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The Creation of the Clarence Aboriginal People: The Giant Serpent.

The Clarence River has a great meaning and importance to the local *Goorie* (Aboriginal) people. A number of dreamtime stories are focused on the Big River. This story relates to the creation of the local *Goorie* People.

The Durrangan and the Giant Fig Tree.

This dreamtime story relates to the importance of the *Durrangan*: a powerful spirit in the beliefs of local *Goories*. The *Durrangan* is treated with the highest respect by the local *Goorie* people.

Ulugundahi Island Mission Site.

This island was an Aboriginal mission in the early 1900s. The Aboriginal Protection Board collected *Goorie* people from the surrounding Clarence Valley area to live here.

Reedy Creek Aboriginal Camp Site.

This area was the first *Goorie* camping area in Yamba outside the Ulugundahi Island Aboriginal Mission in 1935.

Story House Camping Area.

Near the Story House Museum in Yamba was located the second camping area. The *Goorie* people's lifestyle was gradually changing in the 1940 and 1950s.

Barrie Point Midden.

At Barrie Point is located a midden or shellfish rubbish dump. This area was very popular with the local *Goorie* People with family groups regularly collecting and seating seafoods.

The Story of the Giant Eel.

This is another dreamtime story about the Giant Eel which travelled through the Clarence Valley, creating the Clarence River.

Angourie Road Camping Site.

In the late 1950s this site was the third camping area for the *Goorie* People in Yamba.

Green Point – Meeting Place.

This area was very special to the Yaegl people. Tribes from other areas came together for ceremonies such as initiations corroborees.

Mara Creek Pre-White Contact Aboriginal Campsite.

Mara Creek was also a camping Site, but is different to the others because it was used well before white settlement of the area.

Angourie – Fish Trap.

For thousands of years *Goorie* people used all nature's resources. Fish traps were common through out Australia, some were man made. This fish trap is a natural rock formation.

The Durrangan and the Stone Canoe.

This dreamtime story relates to the *Durrangan* and the creation of the stone canoe.

The Woombah Midden.

This midden is the largest on the East Coast of Australia. Among this midden a dingo's tooth was found to be the oldest recorded in Australia

Lower Clarence Aboriginal Tourist Site Drive

*This important project has been dedicated to
MRS ANNIE RANDALL
A highly respected Yaegl member*

This project began in 1992 when the communities wanted to inform people about the importance of the Aboriginal Culture within the Lower Clarence. This is a self-guided tourist drive to various Aboriginal sites in the area.

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Yaegl's Significant Aboriginal Culture



The larger circles represent Maclean and Yamba's Aboriginal communities.



The smaller circles represent their extensions being Ilarwil & Crystal Waters where Aboriginal people now live as well.



These represent the Men's Sacred Sites.



These represent the Woman's Sacred Sites.



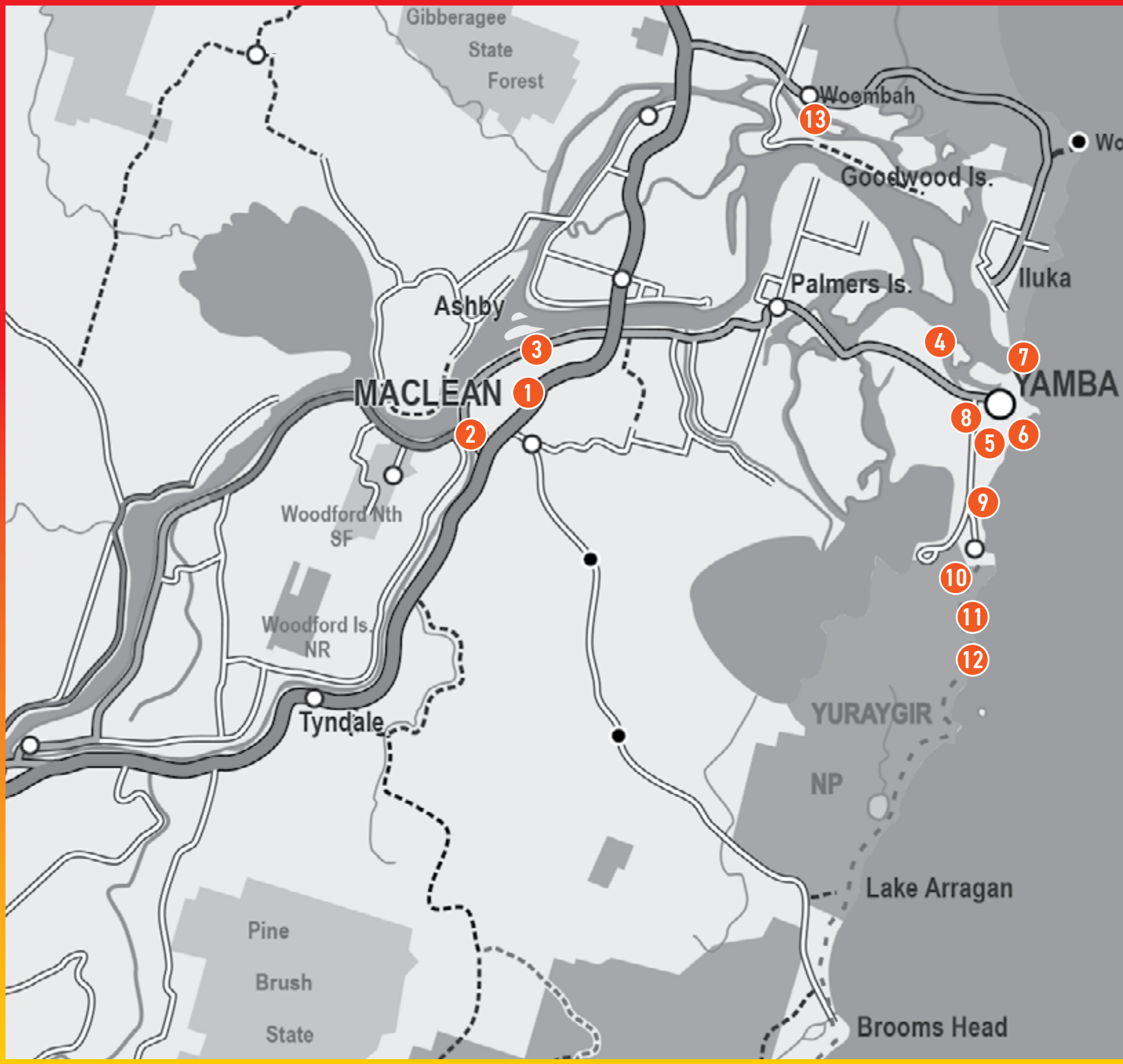
These represent other sacred sites within our local area.

The Sacred Sites are many & varied and are all equally important within our local Culture past and present.

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- 1 THE GIANT SERPENT**
Maclean Lookout, Wharf Street, Maclean
- 2 THE GIANT FIG TREE**
Maclean Showground, Maclean
- 3 ULUGUNDAHI ISLAND**
Yamba Road between Maclean and Harwood Bridge
- 4 REEDY CREEK**
End of Shores Drive, Yamba
- 5 STORY HOUSE**
Yamba Museum, River Street, Yamba
- 6 BARRIE POINT MIDDEN**
Adjacent Pippie Beach 4WD Access, Yamba
- 7 THE GIANT EEL**
Adjacent Lighthouse, Pilot Hill, Yamba
- 8 CAMPSITE**
Ngayundi sports field, Angourie Road, Yamba
- 9 MEETING PLACE**
Green Point Reserve, Angourie
- 10 MARA CREEK CAMPSITE**
Mara Creek, Yuraygir NP (20m from footbridge)
- 11 FISH TRAP**
Mara Creek, Yuraygir NP (600 metres via foot)
- 12 DURRANGAN LOOKOUT**
Mara Creek, Yuraygir NP (2 klms via foot)
- 13 WOOMBAH MIDDEN**
Woombah Park, Iluka Road, Woombah