

Noongar word list

CAN



This Noongar word list has been collated as part of Community Arts Network's Place Names Project in Langford 2018. **Community Arts Network (CAN)** has a 30-year history of nurturing community arts and cultural development (CACD) practice and delivering artistic excellence with and for communities. We provide a platform that gives creative voice to authentic, diverse and underrepresented stories that have the power to transform communities and challenge assumptions and stereotypes.

Commencing in 2017, Place Names is a five-year arts and language project being delivered in collaboration with local communities across Noongar Country. **Place Names** builds on Professor Len Collard's well-established Placenames research; which explores the 'symbiotic relationship between Noongar language and place that informed Noongar worldview and that eventually merged with and continues to inform Wedjela worldview.'

CAN's **Place Names** project takes Professor Collard's research to community through place naming workshops held in the early stages of community consultation and project development. These early discussions form the basis for knowledge building, creative exploration and expression, facilitated by professional artists in community. The creative outcomes are celebrated and shared with the wider community at the completion of each stage of the project and documented to ensure the legacy for future generations.





guya

kooya / guar / gua / guyar / buya

frog



booja

boodja / boodjar / budja / boodjah

earth, land, country, birthplace



beel

bilya

creek, stream, river



djiral

ngarma / narma / gnarma

rock, waterhole



boorn

boran / poorn / boorna

plants, wood, stick, flowers, bushes, log



jilba

djiral

grass



marri

marree / maree

marri seeds, nuts, seeds, pods



kalrup

kaleep / kalup / karriup

sub urb, house, location of your home fire



kornt

mia mia / mia / corn / kwornt

house



kuip

keip / kep / keipa / kaip

water



bidi

biid

path, road, footpath



yakin

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long necked turtle



moodjar

moodja / moodjah / mudja

christmas tree



kaarla

karla / karl

fire



koorlangka

kurlangka / koorlingka
children



manati

angular / karrak / krarraak
red tailed cockatoo



walbirniny

create, make



noorn

poisonous black snake



munda

monad / mandar
gathering



yanjit

yanji
bulrushes



bee

bi / gilgit / be / bei
fish



ngurmarn

koorploort / korpleweret / koorpweert

hungry



maara varangimy

hands catching



boiya

boija / bouya / boyer

rocks

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