

Glossary

Bemin	ring-tailed possum
Big one	elevated status, eg 'big one Governor' was the governor of New South Wales; 'big one talk' was Divine Service; 'big one Sunday' was the most important day of the week
Boo	shoot – not necessarily shoot to kill, includes shooting up in the air in high spirits, or shooting and missing
Bullito	greatness/much
Bungarlurly	wrong/stupid
Coolin	male person
Gammon	a truth/untruth dichotomy, eg plenty gammon – a big lie; no gammon – I am not deceiving you
Koem	kangaroo
Koogra	possum skin cloak
Lubra	female person
Marminata	good father
Meregeek	very good
Miam	dwelling, used also to describe European huts
Nerlingo	come back
No	commonly used in speaking instead of not
Pickaninny	small or little, as in child or miserable wages
Pilmularly	steal
Punjil	Creator of the universe
Quomby	to camp
Sleeps	measure of time as in contemporary usage
Sulky	angry
Tuin	flying squirrel
Wallert	possum
Willum	dwelling
Wonguim	wooden implement, used for striking or throwing, modern term boomerang, see fig. 23
Yangelly	be off with you
Yarraman	horse