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Puṇu (trees)

Trees are an important part of **Aṅangu** culture. **Puṇu** is used to make all their traditional tools: **kuḷaṭa** (spears), **miru** (spear throwers), **piti** (bowls), **nula-nula** (hunting sticks) and **wana** (digging sticks).

This is a painting of Peter's Country and all the different types of trees that grow there. There are many different trees and **Aṅangu** have a lot of different ways of using them. Tall, skinny trees are used for **kuḷaṭa** and hard, strong ones, like the mulga tree, are used to make **miru**. Peter wants to pass all this important knowledge onto the next generation.

The kulata tree is about our family, about looking after our culture and protecting it for the future. My tjamu [grandfather] Frank Young talks a lot about this. The roots are the great-grandparents, the trunks are the men and women, and the leaves are the young people and children. Everybody has a place and everyone is held together.
– Kamurin Young

- ▶ **DISCUSS** with your parents or grandparents if there are any special stories or skills that have been passed down to them.
- ▶ **DRAW** your family tree. Write the names of your grandparents and great grandparents on the roots, your parents' names on the trunk and you and your siblings' names on the leaves.

