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WEAPONS, ORNAMENTS,

etc.

Eucla district

ORNAMENTS, SYMBOLS, etc.

Marbu - neck ornament made of string (wombat fur) worn by girl who is "eligible", or rather is ready to be handed over to her husband and to undergo vulvotomy.

Kundi - a thick rope ornament worn over and under the shoulder by eligible bachelor.

Dardar - arm band made of wogea warja and juju noondi (dogs' tails), worn by eligible bachelor.


Wogea ycondoo - bag made of wombat string, closely woven.

Mauarl or maurl - bunch of feathers of yarda (eaglehawk) jillong, etc., attached to a long stick stuck in the ground. The maurl was usually placed in front of a group of women during certain ceremonies. Besides the mauarl, kailis and koondi were stuck in the ground in front and a kajji was stuck at each end of and "enclosing" the group. The women were sometimes thus arranged on the arrival of a new contingent of natives.

WEAPONS, etc.

Warrbi (heavy sword shaped implement), kaili, warden, kajji, bungal, yujan,-bilara (4 species of spear), d'ara (shield) or unda, kundi (club)

The markings on Wardunda's warrbi or ngaldhamarri have the following meaning :-

- ⊙ Ngabia (white ants)
 - ∩ Dargaru (necklace)
 - ⊗ Warndu (webbed head dress)
 - ◇ Kajji and kaili
- Cliffs (ngarga) and rockholes 

On reverse side is yambun (something inside the heart).

The rockholes along the cliffs are Kalabingabi, Yulguru, Jindijibiju, Dalborgul, Ngurarba (2 rockholes), Murdi-ining (2 rockholes), Widurda, Ilarbula and Guruwea.

North of Kalabingabi, but not marked on warrbi are Kulunarga and along the road is Wardijibia, then Bugain bija, then Bialnguria, then Winmanya, Yauinya and Kalgurli.

The coastline from Wardunda's country is 2 nights' sleep away. When the waters that are marked on the warrbi are finished, the last being Guruwea, Wardunda's people go north to Kalgurli, then kaili to Binbun and kaili still to Yaldulu. Then northeast to Binjarbilina, then S.E. to Bildinya and still S.E. to Karauandera and again S.W. to Kadiwinder and then south direct to Kalabingabi. The places marked on the warrbi are winter camps, all the others being summer camps.

Bilbagooroo - single barbed spear (purchased from kaili)

Nyoojan (spear made from tree root (" " ")

Winda bungal (barbless spear - Dhoolina, Wililambi)

Kajji - generic term for spear.

WEAPONS, etc.

Yinma - long carved flat implement with pointed ends, generally with totem markings, used at "initiation" etc. (from 3 to 10 or 12')

Miruru or birbung - small carved flat implement with pointed ends, used at initiation, carved with totem markings, or markings of meteoric stones, called nulu and mongguru, or with a wardu (eye) and karga mungulia (frost). Other markings are merely embellishments, "walga", but most markings are connected with totem.

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Weapons sent to His Excellency Sir Harry Barron
Walanu, made of myall by Wardunda.

Jelberr - churinga, comes from N.W.

Moojiji, made of walduri, by Mombi (heavy curved club or kalli)

" " " myall (kardia) by Wardunda

Wiji wiji - little one made of kardia by Wardunda

Koordiji, small wooden churinga, with gum at both ends, made of kurdi by Wardunda.

Dhabbingura = marks on koordiji

Walanu, made of kardia by Wardunda

Walanu of woorara wood (red) came from Kalgoorlie way

Ngaldhamarri (Wardunda's two handed sword) made of kardia

Wiji wiji, large club or sword or boomerang made of kardia, used in initiation dance

Dharra - shield, made from gum tree, bira, purchased from Goldfields by tribes

Wardan, spearthrower, made of kardia. Karda gum, sandalwood, dhardil - point

Walamu - boomerang - of kardia - Wardunda

Wabba, knobbed club, made of kardia

Kardia koondi - club

Bida warrja - corarn spinning

Koondagoondi - shoulder and armbands of warrja

Wongala

Wannarda, weendi - ball of wombat string,

Mina - headband of wombat hair (like belt)

Balga nanba of human hair, made by Maldhalea.

NATIVE MARKINGS ON WEAPONS AND THEIR

SIGNIFICANCE.

Karnduing's markings on his drawn yinma (in bokk) are :

(He is yarda-aum and bunggalaum)

Yarda kurdudu (eaglehawk's heart), near hole at top of yinma

Banji (eaglehawk's ribs), half circles

Kambirdi (stomach) - transverse lines

Yarda kalgara (lower belly)

Nundi (eaglehawk's tail)

The meaning of these drawings is given by Karndhing :-

A yarda-aum (eaglehawk totemist) camped near a warda (tree), one of Karnduing's totem trees, and cut a long yinma from it, hanging the yinma when finished from a branch of the tree. While he was away hunting, Karnduing came along and stole the yinma, and afterwards speared the yarda-aum, and now he can put yarda markings on his yinma.

Wardunda's markings of kalgula (root parsnip ?)



Ngabbiam and Kailgam

Karnduing is bunggalaum and his walga on weapons are
kajji (spear)



He makes them on warden (spearthrower)

Ngauaum (eggs and mallee hen) concentric rings

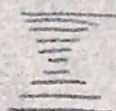


Karnduing, informant

Bob's markings. Bob is kalgulum.
Kalgula waiga (kalgula = edible root)



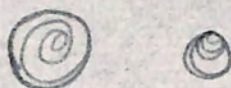
Bungal markings, Henry's (Karnduing).
Henry is bungalum(a species of spear)



At Kuluna there are footprints that Dhoogcorr
(an ancestor) made.

At Barainbiri, Gitap awandi stole a kundain (yinma)
and took it kaiali (north) where it turned into a
stone and stands upon a plain.

Ngauam markings



Spear markings
Kajjum or bajjum



Ngaldhawarra or ngaldawiri - big boomerang made in S.A.

Jilberr concentric markings on mirudi (kundain, Eucla name).

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Henry's drawing on yinma.

Yarda kurdudu (near hole), "heart of eaglehawk"

Ribs - banji (half circle), stomach - kambirdi (transverse lines)

Lower belt - yarda kalgara

Tail - nundi

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Kailbianga, Kalbari and Nyoodhongu gave monguri.

Inyuin gave me weera (weera N., merga N.W.), thaggulu W. (wooden vessel).

Kallia muldharra, slippers

Inya audina is Inja ambi's own uncle.

Guyama gave mila (1) karli (3) Biradhugur gave kaili (2)

Bidar gave Muljara and mila

Jibara (boy) gave karli (1).

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Wombaji gave me an inmurdarra, "poison bone" which came from Penong blacks.

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Most wonningi are arachnoid in shape (resembling a spider's web.)

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Kalgula markings



Nulu - meteoric stone

Mongguru on miruru.

Bob's little miruru has a wardu eye and Kargu mungulia (a long time ago) minung carried about. All other markings on miruru are walga.

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Wardunda (Witness Bob)

near point
with grooves

Bilbageoroo 1 barb

Nyoojan kaiali
winda bungal Balladonia
Jiring - west

