



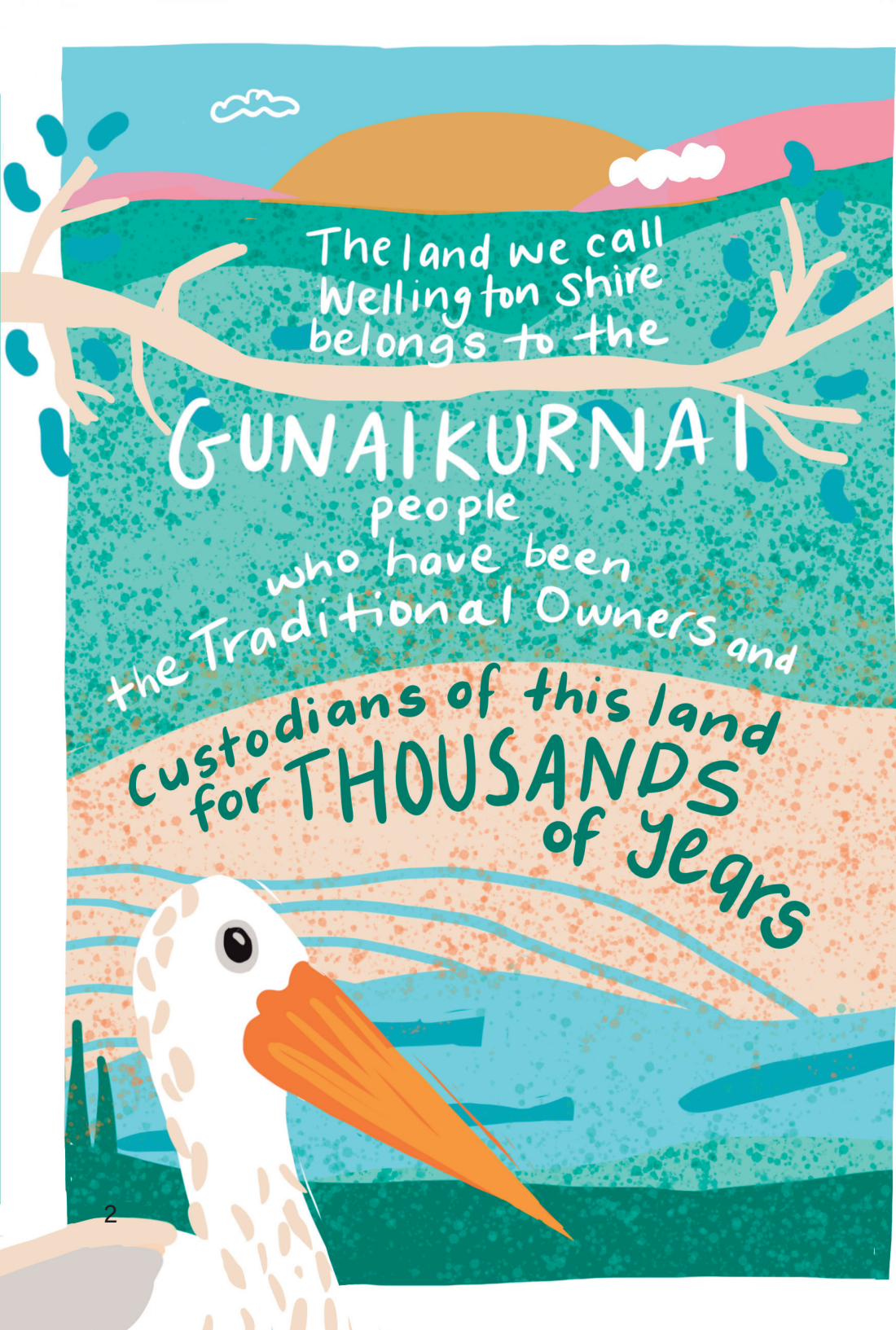
LET'S

PLAY

A PLAY FILLED GUIDE
to the **MIDDLE of EVERYWHERE!**

PASSPORT

LET'S GO!



The land we call
Wellington Shire
belongs to the

GUNAIKURNAI

people

who have been
the Traditional Owners and

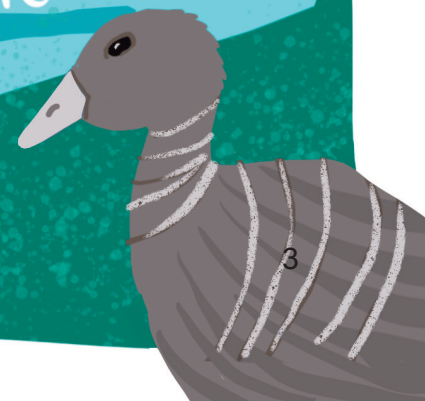
custodians of this land
for **THOUSANDS**
of years



We **RESPECT**
and **HONOUR** their
ELDERS, both past and
present, and we **CELEBRATE**
their strong **CONNECTION**
to the land,

waters and all living things.
We recognise that their
CULTURE and **STORIES**

continue to be a part of
this Country today and
for future generations.



HELLO ADVENTURER!

This is your

LET'S PLAY PASSPORT!

This passport will help you
to **PLAY EVERYDAY**,
anywhere, whenever you
can and **HOWEVER
YOU WANT!**

RUN! JUMP! CLIMB! EXPLORE!

The world is **YOURS** to play in!

THIS PASSPORT BELONGS TO...

HOW TO USE THIS PASSPORT

Complete the **15** **MINI PLAY QUESTS** **1**

2 Turn to page **25** for a **SCAVENGER
HUNT** as you explore

HAVE FUN **3**

4 Once you've completed all the quests,
visit a **Wellington Shire Council
Library** and show a friendly
LIBRARIAN - they will certify you as a ...

PLAY EXPERT!



PARENTS and CARERS your SUPERPOWER is PLAY!

Kids need freedom, time and space to play outside everyday. Play isn't just fun, it helps children learn new skills, solve problems, stay active, manage emotions, and connect with friends. It's how they grow explore and build confidence – all while having a blast!

How to make PLAY happen

- Give kids unscheduled outdoor time everyday to follow their own ideas.
- Let them play independently, with friends or siblings, while you keep a watchful eye.
- Provide a loose parts box with varied materials and let kids explore creatively.
- Don't stress about the outcome, the magic is in the doing!
- Embrace the weather! Dress appropriately and enjoy outdoor play year-round.

Most importantly – let kids get messy,
take risks, explore and make
mistakes their way.

RESPECTING NATURE

Did you know the Gunaikurnai people are made up of five clans? The Brabralung, Brataualung, Brayakaulung, Tatumgung and the Krauatungung.

Show care for the plants you come across as you play.

Say "hi!" to the wildlife from a distance and remember not to touch or feed them.

Take your rubbish with you so our play spaces stay clean and safe for everyone to enjoy.



TAKE ME
HOME



MAP of WELLINGTON SHIRE

DARGO

GLENMAGGIE

BRIAGOLONG

HEYFIELD

MAFFRA

TO BAIRNSDALE

STRATFORD

LAKE
WELLINGTON

ROSEDALE

SALE

TO
MELBOURNE

SEASPRAY

YARRAM

DRAW YOUR
FAVOURITE PLACE TO...

PLAY! ↘

15 MINI PLAY QUESTS

HEYFIELD

YARRAM

ROSEDALE

visit your local

LIBRARY

MAFFRA

SALE

Find a cozy spot and read a book!

STRATFORD

Read a Book!

A book about nature, animals or faraway lands.

where is your local library?



Walk somewhere and have fun on the way!

PLAY on the WAY!

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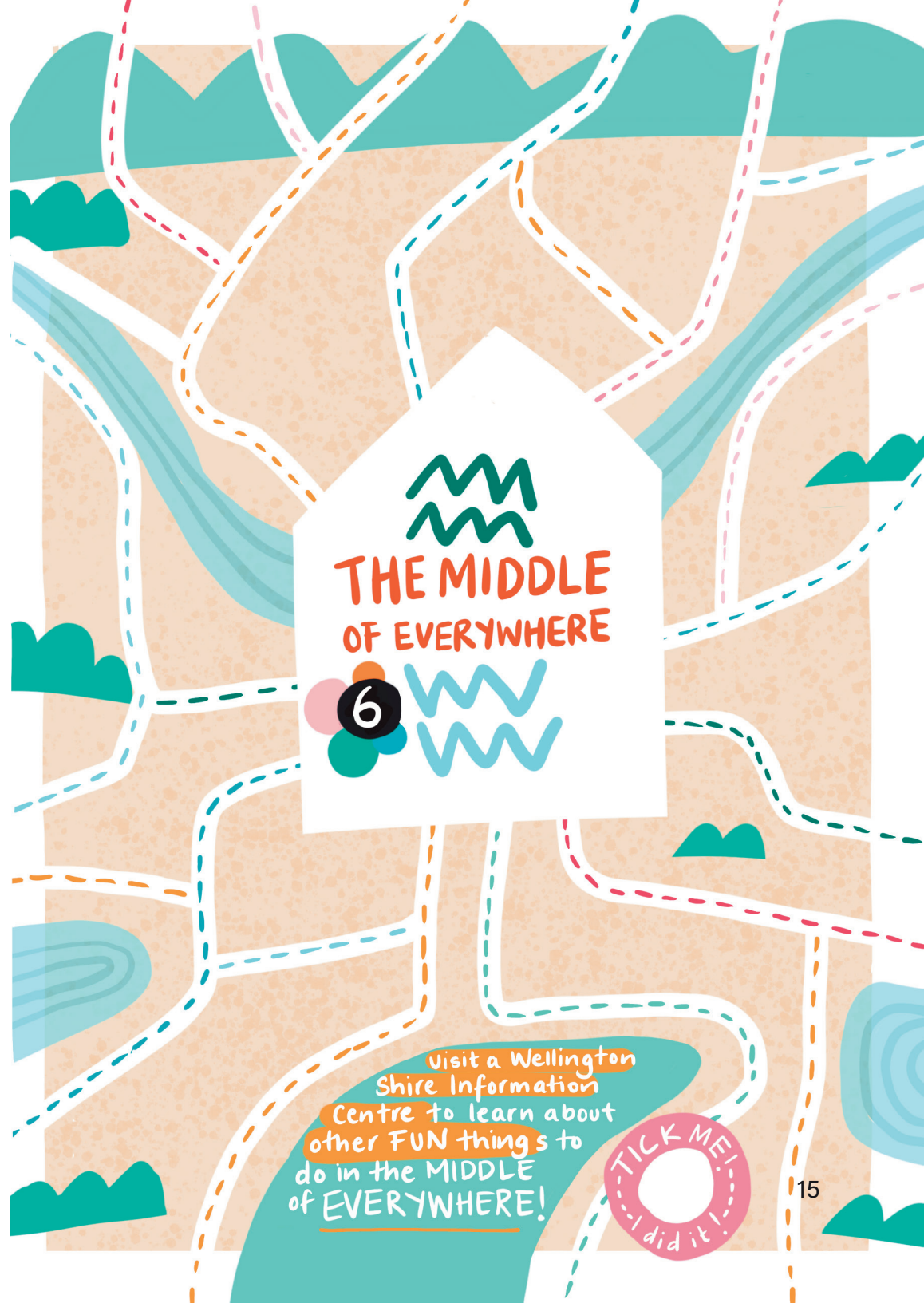


Take off your SHOES
feel the GROUND under

YOUR FEET

5

TRY GRASS, DIRT and
SAND!



THE MIDDLE
OF EVERYWHERE

6

visit a Wellington
Shire Information
Centre to learn about
other FUN things to
do in the MIDDLE
of EVERYWHERE!



Go into
7 NATURE
close your eyes

What SOUNDS
can you
HEAR?



What is
making that
SOUND?

Can YOU
make that
SOUND?



Collect **5** different
shaped **LEAVES**

Draw the shapes here 2

8

OR - Try placing
a leaf under your
paper - rub a crayon
over the paper to reveal
the shape!

Take a nature walk

9

Count how many animals you can see



Try to draw their footprints in the sand or mud

WRAP your arms around the BIGGEST tree you can find

10







TEXTURE

15

TREASURE TROVE!

Find something soft, hard, smooth, bumpy, rough, slippery, fluffy and spiky.

Tick them off as you go!

Tick me!

- | | |
|----------|------------|
| ● SOFT | ● ROUGH |
| ● HARD | ● SLIPPERY |
| ● SMOOTH | ● FLUFFY |
| ● BUMPY | ● SPIKY |

WINGS of WELLINGTON



SULPHUR CRESTED COCKATOO



RED WATTLE BIRD



PURPLE SWAMP HEN

SCAVENGER HUNT

Grab your binoculars (or just your eyes!) and see how many feathered friends you can spot around town!

Tick them off as you go!



MAGPIE



SUPERB FAIRY WREN



SWAN

CONGRATULATIONS
you are now a
**PLAY
EXPERT**
That
means
you are
**SUPER
AWESOME**
at having
FUN,

**EXPL-
ORING**
and
turning
EVERYDAY
into an
**ADVENT-
TURE!**

PLAY
EXPERT!

What
do I do
now?

You
did
it!

Thank You

Thank you Parents and Carers! Your commitment to outdoor play enables our Tiny Adventurers to thrive!

By making space for unstructured, creative, all-weather play, you're building resilience, imagination, and joy.

Thank you for being champions of childhood. Play on and keep inspiring wonder everyday!

Scan here for
library opening
hours



Once you've completed all the quests, visit a Wellington Shire library and show a friendly Librarian. They will certify you as a Play Expert and stamp your page!

STAMP HERE!



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