## DNGLISH

## **ACTIVITIES**

**Years 8-10** 

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Introduction to the topic of Oral History, its value and how it has been downplayed in the past  Teacher gives examples of Oral Histories (ABC Radio, Storytelling in Aboriginal, Irish and native American cultures)  Comparison between Written and Oral History Introduction to Oral History Project  Discussion of appropriate language for different interview subjects  Choosing subject  Forming list of appropriate questions  Making arrangements to contact subject  Role play or interview of known person (eg parent, neighbour, relative, friend of family) and report  Students conduct interview  Report to group/class or a written report/biography/narrative or  A creative writing piece based upon an interview/biography  Teacher and class review what was actually learnt and experienced through creating an oral history  This discussion also focusses on the advantages of an Oral History. Is this evident? How? Students	(See Resource Base- Activity Sites Map)  Classroom  Mouth of Rapid Creek (opposite Beachfront Hotel)  Water Gardens, Rapid Creek  Classroom or site on Rapid Creek (see above)  Site on Rapid Creek (see above) or subject's home or choice of venue  Classroom or site on Rapid Creek (see above)  Classroom or site on Rapid Creek (see above)	Rapid Creek Local History  Tape and transcript of interview with Jim Gayton  Larrakia Culture & History  Tape and transcript of interview with Topsy Secretary  Other Resources Cassette recorders/tape Microphone and Lead Video camera	Larrakia Information  - for interview subjects and storytellers  Rapid Creek Local History  - for interview subjects and storytellers  As Above	Imaginative Biography  eg -soldier in war years  picnic/camping at Rapid Creek (early 20th C) ( see historical photos of Rapid Creek in Resource Base)  Larrakia Man/Woman, Rapid Creek Mission 1880s (see Resource Base and Social Education Activities)  Visiting Speaker/Storyteller  Teacher may arrange for an interesting speaker to address the class, either on-site at the Creek or at school Class may choose someone to visit or select from People (Contact List) in Resource Base.  Personal Biography  Students/teacher express their own story/biography in their choice of genre, either factually or creatively  Historical Site Visits  Depending on information received in the interviews it could be a worthwhile activity to visit sites on Rapid Creek. (Refer to Historical Sites-Resource Base)

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2. BUSH TUCKER STORYTELLING  * Larrakia guide leads students on tour of significant Larrakia sites. Guide relates stories of:  -Dariba Nunggalinya (Old Man Rock)  -Nightcliff fish trap  -Minjamarrmarr (banyan tree)  -Gurambai (Rapid Creek)  -Bush tucker, native plants of the mouth of the creek  * Students construct a multi media education kit on the bush tucker and Larrakia stories of Rapid Creek. The kit may contain:  -Video and taped commentary  -Slide show and taped commentary  -Photographic display and descriptive report  -Tape tour (cassette recording)  -Descriptive report  -Procedural text  -Prose narratives (eg pictures, short stories, traditional stories)	Dripstone Park, Casuarina Beach (1) Casuarina Beach (2) Car park at the end of Aralia Street (Nightcliff rocks) Kurrajong Crescent, Nightcliff Mouth of Rapid Creek (H3) Mangrove sites (4-8)  Classroom or various sites on Rapid Creek (see above)	Video camera Cameras Film (normal and slide) Pens and paper (notetaking)  Larrakia Culture & History  Plant Information  Mangrove Information	Larrakia Information  Plant Information  Mangrove Information	<ul> <li>* June Mills would like to combine Theatre/Storytelling with Bush tucker/native plant walks. She will join other people on contact list to do this.</li> <li>* Bush tucker/native plant activities may be carried out on other sites on Rapid Creek.</li> <li>* Some recording of Larrakia guide talking on-site would lend authenticity to the final product.</li> <li>* This activity is related to English No. 1 (Creating An Oral History) and to Social Education activities No's 10 &amp; 11 (Rapid Creek Mission Case Study and Larrakia Anthropological Study).</li> </ul>

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3. PLANT IDENTIFICATION WALK	Commence of the commence of th	Wassyroot information	'fisherman			
Students select a plant community to visit. An identification and information walk is conducted by guide with expertise in that area	Mangrove sites (4-8)	Plant Information	Mangrove Information	* Students could monitor a small section of a plant community (20mx20m) before and after the impact of fire		
The guide draws students attention to the main characteristics of the plant community and talks about the major species. Information could include a discussion about how and why the community has changed over time (eg impact by	Monsoon forest (12&13)	1-	Plant Information	Before fire: Feb/Mar/Apr After fire: May/June (See Social Education Activity No.8 Human Impact Studies)		
fire, erosion, development, human use).  GROUP WORK	Transition communities (10&11)		Computer Education & NT Animals	* Students need to be proficient in operating video camera/audio equipment prior to carrying out this activity		
Students create a multi-media educational kit highlighting the major plant species of the community they visit. This may include:	Eucalypt woodlands (15&16)		Information System	Students may present their educational kit to a younger audience/class     The educational kit may also include some sketches of		
<ul> <li>Photographic Display</li> <li>Slide Show with Taped Commentary</li> <li>Video with Taped Commentary</li> <li>Cassette Recording (describing vegetation, species' names and bush sounds)</li> </ul>	Paperbark community (18)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Greening Rustralia (Sean Heffernan)	different plant species, community sites and examples of human impact and development. The drawing activity could be in place of the photographic documentation.  * Refer to Social Education Activities No's3&4: mangrove identification and mangrove case study.		
OTHER TASK OPTIONS	Reed Creek (see			* The taped commentary could contain some background atmospheric effects. Students may create these on-site.		
Descriptive report writing     Creative writing (eg poetry, ballads, stories)     Talk presented to an audience	Pandanus forest (14)	Material		allocation choice. Students may clear these offsite.		
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4. CONTRASTING LITERARY/STORY FORMS  * As an introduction to this activity students may be led through a short walk along Rapid Creek to obtain a 'sense of place' for this environment.  * This activity explores the different ways in which people/cultures relate to the natural environment.  * Students experience/listen to different forms of storytelling from guest speakers, on-site (eg Larrakia storytelling, bush ballads, European stories/poetry, other Aboriginal stories and poetry).  * Students create their own poetry/stories. They may choose one of the above genres or create their own (eg synthesise the above forms). This may be carried out on-site or as a follow-on activity in the classroom.	Dripstone park, Casuarina Beach (1)  Mouth of creek (3)  Water Gardens (9)  Monsoon forest (12&13)  Comments  The site at Casuarina beach is within view of the Larrakia sacred site-Dariba	Plant Information	Larrakia Information  Bush Ballads  Modern Australian Poetry  Other Educational Resources (Margaret Palmer)  Greening Australia	* Students are introduced to examples of different forms of literature and storytelling before going on-site eg stories/poetry from past eras, especially those that relate to the natural environment. Students view historical photographs of Rapid Creek, artefacts and read historical accounts which relate to the Australian natural environment.  * In experiencing different forms of literature/storytelling, students become aware of contrasting feelings and atmospheres that are evoked and why.  * Students become aware of how Larrakia/Aboriginal people relate to and use their natural environment, especially before white settlement and compare this to European attitudes.  * This activity has potential to be developed further into a short play. See English Activity No. 8 (Theatre/ Storytelling) for ideas in developing such a performance.	
Activity	Nunggalinya (Old man rock).	Material	(Sean Heffernan)	* Refer to English Activity No.2 (Bush tucker/ storytelling)	

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GROUP PROJECT  Students create a story/poem about a spirit, animal, bunyip or imaginary creature/being that may live in a habitat on Rapid Creek (eg in a big tree, waterhole or forest).  Each group locates a particular habitat/site where	Dripstone Park, Casuarina Beach (1)  Mouth of creek (3)  Mangrove sites (4-8)	Plant Information (Rapid Creek Vegetation Map)	Plant Information	* Students are introduced to the traditional purposes of many stories in Aboriginal culture- (ie to instruct and explain)- before they attempt to create a story about a creek creature.  * In thinking about the creature's purpose or dreaming, students are led into thinking of how the creek function. The creature/spirit may be linked into the creek's
the creature lives. They then take a photograph/ slide/video of this site and prepare a descriptive report of the habitat.  * They describe the creature, its purpose/dreaming and its character. This descriptive report could also be in the form of a taped commentary with background bush sound effects. This may be recorded on-site and become a part of the story.	Water Gardens (9)  Monsoon forest (12&13)	Access to school's own library and literary resources	Greening Rustralia (Sean Heffernan)	* As a motivational exercise students could take a short bush walk along the creek to visualise a habitat/site fo their imaginary creature.  * Teacher may arrange for a visiting speaker to address class with performances, stories, history, plant habitat information as a background for the activity. This coule carried out on-site.
Each group may present their story to the class, another class or a younger audience. From the group each person carries out one of the following tasks:     describing the creature/being to the audience     showing drawings/poster/display or video/slides/photos     telling the story of the creature (with sound effects)				
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Individually or in pairs the class create a monthly magazine set in Rapid Creek, Darwin in the 1940s or in another time period.  Students select their own interest area:  letters to the editor/advertisements/classifieds/articles/world affairs/editorials/cartoons etc.  Some articles in the newspaper could feature:  a story about a traditional Larrakia man/woman collecting bush tucker or hunting  a feature article about a crocodile hunter on Rapid Creek (see historical photos in Resource Base).  an imagined story of an armed invasion of Darwin by sea through the mangroves  a letter to the editor objecting to military 'sandbagging' the creek for swimming and recreational use  a report about how a family who gets lost in the Rapid Creek bush, survives	Casuarina Beach (1)  Mouth of creek (3)  Mouth of creek (Casuarina side-2)  Mangrove sites (4-8)  Nightcliff fish trap  Water Gardens (9)  Mission Well, Earl Place, Millner  Yankee Pool, Marrara (H9)	Rapid Creek Local History  Larrakia Culture & History  Plant Information	Larrakia Information  Rapid Creek Mission Information  Rapid Creek Local History	<ul> <li>Each student peruses an example of the writing they are creating before attempting the task.</li> <li>Teacher may arrange for a guest speaker from the NT News to address the class, preferably a very experience photographer or journalist. He/she may speak about the historical developments in his/her profession or describ how he/she would go about creating a journalistic piece or taking a particular photograph.</li> <li>Students should be encouraged to follow their own interest area and through their own family and neighbourhood connections locating older people in the community with specific historical knowledge of the Rapid Creek area.</li> <li>Students may take black and white photographs for inclusion in the historical newspaper, as a part of the activity.</li> <li>Students should carry out their own historical research in preparing their newspaper item.</li> <li>Refer to Historical Sites in Resource Base</li> <li>Refer to English Activity No.1 (Creating An Oral</li> </ul>

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7. MEDIA				
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GROUP WORK	Mouth of creek (3)	Plant Information	Mangrove Information	<ul> <li>Instead of a documentary video students may create a general interest video eg portray a recreational day out at Rapid Creek.</li> </ul>
Students may create one of the following:	Mangrove sites (4-8)	Larrakia Culture &	Plant Information	* In groups students create a number of film scripts for upcoming video production eg
- Informational handbook/nature lover's brochure	Water gardens (9)	History	Intermation	Shot 1Accompanying text
Documentary video     Informational poster/display     Radio interview     Community service announcement (Radio or TV)	Monsoon forest (12&13)	Rapid Creek Local History	Larrakia Information	Shot 2Accompanying text     The whole class may negotiate to create the final script from all of the ideas submitted OR the teacher and students may select ONE as the best script.
- Tape tour		ABC Radio	Bootel County	RADIO INTERVIEW
	Transition communities (10&11)	Tapes Catalogue	Rapid Creek Local History	* Students research radio interview styles eg ABC, commercial radio, Radio Rum Jungle, Triple J
* In carrying out this task students may highlight			,	* Group discussion to develop questions for the interview
the rich history of the creek (Aboriginal history and post-European settlement), the many different plant communities and their dominant	Eucalypt woodlands (15&16)	Video camera	1.1	* The interview may be conducted with such people as a Larrakia elder, a historian, a monsoon forest plant
species.	Paperbark community	Cameras		community expert, a crocodile hunter from the 1950s e (see contact lists in Resource Base).
	(18)	Cassette	MAN	COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
	Pandanus forest (14)	recorders and tape.	TANT	Students listen to, research/record community service announcements from different television and radio networks. Students then create their own.
	Grasslands (17)			Some of the activities outlined here would need to be simplified for Year 8 students. The activities of constructing a poster/display or an information
	5116		1116	handbook may better suit the Year 8 level.      Students may focus on one plant community to simplify the task.
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8. THEATRE/ STORYTELLING  * Activity leader draws student participation into presenting a short play based upon a Larrakia or other story, highlighting some significant feature of Rapid Creek, its history, environment, dreaming  * Students may develop their own plays/stories to present on-site (in groups). This short play may be based upon:  - botanical/scientific information  - imaginative/creative interactions with the natural environment  - historical aspects of Rapid Creek  - other information/material emerging from group discussion	Dripstone Park, Casuarina Beach (1)  Mouth of creek (3)  Water Gardens (9)  Monsoon forest (12&13)	Larrakia Culture O History  Rapid Creek Mission Information  Rapid Creek Local History  Video camera  Cassette recorders and tape	Larrakia Information  Rapid Creek Local History  Bush Ballads  Modern Australian Poetry	* The dramatic presentations could incorporate the use of music and mime.  * Students may develop a script for this presentation in class or on-site.  * This activity can be recorded or video-taped.  * Students/groups present their created plays to a younger class or audience in a bush setting on Rapid Creek. It could also be presented at a Mixtures night at Brown's Mart.  * This activity can be related to No.2 (Bush Tucker/ Storytelling) and may involve Billy Risk.  * See bush balladeers and modern Australian poets in Resource Base.

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9. HUMAN IMPACT STUDIES  GROUP WORK Recommended Level Years 9-10  * In this activity students explore such factors as the impact of fire, erosion, human use, litter, cyclones on one plant community on Rapid Creek.  * Students may document these impacting factors in the form of: -photographs -slides -videos -descriptive reports	Mangrove sites (4-8)  Monsoon forest (12&13)  Eucalypt woodlands (15&16)  Paperbark community (18)	Plant Information  Camera and film  Video camera  Cassette recorders and tape	Greening Rustralia Plant Information Mangrove Information	<ul> <li>* This activity may be seen as documentation for the Social Education Activity No.9 (Human Impact Studies)</li> <li>* This documentation process could also serve as a resource for students in developing creative/descriptive writing pieces or artistic displays.</li> <li>* Students may also write a persuasive/argumentative letter to a politician, the government, a newspaper or community group urging action or a plan to redress damage to a site on Rapid Creek.</li> <li>* Students may also carry out a comparative study of human impact on other plant communities on Rapid Creek.</li> <li>* Students may adopt a specific plant community on Rapid Creek and clean up, revegetate over 1 or 2 semesters. They could visually document the site of this plant community with photographs before and after the project. Students could then invite newspaper photographers and journalists to feature this site and what they have achieved in an edition of the NT News.</li> </ul>
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* Students role-play a public hearing on a topical issue in relation to Rapid Creek eg whether or not to allow cars to park close to the edge of a fragile section of the creek (upstream from McMillan's Rd), whether or not to allow a residential development nearby to the creek; or alternatively, students could create their own 'mock issue'.  * Students research for and against arguments of the issue.  * Role play a debate (students role play a politician, an irate resident) OR students carry out an 'interview' on-site at the creek in front of 'TV cameras'-video  * Students send their ideas/plans of action on how they would like to see the creek protected and managed in the future to government/community leaders/newspapers	Airport Bridge, Marrara  Site selected by students  Monsoon forest (12)	Airport Bridge Issue Information  Other Educational Resources (User Survey)	Rapid Creek Management Catchment Group Greening Rustralia  David Young (Dept of Transport & Works) Richard Freeman (CCNT) Jamle Pittock (Environment Centre) Rick Setter (MLA- Jingili) Ken Parish (MLA- Millner) NT News Darwin City Council CCNT-Parks & Planning	* Part of this activity may involve students enquiring of Darwin City Council and NT Government whether there are any planned developments related to the Rapid Creek catchment area for the future eg roads, residential developments.  * Students prepare a questionnaire for different interest groups, government etc.  * Students may select a site on Rapid Creek for a 'mock issue' or a site based upon the information received from research into future plans for the creek's catchment.  * Students could look at a past issue in relation to Rapid Creek (eg the construction of the airport access bridge in1991), to develop ideas on how to model/create another 'mock issue.'  * Students could create a pamphlet or petition that raises awareness about the issue they have chosen.  * Students send their plans of action/ideas to interested community groups.
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11. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITES BOOKLET  * Students contribute to an environmental education booklet or booklets based on Rapid Creek that incorporate: -colouring-in diagrams -dot-to-dot exercises -crosswords -children stories -jokes/cartoons/riddles * Information in the booklet on Rapid Creek could include: plant communities, species, animals, history, human impact and development and other interest areas. * This educational booklet can be designed by Years 8-10 and presented to a younger audience. Students may visit younger classes and lead them through some of the activities or read/act out the children's stories for them.	Casuarina Beach (2) Mouth of creek (23 Mangrove sites (4-8) Water Gardens (9) Monsoon forest (12&13) Transition communities (10&11) Eucalypt woodlands (15&16) Paperbark community (18) Pandanus forest (14) Grasslands (17)	Plant Information  Mangrove Information  Benthos, Rmphibians, Mammals, Reptiles Information  Fish Species Information  Birds Species Information  Rapid Creek Local History  Rapid Creek Mission Information  Larrakia Culture & History	Mangrove Information Plant Information Larrakia Information Rapid Creek Local History	* Students may be led on plant identification and historical information walks as a background to beginning work of the booklet. A wide range of studies on the creek is encouraged so that the booklet portrays a variety of information in the exercises.  * Students may interview people in gathering information for the booklet.  * Macintosh computers have a crossword program which is capable of converting specific information into a crossword format.  * This activity is a good conclusion for students in rounding off their studies on Rapid Creek.

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Students adopt a plant community on Rapid Creek and maintain a journal/diary for that community over the course of the school year. This diary may be used to document the students visits to the plant community. It may also document changes to the community:  -fire damage -plant growth -flowering and fruiting cycles of plants -human impact/use of the community -sightings of particular species of birds/animals	Casuarina Beach (2) Mouth of creek (3) Mangrove sites (4-8) Monsoon forest (12&13) Transition communities (10&11) Eucalypt woodlands (15&16)	Reptiles Information  Fish Species Information  Birds Species Information  Reptiles  Cut on Rapid Countries  Plant Information  Fish Species Information  Reptiles  Fish Species Information  Reptiles  Fish Species Information  Reptile  Reptiles  Fish Species Information  Fish Species Information	* This diary can be used to document any activity carried out on Rapid Creek.  * Students may develop their own areas of interest on which to focus the journal or diary on.  * The journal/diary could also be used as part of the assessment process at the end of semester.	
	Paperbark community (18) Pandanus forest (14) Grasslands (17)	Plant Information	Bird Species Information	

## Other English Activities Could Include:

- 1. Larrakia language/word list activity (using Larrakia language in relation to plants, stories, sacred and significant Larrakia sites and historical information).
- Research project into the history of the Chinese community in Darwin (with special reference to the Rapid Creek area).
- 3. The development of an alternative Aboriginal calendar of seasons.
- Save the Bush Activities Booklet (containing games and stories based upon the natural environment).
- Bush sounds/city sounds-recording and commentary of sounds from different environments.