Guunumba Gumbaynggirr Nyarri Gu
- To Learn Gumbaynggirr Life, Stages 1-2

About this program
This program, presented by Aboriginal Discovery Rangers, aims to introduce the Gumbaynggirr Aboriginal community to students, with background on traditional Country and language, Dreaming stories, totems, traditional tools, weapons and music. Students will be able to engage in activities and ask questions related to this program. This introductory program is designed as a pre-requisite for an Aboriginal Ranger-guided activity at a local national park of reserve.

Objectives
Students will recognise that Aboriginal people are the first Australians and and use interactive mental mapping to locate the places they know to create a sense of place within Gumbaynggirr Country. Students will engage with local Aboriginal culture through fun interactive activities.

Program outline
Part 1
- Welcome to Country by local Aboriginal Elder in Gumbaynggirr language and in English
- What is Gumbaynggirr Country; where do you live in Gumbaynggirr Country
- Gumbaynggirr place names and language
- Gumbaynggirr Dreaming stories, including local stories

Part 2
- Totems
- Traditional local stone artifacts, weapons and tools.
- Gumbaynggirr bush tucker and medicine

Links to support material for schools
Resource package - Gumbaynggirr Country
- Worksheet: North east NSW - Gumbaynggirr place names
- Worksheet: Bushtucker of Bongil Bongil National Park
- Fact sheet: Bongil Bongil - Place of plenty for indigenous Gumbaynggirr People
- Teacher’s Kit: Rookery Roundup

Additional references
Gumbaynggirr online dictionary
- www.muurrbay.org.au/languages/gumbaynggirr/

Gumbaynggirr fact sheets
- www.arrawarraculture.com.au

Coffs Coast NPWS Aboriginal Ranger guided Discovery activity programs
- Giidany Miirlarl: A Special Site
- Bushtucker and Medicine
- Muttonbirds by Moonlight

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