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Indigenous Language Wordlists

Turubul Body Parts

Turubul is the name of one of the languages spoken in the Brisbane area north to Caboolture and the Sunshine Coast. Linguistic research, including AUSTLANG and AIATSIS indicate there is some uncertainty around Turubul including whether it refers to a dialect or a group within the North Brisbane Region. Historical documentation from settlers, missionaries and others record words from Turubul since the 1840's. There are shared words between Turubal and neighbouring languages of Kabi Kabi to the north and Yugara/Yuggera to the south.

As Aboriginal languages were oral-based, the spelling of Turubul and Turubul language may differ in historical document and other sources; for example Turubul has also been spelt Turrbul, Turubul, Turrabul, Toorbal, Tarabul.

The following list identifies parts of the body and their suggested pronunciation.

Note: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages were oral-based; there may be several variations in spelling and pronunciation. The following list should be seen as a guide - check with local language speakers as to the preferred local pronunciation.

English	Turubul	Pronunciation
Arm	Yamma	Yah-mah
Blood	Gardin	Gar-din
Bone	Dyrrbin	Deer-bin
Ear	Binung	Bin-ung
Eye	Mill	Mill
Finger	Gillen	Gill-een
Foot	Dinung	Din-nung
Forehead	Yilim	Yill-im
Hair	Kabui	Kar-boo-ee
Hand	Marra	Mah-rah
Head	Magul	Mah-gool
Knee	Buhn	Boon
Leg	Dharang	Dah-rang
Mouth	Dhambur	Dam-boor
Neck	Durdur	Door-door
Nose	Muro	Moo-row
Shin	Buyu	Boo-yoo
Shoulder	Giga	Gee-gah
Teeth	Deea	Dee-ah

Learn more about Turubul!

Listen to Uncle Joe Kirk's story of his life as a Turubul Elder:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgXOTiunNog

Sources and Further Reading

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