



Aboriginal Heritage Office Yarnupings



Summer Special

*Summer has filled her veins with light
and her heart is washed with noon.*

C. Day Lewis

Tree...
he watching you.
You look at tree,
he listen to you.
He got no finger,
he can't speak.
But that leaf...
he pumping, growing,
growing in the night.
While you sleeping
you dream something.
Tree and grass same thing.
They grow with your body,
with your feeling.

Bill Neidjie

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It's amazing that the amount of news
that happens in the world every day
always just exactly fits the newspaper.
Jerry Seinfeld

Volunteer:

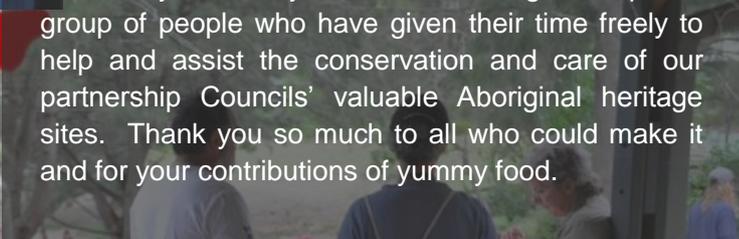


By Viki Gordon

THE AHO VOLUNTEER MONITORS XMAS PARTY



The Volunteer Monitors' Christmas Party took place at the beautiful Manly Dam in early December. It was a wonderful day, albeit slightly cold and windy, however the warmth and friendship experienced on the day made up for any chilliness in the air (plus I was working on the BBQ!). It was a fantastic gathering of like minded people and I was so pleased to see people making new friends, swapping phone numbers and sharing their monitoring experiences. It certainly made my heart swell as I gazed upon a group of people who have given their time freely to help and assist the conservation and care of our partnership Councils' valuable Aboriginal heritage sites. Thank you so much to all who could make it and for your contributions of yummy food.



People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy. Anton Chekov

HANDY HINTS FOR VOLUNTEER MONITORS:

Six Maps

maps.six.nsw.gov.au

Six Maps is a NSW Government website that provides access to cadastral and topographic information, satellite data and aerial photography for New South Wales. The base version is free and you can access it through URL: www.maps.six.nsw.gov.au. Six Maps seems to be more up to date and provide better clarity than Google Maps. One of the most interesting aspects from an archaeological perspective, but only in regards to Sydney CBD, is that you can view the property or site as it was on aerials taken in 1943. It greatly assists us in locating the possible whereabouts of sites by disclosing the location of exposed sandstone platforms and overhangs which can not be seen from current aerials due to development and vegetation. It's a fascinating insight into historical Sydney.

Photos: Snapshots from Six Maps. North Curl Curl c.1943 (left) and North Curl Curl 2015 (right)



I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph. Shirley Temple

True Local?

By Phil Hunt.

One of the most important possessions Indigenous peoples have is their knowledge of their local area. Reading the seasonal changes helps in the prediction of when food sources will be available, when management techniques like burning will be most effective, and when extreme weather events like floods and storms are more likely to occur. We know how our own local knowledge can be of short and longer term benefit – when our local petrol station drops the price, which supermarkets have the best quality items, where we can go for a picnic without getting crowded out, and even the best places to rent or invest in property. It would be difficult to put a monetary figure on the value of this kind of knowledge.

The world is becoming increasingly global, a place where the movement of individuals, families and even whole communities is becoming commonplace. Most people in Australia can only trace their family heritage back in a particular local area a couple of generations. It is so easy to lose that deep understanding of place. Our grandparents' stories are often of somewhere we no longer live or have never lived. The stories often relate to ways of living that no longer seem relevant to the busy modern world.

Try the Heritage Mapping Exercise

Ask yourself and others the following questions:

Is the place where you were born and grew up the same as where you live now?

Are you living in the same place as your parents (1 or all)?

How many people do you know locally who have memories (accurate and objective) for your area that go back more than 30 years?

Are you living in the same place as your grandparents (1, 2, 3 or all)?

Do you know someone who can tell you a family story about your local area that goes back beyond 1900?

With changing weather patterns due to climate change, even the most pristine cultural knowledge of place is becoming less reliable. What does it matter that a certain animal was plentiful when a particular plant flowered if the flowers come so early now that they no longer coincide? What does it matter if the sight of a particular animal at a particular time meant a harsher winter when the worst storms now come at different times? Even if the bush tucker food arrives in time, how can it possibly feed a modern population counted in billions? The importance of local knowledge and Indigenous connection to land may not address these issues in the 'old ways', but that information is still crucial for developing new and viable landuse practices.

Estimates suggest Indigenous peoples make up 5% of the world's population, their territories make up 25% of the earth's lands and waters and 80% of the world's biodiversity. Yet these areas are under increasing threat including the locking out of the traditional owners to provide parks and reserves to protect them from the rest of us. The world is entering a new period where the traditional knowledge of the past is losing traction to changing weather patterns and the global economy. Yet combining the essence of Indigenous people's respect and sense of responsibility for the land and waters combined with scientific passion and new technologies gives us all opportunities to face the challenges with hope, especially for younger people who inherit what's left.

Seasons:

By Karen Smith

An Early October Story

The North Easter are blowing strong and fresh
I love this season of drama and change

Winds swinging, changing South then North
Then the North Westerly came, Baking our Winter bodies
Great hot gusts and constant moving against
Then no Wind
Only the Heat
The wind swung South again
Dropping the thermometer and the mood by 10 Degrees C

The North Easter blowing strong warm and fresh

The Goniemah blowing strong and fresh
I love this season of drama and change
Gura swinging, changing Badyayalang then Buruwan
Then Dulugal came, Baking our winter bodies
Marri Gadalung Gura , constant moving against
Then no Gura
Only the Gadalung
The Gura swung Badyayalang
Murayung and the mood by 10 degrees C

The nights have been just as changeable

2 Cotton Blankets and Summer Doona
Winter Doona

2 Cotton Blankets and Summer Doona

2 Cotton Blankets

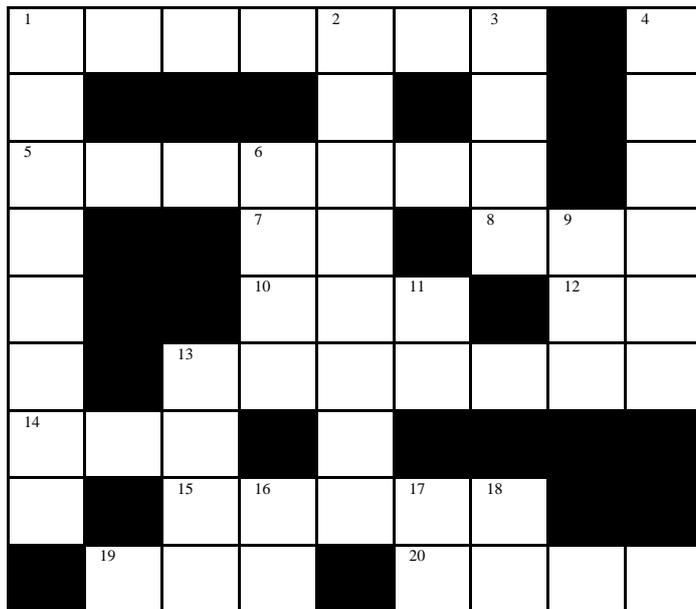
1 Cotton Blanket

Nothing

1 Cotton Blanket

2 Cotton Blankets and Summer Doona

Quizerama:



What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?
Tinsilitis!



- Across**
1. What some Councils may become!
 5. Scientific name for Sydney cockle.
 7. Indicating origins.
 8. The part most used on the Bunya Pine.
 10. A craft more advanced than ours?
 12. Opposite of NW.
 13. Gets lots of work with a restructure.
 14. Maori word for nation/people.
 15. Shelters are commonly associated with this.
 19. Pseudonym.
 20. Sydney language for people.

- Down**
1. Detailed examination.
 2. Difficult to remove from rock art sites.
 3. Average.
 4. Rock or mud —, common in local middens.
 6. Gloomy.
 9. ___-wear on a stone tool.
 11. Above.
 13. Choose.
 16. Musical note.
 17. Iron.
 18. Fee fi — and a bit of fum

Answers on page 8 (no peekin' til you're done!)

My definition of an intellectual is someone who can listen to the William Tell Overture without thinking of the Lone Ranger.

Billy Connolly

Prejudice is a great time saver. You can form opinions without having to get the facts.

E. B. White

Summer-True or False:



A. Moss is a slow growing plankton.



B. Channels were sometimes cut by local clans to direct water into natural holes.



C. Banksias only occur in Australia.

D. Traditional fire practices were only used for hunting.



F. Goannas only visit picnic areas as there is good sun to warm up.



E. There are at least 3 common native figs in the Sydney area.



G. Smooth barked trees begin to lose their bark from November.

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Serendipity:

While our lovely Danish Intern Helene Clemmensen was working at the AHO we received a communication from a Danish School in Copenhagen. Helene replied to the school in Danish which was quite a surprise for the teacher.

The following questions are from her Year 11 students.
How would you go at answering these questions?

1. Anders W(1) and Emil

Kevin Rudd held his speech "sorry" in 2008 where he apologised for the mistreatment of the Aboriginal Peoples of Australia. We have worked with analysing the speech and one of his intentions was to make a new united Australia. Can you feel any differences in Australia since the speech?

2. Anders N and Lucas

We have heard that the Government has threatened to close up to 150 Aboriginal Communities for no reason. How can this occur in Australia today with the history that Australia has?

3. Charlotte and Julie

We saw a video about racism in Australia that implies that it is still an issue and that it reduces opportunities for the Aboriginal Peoples. We want to know how you handle the racism against you?

4. Furkan and Simon

Hello, we have been working with Aboriginal Australians in Australia during our English lessons and we would like to ask you a couple of questions:

First of all we would like to ask if there are any Aboriginal politicians in the Australian Government/Parliament?

And the second question is – is there equality in the job market between white and Aboriginal Australians?

5. Mathia and Anders W(2)

Hello, how do you think the Government should handle the racism situation in your country?

6. Vibeke and Alex

Hello, we have seen a lot of videos where white people camp with the Aboriginal and support them and we have a single question:

We really want to know why the white people decide to support the Aboriginal Australians in their cause?

True or False Answers: A. False (they are flowerless plants), B. True, C. False (PNG too!), D. False (also for easier movement, promoting certain plants, etc), E. True (eg Port Jackson, Moreton Bay & Sandpaper), F. False (they like people food—but don't feed 'em as can harm them), G. True.

Crossword Answers: Across 1. amalgam, 5. Anadara, 7. of, 8. nut, 10. UFO, 12. SE, 13. printer, 14. iwi, 15. cliff, 19. a.k.a., 20. eora. Down 1. analysis, 2. graffiti, 3. mean, 4. oyster, 6. dour, 9. use, 11. on, 13. pick, 16. la, 17. FE, 18. fo.

A Serenity Prayer:

By Karen Smith

A Sydney Language reflection of a Serenity Prayer

Serenity Prayer

God,

Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

And the willingness to take action,
and do whatever it takes.

Baime

Burbangana ngaya -----Take hold of my hand / help me

Yirrsbadiou -----I have wearied myself

Damura mudjaru -----I refuse sympathy

Naabaou bunul-----I will see sunshine

Walama-----I will return

dugarang, mudung, bulbuwul-----straight, alive/ brave, strong



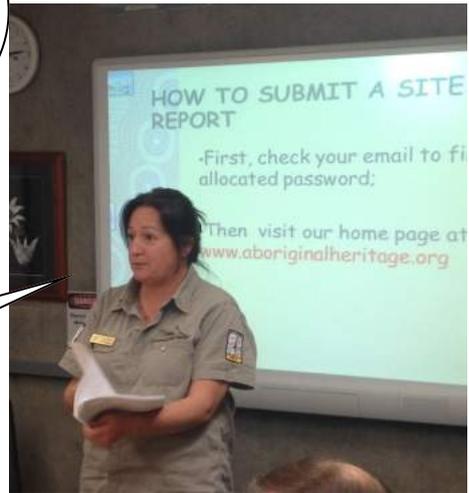
The Year in Review:

Hmm, true story?



Well ya shoulda brought your own glasses!

Amalgamations bad? Didn't you hear what happened in 1788?



Paperwork? Paperwork?!! Who do you think has to file all this stuff?



Risk Assessment: Hat? *Check.* Boots? *Check.* Inflatable raft? Hmm, maybe the bark canoe will do?

The Saudi Minister for Environment. Hmm, perhaps a branch office of the AHO in Saudi Arabia?

Checkity check.



I think I have equipment envy...

What is this 'AHO World Park' he talks of?

