

Gang - Man - Gang

A Play based on the Dreaming story Gang-Man-Gang.

This Dreaming story belongs to me and my people - The Dharawal People.

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Characters: Narrator 1, Narrator 2, Whale, Koala, Brolga

Narrator 1: Back in the Dreaming there were four animals who lived in a far away land and wanted to go to another land where food wasn't scarce.

Koala: I'm hungry, I'm hungry. I want to move to a land that has food just for me.

Brolga: Hey, what about us?

Koala: Okay, okay. We should move to Australia. It has food for all of us. But it will be a long ride and we have to use Whale's canoe.

Starfish: But Whale does not like anyone using his canoe.

Narrator 2: So all of the animals gathered together to make a plan and this is their plan

Starfish: Oh, I know. I know. I distract Whale then you can grab the canoe.

Brolga: Come on, what are you waiting for? Let's go.

Narrator 1: So Starfish went up to Whale and said, wow, you have lots of crawlies on your head. So that's how Starfish distracted Whale.

Narrator 2: As Starfish was distracting Whale, all of the others jumped into Whale's canoe.

Whale: Oh, thank you Starfish. The crawlies have been annoying me. Just wait, I'm gonna tie up the canoe so no one takes it.

Starfish: Whale, come and put your head on my leg and as I'm going through your head I can tell you a story.

Whale: Ok, just keep an eye on my canoe.

Starfish: OK.

Narrator 1: Every so often Whale says

Whale: Is my canoe alright?

Starfish: yes it is. Can't you hear me tapping on it?

Narrator 2: But Starfish was tricking him. He had grabbed two pieces of bark and was tapping them together. The animals were almost out of sight in the canoe.

Brolga: Keep paddling. We can do it!

Koala: Keep going. You can do it.

Whale: Starfish, is my canoe alright?

Starfish: Come on Whale, be quiet. I want to tell my story.

Whale: No! Let me check for myself.

Narrator 1: When Whale checked the canoe it was gone into the ocean and he was very angry at Starfish and they had a massive fight.

Narrator 2: Because of the fight, Starfish was ripped to pieces and Whale had a hole on the top of his head. When Whale saw his canoe almost out of sight, he chased Brolga and Koala.

Koala: Move out of the way Brolga, I'm getting us to Australia. Whale is still chasing us.

Brolga: We lost him.

Narrator 1: All of the animals made it to Australia to eat their favourite food. The canoe sank and became Gang -Man - Gang Island or Windang Island as it is known today.

Narrator 2: That is the story of lake Illawarra and about how Aboriginal people first came to Australia. It is my favourite Dreaming story.