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This is a story about the good old days.

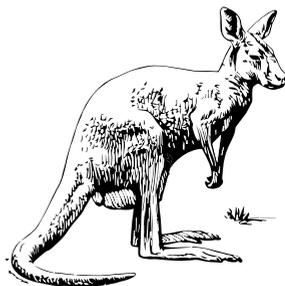


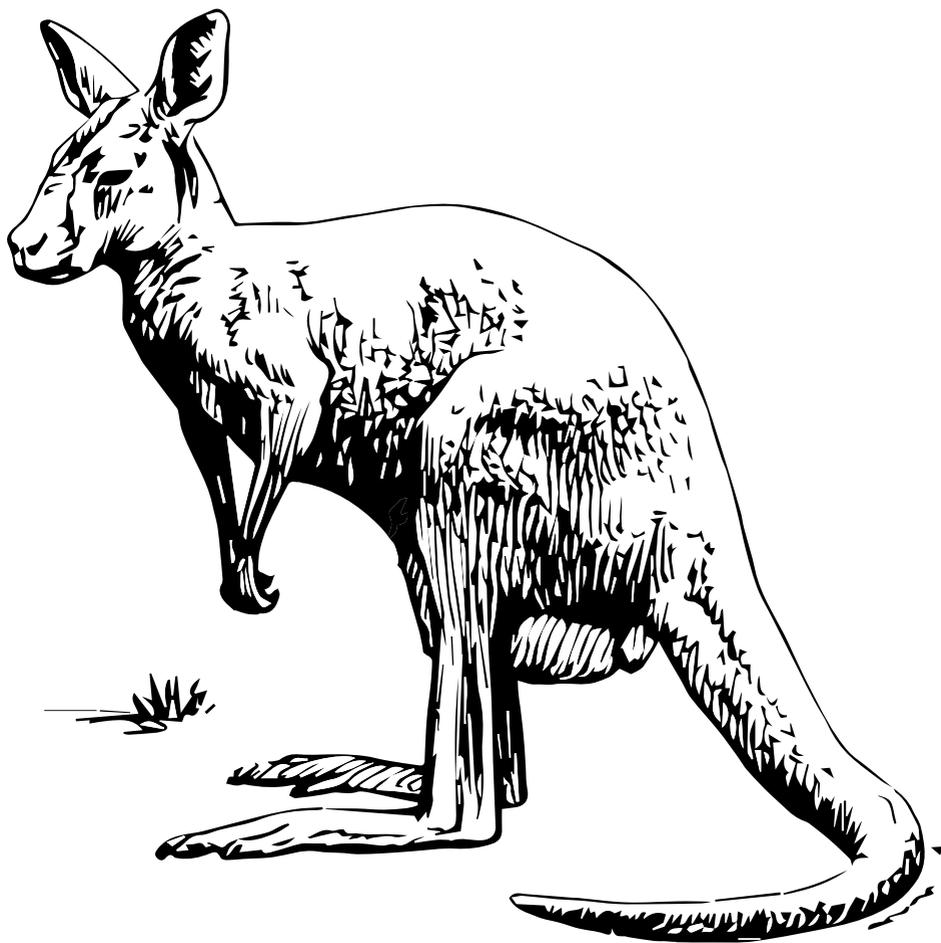
My father was a bushman and a mill man.

That was the type of work
my father did for a living,
as he loved the bush life.

He used to trap rabbits for a living, and

kangaroos and wallabies, and sold the skins as they got good money for them.





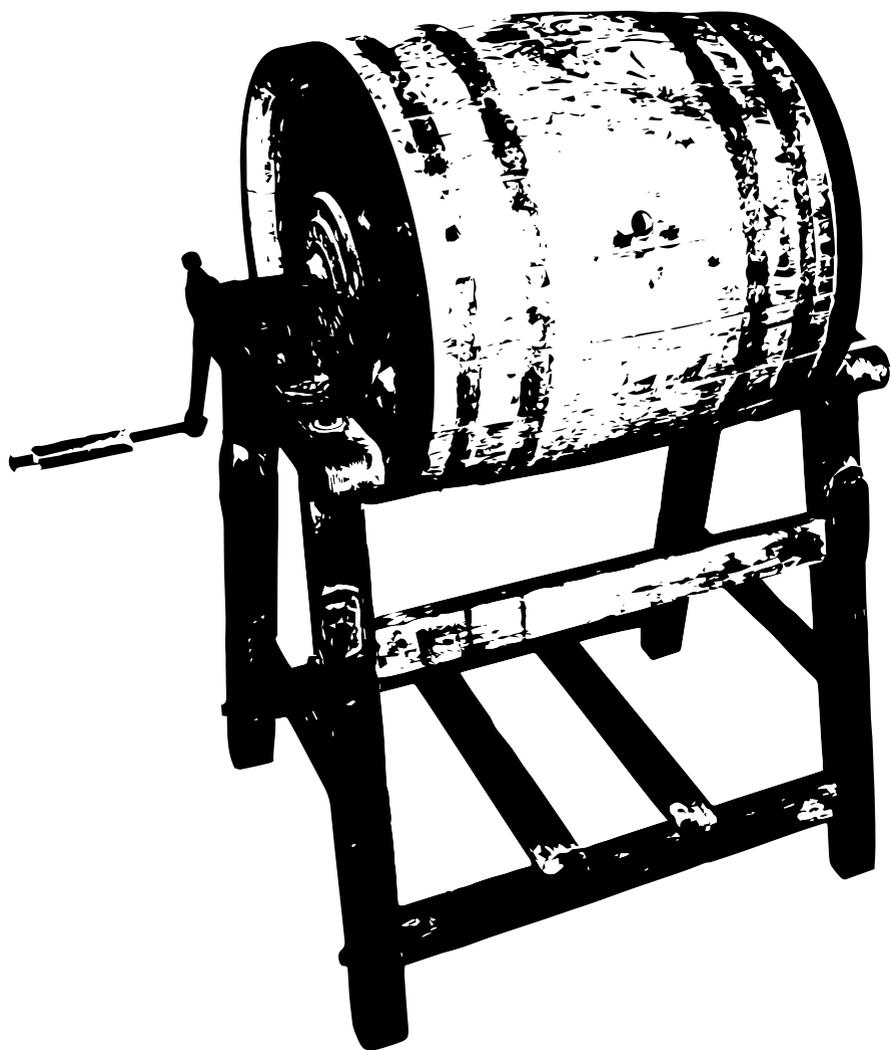
He used to own the little
farm where we lived.

We used to milk cows by hand.

We made our own butter.

We got milk and cream
from the farm as well.







We had chooks and ducks and pigs.

Mum and dad used to have bacon and pork
and ham, which was very lovely to eat.

We used to go fishing in the Mersey River.

We caught black fish, brown
trout, rainbow trout and eels.

When I caught an eel, I cut
my line and let it go.

These were good times, but things
are not the same these days.





25 Stories

Written by learners and published
as a resource for others to share
on their learning journeys

During the late 1980s and early 1990s, the Adult Literacy and Basic Education (ALBE) Resources Unit in Devonport, Tasmania, published over 50 stories that had been written by learners as part of their literacy learning program. The writers were closely involved in the production of their stories, with the understanding that the resources would be made available for other learners, teachers and tutors. Since their initial publication there has been continuing interest in the stories, that contain relevant content and appropriate reading levels for adult learners. They are widely used by individuals and organisations across Australia as reading resources and as models for writing.

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