

Professor Tasaku Tsunoda has been active in the revival movement of the Warrongo language of northeast Australia. Having documented the language as a linguistics student in the 1970s when there were only one native speakers left, the Japanese native has become the sole remaining speaker of the language. Now he is on a mission to pass on the stories he taped and 1,500 word dictionary he created to the community in an effort to reteach them their heritage language.



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