

WURREKANGURRAK (we all speak)

Wamba Wamba / Wemba Wemba Language Resource Website

This language database resource has been established by the Yarkuwa Indigenous Knowledge Centre, on behalf of the traditional owners of our language and culture, for all speakers and learners of the Wamba Wamba / Wemba Wemba language as part of the Deniliquin Indigenous Language Project.

It is based around a searchable online database language dictionary of more than 1200 language entries and has been developed from the 'WembaWemba Dictionary' by Luise A. Hercus.

The dictionary entries were collected by Hercus during interviews between 1962 and 1970 *with 'the late Nancy Egan, Stanley Day and John Taylor and collated with earlier information, particularly that from A.C. Stone (1911)'*.

As our language is a living language and primarily a spoken language, this database will, as it grows, reflect the usual variations in the way words are pronounced and spelt.

The web design will allow individual and classroom language learners to access and display the website for reading, teaching, learning and presentation on smartboards, laptops, smart phones or any device with an internet connection and a web browser.

This web database will also make available to all community members language resources such as language recordings and documents made available from IATSIS (Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies) and learning tools being developed as part of the Deniliquin Indigenous Language Project.

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