Jurruru People

Western Australia

2004

No. 1/2004
Note: This bibliographic series is produced for general library viewing from reports prepared by the Tribunal for parties to native title mediations. The bibliographies are also reproduced on the Tribunal’s website: www.nntt.gov.au

© Commonwealth of Australia 2004

This work is copyright. It may be reproduced in whole or in part for study or training purposes if an acknowledgment of the source is included. Such use must not be for the purposes of sale or commercial exploitation.

Subject to the Copyright Act, reproduction, storage in a retrieval system or transmission in any form by any means of any part of the work other than for the purposes above is not permitted without written permission.

Information about this report and requests and inquiries concerning reproduction should be addressed to, Manager, Research Unit, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Perth WA 6484.

Editor of the Research Report Series: Research Unit

Assistance is also acknowledged from NNTT Library Services, AIATSIS Library and the Research Unit’s Production Team.

Telephone: (08) 9268 7272
Facsimile: (08) 9268 7299
E-mail: reports@nntt.gov.au
Web site: www.nntt.gov.au
ISSN: 1448-983X
TITLE: National Native Title Tribunal Research Report Bibliographies
Introduction

The Tribunal’s Research Unit prepares bibliographies as a ready reference for anyone wanting to locate readily available, published material about Indigenous Australian people within a particular region or locality. The bibliographies are produced for general library use from reports prepared by the Tribunal for parties to native title mediations. The bibliographies are not exhaustive reference lists about any particular Indigenous group, nor is the published material necessarily an accurate or insightful report of Indigenous society. The Research Unit may update bibliographies from time to time, usually because a new research report has been reproduced for parties to mediation.

It should be noted that the contents and production of these reports are governed by time and resource constraints. They are often prepared in four to eight weeks by a single research officer with some input from a research assistant and Tribunal librarian. Generally most of the references sought for these reports are available only from the AIATSIS library, which in turn has limited resources available to supply material. Therefore care is taken to request only that material which appears relevant to the scope of a particular report.

Disclaimer: The bibliographies are a list of materials that have been used by the Research Unit of the Tribunal to provide background information for native title mediations. The Tribunal forms no view on the accuracy, completeness, or relevance of the reference material cited in these bibliographies. Most of this material is held at libraries and is available to the public. The Tribunal library may be able to assist in locating items.

Jurruru People Report

The Jurruru People Report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of the Jurruru People’s native title claim (WC00/8). It is based on publicly and readily available accounts of the traditional location of the Jurruru People.

Research Method

The research material used for this report is based largely on a search of the AIATSIS online catalogue supplemented by relevant references found in Tindale's (1974) Aboriginal Tribes of Australia.

After reference to general sources and maps including Capell (1963), Oates and Oates (1970), Tindale (1940 & 1974), Horton (1994) and Davis (1993), a search of the AIATSIS catalogue was made for Jurruru in the 'language group' fields. In addition, another AIATSIS Mura catalogue search using the Geo Science Gazetteer Grid Reference areas Wyloo SF5010, Edmund SF5014 (see SF50 and SF51), Turee Creek SF5015 and Mt Egerton SG5003 was made. The result of these searches is set out in the table below:
The following filtering process was then applied to the lists: Sound tapes and film sources were omitted because they are difficult to process given time and resource constraints; material on microfilm was omitted for the same reason. Foreign language material was also omitted, as were repetitions of the same material, such as different editions of the same work. Material not obviously relevant to this report or dealing with highly technical aspects of language and culture analysis, were also omitted.

Another search undertaken at the Battye Library section of the State Library of Western Australia resulted only in some local contact history publications but none that actually used the term Jurruru or any of the alternative names for the Jurruru People. A brief examination of some explorers' diaries¹ (e.g. that of F.T. Gregory, E. Hooley and T.C. Murray) revealed some disruptive and violent contact near the Ashburton River, but the exact location was unclear, and the Europeans could not name the Aboriginal people or their country during the 1860s. The aim of these searches was to identify additional sources that may not be held by AIATSIS. For the latter period when Aboriginal people of the Pilbara were employed in the pearling and pastoral industries there were no publications that referred to people as being Jurruru people, or being on Jurruru country.

Of the material that arrived within the time constraints, some was not cited in the report because it was not specifically relevant to the location or was repetitive.

### Bibliography


---


Bates, D., 1907-1940, 'Papers 1907-1940’, [National Library Typescript], Battye Library Western Australia Microfilm ACC 1212A.


Brandenstein, C.G. von., 1968b, 'Interim report (1) (July-August)', AIATSIS PMS 2126.


Bibliography


Dench, Alan Charles, 1995, Martuthunira: A Language of the Pilbara Region of Western Australia, Department of Linguistics, ANU, Canberra.


Greenway, J. 1963, Bibliography of the Australian Aborigines and the native peoples of Torres Strait to 1959, Angus and Robertson, Sydney.

Greenway, John, 1972, Down Among the Wildmen: The Narrative Journal of Fifteen Years Pursuing the Old Stone Age Aborigines of Australia's Western Desert, Hutchinson of Australia, Richmond.


Geoscience Australia Place Name Search Database http://www.auslig.gov.au/mapping/names/natgaz.htm


Oates, L. 1975, The 1973 supplement to a revised linguistic survey of Australia, Armidale Christian Book Centre, Armidale, NSW.


Sharp, Janet and Nicholas Thieberger, 1992, Bilybara: The Aboriginal Languages of the Pilbara region of Western Australia, Wangka Maya, Pilbara Aboriginal Language Centre, Port Hedland.


Thieberger, N. 1993, Handbook of Western Australian Aboriginal Languages South of the Kimberley Region, Department of Linguistics, Australian National University, Canberra.

Thieberger, N. 1993, Handbook of Western Australian Aboriginal Languages South of the Kimberley Region, Department of Linguistics, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University.

Tindale, N. B. 1940, 'Distribution of Australian Aboriginal Tribes: A Field Survey', Royal Society of South Australia, 64(1):140-231.


'Yabaroo', [Cameron, A.S] 1899, Aborigines of North-West Australia: A Vocabulary, etc., J.W. Barnard, Perth.