RESEARCH REPORT BIBLIOGRAPHY

Walbunja People

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Introduction

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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.

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Walbunja People Report

The Walbunja People report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of issues arising from the Walbunja People’s native title application (NC96/29). This report was based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the traditional location of the Walbunja People.

Research Method

The research material used for this report was based largely on a search of the AIATSIS online catalogue, Mura, supplemented by relevant references found in Tindale’s (1974) *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia* under the heading ‘Walbanga’.

The following general references were also used:

- Curr, 1886-87, *The Australian Race*;
- Davidson, 1938, *A Preliminary Register of Australian Tribes and Hordes*;
- Donohue, 1991, ‘AIATSIS Library Language Names and Community/Established Language Names’;
- Frazer, 1910, *Totemism and Exogamy*;
- Howitt, 1904, *The Native Tribes of South-East Australia*;
- O’Grady, Wurm & Hale, 1966, *Aboriginal Languages of Australia: A Preliminary Classification*;
- Tindale, 1940, ‘Distribution of Australian Aboriginal tribes: a field survey’; and
- Tindale, 1974, *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia*.

A search was made of the ‘print collection’ of the *Mura* catalogue since sound tapes, film sources and material on microfilm are difficult to process within the time and resource constraints. The AIATSIS catalogue displayed only ten titles using ‘Walbanga’ as a key word, and of these two had access restrictions. These were not included in this report and are listed below. A further search of the AIATSIS catalogue was done using ‘Yuin’ and ‘Dhurga’ as key words as these names have been linked to Walbanga. This generated a further 116 and 41 titles respectively. Materials with access restrictions were omitted from the list of items requested as were foreign language materials, obvious duplications, microforms and material that appeared to deal with technical aspects of language or education curricula.

**Bibliography**


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Threlkeld, L.E. 1892, An Australian Language as spoken by the Awabakal the people of Awaba or Lake Macquarie (near Newcastle, New South Wales) being an account of their Language, Traditions, and Customs, Charles Potter, Government Printers, Sydney.
