

# I Call the Ocean Wardan

by **Ebony Froome &**  
illustrated by **Dellas Bennell & Korrine Bennell-Yarran**

## ABOUT THE BOOK

Join a young girl as she introduces readers to the beach and ocean in Noongar and English. From the maamong (whales) out deep, to the maar (wind) in your hair and the scavenging djerinkarra (seagulls) to the warm, smooth boya (rocks), this picture book is a celebration of all things beachy, and a delightful introduction to a First Nations language.

## ABOUT THE CREATORS

**Ebony Froome** is a Wardandi Noongar author who lives and works in Busselton, Western Australia. Her books share her perspective on the Noongar country she calls home.

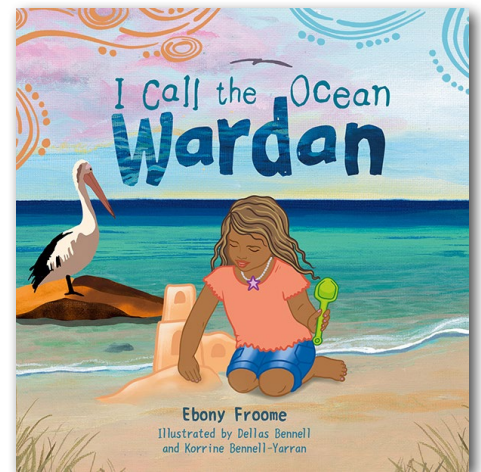
**Dellas Bennell** is a Noongar Wardandi and Yamatji Baiyungu artist based in Bunbury in the south-west of Western Australia. Inspired by life beside the sea, her art tells stories that bring about awareness of caring for and preserving Country.

**Korrine Bennell-Yarran** is a Noongar Wardandi Ballardong and Yamatji Baiyungu artist. Her artwork celebrates Noongar people and early history, honouring culture and memory.



## KEY POINTS

- Language is intrinsic to understanding and expressing culture. For Indigenous children, being able to connect in early childhood with an Indigenous language helps strengthen their sense of belonging and identity. Non-Indigenous children gain a broader understanding and appreciation of cultural identity and a greater sense of connection to their local area.
- Noongar is the language of the Noongar nation and is spoken by 14 different groups across the south-west corner of Western Australia.
- The engaging illustrations were created by debut Yamatji Baiyungu artists Dellas Bennell and Korrine Bennell-Yarran using a multitude of media, including acrylic on canvas and digital art.
- This book will appeal to those who love the work of best-selling author Adam Goodes.
- Readers can listen to the story in Noongar by scanning the QR code at the front of the book.
- Free teaching notes are available from [fremantlepress.com.au](http://fremantlepress.com.au)



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