

Jocarree or Dhooarree - Wilgee

Yoondungoo (Billy) a Boorgooloo owns the country (Dhanganoo-water pool near the wilgee mine) where the wilgee is situated. Barlooweree is the name of the hill where the cave (Illeeree and Daarbidee, the latter name given because a stone Meeril man is there who looks out for the wilgee).

Gemerree, long flat sticks are stored in the cave. These are used to "saw" across the boys' heads. Animals, eggs, snakes, birds, are made of stone. You must get it quickly as if you go slow, big wind ("willy willy") "weenjoo" comes and you'll die. If a stick cracks you will die.

If you want to get it you must pay something to Joogulgoora, Meeril and Daarbidee the Moondung who guard the place. They were alive long time ago, but now they are dead and they still guard the place. The mobbern guttuk near Tuckanara is called Gerdilyee (Jimmy). Meeril is father to Gerdilyee. He often goes to the hill near Meeril.

If a mob goes they will not be touched, but if only a few go they will be hurt. Jilla (big snake) lives in the water and climbs on the trees and looks out for the mine.

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Coming through the gap in the Weld Ranges on the way to the wilgee mine, one of the hills on the range shows a few outcrops of dark iron ore, which are supposed by the natives to be some moondung (spirits) of long dead natives (yammagee) watching over the road to the mine. They are supposed to be sleeping but if a stranger native takes the wilgee without asking permission, the recumbent yammagee rise up and face him and he dies. The mine is supposed to be guarded by these yammagee and is in rather a weird looking part of the range.