

Known Aboriginal gorgets

The following list contains details about all references to Aboriginal gorgets, either in written sources or known to be or have been held in collections, which have been discovered in the course of research for this book. Not included in the list are the gorgets held in the National Museum of Australia's collection which are listed separately.

The inscription is given first and is followed (where known) by a date, location, brief description of the decoration, shape and metal, dimensions (exact or approximate where known), and (in brackets) a reference to the source of the information. The source of information is often a museum collection in which the item is held. The list is alphabetical according to the name (in bold type) of the person for whom the gorget was inscribed.

Inscription	date	location	brief description of decoration	shape and metal	dimensions	source of the information	identification
blank plate, no inscription			crescentic	brass		Museum Victoria	86131
King Abraham	mid-19 th century	Loddon River, Victoria	brass			Joyce 1949	88
Adam , King of Barcoodilla						Australian Museum	TRG Lawrence & Sons Auctioneers, England
Alice Queen of Mannum		possibly South Australia	crescentic	brass, chain		Museum Victoria	X87565
Bagot , King of Coodoobluie		NSW				Australian Museum	Alex Dickensen
Balderoy , Duke of Wallandroo		NSW	emu and kangaroo			Australian Museum	E54300
Presented to Baraban by Shepherd Laidley	in Remembrance of the 9 th Dec 1867	Shoalhaven district, NSW	drowning man being saved by a swimmer			Australian Museum	E80460
Barabahn or MacGil, Chief of the Tribe at Bartabah, on Lake Macquarie; a Reward for his assistance in reducing his Native Tongue to a written Langaue – also Biraban		Lake Macquarie, NSW				Gunson 1974	vol. 1, 6
Benbo , Chief of the Weirabee	1830-40s	Melbourne, Victoria		brass		Haydon 1854	49
Bill , Wyoming, Brisbane Water		Hawkesbury district, NSW				Australian Museum	H610
Billy of Breeze		NSW	emu and kangaroo			Australian Museum	E54302
Billy Dolly, Chief of Carriwong Creek			foliage			Australian Museum	E54314

Billy Elingeit, King of the Barweege Tribe		NSW				Australian Museum	Alan Amstensen
Billy Goat, King of Bumbarlo						Australian Museum	AA Wood, Sydney
Billy Griffith, King of Waradgery	1866	NSW	NSW coat of arms, shield			Australian Museum	E54315
Billy , King of Ena			emu and kangaroo	no chain		Australian Museum	H774
Billy , King of Myrtle Creek						McCarthy 1952	
Billy , King of Nanima		Wellington Valley, NSW	R swan L kangaroo dog	brass	175 (approx) x 115mm	Mitchell Library	R251(a)
Billy Natikillie, King of Thundapurthy		Thundapurthy, Birdsville district, Queensland	R kangaroo L emu	crescentic, brass	295 x 183mm	South Australian Museum	A44871
King Billy , Wooroooolgen	1898	Richmond River region, NSW				Australian Museum	Casino and District Historical Society, Casino, NSW
Bluey , King of Glenariff		Cobar-Bourke district, NSW	lower anterior 'F. Lassetter and Co. Ltd. Sydney', R emu, xanthorrhoea L kangaroo, xanthorrhoea	crescentic		Australian Museum	E54307 McCarthy 1952, 330
Bob of Boulia	1930	Queensland	L kangaroo R emu	crescentic, brass, chain		Noble Numismatics collection	(Captivating & Curious)
Bobby King of Canargo		probably NSW		crescentic, brass		Museum Victoria	X47934
Bobby Chief of the Yulgilbar Tribe		Clarence River, NSW	R kangaroo L emu	crescentic, brass	209 x 118mm	National Library of Australia:	
Bobby , King of Grafton		NSW	R emu, xanthorroea L kangaroo, xanthorroea	crescentic		Hooper 1990	103
King Bogan	Yulgilbar, 1840s	between Bathurst and Baroo, NSW		brass		Graham 1863	66
Boongong Numitt, Chief of the Purrier Tribe			L and \$ laurel branches, centre kangaroo			Powerhouse Museum	A7767
Mr. Brodie , King Kooramarow of Yattimbarilla		Queensland				Australian Museum	E80572

or Connors River							
Berry to Broughton for digging a canal single handedly a feat no white man could emulate		south coast, NSW				Australian Museum	
Bum -Balie, Chief of Whalan		Whalan, north of Moree, NSW	Aboriginal man, woman and child, emu and kangaroo	crescentic		Australian Museum	H780
Bunya Jimmey, King of the Hastings River	Berry, NSW		R emu, xanthorrhoea L kangaroo, xanthorrhoea, centre spear crossed with two boomerangs and club	crescentic		Hooper 1990	103
Burrawambilly , Chief of Bowbow			R kangaroo L emu	brass		Powerhouse Museum	A7769
A reward for merit to Charley of Tullungunnully			L & R laurel leaves	copper?	135 (approx) x 110mm (approx)	Mitchell Library	R250(g)
Charley , King of Birran			R emu, flourish L kangaroo, flourish	crescentic		Hooper 1990	103
Charley , Chief of Merri	5 th Feby 1848		R emu L kangaroo	brass	145 x 148mm	Mitchell Library	ZDR 204
Tuna Wanjinata Brabrolung Kraotun Kurnai Ngiu, King Charley of the Snowy River, Wanjanai Kangu Brabrolung Djitta Wangu Blayta		Snowy River, Orbost, Victoria	stamp on lower anterior reads 'Swanston St Melbourne'		crescent brass, double leather strap instead of chain	Museum Victoria	X81483
Charlie , King of Yatton		Queensland				Australian Museum	E80573
Cobbor Bill, King of Goldbum		Goldbum, Burrill Lake, Milton, NSW	potted plants	crescentic		Australian Museum	E75981
Cockabundy , Chief of Jerrickanora		Jerricknorra, NSW	kangaroo			Australian Museum	E54297
Cockabundy , Chief of Tollwong		Shoalhaven River district, NSW					
Cockey , Chief of Wooleroo		Hunter Valley, NSW				Australian Museum	Bruce Penfold, NSW
Cramberlown Charlie		Picton, NSW	emu and kangaroo	square		Australian Museum	Mr E Garrad, NSW

Tollwong,

Dan of the Wiljakali		western NSW	2 kangaroos facing outward but looking inward			Noble Numismatics collection	(<i>Captivating & Curious</i>)
Davey , King of New England		NSW	emu and kangaroo	crescentic		Australian Museum	E65063
David , Prince of Alamongarindi			R Aboriginal man, star L kangaroo	brass	155 (approx) x 125 mm	Mitchell Library	R251(c)
Dawalla of Wagga Wagga		NSW	L emu R kangaroo			Noble Numismatics collection	(<i>Captivating & Curious</i>)
King Denny			R emu L kangaroo	crescentic		Hooper 1990	103
Derry .S., King of Casino	1885	Casino, NSW				Australian Museum	Richmond River Historical society, NSW
Dubbo , King of Meilmam		Meilmam, NSW	R emu L kangaroo	oval-heart, brass	244 x 138mm	South Australian Museum	A65967
Duke Pollard of Curraburmah		probably Victoria		crescentic, brass		Museum Victoria	X80672
Ellen 1 st , Queen of Iluka						Australian Museum	W R Medway-Smith, NSW
Frederick King of Gouboulion, from Chas. Lawson		Bathurst, NSW				Australian Museum	E49461
King George , Colungulac		Western District, Victoria		semi-oval, brass		Museum Victoria	X49214
King George , South Grafton, Clarence River		Biamanga, Wallaga and Bega district, NSW	R emu, xanthorrhoea L kangaroo, xanthorrhoea, crescentic	chain		Hooper 1990	103
George , King of Waterview			anterior inscription 'H.C. Jarvis, engraver, Sydney'			Australian Museum	Pam Fritzpatrik [sic]
Gooseberry , Queen of Sydney to South Head			R fish L ?	centre coronet, crescentic		McCarthy 1952	328
Cora Gooseberry . Freeman Bungaree, Queen of Sydney	c1800		no design	copper	100 (approx) x 80mm	Mitchell Library	ZR 251(b)
Harry Mulbah, Chief of Berrallawah			L and R laurel branches, centre kangaroo			Powerhouse Museum	A7765
Headman						Australian Museum	Bruce Ussher
Prince Henry of Duchess		Mount Isa, Queensland				McCarthy	1952

Husky , 1853 King of the Morton Bay Tribe	1853	Brisbane, Queensland		woven thread attached		Australian Museum	E54303
Jack Kapeen, King of Wollongbar		Richmond River region, NSW				Richmond River Historical Society, NSW	
Jackabone		NSW	emu and kangaroo			Australian Museum	E54306
Jackey , King of Balgaraliung			R emu L kangaroo plaited	crescentic		Australian Museum McCarthy 1952	E54313, 330
Jacky , King of Illawarra	1860-80		emu and kangaroo	crescentic		Australian Museum	E83852
King Jacky , Weriss Creek		south-west Tamworth, NSW	Aboriginal, man holding a spear flanked by kangaroo and emu			Australian Museum	E77633
Jackey , King of Youwandah		probably Youendah, NSW				Australian Museum	JH Myrtle
Jackey , King of Yowandah		Queensland	L emu R kangaroo, below inscription man on horseback chasing running horses	double line border, brass, crescentic		private collection	
Jacob , King of Bathurst			central kangaroo, laurel leaves L and R	crescentic, brass		private collection	
Jacob Icely, Constable, Coombing	1863	Barwon, NSW	Aboriginal man holding boomerangs			Australian Museum	E67345
Jacky Cumbo, Texas		Queensland	R emu L kangaroo	brass	180 x 110mm	Mitchell Library	R250(a)
Presented by His Excellency Sir Charles Augustus Fitz Roy ... Governor ... NSW, to Jackey Jackey	1848-49		in relief, swans for the horns central dingo head	silver	6 (approx) x 4 ¾ [inches]	Mitchell Library	R453
Jackey Jackey King of Logan and Pimpama – also John Logan and Aboriginal name Bilinba (meaning 'king parrot')		Logan River, Queensland		crescentic, chain		photo and info from Ysola Best	
Jacky Jacky , constable, King of Toolooby			anterior inscription 'H.G. Irwin'; no design	copper?	153 (approx) x 95mm	Mitchell Library	R250(b)
King James of Baelpin,		NSW		crescentic,		Museum Victoria	X83038

Patrick Plains				brass			
James Piper, Thomas Piper, constable			R kangaroo L emu	brass	125 (approx) x 145	Mitchell Library	R250(c)
Jemmy Abigail, chief of the Braidwood Tribe		NSW	Aboriginal man			Australian Museum	E54304
Jemmy Curraburma	1843	Yeo Yeo and Mow Poke Creeks		brass		Graham 1863	253
Jemmy Rodd , Constable			Central escarbuncle			Powerhouse Museum	A7766
Jemmy Vincent , King of Dogingorogaram			Emu and kangaroo			Australian Museum	E54312
Jenny , Queen of Broulee		south coast NSW	R Aboriginal man with spear L kangaroo	crescentic		Hooper 1990	103
Jerro , chief of Waverly			foliage			Australian Museum	E54310
Jerry , King of Gurah	NSW	Gurah later Werrina, Boomi River, NSW	kangaroo and emu			Australian Museum	E77655
Jerry , Overseer of Woolshed		Wellington district, NSW	emu and kangaroo	crescentic		Australian Museum McCarthy 1952	E54308 329
King Jetto , Wallumbi		Wollombi, NSW	kangaroo and emu	crescentic		Australian Museum	E54309
Jimbalungie , King of Weraï		probably NSW	lower anterior inscription 'C.G. Roeszler 260 Lt. Collins St'	crescentic, brass		Museum Victoria	X86901
Jimey , King of Boondoon	1892		anterior inscription 'Conn. Bros. to King Jimey of Boondoon for his long services and good behaviour. Watson, Ferguson and Co., Engravers Brisbane. Feb 17/92'			Australian Museum	Mrs MM Gudmore, South Australia
Jimmy Thompson , King, Laura Deighton Tribe		north Queensland	no design	rectangular, copper	245 x 95mm	South Australian Museum	A14039
King Joe by T. icely	1844	Bangaroo Station,				Australian Museum	Canowindra Historical

		Canowindra district, NSW					Museum, NSW
Joe Bungaree – King of the Blacks	1886					Australian Museum	Mrs J M Lowry, NSW
Joe Timbrey , Chief of the Five Islands		Illawarra, NSW				Australian Museum	E543111
John , Chief of Burrooa, Presented by J.J. Howell			R emu, L kangaroo	brass	140 (approx.) x 110mm	Mitchell Library	ZR250(d)
King John , Navena		northwest NSW or central Queensland	florid along lower edge of plate	crescentic, brass	c140mm wide	Australian Museum	RC Williams, NSW; Cook 1981
King John of Wagala						Australian Museum	WR Medway-Smith, NSW
John Piper , Conqueror of the Interior	1836	Bathurst, NSW	given to Piper by Major Sir Thomas Mitchell, 1836			Mitchell	1839
Kitten , Chief of the Sydney Tribe		Sydney, NSW	foliage and decorative design			Australian Museum	E54316
Malcolm Chief of Kukuruk Mum				crescentic, brass		Museum Victoria	X86130
Margaret , Queen of Gundurimba		Richmond River region, NSW				Australian Museum	Richmond River Historical Society, NSW
King Merryman , Wallaga Lake		south coast NSW	R emu, tree, L kangaroo, xanthorrhoea	crescentic		NMA	Milne Album p.15
Mickey Johnson , King; Illawarra		Illawarra, NSW		crescentic		Australian Museum	Chiddick Jamberoo; Kiama Museum
Moororar of Namutch		NSW	emu and kangaroo and Aboriginal man			Australian Museum	E54299
Moringally , Chief of Natty						Australian Museum	Mr E Garrad, NSW
Mushroonah , Aid de camp to the King of Ta-wang-ah		Tawangah, Goodooga, NSW	R emu, L kangaroo, centre Aboriginal man with spear	crescentic, brass	140 x 92mm	South Australian Museum	A69211
Presented to Queen Narjin of the Nyungar, Albany, 11 th May 1880	11 th May 1880	Albany, Western Australia	L kangaroo and gum tree, R emu and xanthorrhoea, scalloped border	crescentic		private collection	

			decoration, on anterior maker's mark 'Tolke'				
Neddy , King of Windorah		Inverell district, NSW		crescentic		Australian Museum McCarthy 1952	E54298 330
Neil , King of Mount Harris, the gift of Robert Martin Junr		Coonamble district, NSW	emu and kangaroo	crescentic		Australian Museum	E54305
Nemmit , 1825, Chief of the Sutton Forest Tribe	1825	Sutton Forest, NSW	no design	bronze	145 (approx.) x 130mm	Mitchell Library	ZR 250(f)
New Chum Harry , King of the Mulgi		Richmond River region, NSW				Australian Museum	Richmond River Historical Society, NSW
Oombejang-Watson , Wellington Valley, Missionary Stockman	mid 19 th century	Wellington Valley, NSW	R and L laurel branches, centre escarbuncle	crescentic, bronze		Robertson 1928	81
King Paddy , Buchan		Victoria	border design, on back impressed marks 'Lake, Vic' and maker's mark a crown over 'L'	crescentic, brass		private collection	
Peter Chief of Natal Downs		Clermont, Queensland		crescentic, brass		Museum Victoria	unregistered
Peter Belmy , King of Yerally, Gindenbar and Gundirimbah		Yerally, Wyrallah and Gindenbar, Camp Creek				Australian Museum	Richmond River Historical Society, NSW
Robert , King of Tatala		Tatala later Angledool Station, NSW	kangaroo, xanthorrhoea, emu, tree			Australian Museum	E54295
Mr. Ross , King of Kulkyne and Mornpool			anterior lower left 'W. Tocknell engr', lower right '41 Swanston St., Melbourne'	R kangaroo, grass tufts, bushes L emu, trees, grass tufts, crescentic, brass	207 x 95mm	National Library of Australia	RS/NK:1881
Rowley – King of Tomki		Tomki, Tomki Creek, north Lismore, NSW	emu and kangaroo			Australian Museum	E78043
Presented to Queen Rungini of the Nyungar, 11 th May 1881, Albany	11 th May 1881	Albany, Western Australia	L kangaroo with gum tree, R emu with xanthorrhoea, border decoration	copper/brass, crescentic		private collection	

			of leaves and berries; on back maker's stamp 'S' arrow mark and reverse D, 'WA, 81'				
King Sandy , Moreton Bay	1890	Brisbane, Queensland		crescentic		painting by Oscar Fristrom (1898) Donaldson 1985	95
Sandyman and Biddy , King and Queen of Ashby						Australian Museum	WR Medway-Smith, NSW
Syntax King of Brabcut		Carr's Plains Western District, Victoria	Syntax was also James Harrison, Syntax Wettenhall	crescentic, brass		Museum Victoria	unregistered
Taffy , King of Thundapurdy		Birdsville district, Queensland	R kangaroo L emu	crescentic, brass	277 x 188mm	South Australian Museum	A41782
Tallboy , King of Moorabie		posterior centre 'J. Fitzsimys(?), 113 Pitt St, Arts(?) Sydney	R florid design, kangaroo L florid design, emu, lower Aboriginal stockman pursuing mob of horses through landscape	crescentic, brass	160 x 80mm	National Library of Australia	RS/NK:1880
Thommy Weavers , King of Curvy, Kangaroo Swamp		Bathurst district,		crescentic, brass		private collection	
Tinker , King of Teraiche		Chowilla, Queensland	kangaroo, emu, boomerang and spear	brass		<i>The Adelaide Observer</i>	4.4.1885, p
Toby King of Ravensbroome		Queensland		crescentic, brass		Museum Victoria	X87564
Toby , King of Wambangalang, Wellington		Wellington, NSW	L kangaroo R emu, centre Aboriginal man with boomerang and spear			Oxley Museum, Wellington, NSW	
Tommy of Bungebar				crescentic, brass		Museum Victoria	unregistered
Tommy , King of Carrs Creek		Grafton, NSW				Australian Museum	E77636
Tommy Bunn-Berrah , King of Swan Reach		Gippsland, Victoria	also known as Tommy Bumbench	crescentic, brass		Museum Victoria	X86129

King Tommy Grinnon , Chief of the Muringo Tribe			R kangaroo, pine tree, L emu, pine tree	brass	155 x135mm	Mitchell Library	R250(e)
Tommy , King of Tarngan		Mungindi, NSW-Queensland border	L kangaroo, R eum, centre Aboriginal man with spear and boomerang	crescentic, brass		private collection	
Tommy , Chief of Tartongor		probably north-east Victoria		crescentic, brass		Museum Victoria	X72553
King Wagor-Day , Black Rock, Bathurst			central escarbuncle	crescentic, brass		private collection	
Wild Duck , King of Windermere			L & R laurel branches, centre coronet	crescentic		Hooper 1990	103
Master William , King of Sugarloaf			on reverse 'S.P. Grenfell and Sons'			Powerhouse Museum	A7768
Willie Murray , King of Doondi	Bathurst	Doondi Station, southern Queensland	R Aboriginal grave platform L Two Aboriginal figures in bush with weapons			South Australian Museum	GL Wlsh
King Witti of Mudgee		NSW				private collection	
Wombail Oouthenang	mid-19 th century	Armidale district, NSW				Noble Numismatics collection	<i>(Captivating & Curious)</i>
Womana Ootherang , Chief of Silannon Vieele			R Aboriginal man with spear and boomerang L Aboriginal woman with spear and child	crescentic		Hooper 1990	103
Youngerrow , Chief of the Rormear Tribe	1850s	Encounter Bay, South Australia	L & R laurel branch, centre coronet,	crescentic, brass	153 x 120mm	South Australian Museum	A37624
unknown		Native of New England				Australian Museum	University of New England