Yugambeh Nation

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Map Detectives

A century of mapping the Yugambeh Nation.

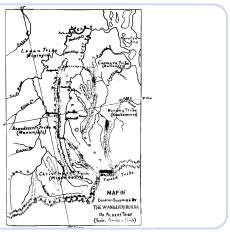
Mapping the territories of Aboriginal nations has long been a daunting task, fraught with historical complexities and cultural intricacies that defy conventional cartographic methods. The legacy of colonisation casts a shadow over these efforts, as arbitrary borders imposed by European settlers disrupted traditional Aboriginal lands and obscured the intricate web of kinship ties and cultural landscapes.

Central to the mapping conundrum are Aboriginal cultural boundaries, which are often defined by factors such as language, sacred sites, songlines, and seasonal resource use. These boundaries may not align with Western concepts of land ownership and borders, posing a significant challenge to cartographers seeking to represent Aboriginal territories accurately.

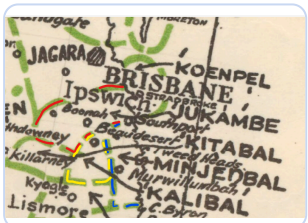
For the Yugambeh people, the process of mapping their traditional territories is not merely an academic exercise but a profound journey of cultural reinvigoration and preservation. Together though, Yugambeh people have worked for decades to collaboratively create maps.

Who made each map?

Use the word bank to write the mapmaker under each map.



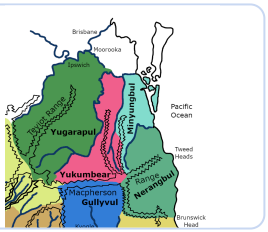
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c.1940



c.1943



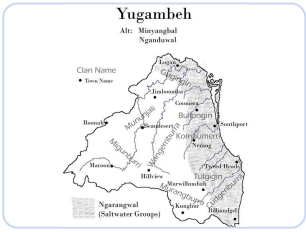
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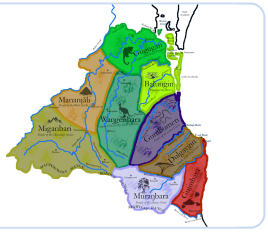
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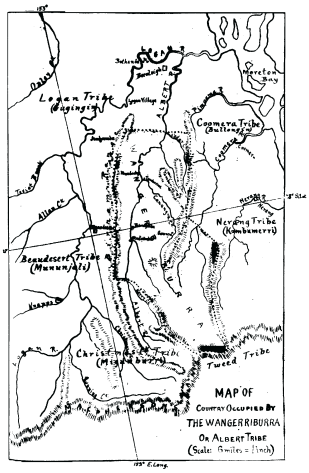
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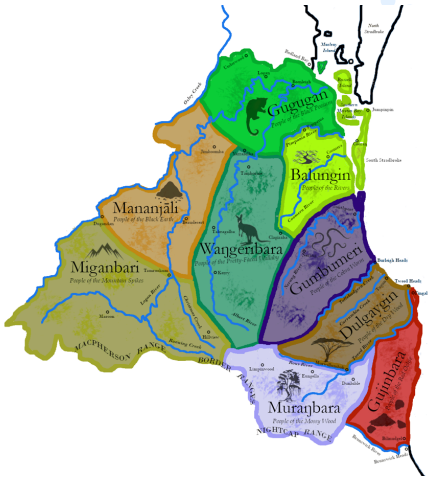
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Compare the maps



c.1913, Allen & Lane



2022, Yugambeh Nation

Questions

1. List three reasons the article gives for why mapping Aboriginal nations is difficult.

2. What can Aboriginal cultural boundaries be defined by?

3. Compare the 1913 map with the 2022 map. Describe two differences.

4. Tindale wrote [jukambe], [minjeŋbal] and [kalibal]. Why might outsiders spell the same names in different ways?

5. Why does the article say consultation with Indigenous communities is paramount?

6. What might a map made by Yugambeh people show that a map made by outsiders might miss?

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