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INITIATION, WESTERN AUSTRALIA
(South and Southwest areas)

Institution of initiation by legendary figures

Initiation of two kinds - circumcision and non-circumcision

Initiation in Esperance, West Kimberley, showing relationships concerned in initiation rites

SOUTHERN COASTAL PEOPLE: UNCIRCUMCISED TRIBES

Name of Bunbury Initiation
Adoption of boy
Forbidden foods

Sojourn in various camps

Return journey - collection of visitors

Piercing of nose; scars

Relations with women
Growth of superstitious beliefs

Exchange of names with babbins

Variations in name of "Mannaet", the term applied to boy

Home camp in sight - preparations, decorations, dances, etc., in readiness for formal entry.

Giving of presents and re-distribution of these gifts.

No initiation song among more Southern Bibbulmun

Cape district initiation

Course of "mannaet" journey

Change in relationship of bablingur where matriarchal gave place to agnatic descent (Donnelly River)

Hair cutting ceremony
Non-return of boy from journeying. Cause:
(a) magic (b) stealing

Swan River
Beadawong ceremony. Preparations of food, etc. for visitors

Boy remained behind fence until formal entry.
Presence of ekoos or old men leaders (may denote wanna wa ceremony to follow.)
Dance of ekoos (Home people dance in this district.)

Formal entry of boy; decorations

Giving of presents and re-distribution

Mandura and Murray River
Initiation held in fishing season, so that food for visitors would be plentiful.

Bambooroo = message stick

Food restrictions; cutting of hair

Perth Initiation
(Bibbul's brothers)
Decorations used.
New Norcia
Note change in ceremony for formal entry (human land)

Gingin
Songs sung on return of boy

Southern Initiation

Dialectic equivalents of initiation terms (S. and S.W. districts)

Berkshire Valley

Champion Bay and Western coastal districts
Pearlshell used in ceremony
Attendance of hill people - great display

Influence of eekos

Raebourne
Tying of arm principal feature
Covering with red ochre

CIRCUMCISED TRIBES

Is circumcision a mark of the indigenes?
Various views

The severer rites follow circumcision

Initiation terms

Eastern Goldfields district
Stages of initiation

Mt. Jackson
Stages, decorations, etc.

Canegrass
Extraction of tooth in some parts of district, also blood drinking.

Duketon, Fraser Range
Stages, etc.

Gascoyne Initiation
Circumcision ceremony

Seclusion of boy

Extraction of tooth, nose piercing
Sounding of bull roarer

Decoration of young man
Dance round boy sitting in centre of circle

Subincision or miggern ceremony

Miggern man known by fashion of his beard

Miggern dance

Mt. Margaret Goldfields district
Upper Ashburton and Fortescue Tableland districts

Ashburton - nose piercing
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Capel district

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