Yugambeh Nation

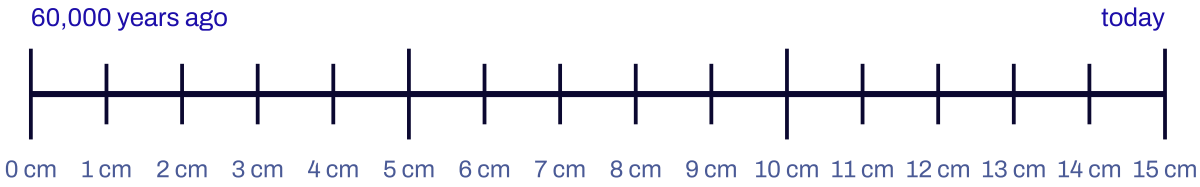
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60,000 Years on a Timeline

Aboriginal cultures are the oldest continuous cultures on Earth: over 60,000 years. On this timeline, 15 cm stands for 60,000 years.



Work out the scale. If 15 cm = 60,000 years, then 1 cm = _____ years, and 1 mm = _____ years.

Where do these go?

Event	How many years ago?	How far from “today” on the line?
1788: the First Fleet arrives at Sydney		
1842: Moreton Bay opened for “free settlement”		
1901: Federation		
The year you were born		

Questions

1. Mark 1788 on the line. What do you notice?

2. What fraction of 60,000 years has passed since 1788?

3. Why does the Reading call continuity “a record of survival that is unmatched anywhere else on the planet”?