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| **Ghungalu Country** (west of Rockhampton in central Queensland). |  |
| There are open grassy plains, mighty sandstone ranges (Blackdown Tablelands) and big rivers (McKenzie, Dawson and Comet rivers).  Ghungalu country is home to many people, animals, birds, reptiles and insects.   When there is drought the country dries to a gold yellow. When the rains come the country bursts into colour making the birds sing.  There are many tall wother (old) thullars (trees) in the moogera (bush) and on the mountains in Ghungalu country.  The big rivers that snake across the land are home to big whinners (fish). There is lots of bush tucker in the moogera.  There are animals like Wudar (kangaroo), walleroo and wallaby. There are big lizards like Goanna and Perentie. In the rivers whinner grow bigger. There are thummie (fat) thumboons (witchetty grubs) and sticky sugarbag from the gubba’s (bees) gootha (Hive) that Mook Mook loves to eat, sweet potatoes, bush plums and lots oranges, even the nectar from flowers.  Be careful in Ghungalu country, there are also animals to avoid like, dingo’s and scorpions, snakes of all kinds and spiders too. Is gets very hot in the summer so you need to drink lots of una (water) and the winters wind will give you a cold if you don’t stay warm.  Mook Mook lives in Ghungalu country – *please scroll down for more information* |  |

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The Mook Mook series of Ghungalu children’s books is the work of author Marie Kemp and illustrator Jack Kemp.

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Mook Mook is a young Ghungalu boy who meets a little, hungry, hairy junjadee. They quickly become best friends exploring the moogera, meeting animals and learning life’s many lessons.

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| **Pronouncing Ghungalu language**  To create the right sounds when speaking Ghungalu language, place your tongue between your teeth when making T N and L sounds.  **T will make a “th” sound**  **N will make “un” sound**  **L will make an “ull” sound** |  |

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| **Ghungalu Words (36)** |  |  |
| **bulloo** = grandfather | **mittha-mitha** = black | **unagumoo** =waterhole |
| **bunghar** = stick | **moogera** = scrub/bush | **whambur** = silly |
| **dili** = eye | **mullar** = arm | **whambur whambur** = silly thing |
| **gootha** = bee hive | **murrar** = hand | **whinner** = fish |
| **gubba** = native bee | **ngaya** = you | **wother** = old |
| **gudtha** = head | **nghudar** = dog | **wudar** = kangaroo |
| **gummie** = grandmother | **oothung** = sister | **yabung** = yes |
| **gumoo** = water | **thullar** = solid stick or tree | **yubbu** = father |
| **gundoo** = child | **thumboon** = witchetty grub | **yinda** = me |
| **gunnyar** = uncle | **thummie** = fat | **yuckaddi** = scared |
| **gurrah** = no | **thungbul** = hungry | **yumber** = home |
| **gying gying** = small girl | **una** = hole | **yunghar** = mother |

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