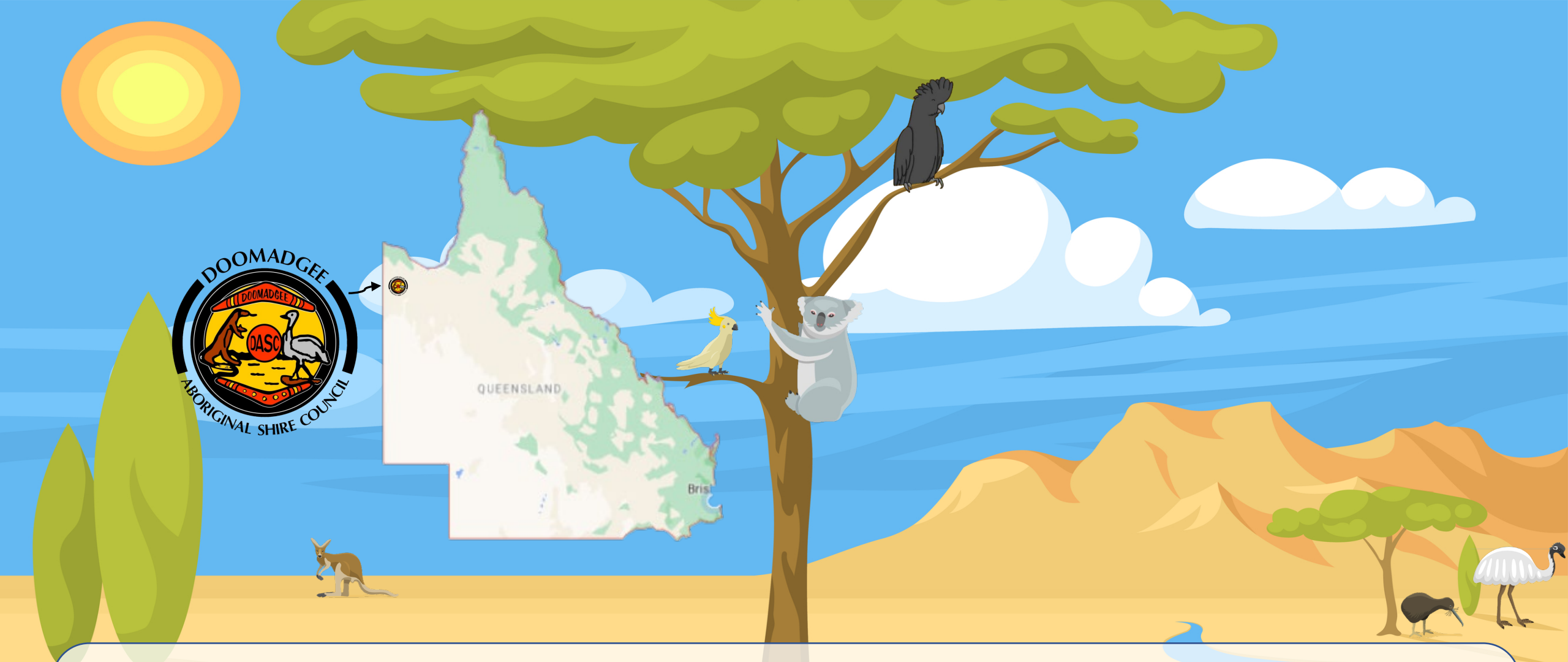


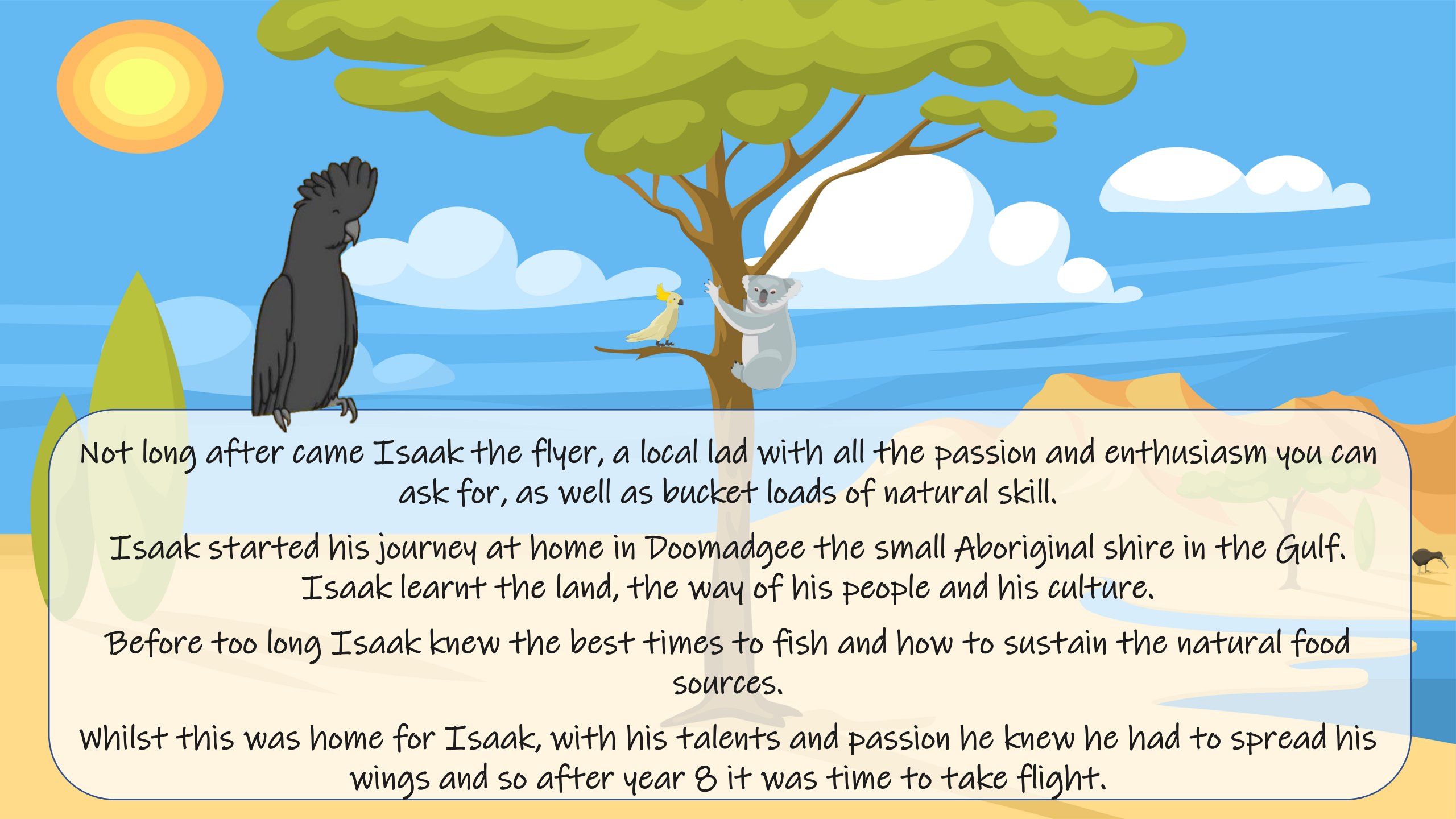


Does Isaak become a Jet?



From a time not so long ago, far, far, far north in the Gulf of Carpentaria in a shire called Doomadgee, lived the Waanyi & Gangalida people.

Our story begins when the local fresh water people meet the saltwater people, and what begins is what we can only be sure was a romance.

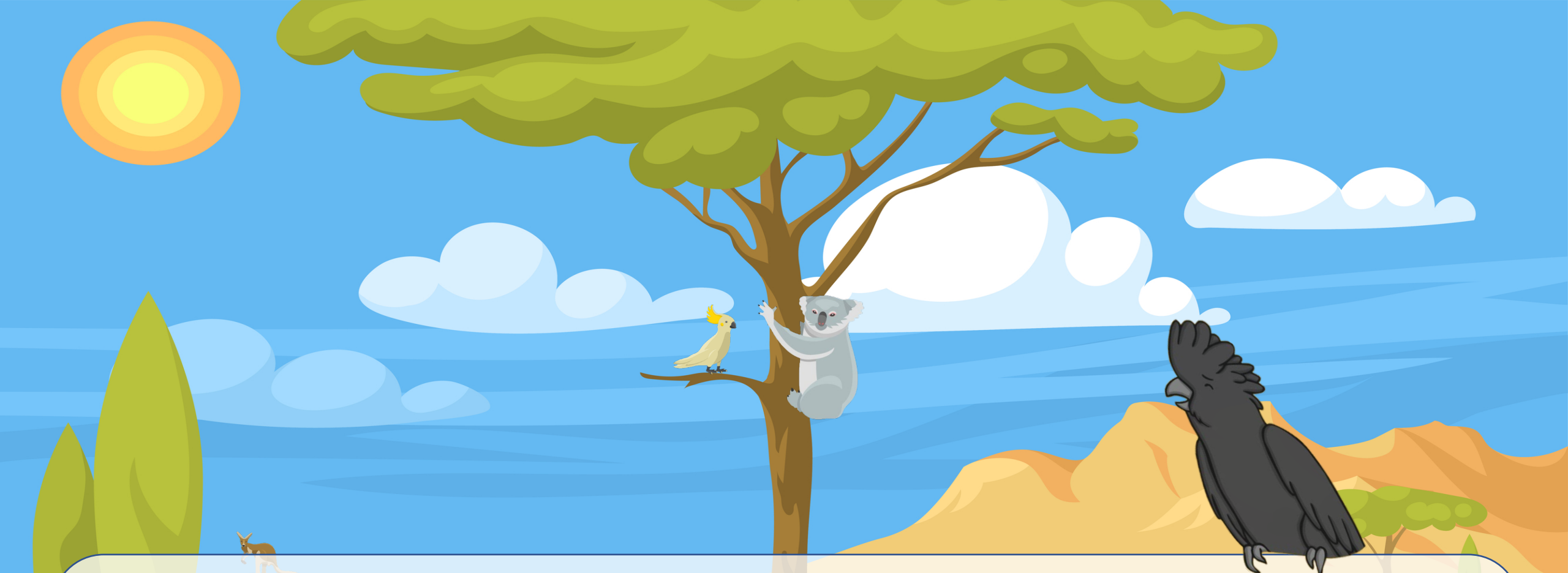


Not long after came Isaak the flyer, a local lad with all the passion and enthusiasm you can ask for, as well as bucket loads of natural skill.

Isaak started his journey at home in Doomadgee the small Aboriginal shire in the Gulf. Isaak learnt the land, the way of his people and his culture.

Before too long Isaak knew the best times to fish and how to sustain the natural food sources.

Whilst this was home for Isaak, with his talents and passion he knew he had to spread his wings and so after year 8 it was time to take flight.



Isaak took off, leaving his home and community and headed to Cairns.

He worked hard at school, and after a year or two an opportunity arose for him to start Year 11 in Ingham.

Isaak had many skills, particularly on the football field, and after a successful trial he was offered a pre-season position with the Townsville Blackhawks.

But this story isn't about Isaak being a Blackhawk.
And Before long from a strange land of Sydney he was asked to be a Tiger!



A Tiger? Well that's not what the story is about either.

Yet Isaak pondered the decision to be a tiger, thinking about his people, his home in Doomadgee and most importantly his family.

You see, Isaak's Dad wasn't well and so Isaak decided he wanted to return home to Doomadgee to support his family and re-connect with his community.

But he missed football.

Isaak decided it was time Doomadgee had a football team, so he put together some flyers and soon enough his community were enjoying regular rugby league.

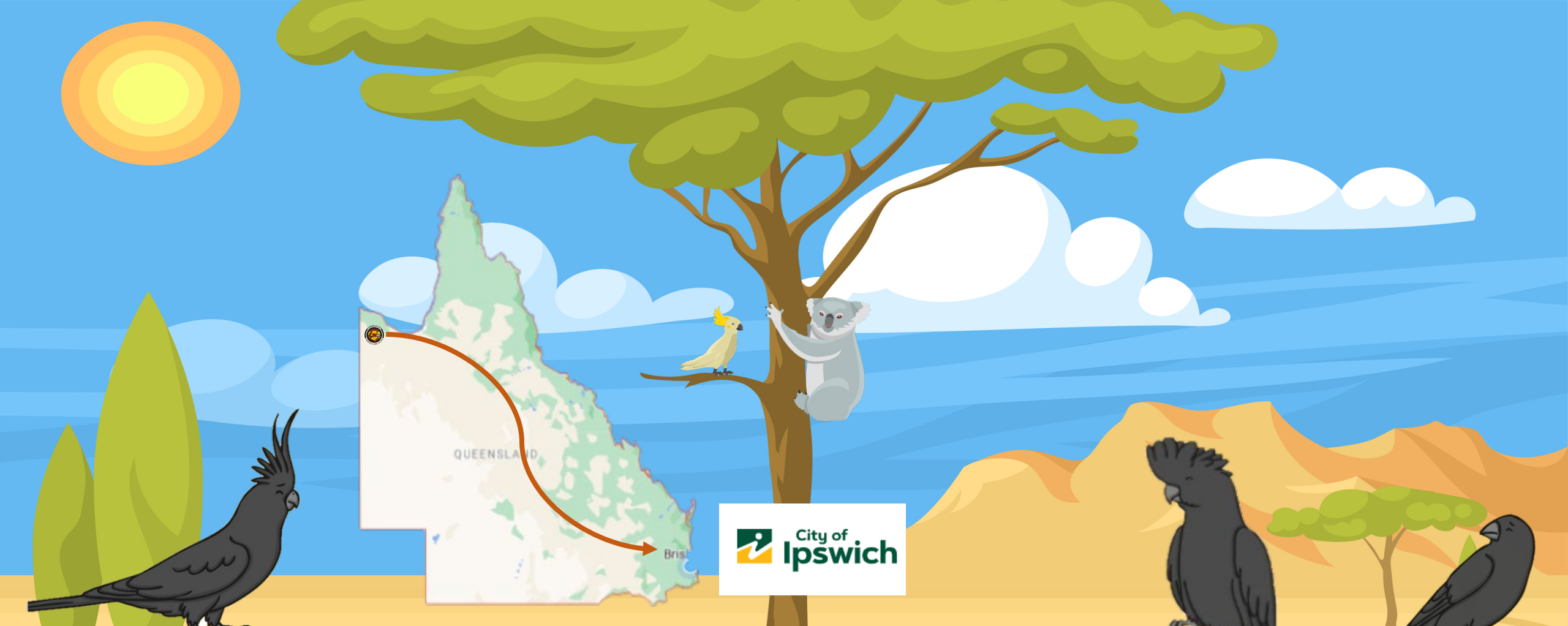


Isaak's family were so proud of what he was doing for his community.

Isaak still had a burn for Rugby League and he kept working hard and represented his people and wider community, even playing for North QLD United on Thursday island where he met Dominic and Keiron.

Keiron was a very clever rugby league fella, who admired Isaak's skills and football flare.

Meeting Kieron was the start of the next trip, a trip bigger and scarier than Isaak had ever encountered before.



Despite being scared, Isaak decided to make the long trip into the unknown....the big smoke.

He took flight again, away from his community all the way to Ipswich, where he met up with Keiron the Rugby League fella and Dominic, his mate from Thursday Island.

Although Isaak was scared, he wasn't alone. This is when Isaak and his friend Dominic asked themselves - do they have what it takes to be a Jet?!



Isaak soon learnt that the journey to becoming a Jet isn't an easy one.

The Jets pre-season training program was torturous, and he was living far from his beloved community, billeted with a local Ipswich family.

Despite the challenges of pre-season, Isaak knew it would make him stronger, and he worked hard. After many weeks it was finally over, and Isaak returned home to Doomadgee for Christmas.

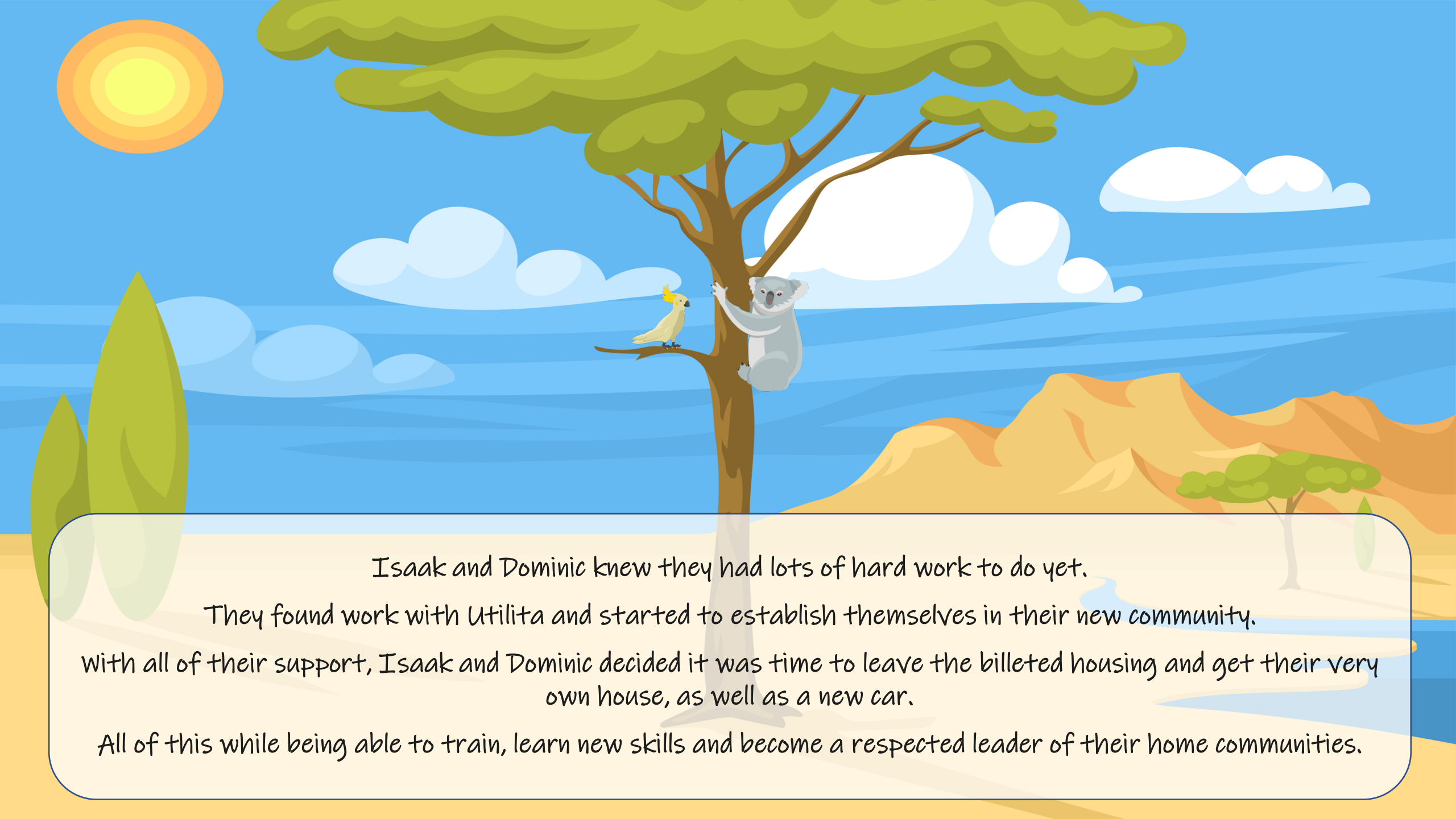


For many people, the story ends here.

Pre-season to become a Jet is tough, and many don't make it back. Not Isaak. He had the support of his family and community to spread his wings and he worked hard for this opportunity.

So, after Christmas Isaak returned to Ipswich and met up again with the Rugby League fella Keiron, and his friend Dominic.

With the support of his community, friends and family, Isaak committed to settling into his new home, and to keep working towards his goal.

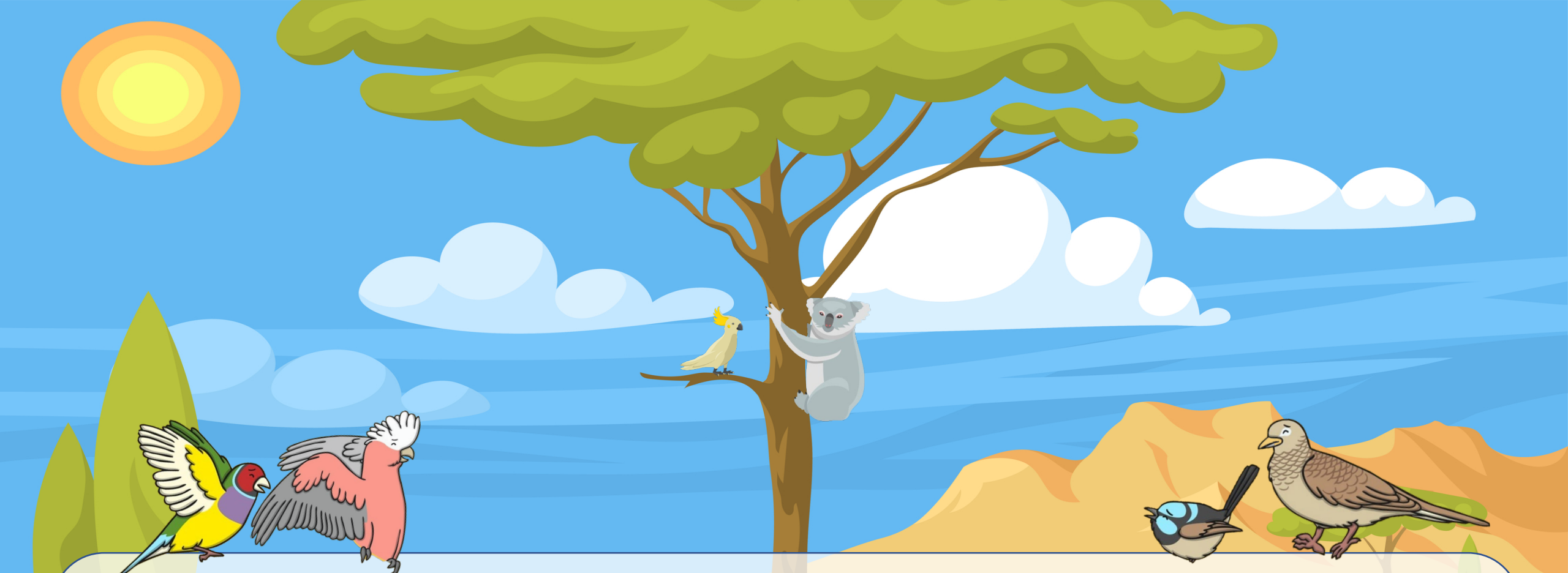


Isaak and Dominic knew they had lots of hard work to do yet.

They found work with Utilita and started to establish themselves in their new community.

With all of their support, Isaak and Dominic decided it was time to leave the billeted housing and get their very own house, as well as a new car.

All of this while being able to train, learn new skills and become a respected leader of their home communities.



Unlike many dream time stories from the past we haven't reached the end in fact this is only the beginning. This story is inspired by the life events that have been shared with us by 2 amazing young people that we are fortunate enough to have as part of our team.

You see this story is their Journey, and unfortunately, I don't have enough time to tell you all they have taught us.

So does Isaak become a jet? Its too early to tell but watch closely.



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