

Engaging community language researchers with Indigenous languages collections.

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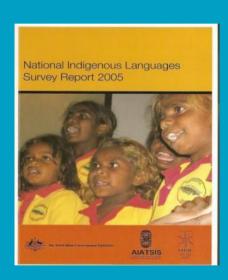
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Snapshot of Indigenous Languages Project

Background

National Indigenous Languages Survey Report 2005 (NILS 1) catalyst for SLQ's commitment to supporting Indigenous Language Centres and communities SLQ has been delivering language activities since 2006 Indigenous Languages Strategy developed 2007 Indigenous Languages Project funded through Australian Government – Department of Communications and the Arts: Indigenous Languages and Arts program



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Mingin Bidjara Umpila Nguri Yidindji Malintji Pitta-Pitta Gugugin Tateburra Waanyi Wunumara Mahujag N Nunukuly_{uggera} Mabuiag Kokowarra Barna" Gangulu Djirrhal Irukandji Yugambeh Minjun Yalarrnga Injinoo-Ikya Guyyu-Yimithirr Mamy Guyyu-Yuggerabul " Girramay Wik-Mungkan arluwarra Kalaw-Lagaw-Ya Goreng-Goreng Mootaburra ngkul Yuwaalaraay Duungidjawu Wangerriburra Barrunggam Kuu-mu-inh Kuuk-Thaayorre W Mununjali Kuku-Nyungkul Woppaburra Miyan Gang Uutaalnganu DIII a Gamilaraay Lamalama Kalkatunga Kunngkari Gid Warrgamay Gunggari Jagera Ngadjon Dharumbal Garrawa Terreburra Bigambul Maiawali Kabi-Kabi ai Birinburr Jandawaltiiabal Karuwali Gubba



100 (approx.)
languages in
Queensland

700+ languages in Australia

< 20 are strong

2 are living/thriving

spoken in some form

50% are

5 Indigenous Language Centres support community language revival and maintenance

Language Research at SLQ

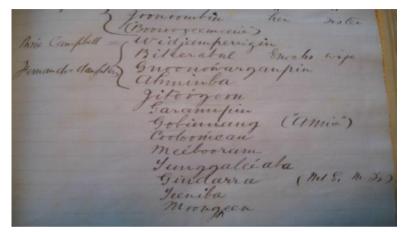
A snapshot of researching languages at the State Library of Queensland.

Language Materials at SLQ

- The State Library collections include a diverse/extensive range of language materials, particularly relating to Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages.
 - Web-based Materials
 - Original Materials
 - Published Materials
 - Audio/Visual Materials

Original Materials

- Archibald Meston Notebooks: OM64-17 – A collection of press cuttings, notes, correspondence relating mainly to Aborigines in Queensland, in particular, to language.
- Margaret Lawrie Collection of Torres Strait Islands Material: TR1791 – Material collected by Margaret Lawrie from 1964-73 relating to Torres Strait Islander languages, histories, genealogies, cultures, customs, art, etc.



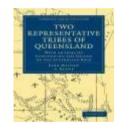


Published Materials

- Haddon, A. (1898) Reports of the Cambridge Anthropological Expedition to Torres Strait. Vols. 1-6. Q994.38 cam
- Holmer, N. (1983) Linguistic Survey of South-Eastern Queensland, J499.15 hol
- Korrawinga Aboriginal Corporation (2004) Dictionary of the Butchulla Language. 499.15 2004
- Mathew, J. and Keane, A. (2010) Two Representative Tribes of Queensland. J306.089991
- Steele, J. G. (1984) Aboriginal Pathways in Southeast Queensland and the Richmond River. Q994.3102 ste
- Thieberger, N. (1995) Paper and Talk: a manual for reconstituting material in Australian Indigenous languages from historical sources. J499.15 pap
- Watson, F. J. (1944) Vocabularies of Four Representative Tribes of South Eastern Queensland. REFJ 499.15 wat









Audio-Visual Materials

- Sound Recordings, Tapes, CDs, etc. of language, including songs, stories and linguistic recordings. For example, *Gunggari Language Audio Cassettes* is a collection of five cassette recordings that were made in 1974 with several Gunggari language speakers from the Mitchell area.
- DVDs, Films, etc. on cultural topics either speaking in language or speaking about language in communities. For example, <u>Retold: A retelling of stories and songs from Myths and Legends of the Torres Strait by Margaret Lawrie</u> (2010) is a SLQ project that involved Torres Strait Islander community members retelling the stories that were collected during 1964-1973 and providing additional cultural information to complement the original stories.

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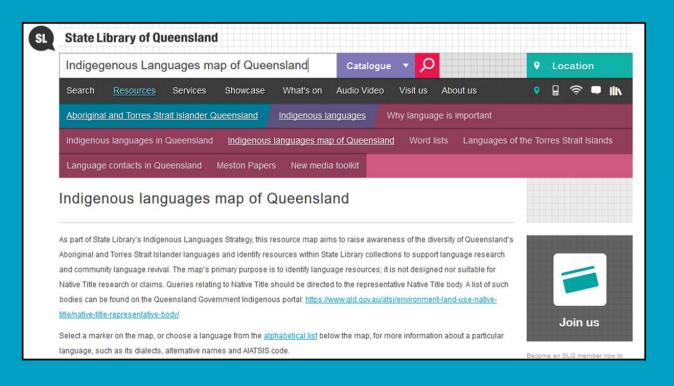
Discoverability

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Indigenous languages map of Queensland

Click on link

Search – Resources – Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Queensland......

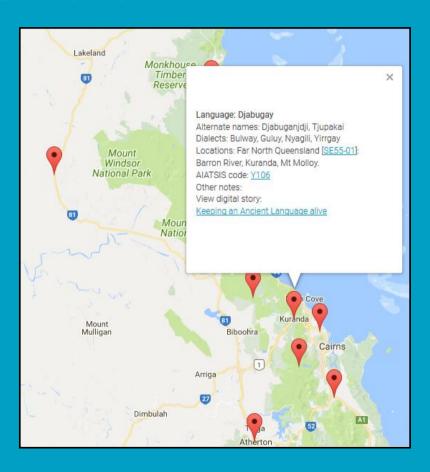


Indigenous Languages Interactive map

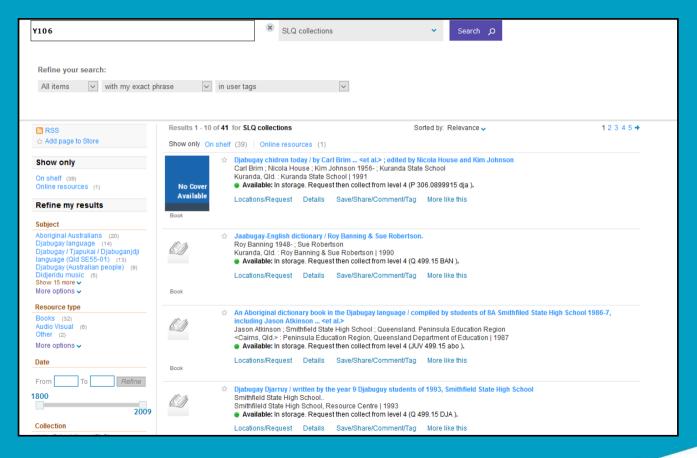


Complete list of languages							
Select a link below to view marker information on the map.							
Abodja	Aqwamin						
Alnoith	Andjingith						
Andooyomo	Angkamuthi						
Anguthimri	Awngthim						
Ayabadhu	Bandin						
Barada	Baranggum						
Bavali	Bidjara						
Bigambul	Bindal						
Biri	Birria						
Buluguyban	Bulway						
Butchulla	<u>Dalla</u>						
<u>Dalleburra</u>	<u>Dharumbal</u>						
Previous 12345 Next							

Marker information



SLQ Catalogue items

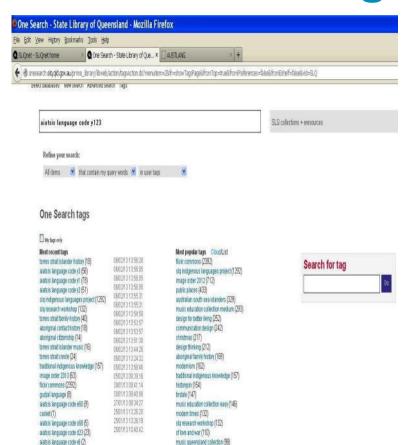


Tags

are words or phrases assigned to items to help you organise and remember them.

There is no limit to the number of tags you can assign to an item.

OneSearch - 'tags'



- ~2,600 items
 'tagged' for
 language content
- ~350

 languages/dialects
 [AIATSIS Codes]

InfoGuides

- These InfoGuides support Aboriginal and **Torres Strait Islander community** members and the general public in identifying materials within State Library collections related to their community or region.
- The InfoGuides relate specifically to State Library collections and are also located on the SLQ Indigenous Languages webpages.



Queensland Indigenous Language Centres

There are several Indigenous Language Centres in Queensland that support the revival and maintenance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages. Activities may include language research, exhibitions and community training as well as the recording and/or documentation of Indigenous languages in Queensland. Other groups such as Aboriginal Land Councils, Cultural Organisations, Elders' Groups, etc. may also be undertaking activities involving languages.

Cape York Bama Languages Aboriginal Corporation (Cairns): This centre supports language activities in Far North Queensland from Cairns to Cape York, Address: 69 Little Street Cairns 4870. Phone: (07) 4032 0254

Central Queensland Language Centre (Bundaberg): This centre supports language activities in Central Queensland from Rockhampton to Maryborough and west to Longreach and the NT border. Address: Central Queensland Language Centre, Gidjarjil Aboriginal Development Corporation Ltd, 36 Quay Street [PO Box 2773], Bundaberg, Q. 4670. Phone (07) 4153 6700 Email: cglanguage.centre@gidarjil.com.au

Korrawinga Aboriginal Corporation (Hervey Bay): This organisation supports Aboriginal language and cultural revival in the Hervey Bay/Wide Bay area. Address: 352 The Esplanade Scarness 4655. Phone: (07) 4124 4814 Email: korra@bigpond.net.au

North Queensland Regional Aboriginal Corporation Language Centre (Cairns): A partnership between Cairns and Townsville language workers, this centre supports language activities in North Queensland from Sarina to Cairns and west to Mt Isa. Address: PO Box 266 North Cairns Queensland 4870. Phone: (07) 4053 4698 or (07) 4053 6018 Fax: (07) 4032 3017 Email: ngraclc@bigpond.com

Yugambeh Museum Language and Heritage Research Centre (Beenleigh): Yugambeh Museum is based at Beenleigh and serves as a language and research centre for Southern Queensland. Address: Cnr Martens Street and Plantation Road Beenleigh Queensland 4207. Phone: (07) 3807 6155 or (07) 3807 6229 Fax: (07) 3807 6144 Email: info@yuqambeh.com Website: www.yuqambeh.com

Further Information

Should you require further information relating to Indigenous languages at the State Library of Queensland, please contact

Queensland Memory, State Library of Queensland Stanley Place, South Brisbane Qld. 4101. PO Box 3488, South Brisbane Qld. 4101.

Telephone: (07) 3840 7666 Fax: (07) 3842 9126

SLQ Indigenous Languages Webpages: www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/ind/languages

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Wordlists

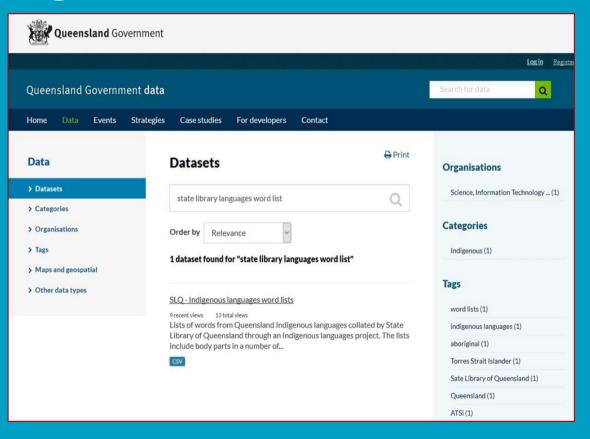
- Wordlists have been extracted from State Library collections.
- Collated and compiled using Miromaa software program.
- Longreach example workshop in 2010; view in Longreach was 'there's no language left or recorded'.
- Presented community with ~300 words from Iningai language plus 500+ words from neighbouring languages.

English Extra Info:		Longreach District Linguistic Comment:				
Orig. Rec. Translation		Original Record	ed Spelling	Source:	Page:	Word ID
children			wobinyella			
children	-	wobinyella		CURR2	8	230
children			woorna			
children	-	woorna		CURR	10	37
cold			medurra			
cold		medurra		CURR2	9	257
cold			mittara			
cold	-	mittara		CURR3	71	161
come on 'Kowai' also listed for com-			kower			
come on	-	kower		CURR2	9	290
come on			oakoo			
come on		oakoo		CURR3	71	194
come on			woori			
come on	-	woori		CURR	11	104
crayfish Cf. boogsi/			boogal			
crayfish		boogal		CURR2		209
crayfish See also: 'kankoora' = iob:			munya			
crayfish		munya		CURR	10	16
crow			worder			
crow		worder		CURR2	8	205

Data Sets

"Are collections of Data that improve public access, is freely-available, easilydiscoverable, accessible and published in ways and under licences that allow re-use. Any set of items can be considered a data set eg. Wordlists."

Searching Qld Gov. Data



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Accessibility

Research Discovery Workshops since 2009

225 Participants from Torres Strait, Northern Peninsula Area, Cape York, Gulf, North Queensland, Central Queensland, Fraser Coast, and Southern Queensland

85+ Queensland languages researched

15

Regional workshops offered since 2011

300+ Participants from NPA, North Queensland, Central Queensland and Southern Queensland

50+ Queensland languages supported

4

Language Residencies offered since 2013 13 Participants from Torres Strait, North Queensland, Central Queensland, Fraser Coast, and Southern Queensland

20+ Queensland languages researched

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New Knowledge

Range of activities, etc.

- SLQ in partnership with community to produce new knowledge:
 - "Say g'day" in an Indigenous language
 - Yuwibara Welcome & tribute to National Anthem
 - Translate 11th Century Turkish Text into Yuggera language for Art Exhibition
 - 'Retold' Margaret Lawrie 'Myths & Legends'
 - New Media Toolkit
 - Digitisation of collection items
 - RNLD DRIL Training
 - SLQ Indigenous Languages Blog

Say G'day wordlists

- List of words for 'Good day' in over 50
 Queensland Indigenous languages,
 including South-East Queensland.
- www.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/atsi/languag es/word-lists/say-gday-in-an-indigenouslanguage
- Included on Yugambeh Language App

Yuwibara Welcome

- Binbee kurri. [Good day]
- Nhagani binbee yindu Mackayga. [It is good to see you here in Mackay]
- Yinhami nhandigu Yuwibara [This is the land of the Yuwibara.]
- Guwinygan nhandigu nagalinhi yindugu. [The spirits will be watching over you.]

Rise up Country! Yindalba nhandigu

Australians all let us rejoice Binbee wara wanggarany (All of us are/be glad/good)

For we are young and free Binbee wara ngana (We are good and proper)

We've golden soils and wealth for toils

Binbee nhandi woorwaya

(Very good country)

Our home is girt by sea

Yamba gudyirrangga

([Our] home by the sea)

Our land abounds in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare Nhandigu gubal gambala Bunggubarri ngana (Beauty covers our country, we are rich)

In history's page let every stage Gubunna ngali narra (Our song/story (is) forever/always)

Advance Australia fair Yindalba nhandigu (Rise up country!)

In joyful strains then let us sing Bandayuribara ngalingga (Let us sing loud/strong)

Advance Australia Fair Yindalba nhandigu (Rise up country!)

Slavs and Tatars

It is the tongue that brings a man esteem, so that he finds fortune, Jurrgung yagar malerra nanga budgeri [tongue makes man to-see money] and it is the tongue that brings a man dishonour, so that he loses his head.

Jurrgung yagar malerra wahli baludirryarri gahm wanahla [(the) tongue makes man bad will lose head belonging to-him]



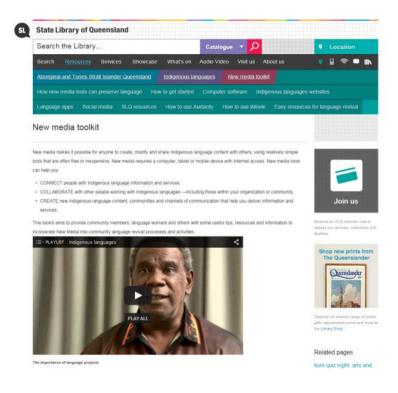
'Retold'

- A retelling of stories and songs from Myths and Legends of the Torres Strait by Margaret Lawrie (2010): www.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/atsi/contemporary-stories/retold
- Gelam: <u>www.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/atsi/contemporary-</u> stories/retold/gelam



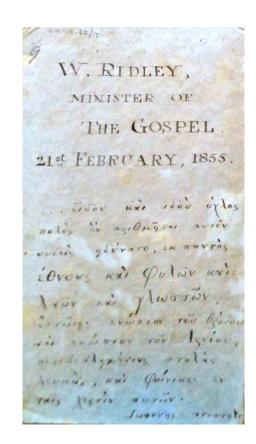
New Media Toolkit

- The toolkit aims to provide community members, language workers and others with some useful tips, resources and information to incorporate New Media into community language revival processes and activities.
- Available <u>online</u> via SLQ website



Digitisation

- SLQ digitises collection items for community access and preservation.
- Key items: Margaret
 Lawrie; Tindale; Meston
 Notebooks; Ridley
 Notebook; Watson Four
 Vocabularies; etc..



RNLD Training Workshop

- Partnership with RNLD to build capacity of community language workers.
- 15 participants undertook flex-mode Documenting and Recording Indigenous Languages [DRIL] training
- Further workshops at Aurukun [Western Cape York] and Cairns
- Potential to expand training in 2016-2017-2018, including Certificate III/IV level courses



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Promotion of Indigenous languages

Social Media

- State Library has conducted community training and skills sessions in social media
- SLQ also uses social media to raise awareness and promote Queensland's Indigenous languages.
 - Facebook, Twitter
 - Blogs
 - Pin Interest, History Pin, Flickr
 - SLQ YouTube
 - SLQ Vimeo



Indigenous Languages Blog

- Use of Blog to increase community awareness and promote Queensland Indigenous languages.
- Portal for State Library, IKCs, Indigenous Language Centres, Community Language Workers and others to share and network about Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages
- Indigenous Languages Blog launched in June 2014: >10,000 visits with average ~500 hits per month; average 3:25 mins on page.
- http://blogs.slq.qld.gov.au/ilq/



IKC Blog

- IKC Blog to increase awareness and promote the work of Queensland's Indigenous Knowledge Centres (IKC)
- Local collections histories, stories, languages.
- http://ikc.org.au



Language in the News

- Email distribution list to share news items, research articles, etc. relating to Indigenous languages
- 150+ recipients, including language centres, IKCs, language workers, etc.

Dear Colleagues

Selection of stories/news items from across a range of media/websites relating to Indigenous Languages:



Teaching kids to 'code-switch' in remote Pilbara communities

"But really they want the kids to learn 'whitefella ways', so they can code switch [between cultures] when they're in a Originally established as a bilingual school, language still plays an important role in Strelley students' education.

Read more: http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-07-10/teaching-kids-in-remote-pilbara-communities/6600564



Multhouse Theorie's The Shadow King, 2013. Photo by Jeff Busby.

Malthouse Theatre casts a long shadow

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