

The Angry Giant

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A long time ago, the land went out where the ocean is today. There was a beautiful forest of gum trees, banksias and wattles. The old gums were so large, you could not reach your arms around them.



The she-oaks whispered in the wind. The golden wattles had a yummy gum. Wallabies, wombats and echidnas lived nearby. Colourful birds lived in the trees. Frogs and snakes lived near the creeks. It was a land of plenty.





An angry giant owned this land. He did not allow anyone else to hunt or gather from his country. He listened to the willy wagtail who told him of strangers on his land.



One hot summer's day, the giant was walking through his country. He saw some women with their grass baskets full of gum. In an angry rage, he cried, "Who is stealing my gum?" The women begged him to forgive them but he would not listen. He had not seen that his two wives were also there.

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The Angry Giant is a legend about a giant whose greed and selfish behaviour resulted in the loss of the people and things that he loved the most. This legend also reflects on the proven scientific fact of sea level rise which impacted the area significantly during the time of our early First Nations people.



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