

wangga

Geraldton

goes

Wajarri

**Adopt a Wajarri word!**

language

barna

country

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guwai!

yes!

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balayi!

look out!

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yalibirri

emu

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ngayiny

breath

# Geraldton goes Wajarri

A city revitalises its endangered Aboriginal language  
— A project by Pia Lanzinger

The slow extinction of the languages of the Aboriginal people, persecuted and exploited by Australia's 'civilised' conquerors, was until recently the declared goal of the colonial power. In Geraldton, a harbour city on the continent's west coast, Wajarri is the main Aboriginal language—albeit spoken fluently by less than 50 persons.

The project aims to give the language a larger forum by smuggling Wajarri into the city's public spaces. Geraldton's residents were invited to adopt a Wajarri word and special T-shirts featuring the imprinted word functioned as a communicative signal. This shall not only put a halt to the vanishing of a language but also serve as a reminder of the ongoing repression Australia's indigenous population are still exposed to.

To adopt a Wajarri word visit  
[www.geraldton-goes-wajarri.org](http://www.geraldton-goes-wajarri.org)

[www.pialanzinger.de](http://www.pialanzinger.de) [www.spaced.org.au](http://www.spaced.org.au)

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