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Remembering Dundalli

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are advised that this sheet contains the name of a person who has died.

Content note. This sheet describes an execution.

Today, we pause to honour the memory of Dundalli, a man whose strength, leadership, and resistance continue to echo across the Southeast

On this anniversary of his execution in 1855, we stand with our northern neighbours to remember a warrior who fought for Law and Country.

As Yugambeh people, we recognise Dundalli not just as a figure of history, but as kin. He was Turrwan (Darawan), a skin name that connects us through the sophisticated social and spiritual systems shared across the Yuggera, Jinibara, Quandamooka, and Yugambeh nations. This shared identity reminds us that the borders drawn later never severed the ancient ties of Law and blood that bind our Peoples together.

As Dundalli stood on the scaffold, he looked out toward the brushes of Post Office Square and the hills where hundreds of our people had gathered. Even in his final moments, his concern was for the Law and the survival of his mob. He called out in language, urging the people to never forget the struggle and to continue the fight for Country.

His last words were a call to his wife and his people to seek justice and to take care of one another under our own Law. He reminded us that while he was being judged by a foreign system, he died a Lawman of this land.

In the context of Dundalli's story, Nation Building is more than just a political term. It is an act of reclamation:

- Honouring the Resistance: Recognising that our ancestors did not simply "fade away," but fought sophisticated legal and physical battles to protect their families.
- Strengthening Kinship: Reaffirming the shared skin systems like Turrwan that prove our unity predates any colonial boundary.
- Restoring Law: Moving forward by centring our own protocols, languages, and governance systems in how we care for Country and one another.

Dundalli was executed for upholding the Law of this land. Today, we honour him by continuing the work of strengthening our Nations, ensuring that the fire he lit for justice stays burning in all of us.

Always was, always will be.

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1. Who was Dundalli, and why does the Reading say Yugambeh people recognise him as kin?

2. What was Dundalli's skin name, and which four nations share that system?

3. What did Dundalli call out to the people from the scaffold?

4. What does the Reading mean when it says he was judged by "a foreign system" but "died a Lawman of this land"?

5. List the three acts of reclamation the Reading connects to Nation Building.

6. How does the Reading say we can honour Dundalli today?