What is a Catchment?

Water Connects Us All

FROM CLOUDS TO CREEKS TO SEA

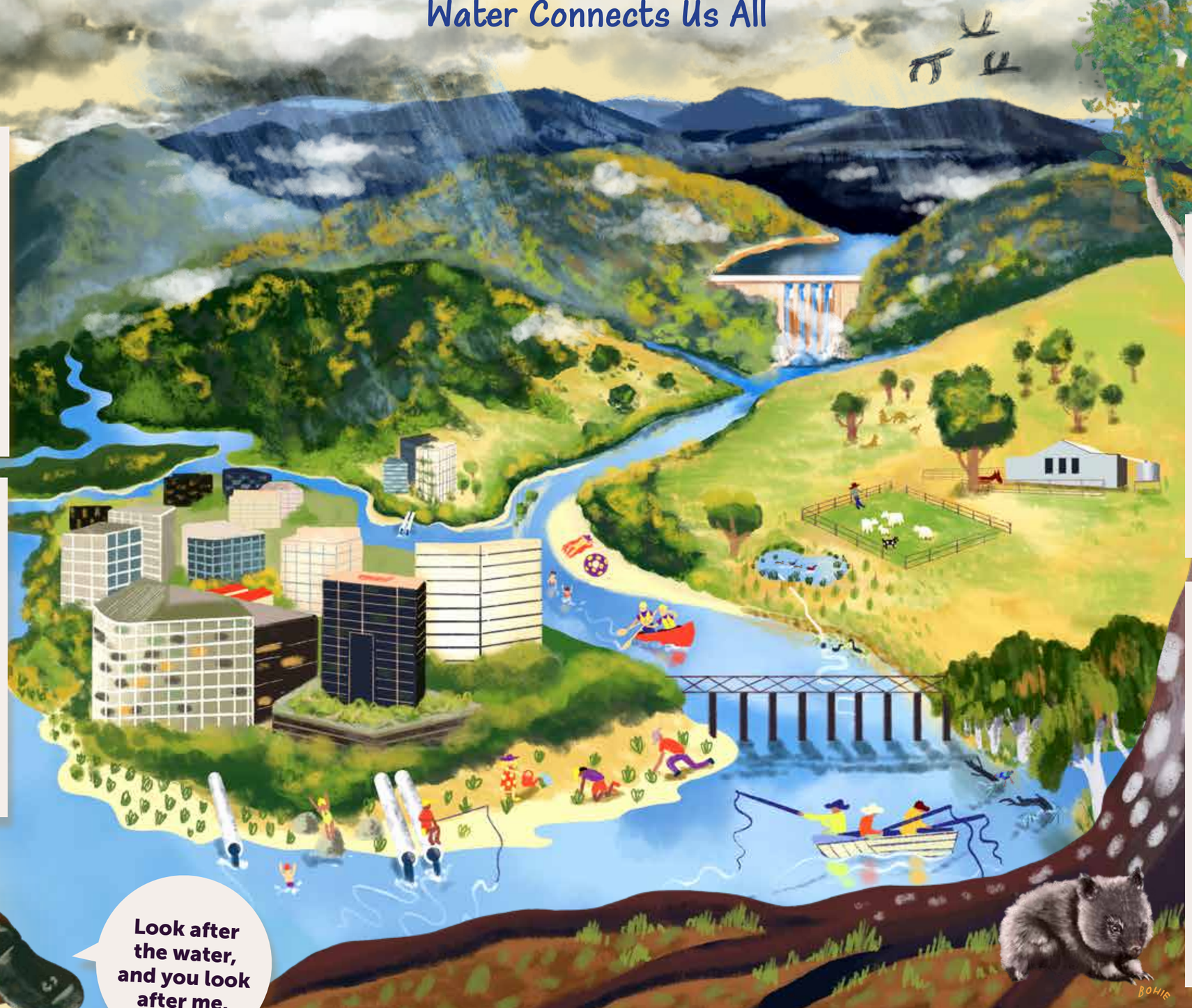
A catchment is an area of land that 'catches' rainfall and directs it into creeks, rivers, lakes, and wetlands.

Water travels downhill from mountains, hills, and ridgelines, through dams, farms, towns, and cities, before reaching the ocean.

HEALTHY CATCHMENTS

A healthy catchment has living soils that act like sponges, storing water and keeping us cool. Biodiverse habitats allow wildlife to move, feed, and breed.

Clean water supports people, animals, fish, and ecosystems. Healthy catchments also reduce the impacts of drought, fires, and floods.



Every drop of water connects people, places, and ecosystems, and holds deep cultural and spiritual value for First Nations Australians.

HUMAN CONNECTIONS

Catchments provide us with drinking water, farming, food, and energy production. They are places of cultural connection and recreation where we swim, fish, kayak, and bushwalk.

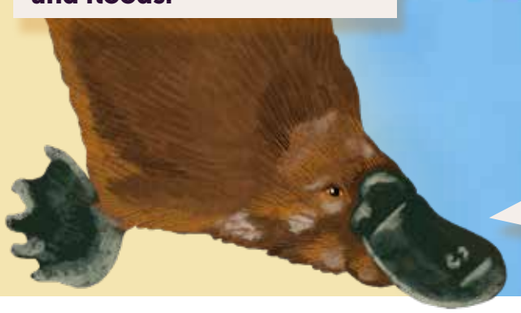
Even our homes and cities are linked through stormwater drains that carry water directly into creeks and rivers.

DID YOU KNOW?

There is no new water on Earth. The same water cycles endlessly through clouds, rivers, and oceans.

A drop of rain in the Snowy Mountains near Canberra can travel more than 2,500 kilometres to reach the ocean in South Australia!

Catchments give us water, food, energy, and places to play. Caring for water catchments means caring for all living things.



Look after the water, and you look after me.

Communities care for catchments because catchments care for us.

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