

Mr Etheridge

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Sir,

I have the honour to report as follows: -

The party was duly conducted to the Bora Grounds, the position of which will be fixed later, as the site is possibly in another Parish other than that of the map provided.

Observations, and measurements were made, showing the position of each tree: This will be diagrammatically portrayed by Dr Anderson.

The trees, (Red Gum & Apple), were carved in the bark, with a short bladed Tomahawk sixty years ago, and the bark being absent it was necessary to reconstruct the different patterns of the carvings in chalk, from well-defined scars made on the sap-wood. None of the trees are worthy of removal.

Associated with the trees and intercalated more or less regularly with the ^{same} former, are a number of mounds of heaped earth. These will be also shown on the plan.

There is also, in the north-east corner of the Bora Ground, a crescentic mound 2 feet high by 15 feet greatest length. Two of the smaller variety and the crescentic mound were cut through and bottomed on sandstone at a depth of about four feet. They contained nothing of an aboriginal character. The site is in open forest country on a slight eminence or plateau. Four of the trees were photographed; those carved all around were taken from different views. The ground ^{is} exceptionally level & sandy.

On Thursday, Dr Anderson & Clutton proceeded in another direction to photograph some rock paintings, which I believe are exceptionally fine. I spent the day collecting flakes & other implements at the camp site in the Bora ground vicinity.

In conclusion I would like to place on record the hospitality afforded us by Mr Etheridge and his family, a fact which we will always remember with pleasure and mention with gratitude.

Yours Respectfully
W. D. Thorpe
Ethnologist

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