

RECORD OF INTERVIEW WITH BARRY DODD (REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMANGU PEOPLE)

Date and Time: 20 January 2021 at 10.00am

Location: Geraldton Foreshore

Interviewer: David Reid, Exploration Manager, VRX Silica Limited

Also Present: Grant Dodd (son of Barry Dodd)

Are you an Amangu man? I am an Elder of Amangu People and I am a Custodian of the country around the Arrowsmith Project.

Are you one of the Amangu claimants? I am the sole Elder of the original claimants of the Amangu Native Title Claim (WC2004/002).

How old are you? I am 73 years old.

Where were you brought up? I was born in Mingenew, but grew up all over Yamatji Country throughout the Mid-West.

Did you participate in the VRX Silica heritage surveys on the Arrowsmith Project area in December 2018 and October 2020? Yes, and I have been on many heritage surveys for other companies over the same country.

Are you aware of the caves to the west of the Arrowsmith Project near the railway line? Yes I do know the caves, we don't go too far into the caves for cultural and health reasons.

Have you ever hunted any animals or collected bush tucker in the area? It is an area that our family would have gone hunting, not specifically the Sandplains, but would hunt kangaroo, emu, lizards, sometimes emu eggs and small birds.

Have you ever camped or hunted next to Arrowsmith lake? We did Camp around Lake Arrowsmith which with the Arrowsmith River is a very important place to our people and defines the Amangu People as being their Country.

Have you ever camped or hunted next to Beharra Springs? Not so much, it's pretty dry now, at one stage it did have a lot of water in it and used to have plenty of animals around it including donkeys.

When you were on the heritage surveys, did you see any snakes or lizards? There were a few, but because of the number of people on the survey they would have been hiding. I saw a few little grey lizards and yellow belly ones and the odd bungarra.

Other than ticks and ants, what insects did you see? Plenty of kangaroo ticks, sand flies and flies, but nothing much else.

Did you see any millipedes or centipedes? I saw a couple of big centipedes with the big orange stripes, rarely see millipedes, they are quite elusive.

Did you see any kangaroos or wallabies or emus? Quite a few kangaroos, emus with nests, closer to the Arrowsmith River.

Did you see any feral animals like goats, pigs, foxes, cats or dogs, or any signs of them? Lots of feral animals, lots of goats, evidence of pigs (but not the pigs), foxes, there are dogs in the area you can see tracks and evidence of them, you know cats are there but difficult to spot.

Did you see or have you ever seen rabbits? I saw none and there are none to my knowledge, because it's the wrong country for them.

What birds did you see? Black cockatoos, galahs, corellas, finches, others? Yes we saw the odd black cockatoo flying in small groups or pairs, only on the move and not eating. The black cockatoos need bigger trees to live and eat in. They don't flock like the white cockatoos/corellas. We also saw ¹²⁸ parrots and a few finches near water. (Ring necked)

Did you see any bird nests in trees? Only at nesting time where there might be hollows around Lake Arrowsmith and Beharra Springs, for kestrels and crows.

Did you see or have you ever seen any mallee fowl in the area? No I've never seen a mallee fowl out there. It really is the wrong country for them.

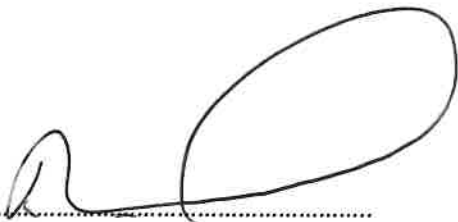
Did you see any unusual animals in the area? No, nothing I didn't expect to see, including the feral animals.

I confirm this is a true record of the interview:


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Barry Dodd

Date: 20. 01. 21

Witnessed by:


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David Reid