The journey lives

Today the Bunya Mountains and Gummingurru continue to represent important sites in the Indigenous cultural landscape of South East Queensland. They have now taken on new meaning as educational and reconciliation sites.

This is a vital example of a non-static



Open Bunya Nut

landscape

that continues to develop new meaning that represents past cultural traditional ceremonial practices.

Reveal the Journey

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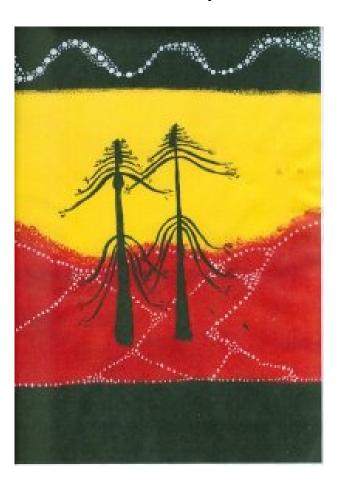
BUNYA CEREMONY FESTIVAL GATHERING JOURNEY NUT

Question: What special food was the centre of the Bunya Mountains festival?

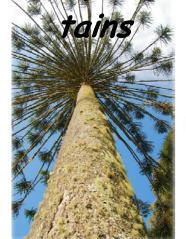
- A) Strawberry
- B) Apple
- C) Macadamia Nut
- D) Bunya Nut



The Journey to the Bunya



The Bunya Moun-



Bunya Pine

The Bunya Mountains formed a significant part of the Aboriginal cultural traditions in South East Queensland. Many Indigenous groups gathered at the Bunya Mountains to participate in traditional ceremonies and the renewal of social alliances and connections.

The festival occurred every three to four years between December and March when the bunya pines were fruiting and the Bunya Nut was plentiful. Each Aboriginal group had ownership of particular trees where the fruit was eaten raw, roasted, or pounded to flour to make a kind of bread.

The feast of the Bunya Nut was an impor-

The journey

The Gummingurru stone arrangements were an important cultural site for Aboriginal groups to visit on their journey to the Bunya Mountains. Boys were initiated at the site

so they would be able to participate as



Stone Arrangements

Gummingurru was a place of sharing and educating the youth about significant traditions and cultural practices, such as stories, songs and the assigning of totem animals to initiated man. Gummingurru was an impor-

The gathering of many different communities at both Gummingurru and Bunya Mountains played a significant role in maintaining and renewing social networks and future alliances. It also ensured that cultural traditions were shared and continue to be taught to new generations.

