

# Notes for the Reader

Throughout *Dreaming Ecology*, the editors have used Debbie's book *Dingo Makes Us Human* as a guide for the spelling of Aboriginal words and names. We have capitalised Indigenous and Country, in line with common usage in the twenty-first century, and in reference to the relationship Aboriginal people have with their Country. Dreaming and Law are also capitalised throughout. Inconsistencies with spelling, such as the name of Big Mick Kangkinang, which has been spelled variously as Kangkinang and Kankinang, have been standardised—in this case to Kangkinang. The *Macquarie Dictionary* has been used as a source for Australian English.

In relation to referencing, bracketed references have been used for citing published sources. In some cases, Debbie cited quotations through secondary sources, rather than their original publication. These have been left as she originally wrote them. All primary sources (Debbie's teachers) have been included as footnotes and a list of primary sources has been added to the bibliography.

Long indented quotes by Debbie's teachers are primarily in Aboriginal Kriol with editors' notes in square brackets to enhance readers' understanding. Indented quotes from secondary published sources follow convention and use the same font as the rest of the text. We have deferred to the Atlas of Living Australia ([www.ala.org.au](http://www.ala.org.au)) as our definitive guide for scientific species names. Italics have been used to indicate words from an Aboriginal language, with the exception of the names of people, spirit beings, places and the collective names of people. While these are not italicised, they are always capitalised. For example, Jimaruk (Dreaming ancestor), Jimaruk billabong (place made by a Dreaming ancestor), but *jimaruk* (water snake).

Following convention, the scientific names for plants are italicised and the first letter of the first word is capitalised. For example, *Melaleuca argentea*, but *Vigna lanceolata* var. *lanceolata* (note 'var.' is not italicised).

Scientific names used generically, such as brachychitons or acacia, are not italicised or capitalised. The Aboriginal names for plants are all italicised, although they are not capitalised, for example, *pakali*.

Many of the images in *Dreaming Ecology* were taken by Darrell Lewis and are used with his permission and the permission of the subject/s. Appendix 1 contains a letter from Brian Pedwell, Mayor of Walangeri Ward of the Victoria Daly Regional Council, in which he explains the process involved in getting permission to use the photos that contain recognisable images of individuals. Permission has been gained to use images other than those provided by Darrell Lewis.

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