

# Guunumba Gumbaynggirr Nyarri Gu

- To Learn Gumbaynggirr Life, Stages 1-2

## About this program

This program, presented by Aboriginal *Discovery* Rangers, aims to introduce the Gumbaynggirr Aboriginal community to students, with background on traditional Country and language, Dreaming stories, totems, traditional tools, weapons and music. Students will be able to engage in activities and ask questions related to this program. This introductory program is designed as a pre-requisite for an Aboriginal Ranger-guided activity at a local national park of reserve.

## Objectives

Students will recognise that Aboriginal people are the first Australians and use interactive mental mapping to locate the places they know to create a sense of place within Gumbaynggirr Country. Students will engage with local Aboriginal culture through fun interactive activities.

## Program outline

### Part 1

- Welcome to Country by local Aboriginal Elder in Gumbaynggirr language and in English
- What is Gumbaynggirr Country; where do you live in Gumbaynggirr Country
- Gumbaynggirr place names and language
- Gumbaynggirr Dreaming stories, including local stories

### Part 2

- Totems
- Traditional local stone artifacts, weapons and tools.
- Gumbaynggirr bush tucker and medicine

## Links to support material for schools

Resource package - Gumbaynggirr Country

- Worksheet: North east NSW - Gumbaynggirr place names
- Aboriginal language database of bushtucker names and place names  
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/education/2010GumbaynggirrLanguageDatabase.pdf>
- Worksheet: Bushtucker of Bongil Bongil National Park
- Fact sheet: Bongil Bongil - Place of plenty for indigenous Gumbaynggirr People
- Teacher's Kit: Rookery Roundup

## Additional references

Gumbaynggirr online dictionary

- [www.muurrbay.org.au/languages/gumbaynggirr/](http://www.muurrbay.org.au/languages/gumbaynggirr/)

Gumbaynggirr fact sheets

- [www.arrawarraculture.com.au](http://www.arrawarraculture.com.au)

Coffs Coast NPWS Aboriginal Ranger guided Discovery activity programs

- Giidany Miirlarl: A Special Site  
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NationalParks/parkExcursions.aspx?id=N0457&evId=20130822164606167>
- Bushtucker and Medicine  
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NationalParks/parkExcursions.aspx?id=N0089&evId=20130822124831085>
- Muttonbirds by Moonlight  
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NationalParks/parkExcursions.aspx?id=N0457&evId=20130823135317979>

## Activity outline

### Levels:

*Early Stages 1; Stage 1; Stage 2*

### Key learning areas:

*HSIE: Change and Continuity, Cultures, Environment, Social systems and structures;*

### Key outcomes:

- *CCES1, CCS1.2, CUS1.3*
- *ENS1.6*
- *CCS2.2, CUS2.3, CUS2.4, ENS2.5, SS2.7, SS2.8*

### Location:

*In-school presentation*

### Length:

*1hr 30min*

### Time of Day:

*Negotiable*

### Design technique:

- *Students listen to stories*
- *Students ask questions*
- *Students look at artefacts*
- *Students use mental mapping*
- *Students "play" their totem and "take care of" their totem*
- *Students engage in traditional music activities*

### Equipment used:

*Maps, artefacts, traditional Aboriginal music instruments*

### Teacher resources:

*Classroom resources available on Environment website:*

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au>