
BENNELONG

70 minutes, no interval

**There are many accounts of Bennelong's life. These are the spirits and the energies of the characters, as told by Bangarra.*

SACRED

Respecting the space

BIRTH OF BENNELONG

The birth of the man who carries five names.

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WANGAL

Eora Nation people, living off the land on their Country, hunting and gathering.

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NATIVE VACCINATE

Intuition tells the clan unsettling spirits are coming and they must vaccinate and protect themselves.

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FLEET

The arrival, of which sets a course of destruction for the next two centuries.

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OBSERVATION SMELL

First Contact, with both cultures observing mind body and spirit.

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REWIND 1788

Spirit of the Land and Knowledge, consciously reflecting the spirit of Bennelong, the land and the people.

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BAIT

Governor Phillips sends for the capture of Bennelong.

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RESPONDING

First archetype of assimilation through the wearing of colonial clothing.

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ONSLAUGHT

Smallpox wipes out a whole clan; Bennelong survives.

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RESISTANCE

Signs of resistance through the energy of Pemulwuy.

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REJECTION

Spearing of Governor Phillip at Manly Cove in a men's initiation.

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SPIRIT OF BARANGAROO

One of Bennelong's wives Barangaroo dies.

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CROWN

Bennelong and Yemmerawanye travel to London with Governor Phillip and are feted as a triumph of assimilation; Yemmerawanye dies in London.

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REPATRIATION

The ongoing battle for our bones and spirits to be returned from London.

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WIVES

Bennelong returns from London and does not belong in either world; the five strong female energies that influenced his life.

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1813 / PEOPLE OF THE LAND

The year Bennelong dies; questioning what he has left, and mourning his own spirit.

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