



Did you know that the English word 'bilby' probably comes from the Gamilaraay/Yuwaalaraay/Yuwaalayaay word bilba?

A traditional story explains why bilbies live in sandhills. Bilba lived in a camp with his friend Mayrraa the wind. Bilba became lonely because he could hear but not see Mayrraa. Bilba said he was going to go and find other friends. So Mayrraa went away and turned into an angry storm. Bilba hid in the soft sand and has lived there ever since.

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