Appendix 2. Glossary and abbreviations

Glossary

Dharawal  Aboriginal Language group, speakers of which are understood to have extended from the Georges River to around Wollongong.

Indigenous  In Australian usage, this indicates the owners of the Australian lands prior to British colonisation. So it refers to both Aboriginal people and Torres Straits Islanders. When used in Australia it is usually capitalised as ‘Indigenous’. Internationally, the word at times is used to describe the original inhabitants of any country, in, for example, India or Canada, where it may be used without capitals, as ‘indigenous’.

Koorie  Term used widely today in Sydney, the South Coast of NSW, the south-west of the State and Victoria, to mean ‘Aboriginal person’. A similar word, sometimes spelled ‘goori’, is common on the northern coast of NSW. The word meaning the same thing in north-west NSW and Queensland is *murri* and in far western NSW it is *wiimpatja*. Each of these words has various spellings.

Rife  Used by Judy Chester in phrases like ‘He was rife on that’, indicating irrational and vindictive pursuit of some perceived infringement. A dictionary definition is close to the way Judy used it – as an adverb about something unpleasant - ‘in an unchecked or widespread manner’.

‘Sticking fats’  A colloquial term Kevin uses frequently and which he remembers from his childhood. He understands it to mean sticking by someone or something through thick and thin, that is, maintaining solidarity with friends and comrades and adhering to principle.

Wandandian  Aboriginal language group, speakers of which are understood to have extended from Wollongong to the far southern coast of NSW.
Abbreviations

ACC – Australian Council of Churches
ACTU – Australian Council of Trade Unions
ADU – the Action Development Unit
AECG – Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group
ALP – Australian Labor Party
ALS – Aboriginal Legal Service
ANC – African National Congress
ATEA – Australian Theatrical (& Amusement) Employees’ Association
ATEU – Australian Theatrical Employees Union
ATSIC – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission
AWOL – Absent Without Leave
AWU – Australian Workers’ Union
BLF/BLs – Builders Labourers’ Federation (NSW)/ Builders Labourers
BWIU – Building Workers’ Industrial Union
CAE – College of Advanced Education
CBD – Central Business District
CDEP – Community Development Employment Projects
CDP – Community Development Program
CFMEU – Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union
CLC – Central Land Council
CPA – Communist Party of Australia
CPSU/PSA – Commonwealth Public Sector Union
FAIRA – Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action
FCAATSI – Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders
FEDFA – Federated Engine Drivers and Firemen’s Association
FILEF – Federazione Italiana Lavoratori Emigrati e le Loro Famiglie
HFA – Homes for Aborigines
HSC – Higher School Certificate
ILO – International Labour Organisation
MAR – Migrants for Aboriginal Rights
MBA – Master Builders’ Association
NACC – National Aboriginal Consultative Committee
NCCA – National Council of Churches in Australia
NGO – Non-Government Organisation
NLC – Northern Land Council
NPWS – National Parks and Wildlife Service
NSWALC – New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council
NTEU – National Tertiary Education Union –
SPA – Socialist Party of Australia (a Soviet-affiliated splinter group after the Australian Communist Party split in 1968 in response to the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia)
SUA – Seamen’s Union of Australia (later amalgamated with the Waterside Workers Federation to form the Maritime Union of Australia, the MUA)
TAFE – Technical and Further Education
TEPC – Tertiary Education Preparatory Course
TUCAR – Trade Union Committee on Aboriginal Rights
TUTA – Trade Union Training Authority
UTS – University of Technology, Sydney
VETAB – NSW Vocational and Educational Accreditation Board
WALS – Western Aboriginal Legal Service