



Secondary Yugambeh Speech

Listen to the audio of the full Creation Story of the Gold Coast as shared by Yugambeh Elder Patricia O'Connor. Your speech is based on a part of this story.

1. Hello - my name is
Jingeri - Unya ngarri
2. With a mighty puff he blew as hard as he could and blew the spear way, way up into the sky.
Gowonda Buien gumai, neule birani mulli joan, ngorung-ga
3. And at the same time caused a shower of water and blood that rained down upon the land.
Gumera ya gwong gwongen jagun-dah.
4. The rain was so immense that it washed away all of the high mountains and left only the low lying swampy lands that make up the Gold Coast today.
Gwong gumai bathaien barai mullei ya yagala pahloom wahlu nya barang, Kombumerri ya Bullongin jagun-dah
5. From that day on, the animals of the land, the birds of the air
Binji mulli nyungai, mummeri jagun, mummeri ngorung
6. and the creatures of the sea have lived in harmony because they realised that wanting what others have can end in great tragedy.
ya mummeri borrogura, jana karulbo durungul. Bumalen'jumm.
7. Don't be jealous ...don't be greedy..!
Yugam mibunjala...Yugam munum
8. Learn from this
Kunga gulli gaureima
9. and live in peace and work toward harmony in your world.
Jana durungul. Jana durungul jagun
10. peace my many friends – peace...
Durungul ngaio jimbelong wallul... durungul

Performing your speech

We ask students to deliver this piece sitting cross-legged on the floor, as if they were sitting around a campfire. Students are to imagine the audience (the judges) are friends their own age who have never heard of this amazing story before.

There will be a fire prop on the floor on the day. Students will sit facing the judges across this prop.

You will need to tell the story at the same pace as used in the audio attachment.

Exception will be made for participants that are unable to sit for this period of time. They may be allowed to stand or use a chair.