

NATIVE VOCABULARY

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Of TURKEY CREEK

Tribe = Jarroon garow

Narregwin or narregocin = totem

MAN, HIS RELATIONSHIPS, etc.

Aunt	Gonga (father's sister)
	Gooral (mother's sister)
Baby	Woolillee
Blackfallow	Jillem
Blackwoman	Nallil
Boy	Woolillee
Brother	Ngajjin
Brother-in-law	Ngombana (woman calls her brother-in-law)
	Moondabain (man " his " " " "
Daughter	Ngabbool
Father	Ngabboo
Father-in-law	Lambaroo
Grandfather	Thamminjee, thamminyel
Grandmother	Gungal, kongal
Grandson	Thamminyee
Husband	Ngoolna
Man	Jillem
Mother	Gooral
Mother-in-law	Gillal
Nephew	Kallil
Sister	Ngajjel
Sister-in-law	Ngoolna
Uncle	Nyakkanjee
Virgin	Woolamunel
Wife	Ngoolna

PARTS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BODY

Arm	Nannungooin
Back	Thellain
Beard	Thowering
Blood	Gowaljee
Bone	Koojeen
Brains	Koongoolin
Breast	Moongain
Chest	Gemmerin
Cry, to	Worree
Drink, to	Ngoolook
Ear	Yardin
Eat, to	Mungarree
Elbow	Joongooin
Eyebrow	Beewitchee
Eye	Mooljee
Fat	Mullin gooin
Finger	Mallain
Foot	Tombalain
Hair	Doomain
Hand	Mallain
Head	Mugga
Heart	Kowin
Kidney	Woolmarin
Knee	Manjoorjee
Liver	Meeling
Moustache	Ngoon joongajin
Neck	Woongarree
Nose	Manilgee
Perspiration	Jirranjee, jirran
Rib	Jillemburrjee
Sinew	Jillowain
Skeleton	Koojeen, goojeen
Skin	Woongarin
Skull	Toomurl
Sleep	Boggoo yarran

Parts and Functions of the Body (cont.)

Sneeze, to	Dinjer
Speak, to	Jarrak
Teeth	Nyeerimin
Thigh	Ballōree
Tongue	Thallalain
Vein	Jilwal
Walk, to	Weejee weejee

ANIMALS

Ant-eater (Marsupial)	Kirnanjil or koornanjil
Bandicoot	Goojiljee
Bat	(large vampire) ngalloe nganal (little bat) binjeramin
Cat, native	Nganjelum
Dingo, female	Kalwal
Dingo, male	Uoolain
Flying Fox (bat)	Langoonul
Kangaroo	Burowerl (female)
Kangaroo Rat	Thow linjee
Kangaroo, Red	Wallum bain (Plain)
Kangaroo, Rock	Moordain (Hill kangaroo = jeering)
Kangaroo, young, in pouch	Woongaring, woongarin
Opossum	Nangooin. Mothers with babies can't eat female opossum, nor bandicoot, nor koonainjil. Boys and girls can't eat these.
Porcupine	Kinainjil, koonainjil, ginnanjil
Wallaby, Banded	Bowgin (hill wallaby)
Wallaby (generic)	Mullawal, mallawal
Wallaby, speckled-hair	Kuroorr-ungin (spinifex wallaby)

## BIRDS

Bird's egg	Goombinyil
Bustard, Wild turkey	Joolagal, tehnoolagal
Cockatoo, Black, red tail	Derannel
Cockatoo, Galah, grey and pink	Galing galingel
Cockatoo, white, northern variety	Ngammarin or nyammarin
Crane, Blue	Geenyan
Crow	Wonganal
Duck	Jibbilyoo
Eagle	Gooloo ngunnain
Eagle Hawk	Girrganjee
Emu	Ngarraburrung, kunning-injel, karnungunja, young emu= winninee
Flycatcher	Jiggaring
King-fisher	Jeegarul
Magpie	Kurrurroon-gooljee
Native Companion	Goorandal
Owl	Nammaljee
Pelican	Dabbooroongain
Wattle bird	Jindee woorajee

## REPTILES

Frog	Jeeragul
Iguana, long tailed	Gunyarain
Iguana, stump tailed	Loomogul
Lizard	Jamberal
Snake	Ngammarain (whipsnake), yera woorin (carpet snake) Wooningil (black snake)

INSECTS

Ant (white)	Meegil, meegal
Bardie (a grub)	Lajjel
Bee	Boonul
Butterfly	Wallee marrgoo
Centipede	Birrgalain
Fly (generic)	Boonul
Grasshopper	Bilbiljil
Mosquito	Nyocoinjee, nyocoinjee
Moth	Wallee marrgool

THE ELEMENTS, etc.

Cave	Nowanjee
Clay white	Lingarik
Cloud, cloudy	Ngoomoorljee
Cold	Wongum
Dark, darkness	Manbin
Feather	Bingirjee
Fire	Maaning
Gum	Nyaandin
Gum tree	Wallarain
Hill, hillock	Ngaarin
Hole	Gowarin
Lightning	Mal ngēree (thunder), mirrngak (lightning)
Moon	Kangin
Paper-bark tree	Moondain
Pool	Waterhole
Rain	Jaddain
River	Ngowera gowin
Road	Tumbelum
Rock	Ngaarin
Sand	Jillain
Scrub, the	Gunnarain

The Elements, etc. (cont.)

Sea	Kooloyn
Seeds, of plants	Willarrjee
Spinifex	Nyeerin
Spinifex gum	Gaaljee
Star	Wordal
Sun	Barndil
Tree	Goolin (dead tree = mindaljee)
Vegetable food	Mungarree
Water	Weela
Willy willy	Kungallee
Wind (North, south, etc.)	"

GENERAL VOCABULARY

Abscond, to	Weejee weejee
Alligator or crocodile	Je-warrjee
Anger, to be angry	Warrin
Arise, to	Booreej moona, bureej moona
Bad	Yeelgoorin, eelgoorin
Bag	Garrigin
Before	Woolangin
Behind	Pardoon
Belt	Joondil (hair belt = goordain)
Board, for throwing spear	Ngowalel, karrmina
Boomerang	Garrabirl
Club	Nowalin, club with stone inset = tenemberin
Corroboree	Joonbel, joonbal
Dog's tail head dress	Jeega, jeegain
East	Ngoolman
Fillet for the head	Boonda wallool
Frightened	Jilban; jilba ngunan = I am f.
Go	Beera
Greyheaded	Boolgan, boolga
Gum, edible	Nyaandin; spinifex gum = gaaljee



General Vocabulary (continued)

Half caste	"Yellabellee"
Hair string	Goodail
Hammer (native)	Lumberul, lamboorain
Heap, a	Munnum burrain
Here	Nginninga
Honey	G'rail
I	Ngain
Ill (sick)	Warrin
Jealous	Ginyerin
Kill, to	Woot parrungan
Knife	Jimbula, tchimbula
Laugh, laughter	Kalgal nginnee
Little	Winyagin
Long (tall)	Moocraa' gowin
Kangaroo bone, used for making spearheads	Karaljee
Meat	Moola, mannam
Mine (my own)	Ngakkinjee
Necklace	Nyeereemin (worn by women; made of kangaroo teeth, dogs' tails and flying fox fur.)
No	Ngooan
North	Beerin
Nose-stick or bone	Minjering, ninjeree
One	Jirow'gin
Pearlshell	Jaggolin
Plenty	Burram
Plume, a	Jowarain, jooara, (emu) bingerjee (cockatoo)
Quick, quickly	Marrabeera
Red	Baadl
Relation, a	Tamberool
Revenge	Mowndool = natives on a murdering raid
Rob, to; robber	Eemelee
Scar	Gimmarum; on arm = moordin
Shield	Karrmina

General Vocabulary (continued)

Sinews of kangaroo's tail	Jilwan
Smoke, of fires	Wongee
Song	Ngallain
Sore (or boil)	Kajjim
South	Nyoori
Spear	Burrowain (barbed spear), koongalain (stone headed)
Spear (hunting)	Koillumbooin
Spear, to "half" (magic)	Mooeeda
Spear (war)	Mungoorl (barbed spear)
Stamping	Warrik
Stick (woman's)	Gunnanjee
Strangle, to	Kim (Nung, neng = to half strangle)
String (fibre)	Joondain
String (opossum or wallaby)	Waaloooin
Sweat	Jirran
That	Ngoorin
There	Ngeoroon
Three	Moorrgenboo
Throw	Watch!
Tickle, to	Gijjik
Tie, to	Mutbarrum (the only word with the German "ü")
Tired	Wongal ngunan
Tobacco (native)	Kungalain
Tuft (ornamental)	Bingirjee
Two	Mirrkinboo ?
Vessels	Yowinjee (wooden), also boorngain, boongain, large scoop = kunnee ngarrin
West	Gleer
What	Doora
Where	Kannee
Whistle	Woorin
White	Mowndee
Who	Yanginnee ngoorin = who is that?

General Vocabulary(continued)

Winter

Warngum

yam-stick

Gunnanje

Yellow

Goonduljee

Yes

Ngee

You

Nyingan

Your, yours

Nyingin

SHORT SENTENCES

Afraid, I am not, of you	Ngooan jilba ngunan
Afraid, What are you, of?	Doora jilba ninnee
Asleep, He is	Bagoo ngunjee
Bad, You are	Ningan ilgooring
Brother, He is my	Nginjin ngajjin
Bury him	D'rik
Come from, Where do you?	Kowin inningoo, kowin nyingingoo
Come here	Marra beean
Country, Where is your?	Kowin inningoo
Dead, He is	Nanginnee wad
Father, He is my	Ninjee ngabboon
Fire, Make by friction	Koongalain (upright or rubbing method)
Food, Give me	Indee mungarree
Food, I have no	Ngooan mungarree
Friend, I am your	Jimmarin
Get along	Marra beera
Go away	" "
Go before me	Woolangin beera
Go behind me	Pardoon beera
Good, You are very	Nyingin mingowin
Go, You	Nyingin marra beera
Here it is	Nginjeen
Ill, I am	Warran nginnan
Lie down	Baagoo boorninaa
Mother, She is my	Gooral 'nga
Name, What is your?	Kowin ingee inginba
Spear, Where is your?	Kowingoo kollimbooin
Stolen, You have, that	Eemelee
Track, Where is the?	Kowee tumbelum

Water, Give me

Indee goolin

What is it?

Doora

Where are you going?

Yanginee ngoorin

Who is that? Who is there?

Yanginnee ngoorin

You and I

(We - husband and wife) = marrai

yarroojee (we'll walk)

## QUESTIONS

1. Native modes of burial in district?

Young fellows in trees, old men in ground,  
old women in rocks, young women in trees.  
Carry babies about with the mother and ~~mix~~  
bones afterwards with kangaroo meat and eat them.

2. Hairdressing, various modes of?

Moodrain - chignon

3. Names of weapons, implements and domestic utensils?

Jimbula - stone head for spear

Tchambaring - chisel

4. Game traps (kangaroo, emu, etc.)?

Weearjee - bush "fence", "yard", or "trap".

5. Corroborees, amusements, games, etc.?

Joonbal

6. Native names of tribes in district?

Jarroongarow

7. Native foods in district?

Karr ngarrin - like a turnip

Jowalin - like a joobok

Pangoonjee - like apricots growing on hills

Minjooaree - like a grape

Ngocrain - like rice

Pannaring - yam

Grooljee - root like parsnip

Wandeewal - like carrot

8. Is cannibalism known to exist in district?

Yes, always enemies. When a young woman is killed she is always eaten by the old men and married men.

9. What woods are used in making fire by friction?

Goolin tree

10. Method of obtaining water from trees, roots, etc.?

Boorngain or boongain - bole of tree - contains water. Boorngain = wooden bole used as vessel.

11. Native belief in ghosts or a future state?

Jocarrin - devil

All spirits appear to be called jocarrin.

Ngabboongana - woman spirit belong to the sea.

Makes a noise like thunder.

12. Smoke signalling, signification of spiral and other smoke signals?

Long sticks placed slantingly in the direction the man has gone.

Koongooljee = smoke signalling.