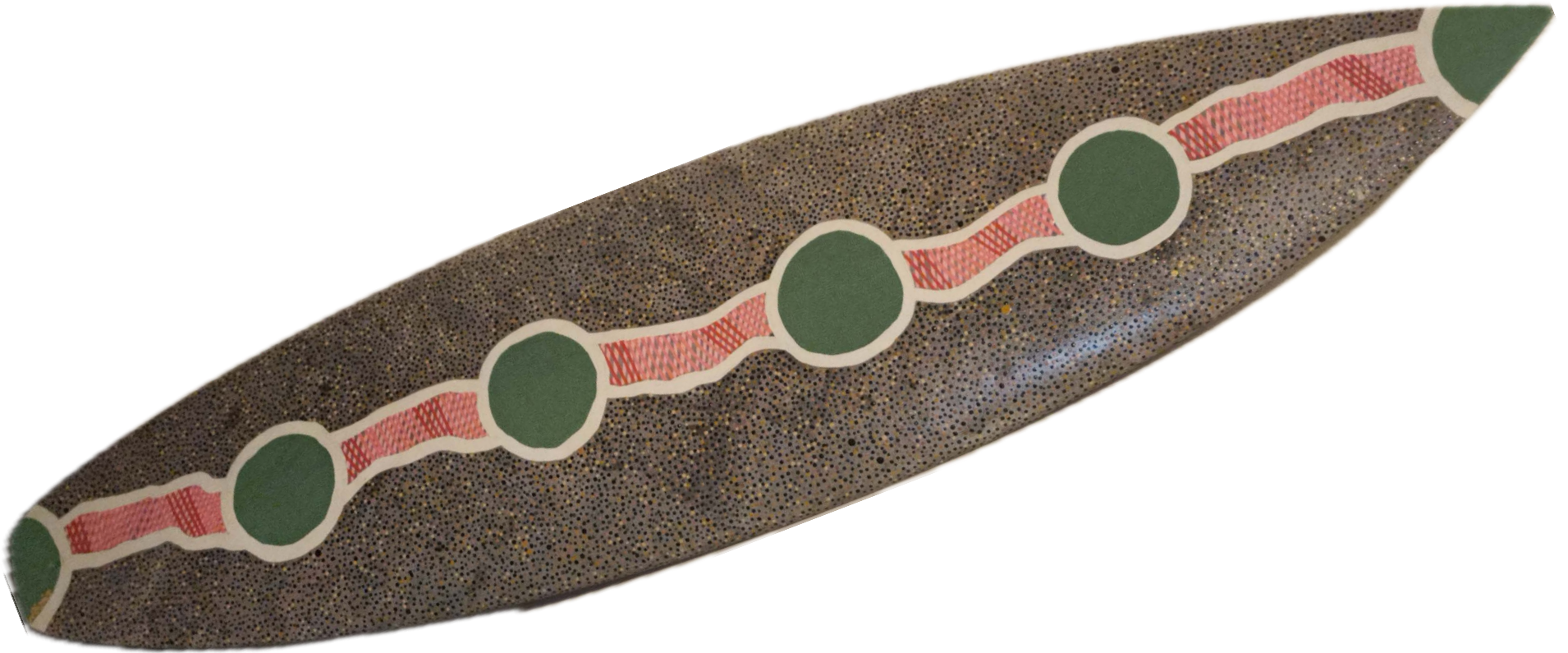


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### Gugga Country

The waterways are the lifeblood of our country, land and people. By them we can travel and be refreshed and provided for from their abundance.. The sun scorched land welcomes the healing rains like mana from heaven supporting life and vitality. It then generously returns it to the waterways enriched with nutrients, supporting life and vitality. It's the magic of nature keeping our country strong.

My country is gugga (goanna) country. The gugga is versatile and can traverse the lands, waters and trees with ease and grace. It trusts the country, land and waterways to provide life and vitality. It's confident to play a part of the ancestral cycle - from dust to dust. The gugga teaches us to stay connected to country, land and waterways and participate in the mutual dance of healing that produces life and vitality to all involved.

