

Dear Don,

Enclosed is a tape (very poor)
I made at Halls Creek interviewing
two old people regarding the
mythic cooking of stone by Mabu the
red kangaroo when he was a
man in the dreamtime. There are
also 3 sections relating to the
actual practical method of cooking
stone.

Tape Gunter No.

1-22

The kangaroo is heating stone and
using the hot sand to
straighten out the long northern
type spearthrower used to propel
the stone tipped spears.

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brief description of cooking method

29-32

Song sung as the fire is lit

32-55

description of fire pit as oven

56-66

Kangaroo flakes the cooked stone
(each beat note emphasises the
flake coming away), then
places the finished tip on the
end of the spear

67-77

the spear shaft is straightened

78-104

Songs not in sequence

78-84

straightening shaft

85-90

flaking stone

91-96

heating stone

97-104

balancing spear in woomera

109-118

different song sequence relating to heat treatment

119-124

pressure flaking and hafting tip

125-130

balancing spear

131-158

description of heat treatment

159-235

Practical description of heat treatment and flaking.

The men do not have much English

but I think you will find the tape interesting. Did you manage

to find if Tehwa is interested in the flaking stone with wood paper?

Regards

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