

# Gamilaraay, Yuwaalaraay Guwaa-Ida-ya Speak!



**barran**  
boomerang



**bagay**  
river



**bigibila**  
echidna



**mudhay**  
brush-tailed  
possum

**a**

As in 'cut'

**aa**

As in 'cart'

**ay**

As in 'bay'

**aaay**

As in 'buy'

**i**

As in 'fit'

**ii**

As in 'feet'

**u**

As in 'book'

**uu**

As in 'boot'

**waaru**

crow



**dhagaay**

yellowbelly



**giidjaa**

ant



**dhuu**

smoke



**b**

As in 'bin'

**d**

As in 'duck'

**dh**

Like 'd' but with the tip  
of your tongue

**dj**

Like in 'judge'

**g**

As in 'go'

**l**

As in 'low'

**m**

As in 'me'

**n**

As in 'no'

**ng\***

One sound as in 'singer'  
- not two sounds as in  
'finger'\*

**nh**

Like 'n' but with the  
tip of your tongue  
between your teeth

**ny**

Like in 'onion'

**r**

As in 'run'

**rr**

A rolled 'r', like some  
Italian people say

**w**

As in 'way', but silent  
before 'u' at the start  
of a word

**y**

As in 'yes', but silent  
before 'i' at the start

\* When 'n' is followed by 'g' as two sounds we put a full stop between them, and 'ng' can be followed by 'g' as two sounds. So we get 'dhangga' (heel), 'dhan.gay' (puddle), and 'dhanggal' (large mussel).

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