

What's in a Name?



Ginninderry

'Ginninderry' is derived from an Aboriginal word meaning 'sparkling' or 'throwing out little rays of light'.

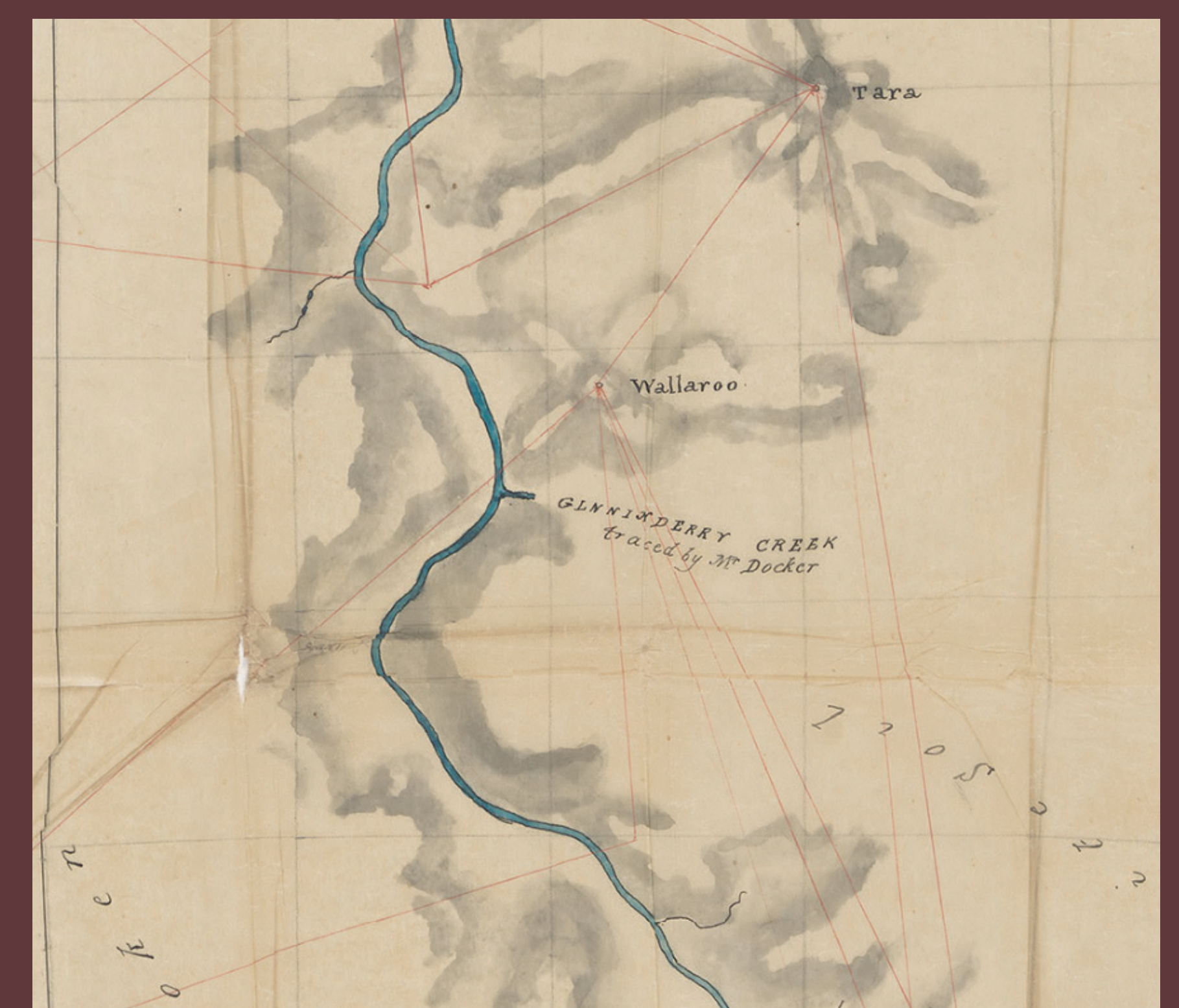
The use of this word, Ginninderry, symbolises the importance of our historically significant waterways, the Murrumbidgee River and Ginninderra Creek, that surround your community and our ongoing connection to Country. The various 'sparks', used as the Ginninderry logo, change and adapt - just as light changes as it reflects off water.

Ginninderry Historic Spellings

G	i	n	a	nd	g	i	n	a	nd	d	e	rr	y	c1829 Kingplate		
					g	i	n	i	ng	d	e	rr	y	1829 Dixon		
G	i	n			g	i	nn	i	n	d	e	rr	a	1831a Palmer		
G	i	n			g	i	n	i	n	d	e	rr	a	1831b Palmer		
G	i	nn	i	n	g	i	nn	i	n	d	e	rr	y	1832 Hoddle		
G	i	nn	i	n	g	i	nn	i	n	d	e	rr	a	1833 P.O.		
G	i	nn	i	n	g	i	nn	i	n	d	e	r	a	1834 Lhotsky		
G	i	nn	i	n	g	i	nn	i	n	d	e	rr	y	1834 Mitchell map		
G	i	nn	i	n	g	i	nn	i	n	d	e	rr	y	1835 Hoddle		
					G	i	nn	i	n	d	e	rr	y	1841 Queanbeyan blanket list		
J	i	n			J	i	n	i	n	d	e	rr	ing	1844 Robinson		
					G	i	n	i	n	d	e	rr	a	1859 Post Office		
					G	i	n	i	n	d	e	rr	y	1886 Map		
Gh	i	nn	i	n	gh	i	nn	i	n	d	e	rr	a	1891 Mowie (c1840)		
G	i	n	i	n	g	i	n	i	n	d	e	rr	a	1927 Shumack (1860s)		
					D	j	i	n	i	n	d	i	rr	i	2016 Reconstruction 1 (AIATSIS & Ngaiyuriidja Ngunawal Language Project Group)	



Robert Hoddle, 1832, 'Ginninginderry Plains, New South Wales'. Watercolour painting; 18 x 41.7 cm.



Ginninderry Creek labelled on Sr. R. Dixon, 1829, 'Morumbidgee River'. State Library of New South Wales.

The name Ginninderry was chosen following two years of research and consultation with the project's People and Place Group (PPG), a forum of key local stakeholders.

The team worked closely with the Australian National University, the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and the local First Nations community to ensure all available linguistic records were considered.