

Worrigeer, NSW 17/01/1968

Dhurga (NSW South Coast)

Percy Mumbulla

[x after a word, or number of words separated by commas, means no translation]

Material culture:

27:00

JM asks PM about artefacts he has made, starting with the coolamon – used to carry honey. PM explains how the cabbage tree palm was cut down and the pith used as a kind of bread.

29:00

it is dipped in honey. The pith will last for 3 or 4 days if kept covered by the bark. A 'baranj' (blanket or rug) can be made from the bark of cabbage tree palm – can be also used as lining to kangaroo skin coat. Bark also used for ganya, camp.

31:00

Broom can be used out of cabbage tree bark – coolamon from stringybark; possum snare from hickory and stringybark loops. Bait – burrawang seed or cabbage palm dipped in honey – possums used as manidja, meat. Djugulang used for carrying water – also as a dish for fish soup, sometimes lined with clay to waterproof it. Stringybark much used, also for canoes.

34:30

Vocabulary:

- Dew, sea, ground, native bear, possum, flying fox x, wombat, bandicoot, wallaby x, eaglehawk, duck pelican, cockatoo x, swan, hawk, shag x

37:00

Material Culture:

Seed of burrawang used as bait for possum snare – skin is removed – seed is also used for making bread – put in running water for 2 or 3 days to remove poison – seed is then removed from shell, dried, pounded into flour and used for cooking.

39:00

Cabbage tree heart is cooked in ashes like potato & used as such.

40:00

Native sarsaparilla (*Hardenbergia* spp) used as a medicine for the blood – leaves boiled and liquid looks like 'Cola' when ready.

41:00

Vocabulary:

- Burrawang, nut of burrawang, ferns, swamp, yam x, spear x tomahawk, coolamon

42:00

Fishing line, fish hook, canoe x paddle, boomerang, bad, sick, heavy, strong, deaf x sweet (sugar).

44:00

Testing recording levels

Oral lore: PM speaks of King Mumbulla

45:00

Tape comes to a rather abrupt end.