

## Kepa Djanak – Water Spirit

Long ago in the dreamtime the land was bare, and the water was starting to disappear.

There were three Nyungar tribes, they were all worried that the water would run out.  
All the animals and plant life were starting to wither away.

The three tribes all got together and talked about how they could help fix the problem.  
They decided together that they should get around together and have a ceremony to  
call upon the great spirit Djanak.

Djanak spoke to the tribes and told them to give him some offerings.

The first Nyungar tribe offered Djanak spears and boomerangs, but Djanak  
didn't like their offerings.

So, the next Nyungar tribe offered animal skins and grass baskets, but Djanak wasn't  
happy with their offering either.

Now the last tribe thought they would try offering beautiful shells fruits and berries  
and done a spiritual dance.

Djanak finally was happy with the offerings, Djanak sent a great trembling through  
the ground which caused the ground to open around all the land.

The Nyungar tribes looked far as they could see and saw water forming into  
rockholes, lakes, rivers and the sea.

The Nyungar tribes were happy that Djanak blessed them with plenty of water. It was  
then a tradition that the tribes would dance and give offerings every year to this day.

