

Hermansburg Potters

Indigenous Art Football and Community Language



Dawn Ngala Wheeler

Luritja/ Western Arrernte born 1953

Brotherhood, covered vase 2015

Hermansburg, Northern Territory
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The Hermannsburg Potters belong to a small community 130 kilometres south-west of Alice Springs. They are famous for their colourful terracotta pots which tell stories about their culture and where they live: their Country, the mission days, bush tucker and, of course, football! During footy season the Hermannsburg community get together to watch AFL on TV and on weekends many make the trip to Alice Springs to support local teams.

This resource is part of a package of resources that introduce you to the Hermannsburg potters, their art, their community and their love of football.

In this resource, Western Arrernte football terms are translated into English.

Western Arrernte Language

The local language in Hermannsburg is Western Arrernte (pronounced UH-rrahn-da).

Ntaria is what the Western Arrernte people call Hermannsburg.

Sometimes Arrernte is spelt Aranda. This spelling is left over from old times.

The local football team in Hermannsburg is called the Western Aranda Bulldogs.



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The Western Aranda Bulldogs warm up prior to training. In 2012 the Under 17s team won the Grand Final in their division. This win is celebrated in Dawn Wheeler's work *Brotherhood* (next slide).

Language



'My grandson plays in the local Western Bulldogs Ntaria Under 17s and every year they win the Grand Final. I wanted to make this work about my grandson and his team. They were all huddled around at the start of the 2012 Grand Final against Westies at Traeger Park. We went into Alice Springs to watch. We love to watch the football, all our young fellas play'.

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Ntaria Bulldogs (Hermannsburg) defeated Westies (Alice Springs) in the 2012 Under 17s Grand Final at Traeger Park, Alice Springs.

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Team Language

Do you play team sport?

How do you communicate
with your fellow team
members?

Write a list of the terms or phrases
you might say to members of
your team when you want them
to do something.



Rona Panangka Rubuntja
Western Arrernte born 1970
The Crow (Andrew McLeod), covered vase 2015 (detail)
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Learn some
Western Arrernte
words that the
footballers use



Players from the Western Aranda Bulldogs hold their practice on the Hermannsburg oval. You can see some of the Hermannsburg Potters watching from the sidelines.



Try using these terms next time you are playing with your team.

PAARRPAI!

Hurry up!

ERRKWAI!

Catch it!

**NUKA-URNA
KICK-IMILAI!**

Kick it to me!



**PAARRPAI!
AARTJANAI!**
Hurry up and run!

**TJUP-TJUP
INAI!**
Get the ball!

KUTA LHAI!
Play on!

Investigate!

- What is Marngrook?
- Where did this game begin?
- How was Marngrook played?
- What was the Marngrook ball made from?
- Were there other ball games that were played pre European settlement?

Start with these links

<http://www.cv.vic.gov.au/stories/aboriginal-culture/the-koorie-heritage-trust-collections-and-history/marngrook-possum-skin-football/>

<http://aso.gov.au/titles/documentaries/marn-grook/clip1/>

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/about/mv-news/2007/first-football/>



Hermannsburg Potters: Indigenous Art, Football and Community

To find out more about the Hermannsburg Potters and their work you might also be interested in looking at other resources in this package.

Other resources in this package include:

- Explore and Create
- Look and Explore
- Bush Foods
- Mission Days
- Make a Pot

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