



Mapping Melville Boodja Education Resources

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These resources have been provided by the City of Melville Place Names and Museums team to celebrate and share the ancient Noongar place names in Melville.

These resources were created for the Doontanboro Kura - Melville Waters Dreaming, Place Names Melville exhibition in October 2024.

Doontanboro Kura - Melville Waters Dreaming was the culmination of a two-year journey to decode the Noongar place names based on the knowledge that these place names can be broken down into a series of words that make a sentence, revealing the significance of that place.

Artworks were created to represent the meaning of places uncovered during the decoding process. These artworks are the symbols used in this resource.

We invite you and your students to immerse yourself in the rich stories of Noongar Boodja.

If you would like more information about the Place Names Melville project visit www.melvillecity.com.au/placenamesmelville.

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Items Included in this Pack

Included in this pack you will find the following. Please ensure all items are returned in the same condition you found them.

If you notice any damage or any missing items please contact the Museum Learning Program team at museum.learningprogram@melville.wa.gov.au

Image of Item	Quantity	Item Description
	1	<p>Boodja Floor Map</p> <p>Floor mat with Melville Map printed on one side.</p>
	2	<p>Place Name Card Set</p> <p>34 cards per set including 17 symbol/icon cards and 17 place name cards</p>
	17	<p>Place Name Posters</p> <p>Posters explaining each place name and the locations decoded meaning next to symbol/icon</p>
	1	<p>Decoded Names and Translations Poster</p> <p>Poster with place name and the locations decoded meaning</p>
	1	<p>Map Poster</p> <p>Map poster with the locations marked with their symbol and place name</p>

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Digital Resources Available

Along with the items included in this pack we have provided links to digital resources for you and your students to enjoy.

Interactive Map

Engage with the interactive map to learn more about each place name and hear a recording of community speaking the placename.

placenamesmelville.com.au

Place Names Mapping Activity

Two activity options including answer sheets

Mapping Melville Boodja Map Only Activity:

www.melvillecity.com.au/CityOfMelville/media/Documents-and-PDF-s/Mapping-Melville-Boodja-Map-Only-Activity.pdf

Mapping Melville Boodja Map and Legend Activity:

www.melvillecity.com.au/CityOfMelville/media/Documents-and-PDF-s/Mapping-Melville-Boodja-Map-and-Legend-Activity.pdf

ANSWERS Mapping Melville Boodja Activity

www.melvillecity.com.au/CityOfMelville/media/Documents-and-PDF-s/ANSWERS-Mapping-Melville-Boodja-Activity.pdf

Digital Place Names Posters

Place Name posters in a digital format for use on a projector or screen

www.melvillecity.com.au/CityOfMelville/media/Documents-and-PDF-s/PLACE-NAMES-POSTERS-x-17.pdf

Place Names Word Puzzles

Word puzzles featuring Melville Place Names including word search and cross word puzzles

Mapping Melville Boodja Word Search

www.melvillecity.com.au/CityOfMelville/media/Documents-and-PDF-s/Mapping-Melville-Boodja-Word-Search.pdf

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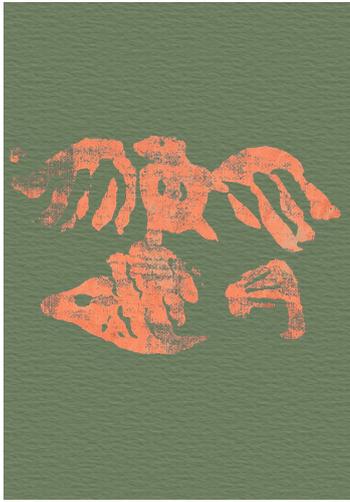
Mapping Melville Boodja Crossword

www.melvillecity.com.au/CityOfMelville/media/Documents-and-PDF-s/ANSWERS-Mapping-Melville-Boodja-Crossword.pdf

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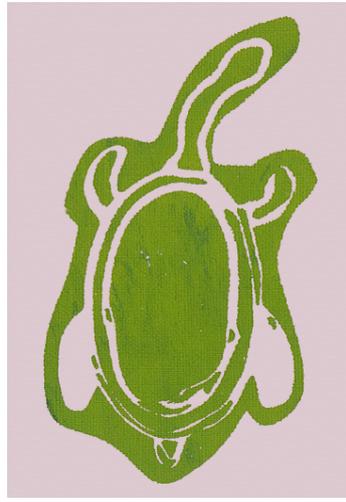
MELVILLE WATER

The totem of the osprey

DONDARN - BOORANG

DONDARN Osprey/Brown fish hawk

BOORANG Totem



YAGAN MIA / YAGAN GENINNY

WIRELESS HILL

Home of the long-necked turtle /
The long-necked turtle looking

YAGAN - MIA - GENINNY

YAGAN Long-necked turtle

MIA Home

GENINNY Looking



DYOONDALUP

POINT WALTER & BURKE DRIVE

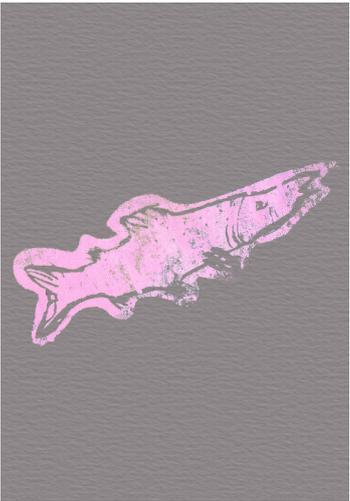
The place of the white sand

DYOONDA - AL - UP

DYOONDA White

AL Location

UP Place of



NIERGARUP

POINT PRESTON

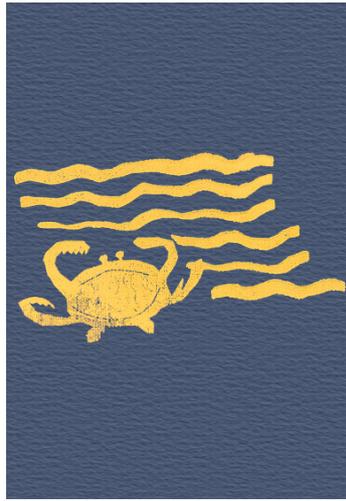
Place of the salmon

NI - NGARREE - UP

NI Pay attention!

NGARREE Salmon

UP Place of



QUAADA GABEE

BICTON FORESHORE

Access to good water

QUOP - DA - GABEE

QUOP Good

DA Mouth/Access

GABEE Water



MARRADUNGUP

ALFRED COVE

The place where the hands are
connected to the water

MARRA - DA - UNG - UP

MARRA Hands

DA Mouth/Access

UNG Connected to

UP Place of

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KOOYAGOORDUP

WAYLEN BAY FORESHORE

Place of the frog's heart

KOOYA - GOORD - UP

KOOYA	Frog
GOORD	Heart
UP	Place of



MARGAMANGUP

LUCKY BAY

Place where they catch the fish by hand from a fish trap

MARGA - MANGA - UP

MARGA	Lower arm
MANGA	Fish trap
UP	Place of



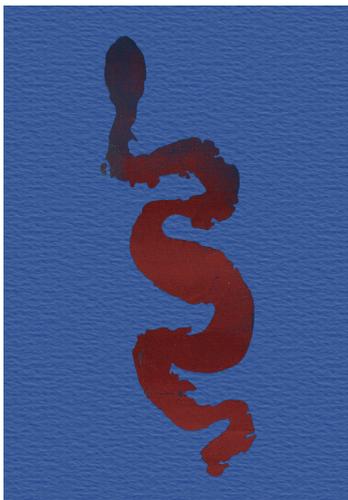
MOONDAAP

POINT DUNDAS OR POINT HEATHCOTE

Place of the sharks

MOONDA - AP

MOONDA	Shark
AP	Place of



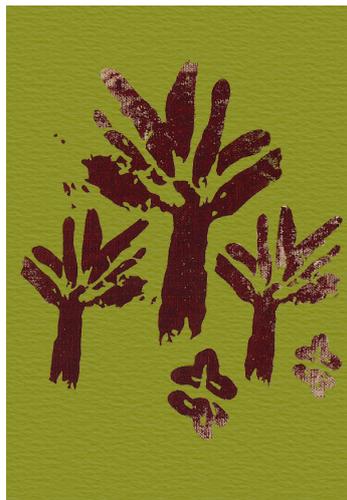
WAGOORJUP

CANNING BRIDGE

Place of the Rainbow Serpent

WAUGAL - UP

WAUGAL	Rainbow Serpent
UP	Place of



DYARLGARRO

BOORAGOON / CANNING RIVER

Many jarrahs

DJARRALY - GARO

DJARRALY	Jarrah Tree
GARO	More/Again



GABBILJEE

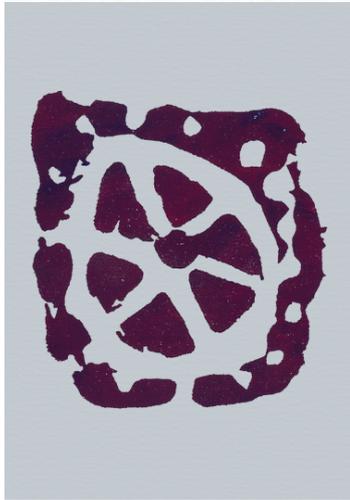
BULL CREEK

Fresh river water

GAB - BIL - DJI

GAB	Water
BIL	River
DJI	Fresh

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BIDI KATITIJINY

ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S TRAIL, PINEY LAKES

Pathway of knowledge

BIDI KATITIJINY

BIDI Pathway
KATITIJINY Knowledge



JENALUP

BLACKWALL REACH

Home of the long-necked turtle /
Place where the feet make a track

JEN - AL - UP

JEN Foot/Feet
AL That over there
UP Place of



GABBI KOWANGULUP

CANNING RIVER MOUTH

The happy place near the water
where the women are digging and
singing

GAB - BI - KOWA - WAN - GA - AL - UP

GAB Water
BI Fish
KOWA Laughing
WAN Women's digging stick
GA Hole/Below
AL Location
UP Place of



KULUNGARKAARTUP

GOOLUGATUP

Place of children. Children's place of
knowledge

KULUNGAR - KAART - UP

KULUNGAR Children
KAART Head or hill/Top of
UP Place of



WILGI

WILLAGEE

Place of the ochre (red)

WIL - GI

WILGI Ochre



Activity Suggestions Using Provided Resources

Boodja Floor Mat and Cards

After delving into the decoded place names, test the students knowledge and geography using the mat in a group activity

- Give each student a card.
- The class works together to find the pair to their card. Eg. the turtle icon card with the Yagan Mia card.
- Once paired up work as a group to place the paired card in the geographical location on the floor mat.

If more than one mat was borrowed consider gamifying this activity and racing smaller teams to complete pairing and placing the cards.





Activity Suggestions Using Provided Resources

Place Names Posters

Discover the decoded Place Names around Melville.

- Split the class into small groups
- Use the posters to learn about the locations place name and the meaning of the place
- Research what the place looks like and what that place is used for today
- Compare findings and share with the class

Place Names Card Sets

After delving into the decoded Place Names, test the students memory

- Divide into four groups of two and two.
- Give each group of two a set of cards.
- Each group lays all the cards face down
- Take turns between groups to turn over two cards at a time.
- If the icon matches the placename, the group keeps the pair.
- Every student in each group has a turn, groups can work together to help their team mates complete a pair.
- The game continues until there are no cards left, the group with the most pairs wins
- Mix up teams to continue the game for multiple rounds



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Place Names Melville Print Out Activities

Use the activity sheet to learn about the Melville Place Names.

- Print out a map and icons pages, there are 2 options, one with a map and legend and one with a map only
- Students are to cut out all the icons and glue them on the legend and map as they learn about each place name

Place Names Posters with Sand

Create sand art for each location based on it's place name decode or what that place means to the student

- Split class into small groups on two or three students
- Give each group a poster
- Groups learn about and discuss their location and the meaning on place
- Working together, either using natural materials to collage or their hands to draw in sand, create an image representing the location and place name





FAQs

Q) Why do Kulungarkartup, Wilgi and Jenalup artworks look different to the other places?

A) The artwork created to represent each place was made by community during the decoding process. Kulungarkartup, Wilgi and Jenalup were decoded in phase one. The remaining 14 places were decoded in phase two.

Q) Why is spelling different for the same words?

A) Noongar Language is an oral language. Community have gathered to decode each place name. After much conversation the materials provided are based on gathered attendees' collective agreement. We acknowledge and appreciate there may be disagreement from other members of community on the correct spelling of particular words.

Q) How do you pronounce the Place Names?

A) Visit www.placenamesmelville.com.au to interact with the map. By selecting an icon you can hear a recording of community speaking the place name. Have a go at pronouncing them yourself!

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