BENNELONG

*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.

PERFORMED BY

Beau Dean Riley Smith Full Company

WANGAL

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

PERFORMED BY

Elma Kris Deborah Brown Jasmin Sheppard Yolanda Lowatta

Beau Dean Riley Smith Waangenga Blanco Leonard Mickleo Luke Currie-Richardson Tyrel Dulvarie

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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Daniel Riley Beau Dean Riley Smith

Tara Gower Tara Robertson Kaine Sultan Babij Rikki Mason Glory Tuohy-Daniell Baden Hitchcock Ryan Pearson

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.

PERFORMED BY

Elma Kris

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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Deborah Brown Tara Gower Jasmin Sheppard Tara Robertson Yolanda Lowatta Glory Tuohy-Daniell

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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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Elma Kris Jasmin Sheppard

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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