Willandra Lakes - Dreaming Story

The Paakantyi people of the Willandra Lakes region believe that the landscape of Willandra Lakes was formed by a hunt for a giant kangaroo called Bookamurra.

Bookamurra was tracked for days and finally caught and killed at the southern ends of the lakes. The landscape of this area is the actual remains of Bookamurra.

This kangaroo in the story is thought to be a *Procoptodon* – a gigantic flat faced kangaroo that is now extinct. Fossils of this kangaroo have been found in the area.

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