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Megafauna from tropical Queensland



***Varanus priscus* (Megalania)**

- World's largest lizard
- Grew up to 6m long
- Lived 500,000 – 40,000 years ago
- Meat eater, predator and scavenger



***Pallimnarchus* sp.**

- Giant freshwater crocodile
- Reached 6-7m long
- Lived 4 million – 40,000 years ago
- Meat eater, large vertebrate hunter

Giant Macropus

- World's largest kangaroo
- Reached up to 2.5m tall
- Lived 60,000 – 40,000 years ago
- Plant eater, fed on high vegetation such as leaves



Diprotodon optatum

- World's largest marsupial
- Weighed up to 2.3 tonnes
- Lived 1 million – 40,000 years ago
- Plant eater related to wombats and koalas



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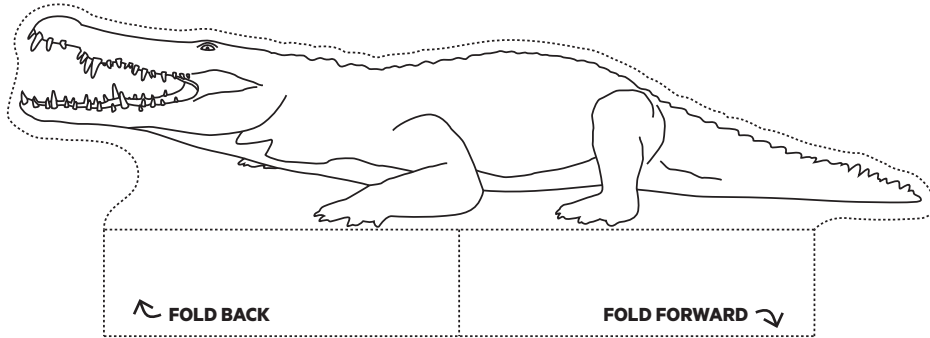
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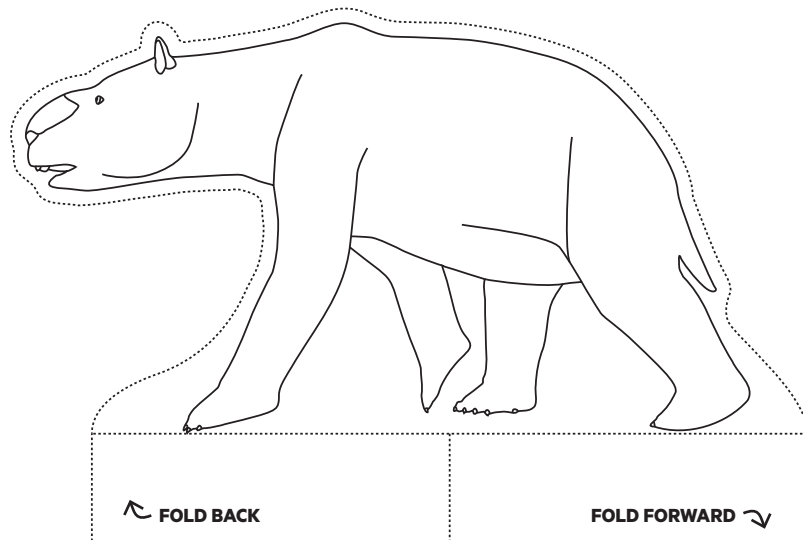
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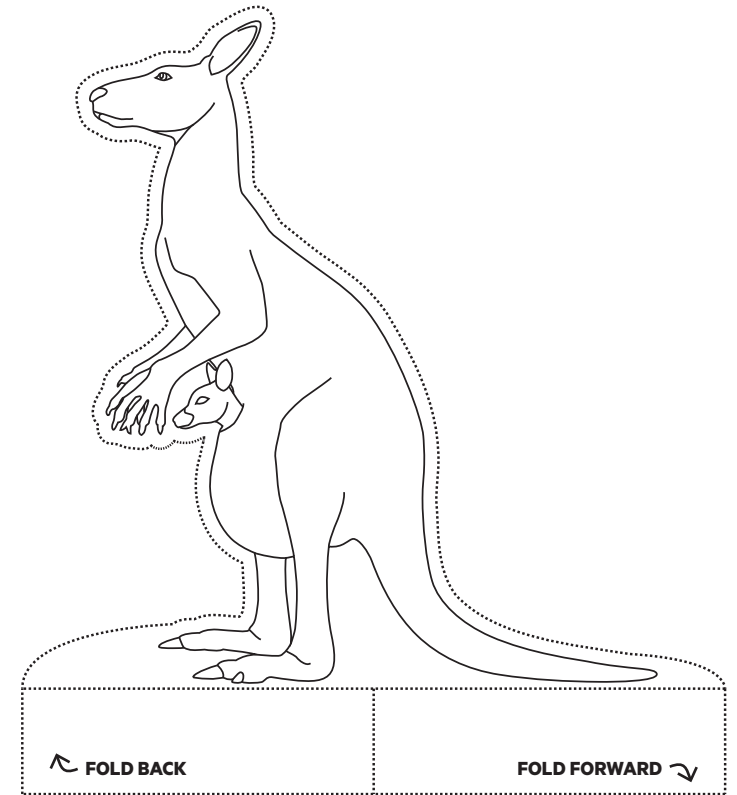
Step back in time 40,000 years ago and create your own scene from ancient Queensland with four of our most iconic giant and extinct megafauna. Cut out the animals, fold the tabs to make a stand and place them in the billabong diorama.



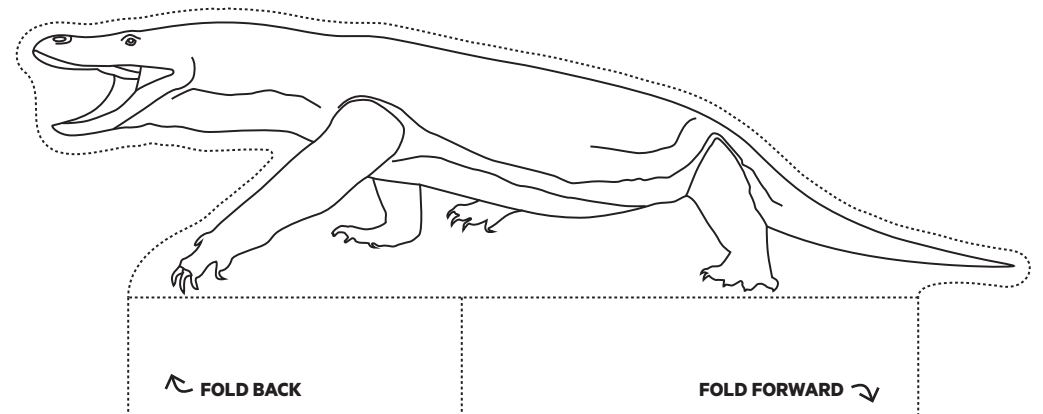
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