

Aunty Rhindi
The Water Savvy Warrior

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Hello Kirra Barramundi,
I am the Water Savvy Warrior Aunty Rhindi, a freshwater Turtle from Mapoon Country.





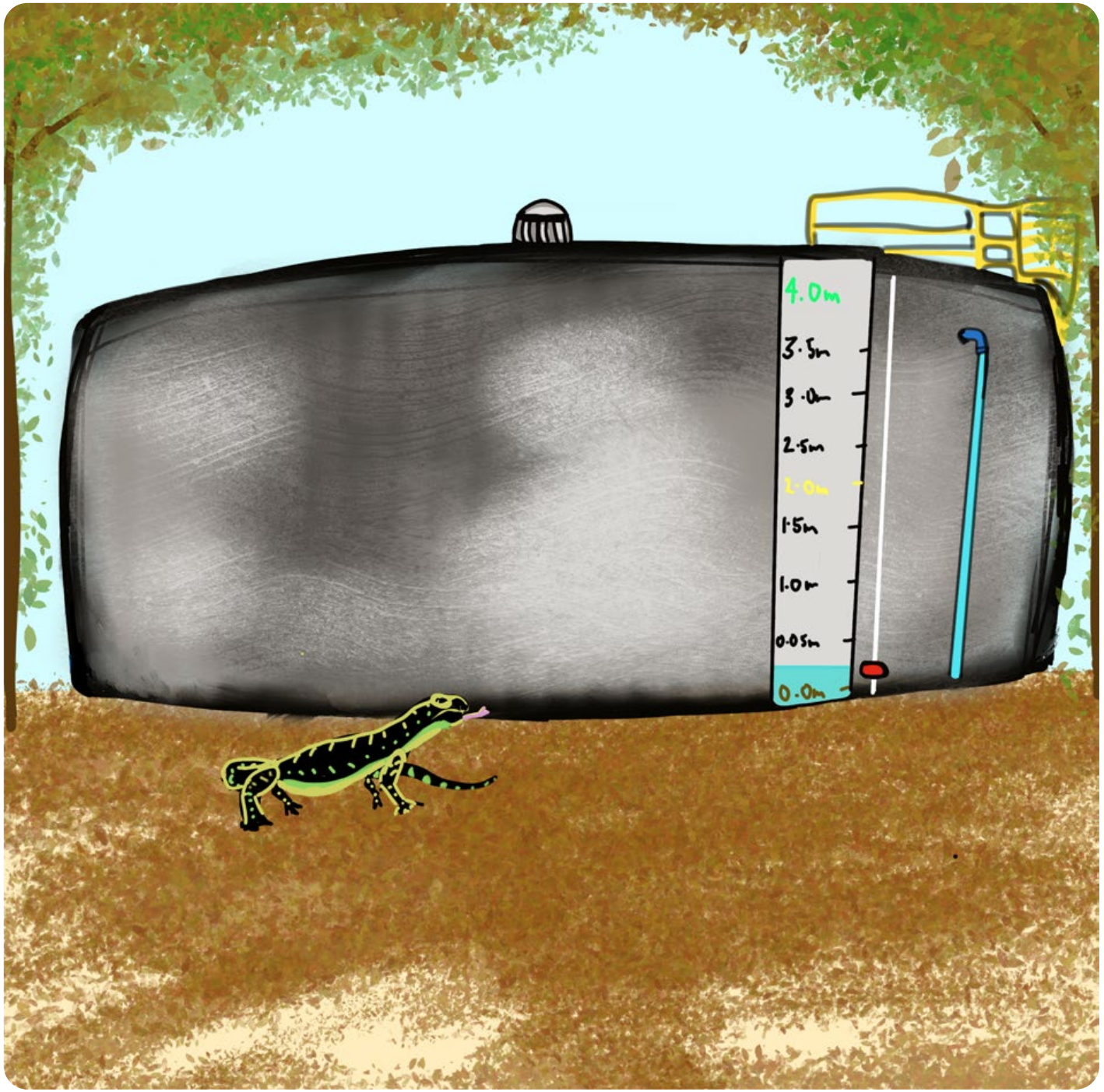
Our elders went up the river to the floating lands, to find the natural spring hidden in the sand.

And dig down in the ground — that's where the good, healthy water was found.



Kirra, the healthy water now doesn't come from in the ground, in the big tanks is where it is found, so we have healthy water for our mob all year round.

But up in the tanks, it's not like the ground below, this good town water is quick to go — so we've got to be savvy and careful with the flow.





Kirra, we need to save the good water when we can, so we don't run out of this good water again.

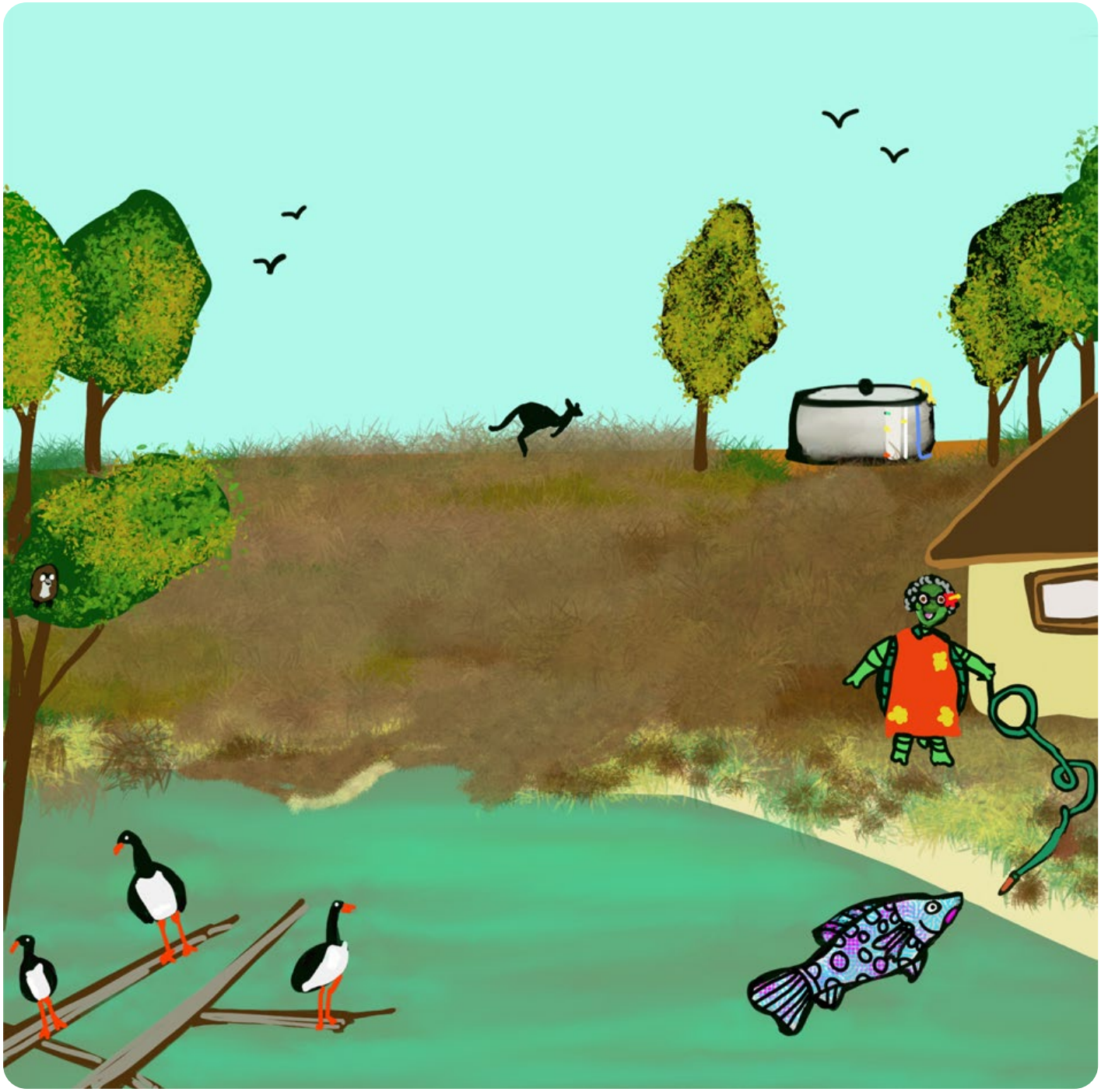
If you want to be a Water Savvy Warrior too, this is what you need to do.

Kirra, use the outside hose and sprinklers in the cooler parts of the day, early morning or before it gets dark is the best way.

It's ok to have the brown grass, we need our good water to last.





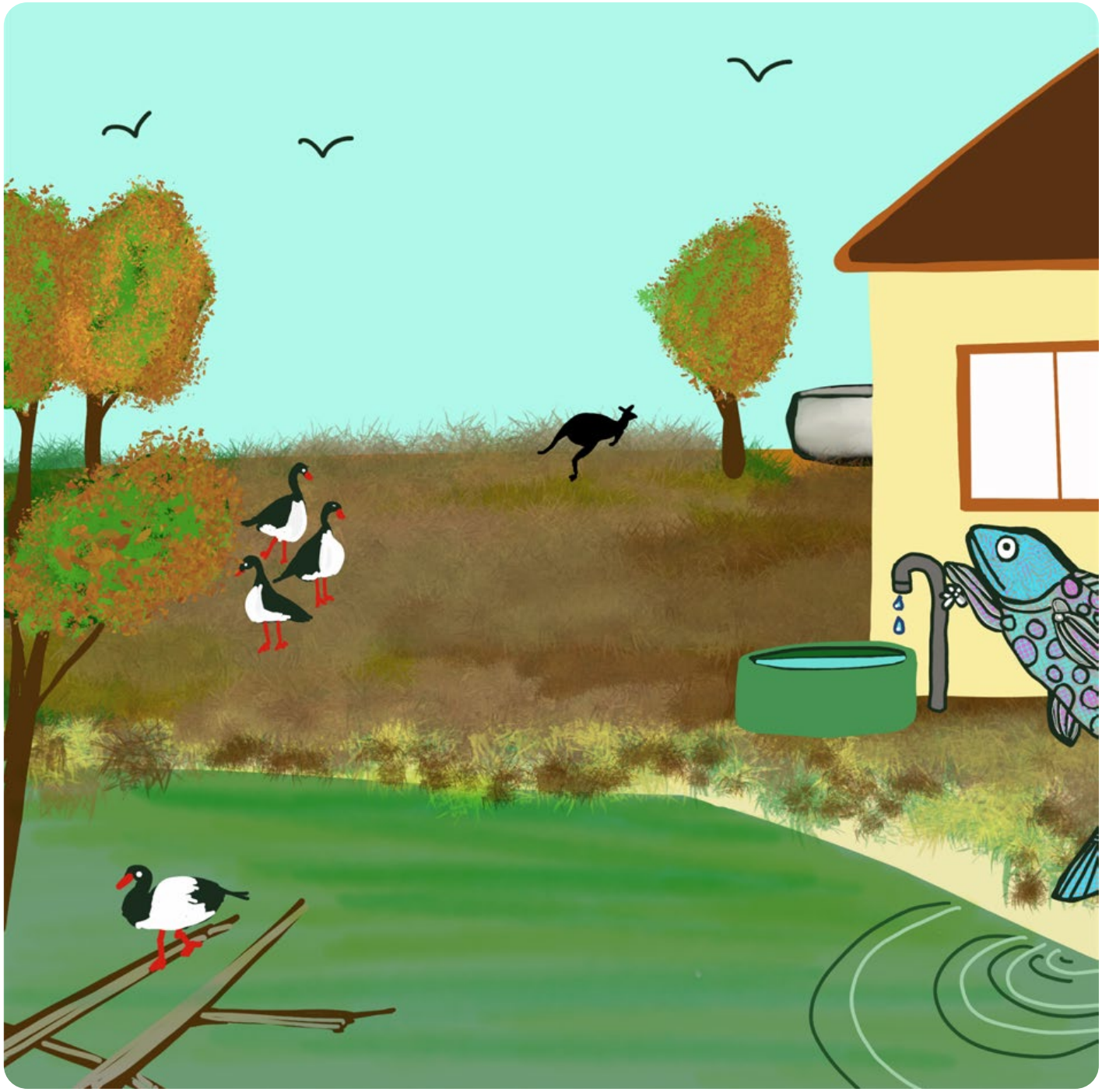


Kirra, be sure to turn off the hose so our town water tanks don't empty, then all of our mob should have plenty.



Kirra, when the animals
are having a drink,
leaving the water
running needs a rethink.

So turn off the tap once
you've filled a tub, and
be part of the Water
Savvy Warrior club.





Kirra, if you see a tap with a leak, yarn to an adult — it's good to speak!

Check inside and outside too, leaks can hide, so it's up to you.

The water savvy way is to get the tap fixed straight away.



Because you are water savvy in the community, you are now a Water Savvy Warrior just like me.

So spread the word far and wide — let's get our whole mob on the Water Savvy side!

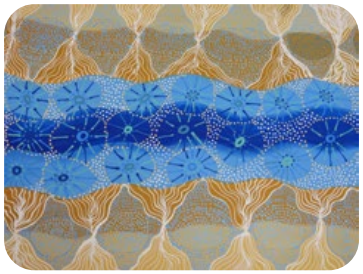




Kirra Barramundi, that's proper deadly...



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