

Kun-warddebim nawu dabbarrabolk birri-bimbom



Rock art of our ancestors

Yikahwi nawu kabirri-bimdi na-yuhungki mimih yi-bennan wanjh kabirri-karmekarme nawu boirdok, man-korle, djerrh dja njalehnjale nawu bedberreke. Nawu birri-karmi bu birri-warlbunikenh kabirri-dahdahkendongi man-me.

In some rock paintings, there are the ancestral mimih spirit beings which you can see, and they are holding things such as spear throwers, spears, dilly bags and other items. These are the objects they used in hunting, such as bags into which they would put the food they collected.

Yikahwi karri-nan nawu bim mayh birri-bimbuni dabbarrabolk. Djal birri-djalbimbuni mayh nawu kun-murrng djalkarmi dja mak man-njam yiman ka-yime kun-rdurddu, kun-diw, kun-wobe dja njalehnjale kore kun-burrk kanjdji.

Sometimes we can see paintings of animals, painted by our ancestors. They just painted animals in a way so as to depict their bones and organs such as the heart, the liver, the lungs and other internal body parts.

Kunukka wanjh bedda Balanda kabirri-yolyolme kandih-mulewan namekke bim ka-karreme 'x-ray' kabirri-ngeybun.

That is why non-Aboriginal people talk about these kind of paintings by using the name 'x-ray art'.

