

## Relationship

Biana	Father
Wiana	Mother
Gurung	Child or Baby
Babana	Brother
Djiramin	Sister
Durung	Son
Durunang	Daughter
Makun	Sweetheart /Lover
Mullamang	Husband
Dynamang	Wife
Dyin	Woman
Dyinoragan	Old Woman
Gamarada	Friend or ally

## Place Names

Warran	Sydney Cove
Pannerong	Rose Bay
Kayemay	Manly Bay
Garangal	North Head
Wareamah	Cockatoo Island
Kamay	Botany Bay
Tubergule	Sydney Harbour East
Tarralbe	South Head
Burramatta	Parramatta
Cabacaba	Middle Head
Kirrabilli	Kirrabilli
Boondi	Bondi

# LANGUAGES

The Voice  
of Aboriginal Peoples

Language is part of what  
defines our identity.

Preservation of these languages will  
ensure continuing cultural identity and  
Aboriginal connection to country.

Reference for Language:  
William Dawes; 'Notebooks'  
Jakelin Troy; 'The Sydney Language'

## Aboriginal Australia

We are the oldest continuous  
culture in the world

A vibrant culture with great  
Diversity

407 Languages

1000's of Dialects

## Colours of the Aboriginal Flag

Ngana	Black
Mudyil	Red
Yerakal	Yellow



## Aboriginal Heritage Office

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# The Sydney Language

NSW alone had more than 50 different languages and dialects. Here are a few from around Sydney:

- Dharawal
- Bunjalung
- Wiradjuri
- Darug
- Awabakal

None of the early records of the language spoken in the Sydney Basin show any indication that Aboriginal people gave their language a name or had a word for 'language'. Without any living speakers to turn to for advice, the only sources of information about the language are historical records.

Against all odds a great number of words have managed to survive in wordlists written by colonists, who had direct contact with the language and the people who spoke it. What are the Aboriginal words and place names in your local area?

The words in this brochure come from the Sydney Language.

# Voices of the Past

Laws preventing Aboriginal people from speaking their own languages have changed with attitudes. Aboriginal people can now speak without fear of punishment. But still today a child's first language that connect them to country and kin must take second place to English. Great initiatives are happening with children's local language story books. This is encouraging children to come to school and making them proud of their culture. But all lessons are still taught in English.

There is a dream that Aboriginal languages will be heard loudly and understood by all.

There are around 400 words from 80 different Aboriginal languages that are used in English today. Some Sydney language words are Warada is Waratah, Kaowi is Cooe.



# Natural Elements

- Dagara
- Walai
- Badu
- Garrigarang
- Minak
- Darraburra
- Duruga
- Warrawal
- Guwara
- Mungi
- Murungal
- Yanada
- Guwng

# Location Direction Time

- Buruwa
- Above
- Below
- Down
- To
- This way
- Near to
- Long way
- Today
- Then