



Indigenous Language Wordlists

Yugarabul Body Parts

Yugarabul is the name of one of the languages spoken in the Brisbane Western Suburbs, Ipswich-West Moreton area south towards Boonah and the Fassifern Valley; there are similarities and shared words with the Yuggera language of Brisbane-Ipswich and the Mununjali language of Beaudesert.

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	Yugarabul	Pronunciation
Arm	Yamma	Yah-mah
Belly/Stomach	Dhiggeri	Dig-ah-ree
Bone	Dyrrbin	Deer-bin
Ear	Binung	Bin-ung
Eye/Eyes	Mil	Meel
Finger	Killen	Kill-een
Foot	Dinna	Din-nah
Forehead	Midgeree	Midge-ah-ree
Hand	Marra	Mah-rah
Head	Mugil	Moo-gill
Knee	Buhn	Boon
Leg	Mungurra	Mun-gah-rah
Mouth	Dhamburu	Dam-boo-roo
Neck	Ngullun	Noo-lun
Nose	Muru	Moo-roo
Shin	Buyu	Boo-yoo
Shoulder	Giga	Gee-gah
Teeth	Deear	Dee-ah

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Further Details

For more information on Yugarabul: Yugambah Museum, Language and Heritage Research Centre serves as the Indigenous Language Centre for Southern Queensland; visit Yugambah Museum's website: www.yugambah.com

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