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Caring for Jagun

It is said that in our Dreaming, Jabreen taught us our language, our lore, our initiation, and most importantly, how to care for **ngalingah jagun** (our country).

The taking up of our lands for pastoral homesteads and agriculture disrupted our camps and sacred sites, resulting in the near destruction of native plants and animals that our clans use for food, medicine, tool-making, and camp building.

As colonisation intensified, traditional foods became less and less available throughout the many traditional camps.

People from across our area continue to exercise their traditional rights, whether that be collecting natural resources, walking country with their family, hunting and fishing, making pilgrimage to our sacred sites, or conducting spiritual and community activities on country.

Cause and effect

Cause	›	What changed on the land?	›	What was lost?	›	How did it affect people?

Questions

1. Name four things native plants and animals were used for.

2. List three ways Yugambeh people care for and use Country today.

3. Why do you think caring for Country is called *most importantly* in the story of Jabreen?

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CARING FOR JAGUN

My Caring for Country plan

Choose a place near you: a creek, a beach, a park or bushland. Make a plan to help care for it.

My place, and whose Country it is on

What is the problem? (rubbish, weeds, erosion, loss of animals…)

What I found out (from observation, research or asking people)

My action: what will I do, and who will I work with?

How will I know it made a difference?

Tip: before working on Country, find out whose Country it is and ask the local Traditional Owners how they would like it cared for.

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