

Map of Gummingurru



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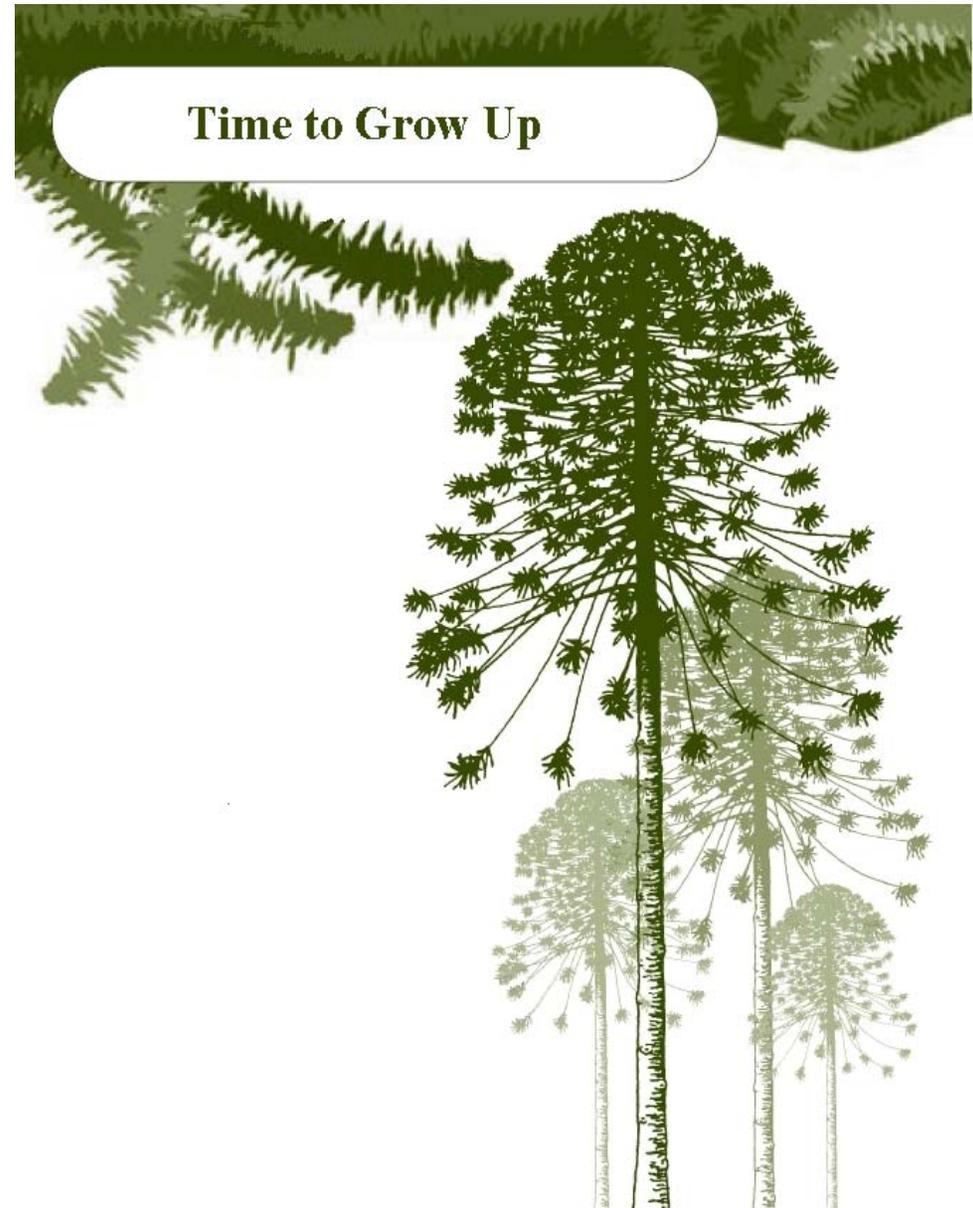
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Gummingurru Bunya Nut Jarowair Initiation Motif Yuree

Question Answer: B

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Special thanks to the Jarowair people, traditional custodians of the land.

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Time to Grow Up

Every three years Aboriginal people from across south east Queensland and north east New South Wales would come together at the Bunya Mountains to feast on the abundant bunya nut and perform important ceremonies. With such a long distance to travel, regular stops were taken. At one of these stops, Gummingurru, Aboriginal boys from all these areas were initiated into manhood. Once initiated, the 'new' men would be able to participate in the adult activities at the Bunya Mountains.

Gummingurru is on the traditional lands of the Jarowair people. Jarowair would welcome Aboriginal clans from all around and allow them to stay to prepare for the bunya celebrations. As part of the initiation, every boy would be given a totem that would connect him with his country. This is a very important process in becoming a man. The totem (locally known as yuree) that was assigned would become a significant responsibility for the young man, who would be given the task of managing that yuree and its habitat. This would create a process of nature conservation unparalleled in today's world. At the Gummingurru site there are many totems created by the stone arrangements formed into motifs. One of these is the Bunya Nut.



male cone (X 2/3)



female cone (X 1/5)



Bunya Nuts (actual size)

The Bunya Nut motif is the most northerly stone arrangement on the site, north-east of the Carpet Snake head. The pear shaped nut points in the general direction of the Bunya Mountains. There is a stone arrangement site map located on the back page so check out the motifs yourself.



Bunya Nut arrangement.

Question Time

What direction does the Bunya Nut point?

- a) South-East towards Gatton
- b) North-West towards Goombungee
- c) North – East towards Crows Nest
- d) South-West towards Oakey