

# University of Queensland resources

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages — Resource guide



This resource guide describes language materials held within the University of Queensland (UQ) that could be used as part of language revival processes.

## Fryer Library

Fryer Library (UQ) houses special collections, including historical materials such as rare books, manuscripts and research theses. The collections have an emphasis on Australian literature, history, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies, art and architecture. Further details: [www.library.uq.edu.au/fryer/](http://www.library.uq.edu.au/fryer/)

Some of the special items of interest to schools and communities are described below.

## Elwyn Flint collection

The Flint papers comprise 57 boxes of written documents compiled and collected by the late Elwyn Flint, most of them as part of the Queensland Speech Survey: a long-term research project carried out mainly in the 1960s. Flint's intense interest in language variation took him all over Queensland and beyond recording on audio-tape and in writing the many varieties of English spoken in Queensland. This included the dialects and creoles spoken by Aboriginal people all over the state and those spoken in the Torres Strait Islands. Language materials include grammatical studies, vocabularies and sound recordings from across Queensland.

Catalogue: [www.library.uq.edu.au/fryer/ms/Flint/flint\\_catalogue.html](http://www.library.uq.edu.au/fryer/ms/Flint/flint_catalogue.html)

From this page, access a list of languages included in the papers, an index of Aboriginal language materials as well as the preface, biography and bibliography for the collection.

## Caroline Kelly Collection

Recently discovered in Northern New South Wales, these materials detail daily Aboriginal life at Cherbourg Aboriginal Settlement in Queensland in 1934. Caroline Kelly was an anthropologist who worked at Aboriginal settlements in New South Wales in the 1930s. She recorded kinship practices, traditional ceremonies, language, territorial knowledge and genealogies. The collection includes field notes, unpublished papers, letters and photographs, and is a valuable resource for anthropological study.

Two papers of particular interest for communities are:

- “Tribes on Cherburg Settlement, Queensland”, which includes ethno-linguistic information on the various groups removed to Cherbourg, e.g. Batjala, Wakka Wakka, Kabi Kabi, Goa, Kalali, Bidjara, Gangulu and Dharumbal.
- “The Aborigines of Fraser or Great Sandy Island, Queensland”, which was delivered at the 1932 ANZAAS Conference.

In addition to these particular studies, Tennant-Kelly also undertook research on groups from Cape York, the Gulf and Northern Queensland.

Catalogue: <http://library.uq.edu.au/record=b2455069>

## School of Languages and Comparative Cultural Studies

The School of Languages and Comparative Cultural Studies (SLCCS) specialises in teaching and research in major world languages and cultures. The SLCCS conducts undergraduate and postgraduate research, and may also be able to provide linguistic advice to schools and communities.

Linguistic research and studies in Australian Aboriginal languages may also be undertaken, particularly at postgraduate level.

Further details: [www.slccs.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=17998&pid=19624](http://www.slccs.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=17998&pid=19624)

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