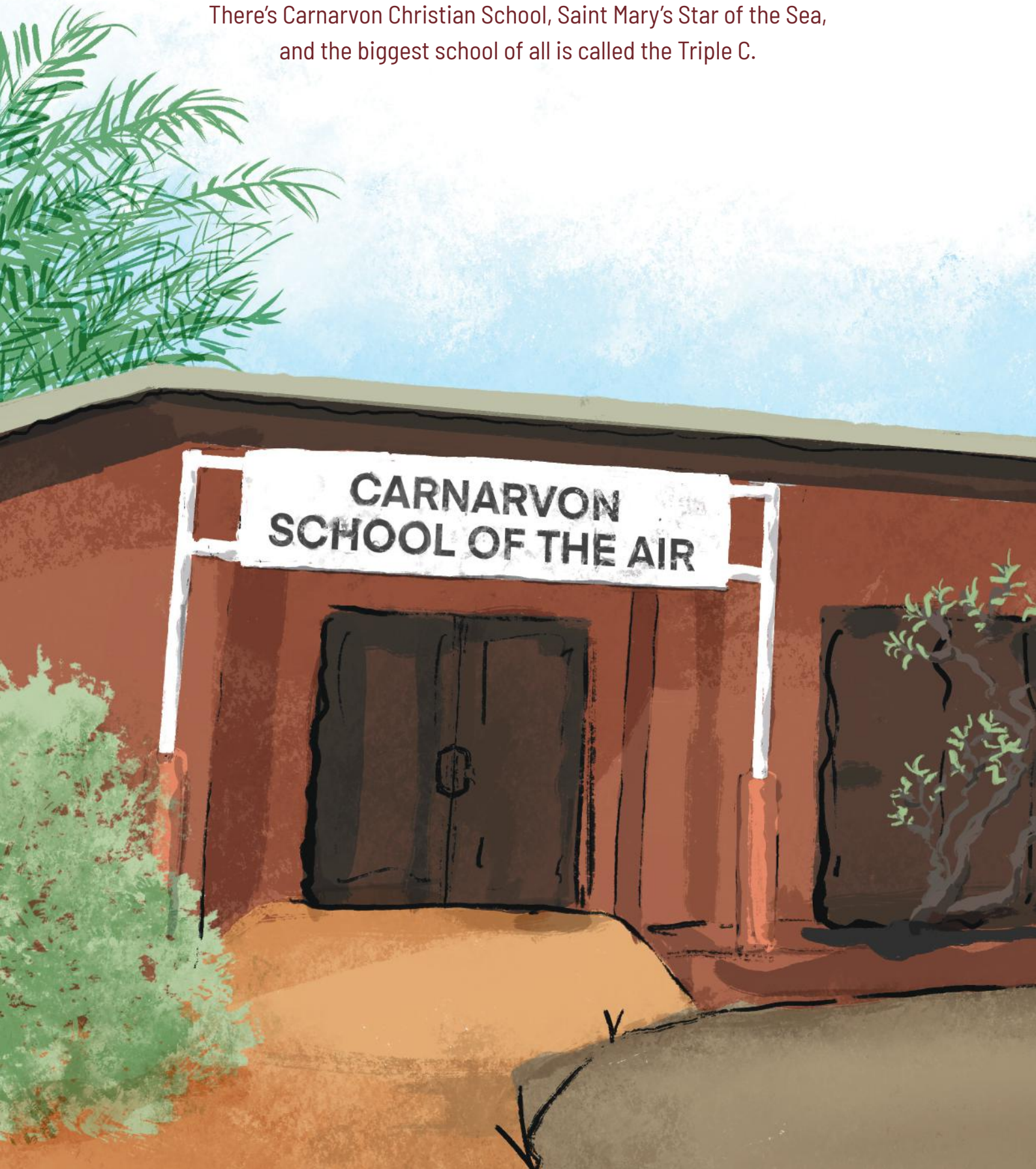
It doesn't make a difference if the dish is
pointed up or pointed down.

Not far from town, there's a little spot called Bush Bay.
It's the perfect place for a fish or just a little getaway.



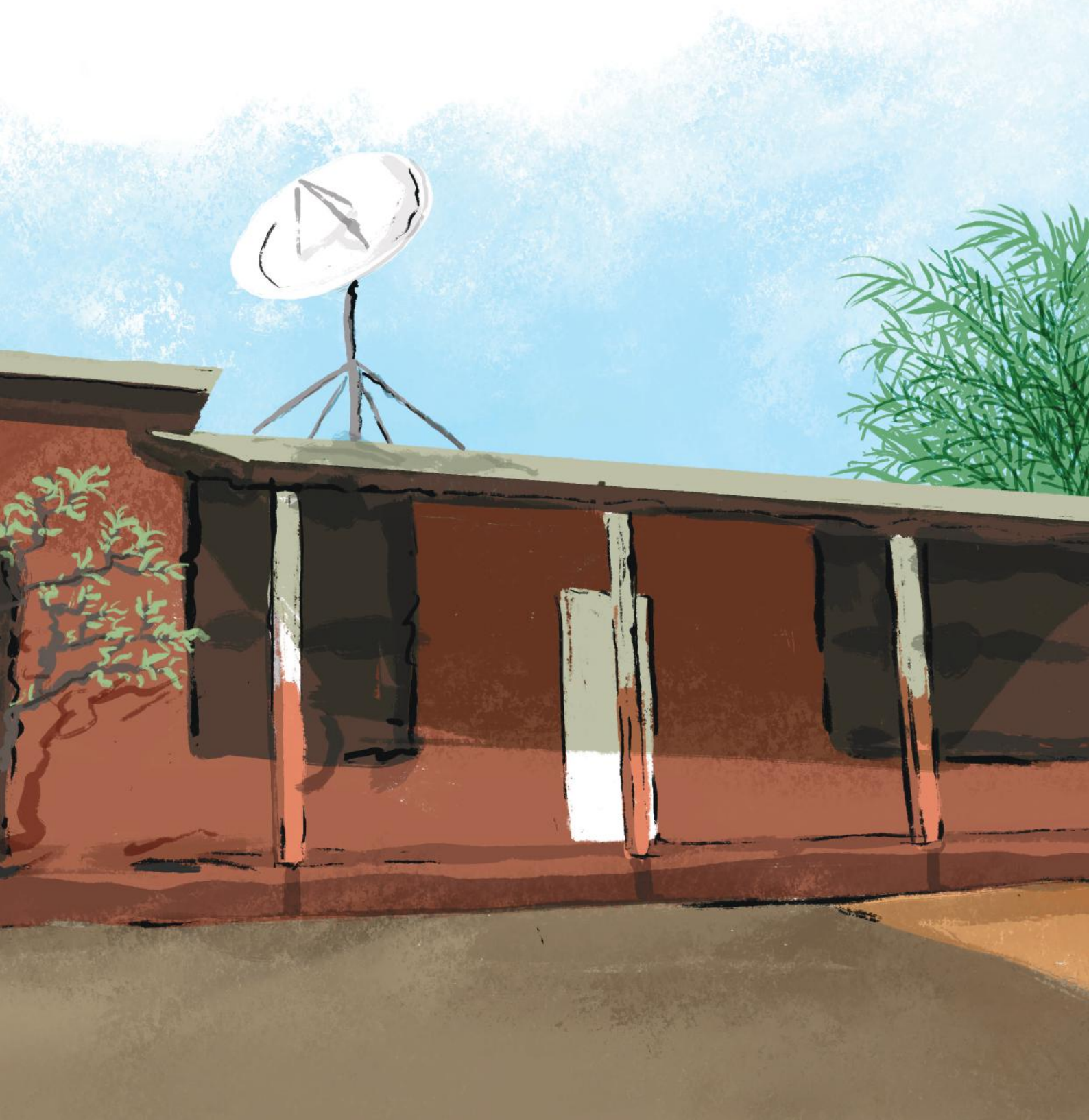
There are three schools in Carnarvon where children go to learn.

There's Carnarvon Christian School, Saint Mary's Star of the Sea,
and the biggest school of all is called the Triple C.



In fact, there is a fourth school but you won't find any children there because this school is called

the Carnarvon School of the Air.



Six kilometres out of town there was
once an Aboriginal mission.



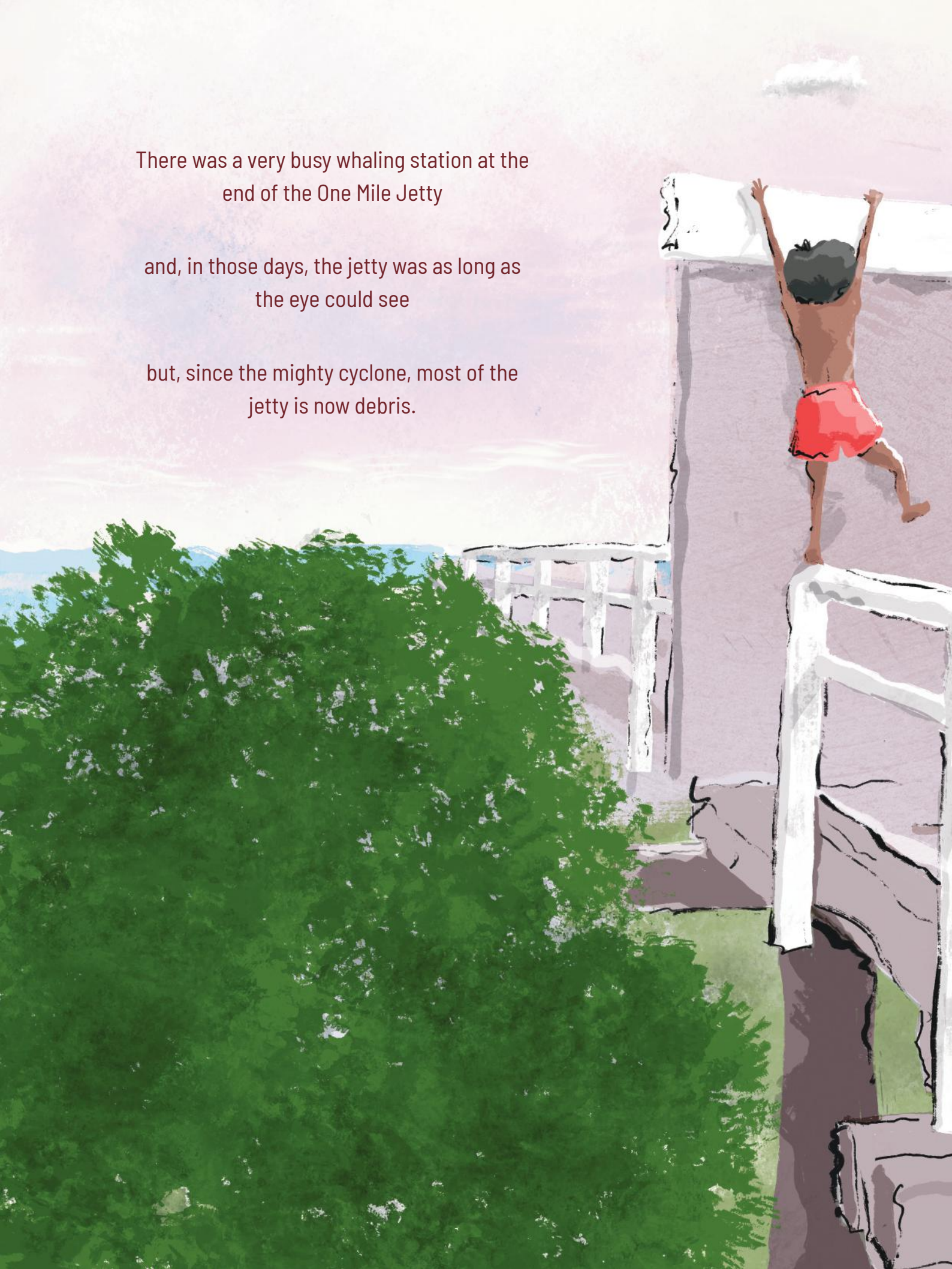
*It was called Ingarda Mission and could be
found on Bibbanarra Road
but, in 1986, the Aboriginal mission was closed.*



There was a very busy whaling station at the
end of the One Mile Jetty

and, in those days, the jetty was as long as
the eye could see

but, since the mighty cyclone, most of the
jetty is now debris.





DANGER

NO ENTRY

**JETTY
CLOSED**



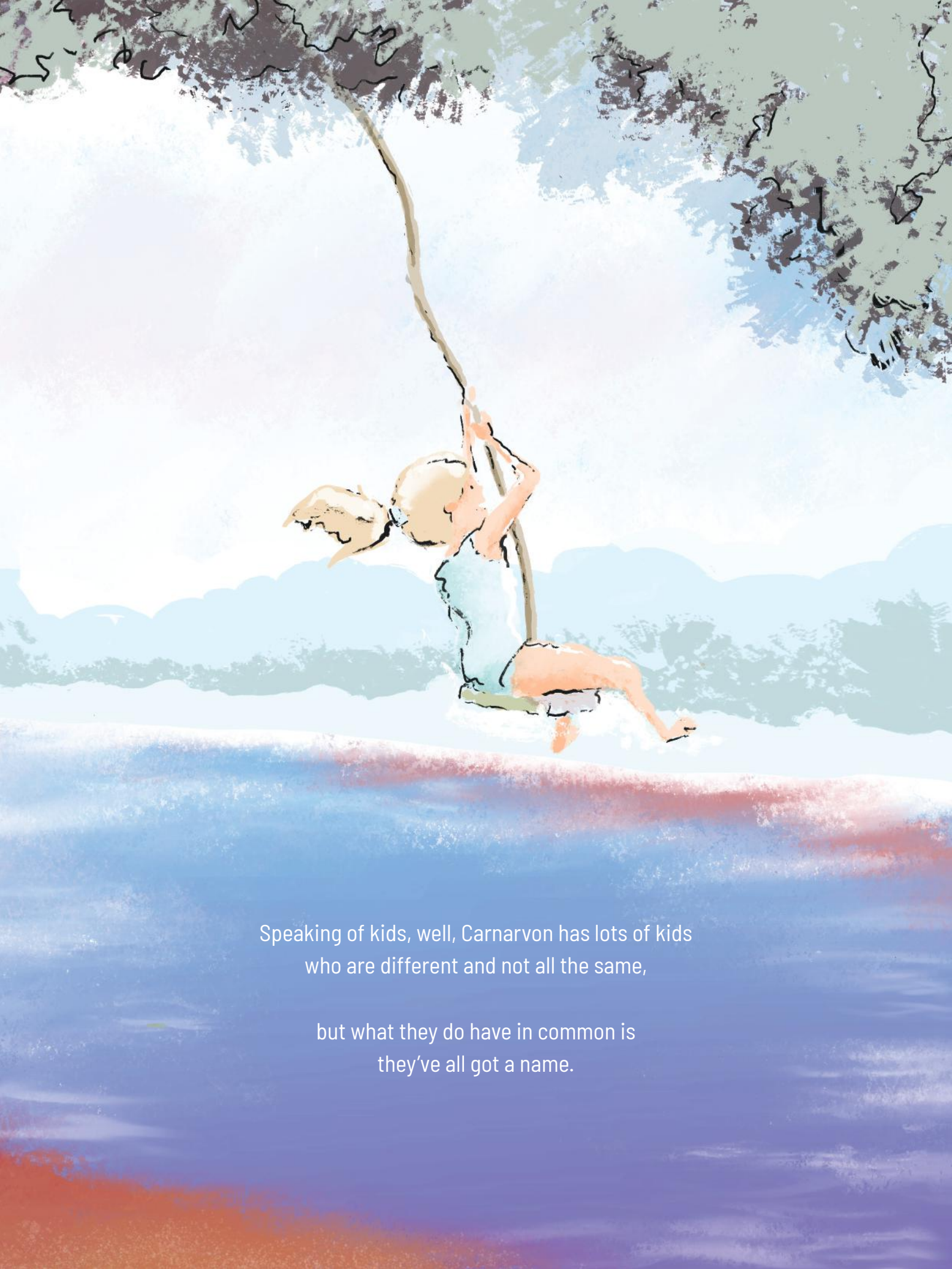
There are lots of farmers in Carnarvon and from many
lands they've come.

Most wear big hats as they work underneath the hot
Carnarvon sun.

In the old days, Nan and Pop would work with the farmers
on the land and the kids would have fruit fights whilst
playing in the sand.







Speaking of kids, well, Carnarvon has lots of kids
who are different and not all the same,

but what they do have in common is
they've all got a name.

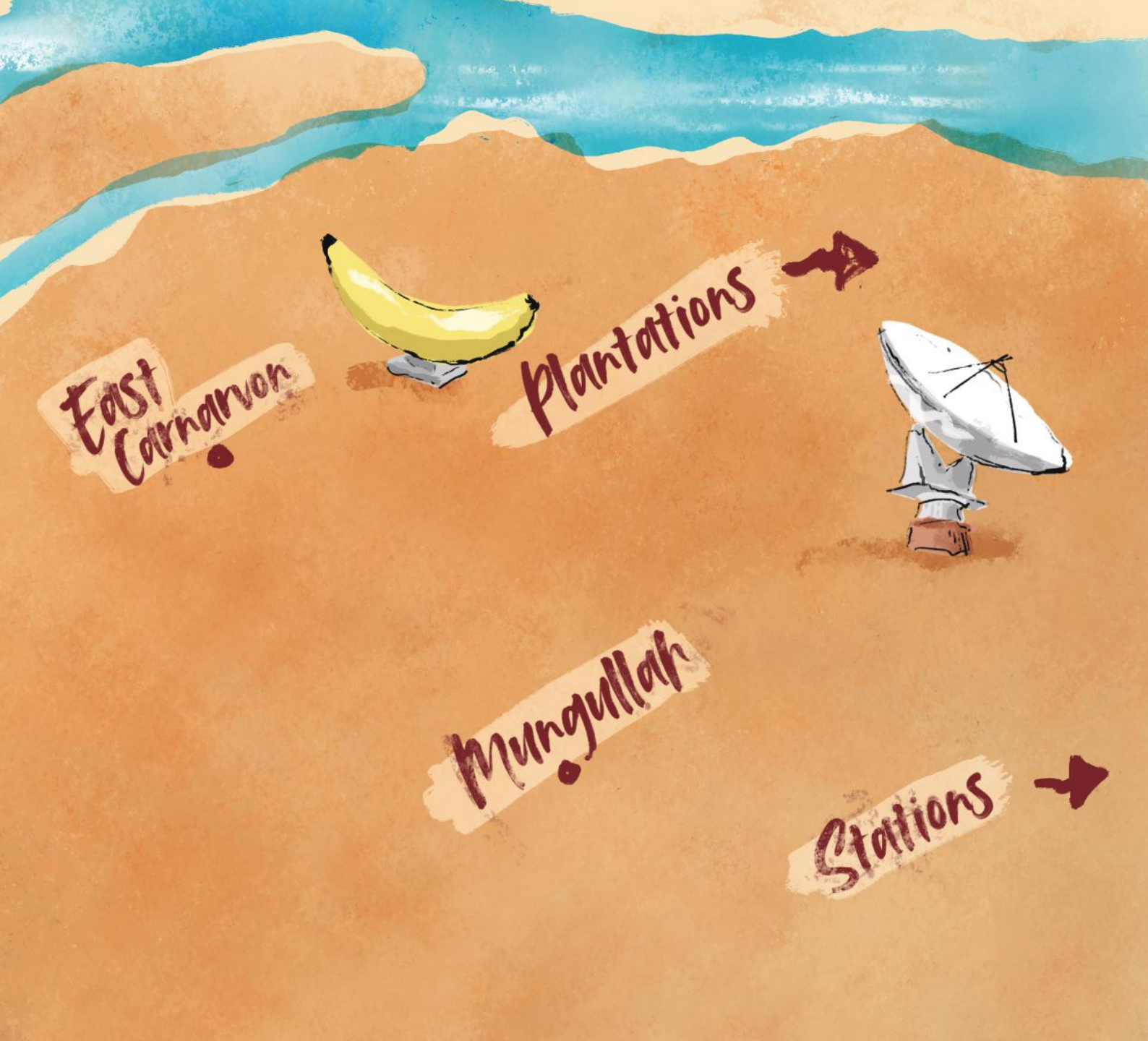
Kuiniywardu (Carnarvon)

Babbage

Morgan
town



Uptown



Some kids live in Mungullah Community and some live uptown,
some live out east and some just like to hang around.

Some kids live in Babbage, and some on plantations,
some live in Morgan Town and some live on stations.





But wherever they live,
it's important to know
that all kids in Carnarvon
still need adults to help them grow.



Carnarvon kids are special, they are all one of a kind.
They may look different and have their own individual design.

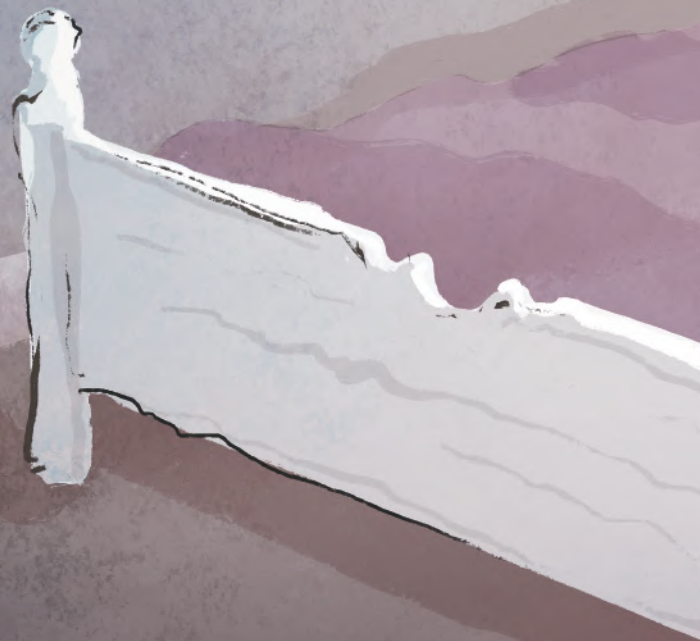
Some kids are in wheelchairs and have extraordinary minds
but, most importantly,

*All kids in Carnarvon have the right to feel
safe all of the time!*

Some kids feel unsafe depending on who they are with
or what they are doing,
whose house they are at or what pictures they are viewing.

It might be a secret they have been made to keep
or something at night when they are trying to sleep?

Someone might ask to see someone's
private parts under their clothes
but if it's not their job to do this, then that's not how it goes.







When Carnarvon kids feel unsafe,
they might feel it in their belly or maybe they sweat or
their legs turn to jelly.

These feelings have names. It's not just in their minds.
These reactions are called

Early Warning Signs.



Their heart might beat fast, or their brain might race away.
If this ever happens, HELP, they must say and,
if it is possible, try and get away.

If this ever happens, it's important to know
that all kids in Carnarvon can let their feelings show.



Some worries kids hide may be big and some worries may be small but it's important for kids to talk to a trusted grown-up about them all!

Ignoring unsafe feelings won't make them go away.
If you don't tell a grown-up, the worry will stay.



Remember

Nothing is so awful you can't talk with someone about it.

Kids need to know that this is true.
So always tell a grown-up if there is something
worrying you.

When feeling unsafe, kids should try not to fear,
there are plenty of adults who are just waiting to hear.





It simply doesn't matter what you've done or what you do.
There are lots of grown-ups in Carnarvon who care about you.

Maybe someone in your mob is there when things get
rough to help you see things through.

Can you think of someone you know that
you could talk to?



If at first you don't feel safe,
keep telling till you do.

Keep telling the grown-ups who you trust,
they are there to help you.

The End



About the Author

Andrea Musulin is a former police officer who, over 30 years of service, dedicated most of her career to keeping children and women safe. As the managing director of CFSS WA, she continues this work and the fight against child abuse, neglect and family violence.

Andrea has been involved with Protective Behaviours education since 1993 and was one of the early pioneers in the Protective Behaviours journey here in Western Australia. Andrea spent many years teaching the program to children in Carnarvon and the Midwest Gascoyne region.

She was co-author of the Department of Education's Protective Behaviours materials and has worked extensively through regional WA. Andrea was instrumental in developing the first Safeguarding Program for the Catholic Church and has written a number of resources for children and adults.

In 2011, whilst working in Carnarvon, Andrea was recognised for her undying passion of keeping kids safe through her induction into the Inaugural International Women's Day Hall of Fame. Andrea is regarded as a pioneer and leader in the child protection industry.

About Leticia Andreoli

Leticia has taught Protective Behaviours to the Children of Carnarvon for the last seven years in her role of Protective Behaviours Educator with CFSS WA LTD.

Leticia is extremely passionate about helping the children and young people of Carnarvon live in a safe and supported community.



CFSS WA acknowledges the Yinggarda Peoples as the Traditional Owners of the Land and we value and include people of all cultures, languages, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions.



This story book is set in Carnarvon and has been written for Carnarvon children to help them understand that they are all different and all special. It teaches children that if they feel unsafe for whatever reason, it is not OK and they should always tell an adult they trust until they feel safe again.

Lack of education is one of the inhibiting factors when it comes to child abuse and this story book has been written to increase the knowledge of children in an age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate fashion.

It is a simple teaching tool that parents, carers, teachers and other service providers can use to introduce the concepts of the Protective Behaviours or Keeping Kids Safe Program.

It can also be used to support learning when using the CFSS WA Protective Behaviours Workbook for Children.



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