

Glossary of key terms



Objective Language - when facts are presented without the influence of personal feelings or opinions.



Subjective Language - when your view is influenced by personal feelings, tastes or opinions.



Bias - bias occurs in text where a writer presents one perspective, favouring one side in an argument or discussion, often accompanied by a refusal to consider possible merits of alternative points of view.



Sectarian Violence - violence between smaller groups within a nation, religion or cultural group.



Balyunmirr - the balyunmirr is known to many non-Indigenous Australians as a 'war cry' or 'war dance.' Within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures it symbolises many things. It is a welcome dance, a dance of respect. It is a representation of culture and a celebration dance. In our current day and age it can often simply be a way of acknowledging and representing culture and history.



Doug Nicholls Round - the AFL's annual round celebrating Indigenous players and culture.



Racial Vilification - "doing something in public based on the race, colour, national or ethnic origin of a person or group of people which is likely to offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate."
Australian Human Rights Commission



AFL Racial Vilification Policy - the AFL's policy banning discrimination or offensive comments based on race, as well as other characteristics including religion, gender, colour, sexuality or disability.