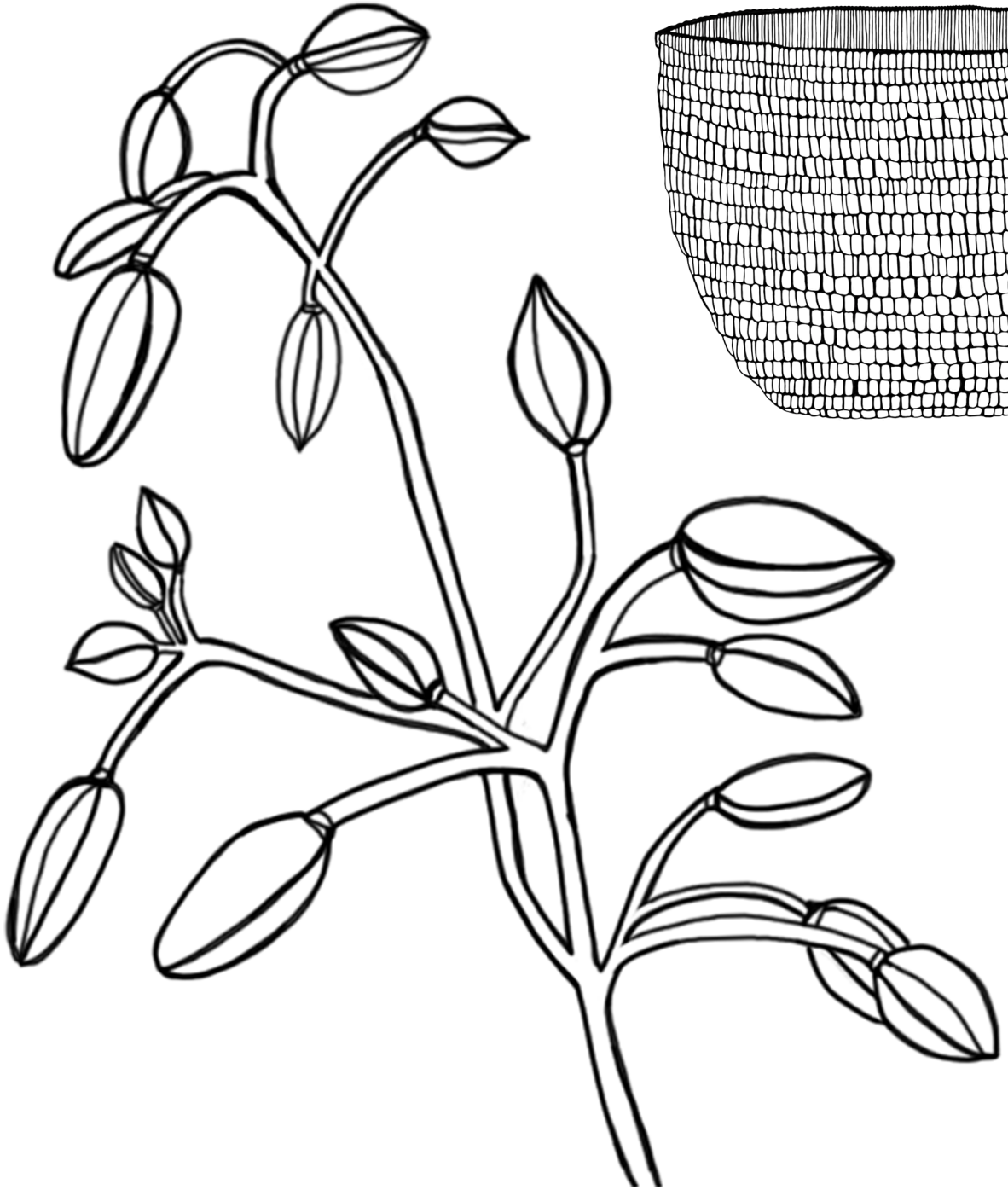
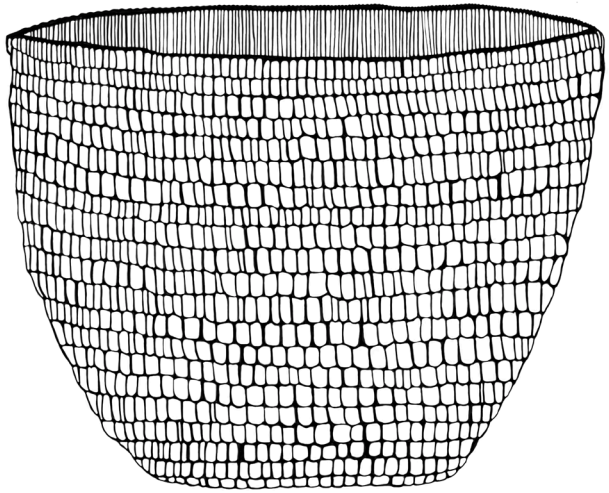




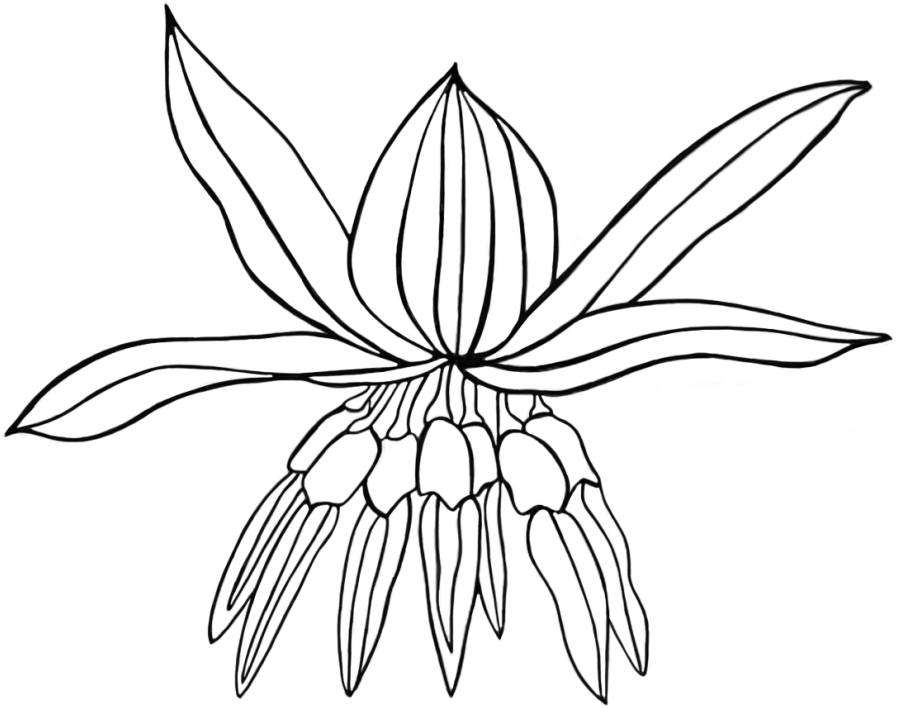
Dianella (Flax Lily)

Dianella or flax lilies have blue to purple flowers. Half of the world's *dianella* are found in Australia.

Location: Will be planted in Central Geelong as part of the Wurriki Nyal Civic Precinct and Green Spine projects.

Traditional Owners tell us:

- Wadawurrung People split and twisted *dianella* leaves to make extra strong string for decorations, jewellery and baskets.
- Some *dianella* leaves were also used to make tea.
- The blue berries were also made into dye but some are poisonous, so don't touch!



Wurriki Nyal

meaning 'speak and talk together' Geelong's new Civic Precinct

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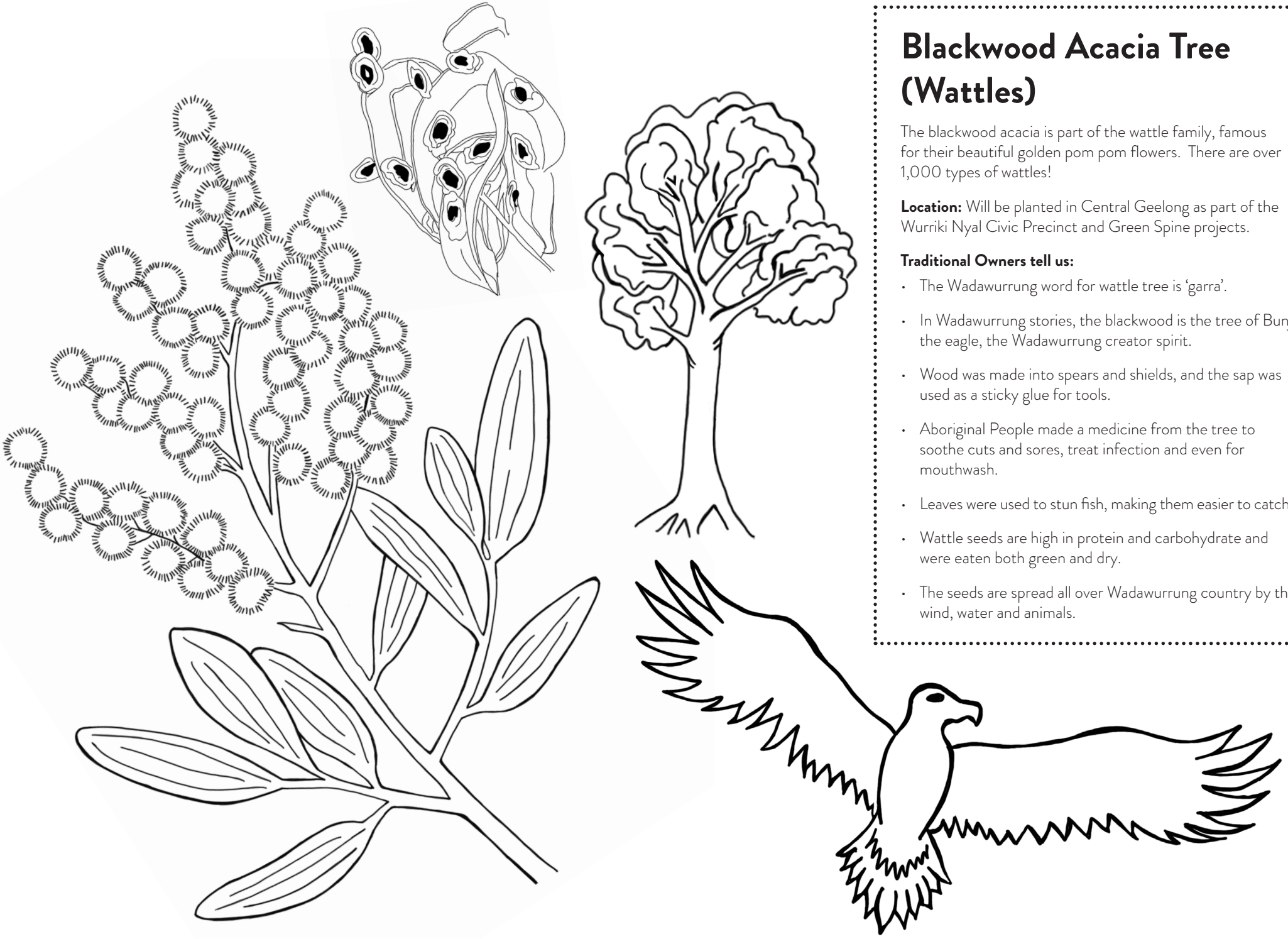

Blackwood Acacia Tree (Wattles)

The blackwood acacia is part of the wattle family, famous for their beautiful golden pom pom flowers. There are over 1,000 types of wattles!

Location: Will be planted in Central Geelong as part of the Wurriki Nyal Civic Precinct and Green Spine projects.

Traditional Owners tell us:

- The Wadawurrung word for wattle tree is 'garra'.
- In Wadawurrung stories, the blackwood is the tree of Bunjil the eagle, the Wadawurrung creator spirit.
- Wood was made into spears and shields, and the sap was used as a sticky glue for tools.
- Aboriginal People made a medicine from the tree to soothe cuts and sores, treat infection and even for mouthwash.
- Leaves were used to stun fish, making them easier to catch.
- Wattle seeds are high in protein and carbohydrate and were eaten both green and dry.
- The seeds are spread all over Wadawurrung country by the wind, water and animals.

Word search Can you find these words?

wadawurrung | djilang | wurriki nyal | wattle | bicycle | park | green spine | central geelong | speak together

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wadawurrung The Wadawurrung People have called Geelong home for thousands of years

djilang Geelong's traditional name means 'tongue of land'

wurriki nyal Geelong's new Civic Precinct means 'speak and talk together'

garra wattle tree

karrap-karrap flower

gheringhap place of timber or black wattle tree

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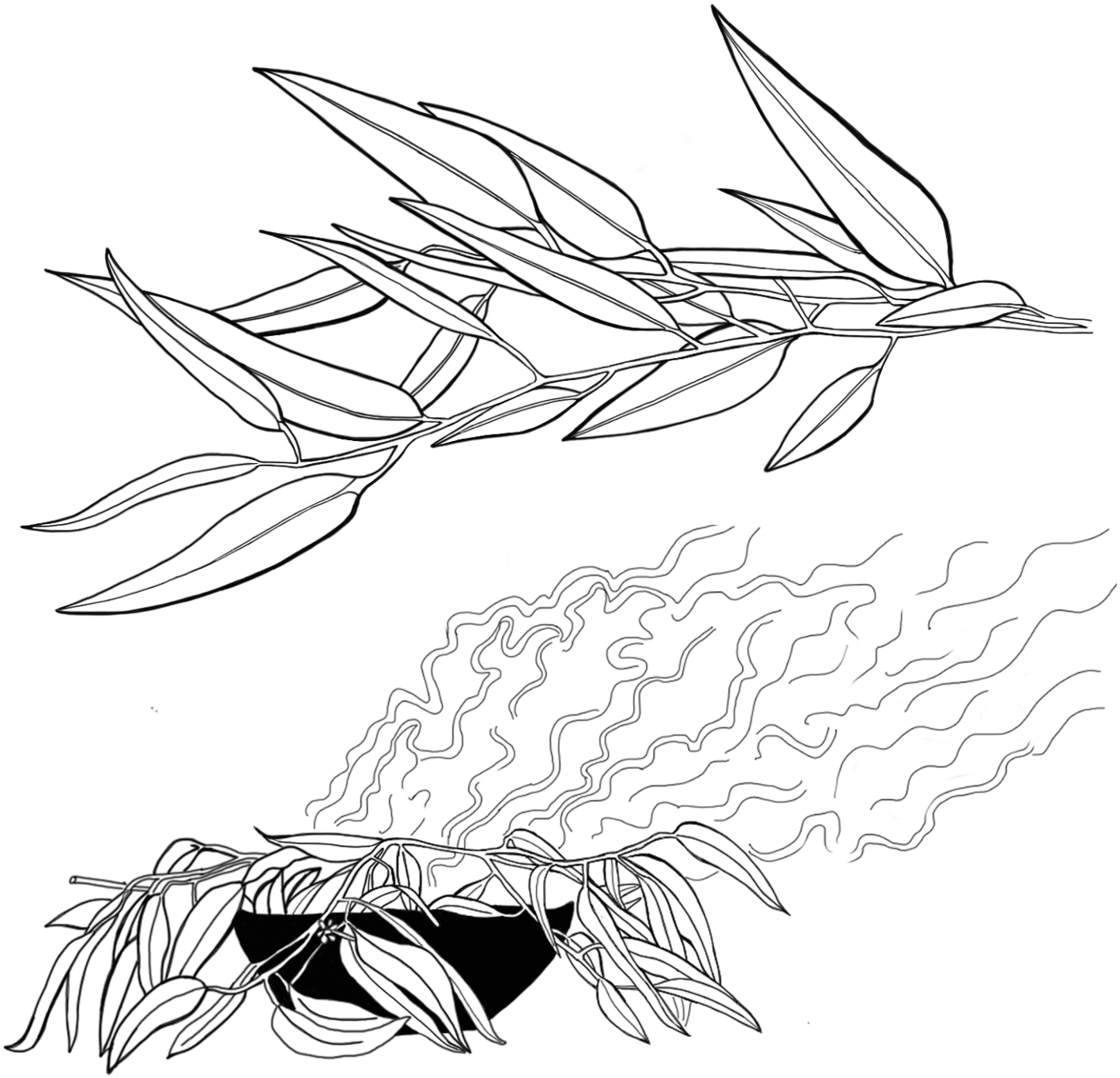

Eucalypts (Gum Trees)

About three-quarters of Australian forests are eucalypt forests, and some plants from this family have even adapted to bush fires with fire-proof seeds.

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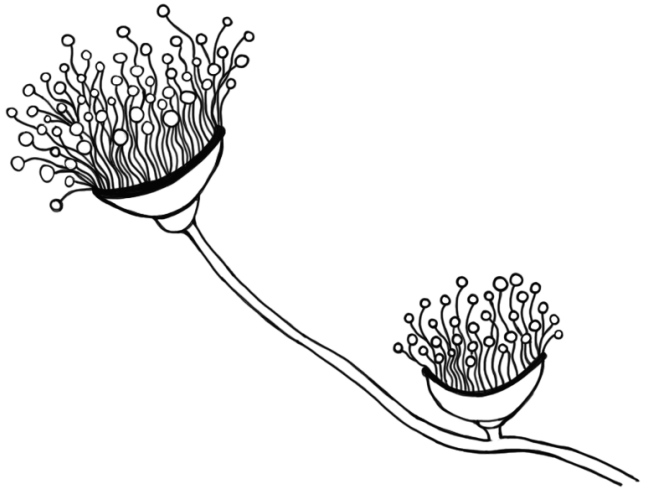
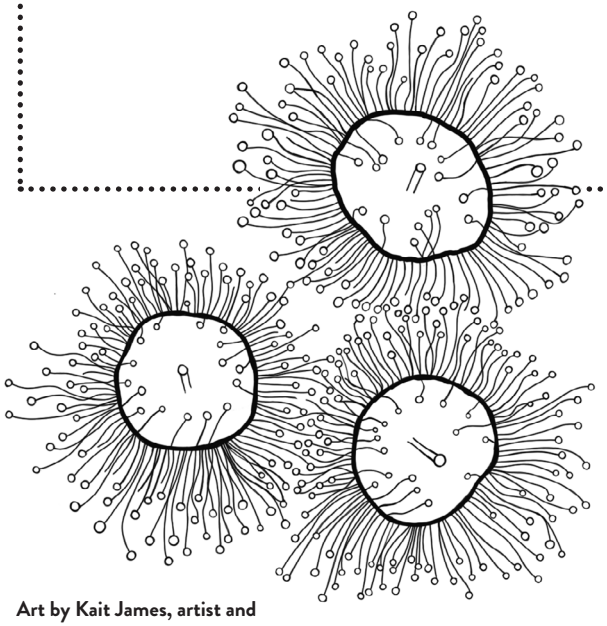
Traditional Owners tell us:

- Lemon scented gum leaves are used for Aboriginal smoking ceremonies, and some will be planted at Wurriki Nyal especially for this!
- Some gum leaves are full of a special oil that gives them their nice lemony smell. Aboriginal People used these scented leaves to keep insects away.
- Wood from gum trees was also used to build shelters, shields, weapons and even bowls.
- Branches were used for digging sticks and spears.
- Dwarf spotted gum leaves also have a lemon scent and are a favourite food of rainbow lorikeets.



What do you think Central Geelong will look like in 20 years?



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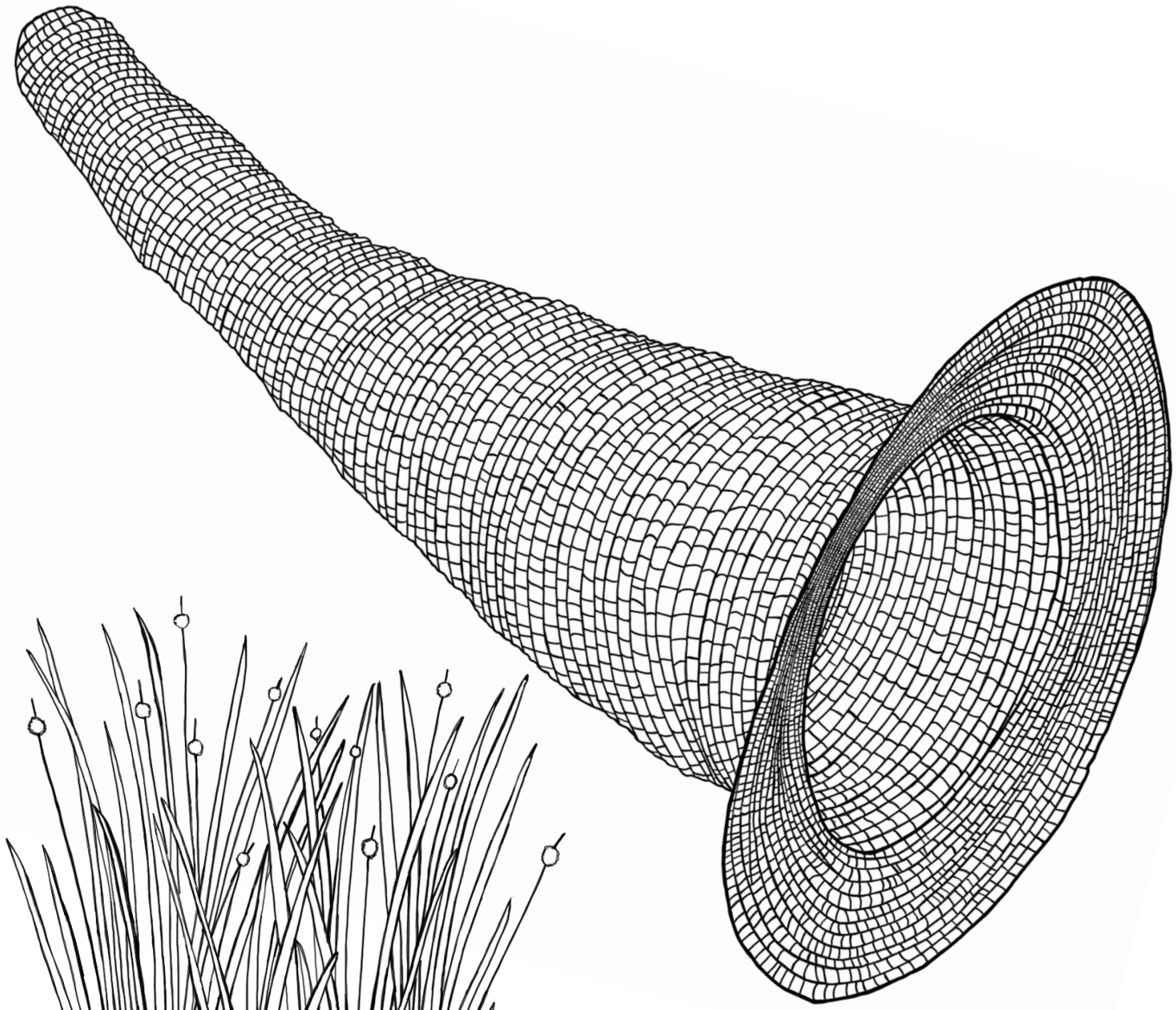
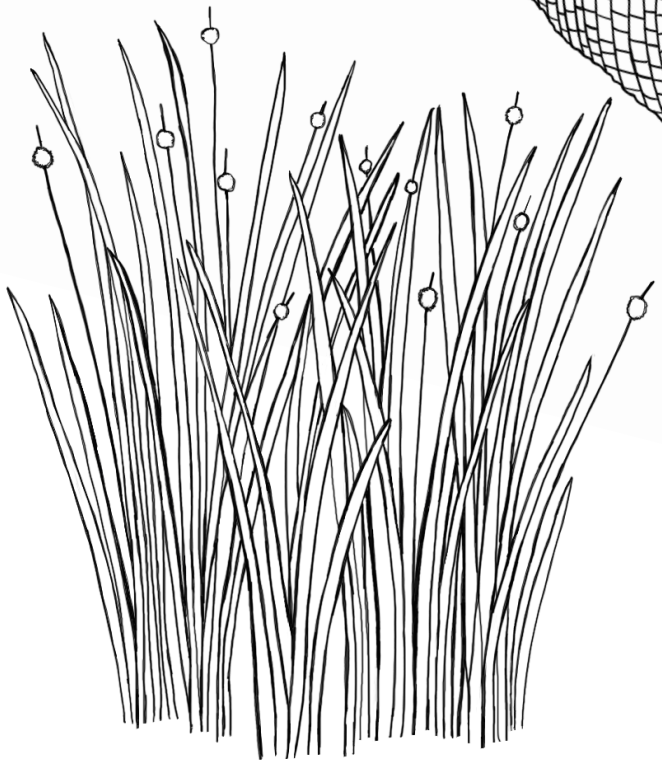




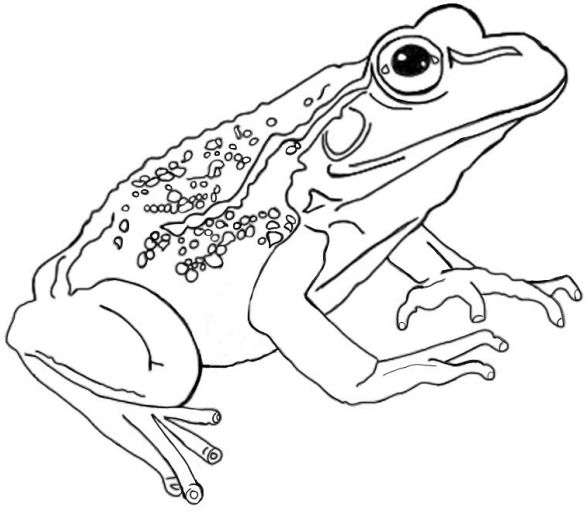
Native Grasses

Native grasses have covered Geelong's meadows for millions of years. There are about 1,000 types of native grasses in Australia, with almost as many uses to Aboriginal People.

Location: Will be planted in Central Geelong as part of the Wurriki Nyal Civic Precinct and Green Spine projects.

Traditional Owners tell us:

- Wadawurrung People use grasses to make baskets, mats and special traps to catch eels.
- Leaves are beaten and soaked to turn their fibre into string for nets and even bags.
- Grasses like *lomandra* have flowers with a sweet nectar.
- Some grass seeds can also be ground into a flour for baking.
- Native grasses are home to many special Australian animals, like the endangered growling grass frog. Baby frogs use the grass cover to hide from predators and hunt for insects to eat.



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Fill the page with leaves, trees, native birds and animals.

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