

INVITATION



Aboriginal Place Names in the Shoalhaven

The Alliance invites you to a Yarning Circle with local historian and archivist, Michael Organ.

One of the most common encounters with Indigenous culture around Australia, and in the Shoalhaven, is place names – whether it be towns, streets, or places. For example – **Cullunghutti /Coolangatta, Worrigee, Terara, Numbaa, Cambewarra, Illaroo, Wandandian, Tomerong** – all have origins in Aboriginal languages. In comparison, the streets of Nowra primarily bear English names. This talk will discuss why this is so; the significance of the use of Aboriginal words and phrases to designate places; and the importance of reviving Indigenous languages.



About Michael: In 1990, Michael compiled and published an extensive collection of documents entitled *A Documentary History of the Illawarra & South Coast Aborigines (sic), 1770 – 1900*, in two volumes.

There will be two sessions.

Both will be facilitated by **Uncle Gerry Moore.**

DATE: Sunday, 18 May 2025

Committee Room, Nowra Showground, West St, Nowra

MORNING SESSION

10 am – 12 noon

For members of the Aboriginal community only

A light lunch will be served after this session.

Everyone is invited to stay on and chat with Michael.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2 pm – 4 pm

Open to all

For further information, contact:

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Members of the Aboriginal community may find some of the material discussed causes distress