

NATIVE VOCABULARY

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Of Thoordoo (Gakabella)

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(Somewhat similar to Nyoondamurra's dialect)

Victoria district

Weeloonga anmarninoo - western people

Man, his Relationships, etc.

Aunt	Ajjarree
Baby	Ngowilyee, ngowalee
Blackfellow	Anmarnoo, ammungoo
Blackwoman	Nyaaaloo, inyaloo, innaloo
Boy	Moolyaboordao
Brother	Woordatha
Brother-in-law	Ammeetha, ammee
Father	Amna
Father-in-law	Ajjarree
Grandfather	Moora
Grandmother	Andharree
Husband	Ardoe
Mother	Aagoo
Mother-in-law	Ajjarree
Nephew	Ngarrēa
Orphan	Warreejee
Sister	Narroomba
Sister-in-law	Ardoe
Son-in-law	Ajjarree
Uncle	Pee-ee (a guttural aspirate between the vowels)
White man, woman	Ngoondaminnee, wangerow
Widow, widower	Ngarra wijjin
Wife	Ardoe
Woman	Innalee

PARTS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BODY

Ankle	Wootha
Arm	Joorka
Back	Minjoo
Beard	Nganga
Blood	Ngooba, yalgoo
Bone	Mambo
Calf of leg	Weerda thoordoo
Cheek	rabba
Chest	Bitboo
Cry, to	Woolanee
Drink, to	Appa ngaala wa
Ear	Ooga
Elbow	Eerinba, eerimba
Eye	Mē-loc
Fat	Ngabboo
Foot	Inna
Hair	Ngoonyoo
Hand	Maa
Head	Koggcolee
Heart	Woorooroo
Hip bone	Kogga
Kidney	Wogo
Knee	Tharda
Leg	Weerda
Lip	Ye-eeree
Liver	Moweree
Lung	Eetha
Mouth	Ngammarnoo
Neck	Nan'nga
Nose	Mootha
Rib	Indeejee
Seeing	Naga'a (aspirate)
Skin	Otbee
Sleep	Ngarreana
Smell, to	Andagoola
Sneeze, to	Koothee inbainja

Parts and Functions of the Body (cont.)

Speak, to	Wongee, wanga'a
Spit, to	Ngootna
Teeth	Eerajee
Thigh	Yoonda
Thirsty	Wajjeeloo
Throat	Wardoo
Tongue	Yallain
Walk, to	Yakkunda
Wink, to	Meloo ba'a; winking = goomaroo ba'a

## ANIMALS

Animal (generic)	Thooroo
Anteater	Jeertgurra, weera noogoo
Bandicoot	Woondee
Bat	Mellanyoo
Cat, native	Thinthagoo
Dingo	O-the
Kangaroo (generic)	Yowerda
Opossum	Waicora
Wallaby	Weeara

## BIRDS

Bald coot, Red bill	Thannindee, dhoonda
Cockatoo, Black, red tail	Deerandee
Cockatoo, Black, white tail	Ngoolya
Cockatoo, Galah, grey & pink	Yai yarra
Cockatoo, white, northern var.	Nganarra, bēagoo
Crow	Wanga
Duck	Bannajee
Eaglehawk	Wabbagoo
Emu	Kallaia
Flycatcher (Wagtail)	Jeeree jeeree
Hawk, Fish (Osprey)	Wa-an oogoo (aspirate)
Hawk, Sparrow	Kirkinya
Magpie	Woottow
Curlew	Weeloo
Owl	Jooee
Parrot, Blue-bellied, Red-cap	Thoogooin
Pelican	Ngoonyamberree
Pheasant (Gnou)	Ngow
Pigeon	Munbee
Swan	Wanna, koorilthoo
Wattle bird	Jeerdaroo

## FISHES

Fish (generic)	Woo'ita
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REPTILES

Frog, edible	Wandeeroo
Frog, large green	Tootocloo, wattooga
Iguana	Bungarra, warrijee, beejooroo
Snake	Woggaree, thaiardee (magic), yanja noogoo, milloonoo (black), wattoo (carpet), meleeoo (carpet), beeoola
Turtle	Booyungurroo

INSECTS

Ant	Minga
Ant (sergeant)	Beedal jadow
Ant (white)	Minga
Bardie (a grub)	Bardee
Blowfly	Boarra
Butterfly	Billa burdee
Flea	Wooloo
Fly (generic)	Bo arra
Grasshopper	Warrarree
Leech	Mai mai
Louse	Wooloo
Mosquito	Wooloo wooloo
Spider	Atta

THE ELEMENTS, etc.

Afternoon	Yooganga
Fire	Wajjanoo
Moon	Eerimba (see also "elbow")
Rain	Yooga
Rain (heavy)	Yooga boondoo
Sea	Weeloo, woobeeluk
Star	Indeea (aspirate)
Sun	Warroo

GENERAL VOCABULARY

Enough

Taibaneewa

Lie (to tell a lie)

Ap-besa

Wood

Yaanee