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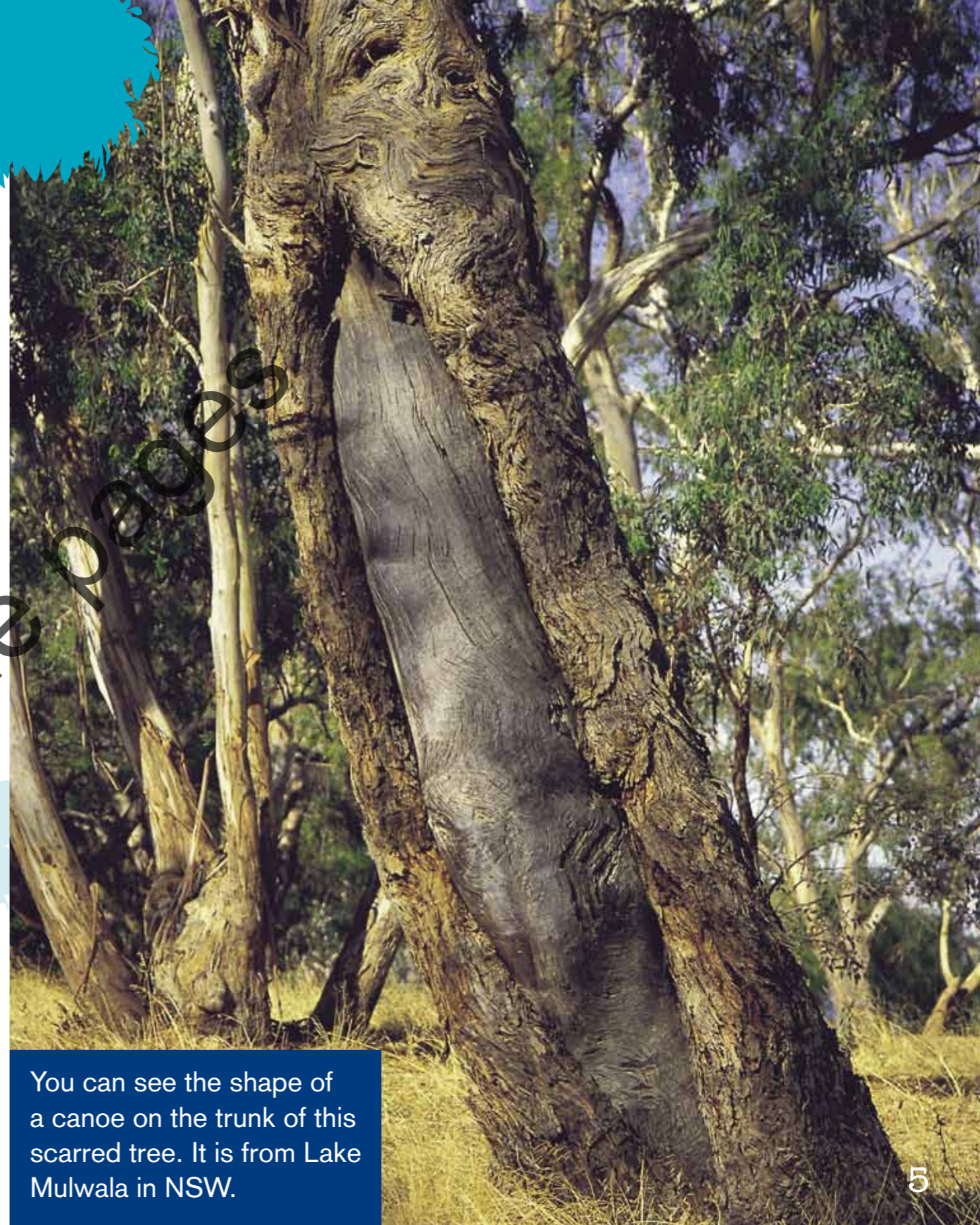
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Scarred Trees

What?	trees that have scars from having some of the bark removed
Where?	all over Australia
Why?	tell us about traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life

Scarred trees are old trees that have had some of their bark taken off.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples used to take large sheets of bark off trees. They used these sheets of bark to make useful things such as shelters and canoes.



You can see the shape of a canoe on the trunk of this scarred tree. It is from Lake Mulwala in NSW.

Shark Bay

They also made smaller things such as carrying dishes (called coolamons), shields, weapons and baby carriers.

This left marks on the trees that can be seen hundreds of years later.

Many scarred trees have been cut down. It is now against the law to **disturb** or destroy a scarred tree.



Here, Aboriginal people are taking bark off a tree to make a shield.

What?	coastline, bays and islands
Where?	off the coast of WA
Why?	tells us the story of how the Earth evolved ; provides important habitats for many threatened species

Shark Bay is home to many plants and animals that are not found anywhere else on Earth.

Shark Bay is famous for its stromatolites. Stromatolites are columns of rock. They are made by blue-green **algae**, which live on the top layer of rock.

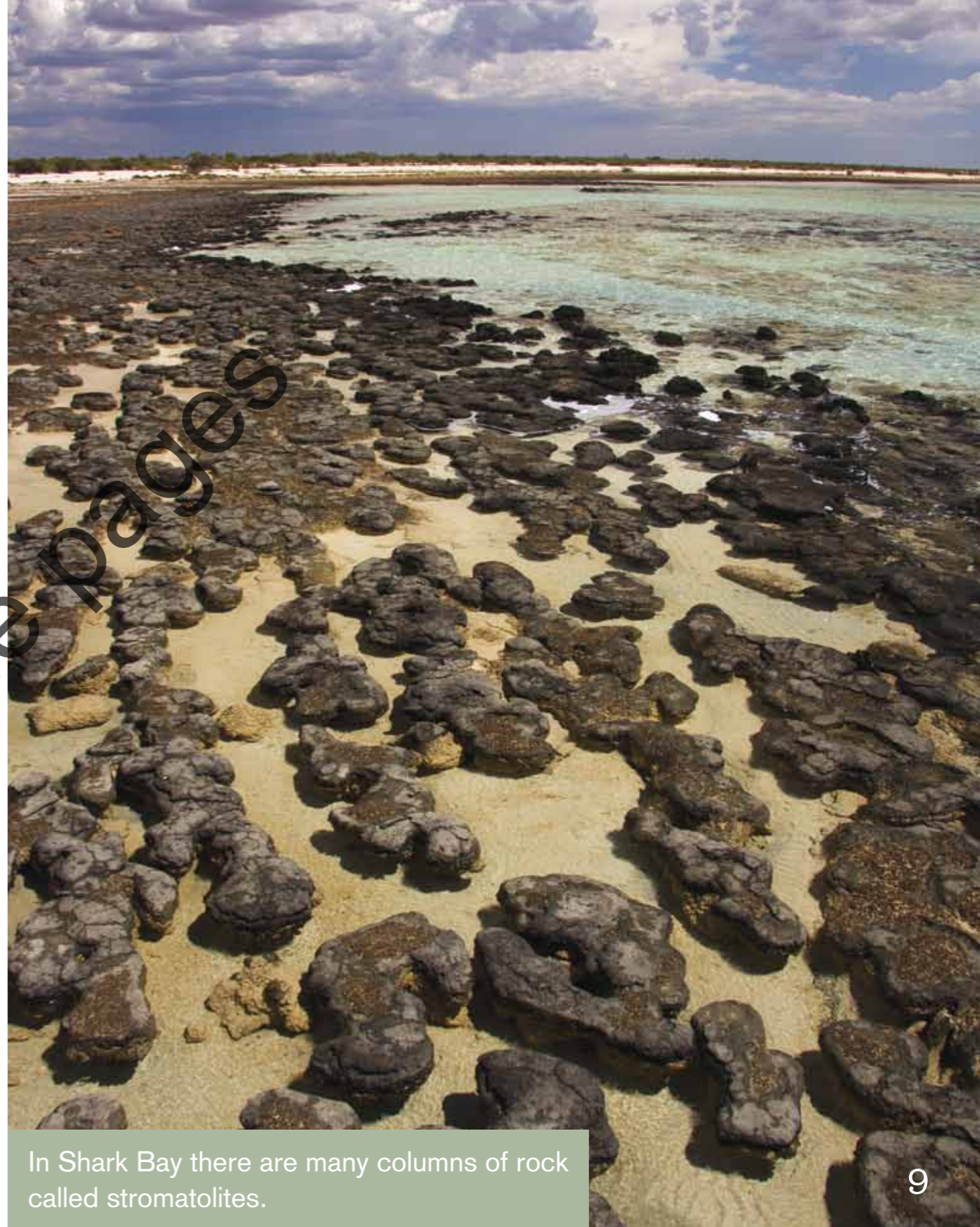
Stromatolites are called “living **fossils**” because they are one of the oldest types of life on Earth.

Dugongs are one of the threatened species that live in Shark Bay. They are very large **mammals** that live in the sea. Dugongs can stay underwater for six minutes, but then must come up to the surface to breathe.

Dugongs can eat up to 50 kilograms of sea grass in a day.



Dugongs are very large animals that feed on sea grass.



In Shark Bay there are many columns of rock called stromatolites.

Sydney Opera House

What?	building with performance halls
Where?	Sydney, NSW
Why?	tells us the story of an important building

The Sydney Opera House is one of the most famous buildings in the world.

In 1957, the NSW government ran a competition to design the Sydney Opera House. It was won by an **architect** from Denmark called Jørn Utzon. His design was amazing. Nothing like it had ever been built before.

One of the special things about the Opera House is its beautiful harbour setting. It sits at the end of Bennelong Point on Sydney Harbour.

