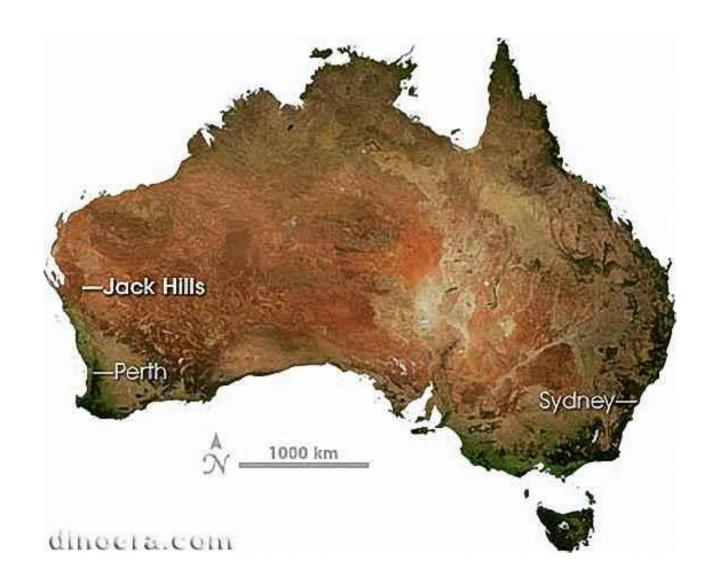


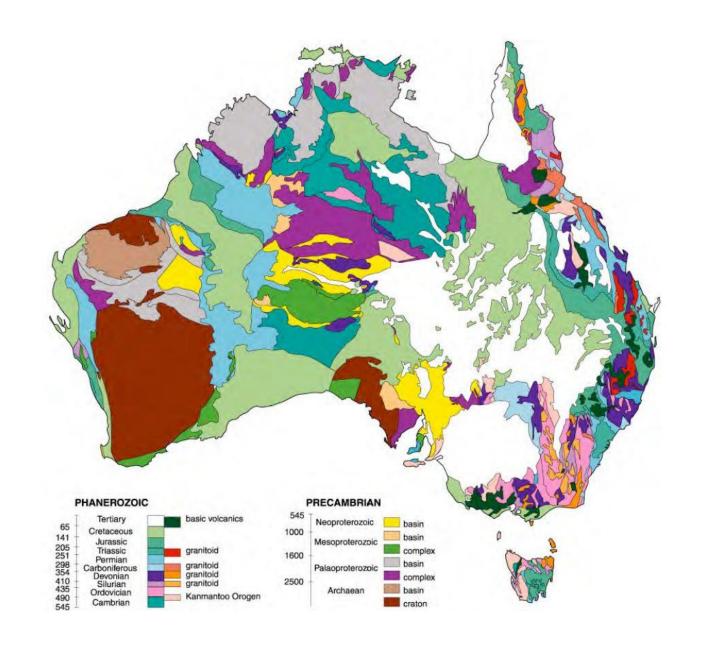


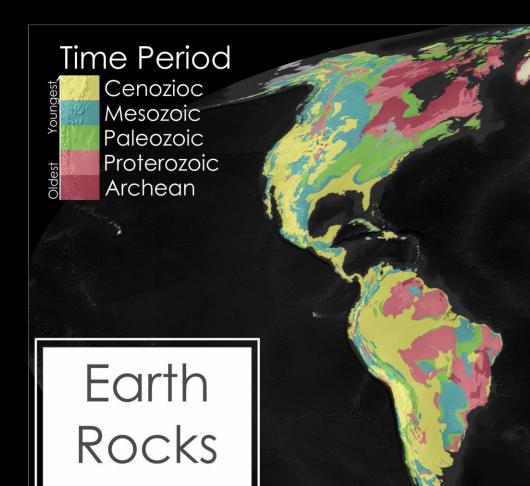
Devil's Lair - Wardandi Noongar Country, photo by WA Museum

Deep Time

Deep Time is geologic time, or earth time. It is periods of time measured in thousands and millions of years, even billions of years. It is the timescale used to describe natural processes such as tectonic plates moving, caves forming, glaciers cutting tracks through mountain ranges, and rivers digging canyons through rock.







Geologic Data from "Generalized Geological Map of the World and Linked Databases, Geological Survey of Canada,Open File 2915d, 1995

Map by Sean Morrison

Nyitting

The Cold Times

"The freezing cold, near darkness time, long, long ago when there was nothing on the earth, it was flat and featureless"

Noongar Elder Dr Noel Nannup in Nyoongar Boodja Koomba Bardip Kooratan (2017)

• The final Ice Age of the Pleistocene, known as the Last Glacial Maximum (LGM), occurred between 25,000 and 17,000 years ago. It was one of the most severe glaciations, with most of Europe and North America under glaciers. Nyoongar *boodja* was not covered in ice but it was cold and endured a 10,000-year drought, making life tough (Morrison and Morrison 1990).

From Ngalak koora koora djinang (Looking back together) by Nannup, Robertson, Stasiuk and Hopper (2016)

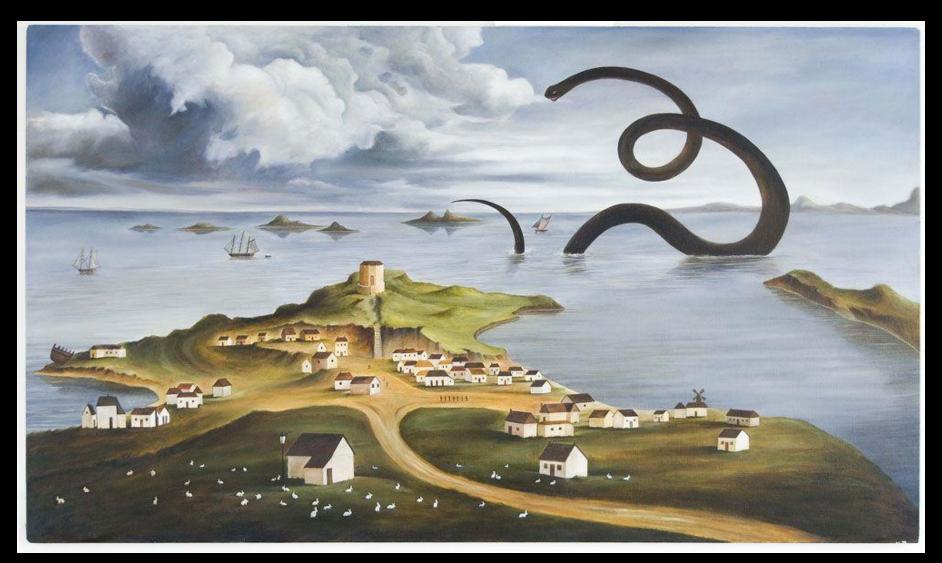
Nyitting/Nyetting – The Cold Times

- Nyitting Long ago Cold Times/Time of Creation
- Nediny ancient/old
- Nyidiny cold
- Nyidiyang Caucasian settler

^{*}All words spelt using the Marribank orthography

Waardanak Boodja

Flood Story



Christopher Pease, The Round House, 2007, oil on canvas





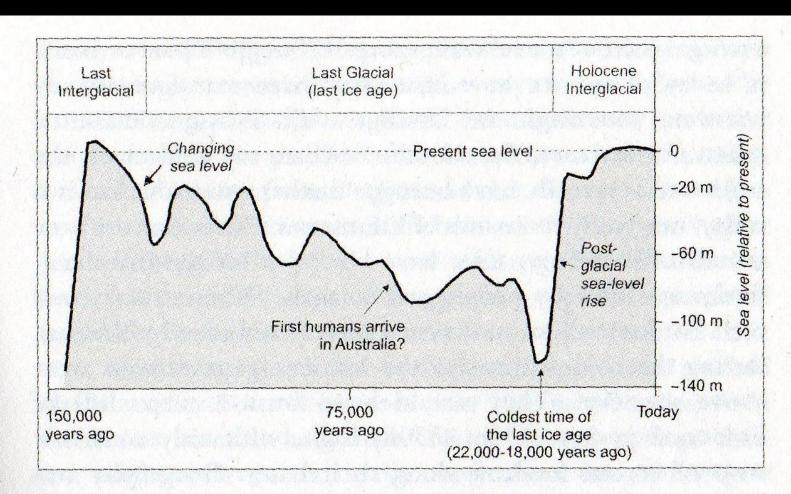
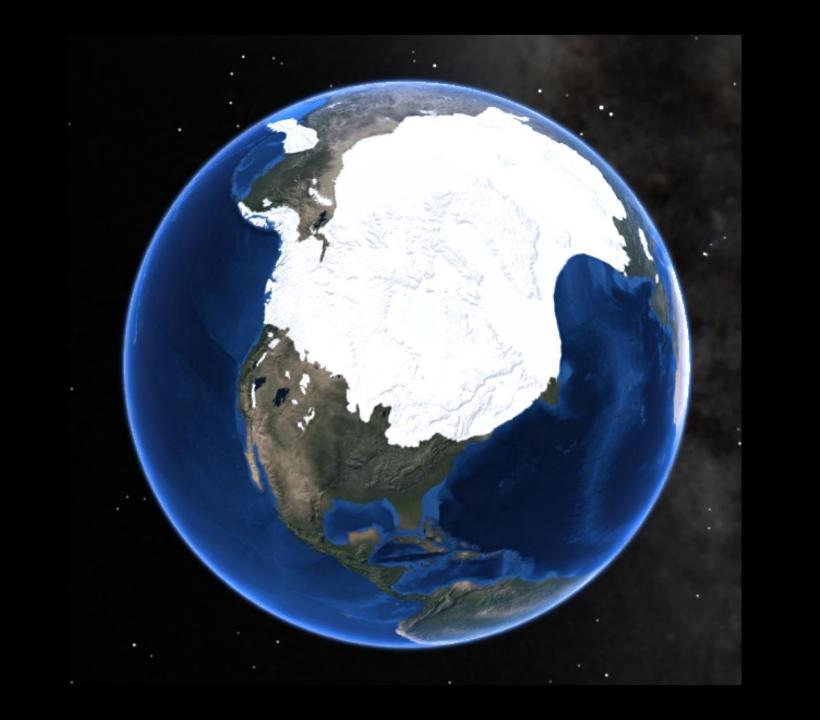


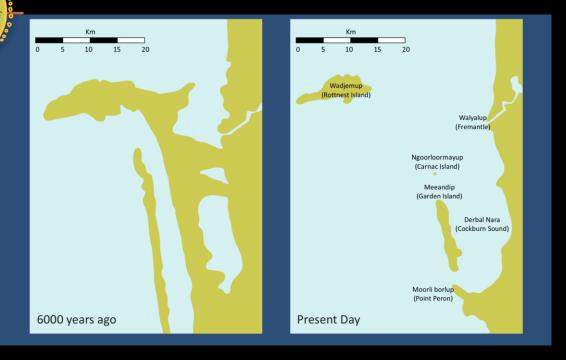
Figure 4.1 Sea-level change over the past 150,000 years.





Our Changing Coastline







"As the sea level rose, local groups like the Wati Nyiinyii could not fail to see what was happening: individuals thirty years old might have lived through the destruction of 1.6km of their coastal territory' (Wright)."

Patrick Nunn, The Edge of Memory (2018)



