



Wadawurrung Way Symbol Stories



The Wadawurrung are the traditional owners of the land east of Aireys Inlet on the Surf Coast, to the Bellarine, to Geelong and Ballarat, and to the Werribee River. They have been living on this land for thousands of years.

Wadawurrung people have used words and symbols, or picture shapes, to tell stories about what goes on in their life, in their family, and the environment around them. They did not use a pen and paper, but perhaps drew with a stick in the sand or coloured ochre on a rock.

The GORCC Education team would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands we work and teach on from Point Impossible, Torquay to Painkalac Creek, Aireys Inlet. We would like to acknowledge the Wadawurrung people as the traditional custodians of these lands and pay our respect to all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples; elders, past, present and emerging. We thank them for their continuing care for country and giving us what we have today. Nyatne (thank-you).

SYMBOL STORY ACTIVITY:

- Draw or print out the Wadawurrung symbol cards on the following pages.
- Cut these out & make your own story using two or more symbols.
- Show your symbol story to someone else and tell them the story
- Use the Symbol Template sheet to make your own symbols and add these to make a new story with the Wadawurrung symbol cards.



Waterhole

Wadawurrung Symbols



Walking



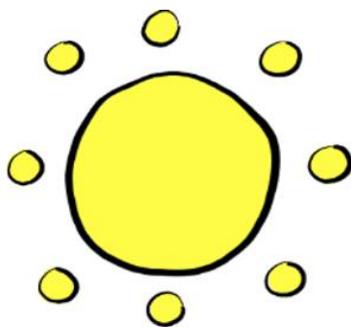
Kangaroo



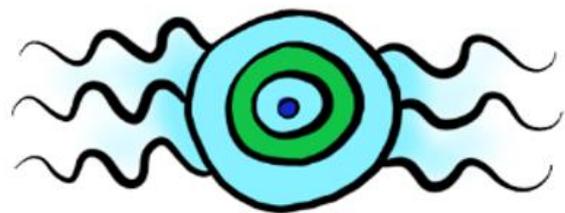
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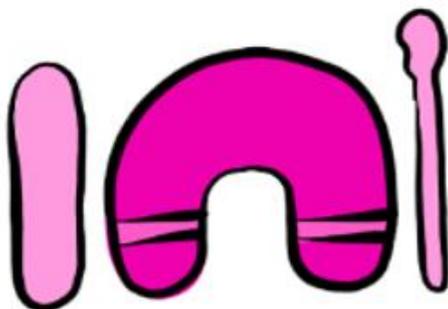
Two people sitting



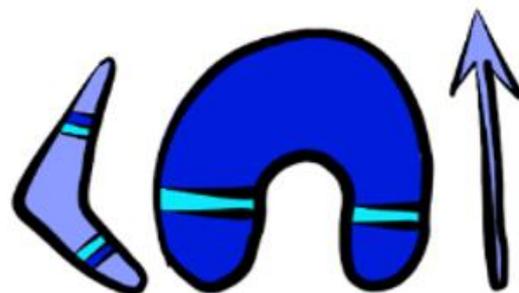
Sun/Stars



Waterhole



Woman



Man

Symbol Template

Online Resources

Language & Culture of the Surfcoast

Wathaurung Aboriginal Corporation:Wadawurrung
<https://www.wadawurrung.org.au/>

Wadawurrung Language App:VACL
<https://www.vaclang.org.au/projects/wathawurrung-ipad-app.html>

Djillong website
<http://www.djillong.net.au/wathaurong-country.html>

Keeping Aboriginal languages alive (DELWP)
<https://www2.delwp.vic.gov.au/media-centre/home/keeping-aboriginal-languages-alive>

Maggolee
<http://www.maggolee.org.au/local-government-areas-view-by-list/surf-coast/>