Bronwyn Bancroft illustrations
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The Library has recently acquired original artwork by Indigenous artist Bronwyn Bancroft for her children’s book *Kangaroo and Crocodile* (2011). The striking illustrations record Australian native animals and habitat, a source of inspiration for many of Bronwyn’s books.

Bundjalung artist Bronwyn Bancroft was born in Tenterfield NSW in 1958. She was a founding member of the Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative in 1987, one of Australia’s oldest Indigenous run artists organisations. Bronwyn’s art is renowned for its colourful and powerful imagery, and her striking designs have been used to illustrate more than 22 children’s books.

The Library already holds Bronwyn Bancroft’s original book illustrations for *The Eagle Inside* [3] (2015) and *Remembering Lionsville* [4] (2013), recollections of growing up in Northern NSW. This material develops the Library’s collections relating to Indigenous Australians, in line with the Library’s Indigenous Collecting Strategy. It also adds to the Library’s collecting strength in the area of Children’s Literature – which includes original children’s book illustrations by Ida Rentoul Outhwaite, May Gibbs, Pixie O’Harris and others.

Bronwyn Bancroft’s work is an important addition to the Library’s existing collections.


Links

Kookaburra illustration / acrylic on canvas by Bronwyn Bancroft