

Brendan McGrath son of Jim McGrath
grew up in Veresdale Scrub.

Notes taken by Jim McGrath when Billy Drummley visited the Rock Pool at Rosemount, Glenagee on the property, then the home of Mole Byrne. Present on this occasion were Mr R. Byrne, Mrs L. Harrison.

Billy Drummley was born on the other side of Beenleigh, lived round Southport. Came to Beaudesert 1888.

Derringirri, rock well, sacred to old people, young ones not allowed near. Could drink water when old ones brought it.

Bora, away from middle ring 100 yards – boys 12 to 14 young fellows taken away from directions went.

Tribal marks chest and back cut with flint: Coolun

Razorback: Ringgirbil

Beaudesert: Danerrarinbool

Ant hill in Jack Walkers paddock ()
saw ghost, wallaby

Hunted birds with stick-nets for pigeons. Ropes made from bark of cotton bush.

Rock well favourite place for water. Tree on Bilarabyn connected with well.

Spotted gum:	urara
Ironbark:	bigurra
Goowoamin:	Kangaroo
Kangaroo doe:	eumurra
Young kangaroo:	dhulen dhulen
Dingo:	yooroogin
Horse:	yarraman
Turtle:	binging

3 or 4 sorts of turtles, big head river turtle with 3 stripes: beeyembeeyem

Carpet snake:	kobbul
Black snake:	joomgung
Native bear:	boorabee
Possum:	goonul
Copper snake:	dhuree
Brown snake:	kooralbyn
Tabragalba:	waddy
Jelbyn:	white ant
Squirrel:	ghiburroo
Stone axe:	bundan
Spear:	dhuwau
Scrub turkey:	woggom
Witchetty grub:	jabbun
Oak:	joogarra

Crow:	waggun
Witherin:	Bingingeroo
Water:	ghoong
Baby:	taryum
Man:	mibbin tardhum
Good:	Boonara
Young man:	verra
Young girl:	woolboong

Billy Dhujungoorra

Billy 95, born round back of Beenleigh before first German settlers. Lived round Southport, came to Beaudesert 1888. Billy walked from Southport to Tamborine, drink at Woodhill. Tribes went round fighting, Ipswich etc. Tribes would have fight, friends next day. Horse racing at Bargaroom.

Billy remembered Rock Well when sandstone joined. Massacre at Gatton. Black fellows buried in earth not trees. Had heard of death bone. Couldn't remember medicine men. At seaside made rafts.

Bill with survey party holes in cliff, mountain at Murwillumbah. Stone axes quarried at Seymours old place. Used for war. Nulla nulla, boomerang made from trees on Tamborine.

Billy grandfather only water at Bromelton and Tamrookum in big drought. Big flood when rain.

Tribal law, not allowed to go to sister or see women, only the old allowed to cook for men. Porcupine and doe kangaroo reserved for old men.

Sounds, boomerangs rattled on spears, women beating – possum skin rolled in ball.

Tamborine:	currumwull
Small rock holes:	kwoyarra
Brigalow:	boonooroo
Black duck:	mara
Bromelton lagoon:	boogarabelyn
Small ants:	moondun
Green ants:	dillaroo
Native bee:	cohvay
Small bee:	wilyavongul
Jackass:	kargorum
Frill lizard:	nurim
Goanna (black):	yowura
Goanna (yellow):	murrin
God:	Birrung, Mamoon
Eelbogan:	bunyip
Kangaroo:	goowoarrin
Kangaroo doe:	eumurra