

HOW THE SPARROWHAWK & PIGEON GOT THE FIRE

Went (bandicoot) had fire and would not give it to any one. Gilgil and Moritch (sparrowhawk and pigeon) hit him on the back with their kaul and took the fire from him. They then made big fires which are now all lakes. They burned Jinakin, Wejing, Tambilying, Kurndiring, and the lakes there are where the fires had been made by Moritch and Gilgil. Minagalap Lake and Koromagap and Ngulyajin and Gwabin and Baije-arap and Noring and Kwerdiagaring and Minapan and Karaling and Wardering and Yualbarning (Jeranungap district) and Ngaiening - all these lakes were made from the holes left by the big fires. Then Gilgil and Moritch put the fire in Milirn, Mangart and all Karlburn. Budining Lake and Mil-yirning and Wiagalangap Lakes, Moritch and Gilgil made fires in all these places. Moritch went in one direction and Gilgil in another.

MEEKA, WATA AND KWETALBUR

MOON, PIGEON AND SPARROWHAWK

In Nyitting times no one had fire but Meeka. Meeka goong kal burrong (In Meeka's back the fire was held.) He would not give any to the yungar "doogurn yongin yoongar yooat" (to cook their meat) and so they had to eat raw meat, durdongin ngannin, always.

Kwetalbur and Wata were konk-moyer, and they said, "We will take the fire from Meeka's goong, but Wata got mindaitch before they could follow Meeka. All day Wata cried, "M-m-m," and Kwetalbur his kongan or konk who was nyin nyin (sitting down beside him) saw him bal burrongain (flapping himself) and Kwetalbur got up and cried out, "B eebara, beebara," and kept on saying this till Wata got better.

"Now we will fetch the fire from Meeka," said they, and they took the fire out of Meeka's goong and put it in the waljap and other trees. Meeka tried to get it back from them but he could not for they held it fast and ran away to put it in the trees before he could catch it. All the other birds saw Wata and Kwetalbur put the fire in the waljap and other trees and they cried out and praised Wata and Kwetalbur for what they had done.

Then Walja who was watching them said, "Ngaija geort gwab, booya nan." ("I am heart good - glad - to see the smoke.") And when Meeka saw it, he called out, "Demman kal yung, demman kal yung, ngaij' bur jaggin goong maaling." ("Cousins, give me my fire, give me my fire, I want the fire in my goong again.") But Wata would not let Meeka have the fire and Meeka got very angry and he wanted his fire so much that he made a big sea to try to put it out, but Wata was boolaitch (clever) and kept the fire in the trees and up high on the waljap where the sea could not touch it. Meeka had no more fire after that.

HOW THE NATIVES OBTAINED FIRE

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KALLYUNG'S STORY

The Kwent had fire, and the Neeneen or Kalat (sparrowhawk) asked him for some but Kwent told a lie and said he had none. Kalat saw the smoke coming from under Kwent's armpit, through his bwokka, so Kalat threw a kailee at the Kwent and frightened him so that he let the fire go. Kalat picked it up and went to the tops of all the hills, Konting, Kurndining and many others and set them all on fire and that is how the natives obtained the fire. The place where Kwent dropped the fire is called Kalbomil, and is near "Flays" place on the Arthur.

Another Version

Swan, Northam and York

Joobaitch
Bunbury

BANDICOOT, EAGLEHAWK AND PARRAKEET

The Kweenda had fire and would not give it to the others, so the eaglehawk (Walja) killed him, and when he was killed the fire came out of him. A Parrakeet (kower) picked up the fire and took it away under its wing and put it in the blackboys and that is why the kower has red underneath its wing, and also the reason why the blackboy wood is always used for making fires and is never green. The Guilford (Swan district) people always called the blackboy stems Kowerduk. The Southern people called them waljap.

GINGIN

The Mooninyung (robin) had the fire in his breast and showed the jungar how to get the fire into the blackboy tree tops and all the other trees, and he made the fire come out of the blackboy tops with rubbing.

Bullamun kaljimung or Demmanung kaljimung
Look at the cousins catching the fire.