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## **AN AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL PARRYING SHIELD , SOUTHWEST QUEENSLAND**

THE SURFACES OF TOY SHIELDS MADE FOR CHILDREN WERE LEFT PLAIN AND UNDECORATED . YOUNG BOYS WOULD NOT YET BE FAMILIAR OR CONSCIOUS OF THE VISUAL GRAMMAR ASSOCIATED WITH THE SIMPLE GRAPHIC DESIGNS AND HAD NO NEED TO STRESS OR STATE THEIR IDENTITY . ONLY AT THE COMPLETION OF A CERTAIN STAGE IN A BOYS INITIATION WAS HE GIVEN HIS 'PROPER' SHIELD .

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## **LITERATURE**

SEE : FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO. 2 ( ITEM2 ) FOR AN EXAMPLE OF A WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PARRYING SHIELD