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## YOLNU'-YULNU YÄKU NAMES OF PEOPLE

yolnu general term for person, people;

specific term for Aboriginal person; more generally for people with dark skin e.g.
Tongans and Papua New

Guineans

yolnu'-yulnu Aboriginal people; dark-skinned

people

diltjipuy yolnu inland Aboriginals e.g. from Alice

Springs, Yuendumu

\*madaymaday people from North-West Arnhem

\*milarrmilarr (a=i) Land

balanda non-Yolŋu (historically from the

ŋäpaki word hollander)

wurrapanda white person; one who behaves

munaŋa like a white person

gaywaraŋu these words for the colour white

can also be used to refer to a

white person

mangatharra Macassan

watharr

batharripa (bä'tharripa)

djäniman Chinese

djapani Japanese



YOLHU'-YULHU

People, Aboriginal People from North East Arnhem Land

# Yolnu'-yulnu Yäku

#### GENERAL

yothu child; baby; young animal, fish etc.

ganguthu gurrulk

gurrulk

nyumukuniny' these words for 'small' can also be

nyumukiny used

yutjuwala

children; young animals, fish etc; djamarrkuli' (plural only) yumurrku'

nyumurrku' djamawurr

djamandjaman

yuta yothu new born baby

> white watharr

literally: back-paperbark bark napa-rananmirr (because traditionally they were napa-barrukalamirr carried around in paperbark) napa-rakalamirr

bilyu-bilyunamirr baby that can turn itself over or roll from side to side (bilyun – 'to turn') bilyunamirr

gal'-galyunamirr one who crawls, either a baby or an old person (galyun - 'to crawl' which gal'yunamirr includes the motion of snakes. gal-galmirr turtles, lizards and crocodiles)

djan'tjanmirr child when it starts to walk (djan'tjandhun - 'to toddle') marrtji-marrtjinyamirr child when it can walk

marrtjinyamirr (marrtji – 'to walk, go')

malamarr first born, eldest child (of clan or

ŋurru-dawalaŋu each family)

naraka-malamarr eldest child (due to the death of

another)

malpura middle child, one who is neither the

eldest or the youngest

dharrakay last child

dhudi-dharrakay last child (due to the death of

dhudi-yapalawuy another)

napa-nupanaynu

yanara'-märrma twins (literally: 'legs-two')

balwak-märrma'

nurru-märrma' (literally: 'nose-two')

bala-ŋuthanayŋu young man or woman, these words
dhawurrunga carry an implication of new or fresh

and would also be used of a new house, a new car or a fresh flower

on a plant

nalapal adult

worrunu old person

dilkurruwurr old people nalapalmirr (plural only) worru'-worrunu

bun'kumu-worrunu person starting to get old, i.e starting to get grey hairs

<u>d</u>ukitjmirr old person, grey/white-haired djirrikaymirr (Dhuwa)

rängarrmirr (Yirritja) bu<u>l</u>umbu<u>l</u>mirr (Yirritja)

\* bathi-yalngimirr

djirrtjirrmirr very old person dhawuthuwa birrnyilpirrnyil

#### MALE

dirramu man or boy, husband; male

dirrathala men or boys (plural only)

gadaku boy before circumcision

mel-worum boy of age nearing circumcision
moda words used to address a boy who
gurrmul has been cut, but whose wound
has not yet healed (since his name
cannot be used at this time)

gurrmul boy after circumcision, young man

yawirriny' young men, after circumcision

(plural only)

dilak old man

wu<u>l</u>man djawulpa

dalkarramirr (Yirritja) djirrikaymirr (Dhuwa) old man, implying one who knows everything about yolnu law, songs

sacred business and so on

djirrpul man with many wives

#### **FEMALE**

miyalk girl, woman, wife; female

dhayka dhuykun' gudingudin (\*check if plural)

daywululu \*white woman; Asian lady;
nona Macassan lady; non-aboriginal

bayini (also a persons name) woman

garranhdhalu

\*barrambuwa (older word)

\*barrapuwa

wirrkul

young girl without a child

wa<u>t</u>a

ŋamini-dhärranha

young girls without children (plural only)
older woman without any children
woman without any children
the following are also words for empty for such items as planes, panikins and cars
and the next two are also general words for empty, as well as being used for someone who is alone, who does not help others
woman who is having a child, or has had a child
woman with many children, or any animal with a lot of offspring
old woman
woman who has lost a child
also means 'Someone who does not look after people or things properly'

two wives of one man, this can manda-gurtha

include his promised, that is, his

intended wives

three or more 'wives' of one man. walal-gurtha

this can include his promised, that

is, his intended wives

murrumul child whose father or mother has

died, orphan

mirmur\*

child of second husband; orphan; woman living with second husband godarr' galki dämbuy waluy

after the first has died; also

means-pale patches on the skin, (caused perhaps by leprosy); child painted 2 or 3 weeks before circumcision (with ordinary paint,

not a special clan painting?)

#### TO DO WITH PARENT-CHILD, SIBLING AND MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIPS

gondhu märranhaynu adopted child

> bäpamiriw child without a father to look after

> > him/her

child without a mother to look after ηändimiriw

him/her

luni

single person (for any reason whether not married because there is no promised, or from own choice or if one is a widow or widower)

dhuwaymiriw (for a woman) galaymiriw (for a man) someone without a promised, or not married through choice, or who is a widow or widower

buku-gurthapuy

widow or widower (may or may not be remarried)

maŋutji'mirriŋu

boyfriend or girlfriend, sweetheart

dhawu'

promised (that is, ones intended

spouse)

milmarra

a man's actual mother-in-law, the mother of his promised or his wife

milmarra'manydji

people who are promised to each other; clans who traditionally inter-

marry

mirriri

the special behaviour and taboos associated with the brother-sister relationship: these include a brother not calling a sister by name (see Avoidance Address Terms for words he can use), not discussing certain topics pertaining to a sister in a brother's presence, a sister not allowing a brother know she is going to the toilet,

mirriri (cont.)

other people may use this word to refer to a brother or sister of someone (for example, as a warning, so as to avoid any embarrassment, that a brother or sister is present or coming near) but it would not be used by a brother or sister to refer to each other

## YÄKU MALA GENERAL GROUPINGS OF PEOPLE

bäpurru according to tribe, clan

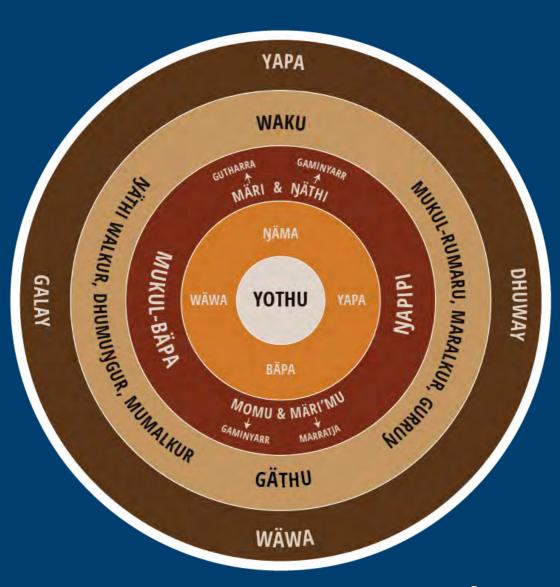
bundurr according to totems associated ones homeland (likan also means elbow)

Dhuwa name of one of the two moieties collective term for Dhuwa people and clans

djuramu group of men

qurrutu relationship

ajarama	group or men
gurru <u>t</u> u gurru <u>t</u> umirr	relationship relative, relatives
mala mi <u>t</u> tji	any group
mälk	subsection, skin group
munga	group of women
*ŋurruk	according to nationality, moiety
riŋgitj reŋgitj	according to ceremonial groupings
yarra <u>t</u> a	male line of descent (yarrata is the general word for 'line')
Yirritja Yirriwa <u>n</u> ditj	name of one of the two moieties collective term for Yirritja people and clans



**GURRUTU** Yolnu Kinship System

## MÄLK SKIN NAMES

There are four Yirritja and four Dhuwa subsections order

#### YIRRITJA SUBSECTIONS

Narritj (male) / first choice marriage partner

Narritjan' (female) BALAN'/BILINYDJAN'

second choice marriage partner

BURRALAŊ'/GALIKALI children of Ŋarritjan'

GAMARRAN'/GAMANYDJAN'

Bulany' (male) / first choice marriage partner

Bulanydjan' (female) BURRALAN'/GALIKALI

second choice marriage partner

BALAŊ'/BILINYDJAN' children of Bulanydjan' WÄMUT/WAMUTTJAN'

Baŋadi' (male) / first choice marriage partner

Baŋaditjan' (female) GAMARRAN'/GAMANYDJAN'

second choice marriage partner

WÄMUT/WAMUTTJAN' children of Baŋaditjan' BURRALAN'/GALIKALI

Gutjuk (male) / first choice marriage partner

Gutjan' (female) WÄMUT/WAMUTTJAN'

second choice marriage partner

Gadjak, Guyuk \*Gayak GAMARRAN'/GAMANYDJAN'

(male variations) children of Gutjan'

children of Gutjan'
BALAN'/BILINYDJAN'

#### **DHUWA SUBSECTIONS**

Burralan' (male) / firs

Galikali (familiar) (female)

first choice marriage partner

BULANY'/BULANYDJAN'

Galiyan (female variation)

second choice marriage partner NARRITJ/NARRITJAN'

children of Galikali GUTJUK)/GUTJAN'

Wämut (male) / Wamuttjan' (female)

first choice marriage partner

**GUTJUK/GUTJAN'** 

second choice marriage partner

BAŊADI'/BAŊADITJAN' children of Wamuttjan' ŊARRITJ/ŊARRITJAN'

Balaŋ' (male) / Bilinydjan' (female) first choice marriage partner

NARRITJ/NARRITJAN'

second choice marriage partner

BULANY'/BULANYDJAN' children of Bilinydjan' BAŊADI'/BAŊADITJAN'

Gamarraŋ' (male) / Gamanydjan' (female) first choice marriage partner

BAŊADI'/BAŊADITJAN'

second choice marriage partner

GUTJUK/GUTJAN'

children of Gamanydjan' BULANY'/BULANYDJAN'

#### GURRUTU KINSHIP

mother and her sisters, (mother's ŋändi father's and his brother's daughters) ŋama namala more distant kin in this category include: · female in third descending generation of opposite moiety · male galay's daughter • wife of maralkur (nathiwalkur's daughter) RECIPROCAL TERM: will be opposite waku moiety \*ŋamu **USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN** SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS **RELATIONSHIP TO YOU** THE BREAST: the part of the body ŋamini used to indicate this relationship in sign language ηαρίρί mother's brother (ideally this includes a man's father-in-law) gawal more distant kin in this category include: male's in third descending generation of opposite moiety male galay's son (= napipi's son's son or mother's mother's son's son's son) nathiwalkur's son



Mand Mother and her sisters

napipi (cont.)

waku RECIPROCAL TERM: will be opposite

moiety

nanakal USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN

SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS

**RELATIONSHIP TO YOU** 

wana THE LOWER ARM: the part of the

body used to indicate this relationship in sign language

waku woman's children; sister's children (ideally includes a man's son-in-law)

more distant kin in this category include:

- father's sister's husband and his sister (= female märi'mu's children i.e. father's father's sister's children) (ideally this includes a woman's father-in-law)
- · father's father's sister's husband
- certain relatives in the great grandparents generation, of opposite moiety to self (i.e. märi'mu's mother and momu's father; märi's mother and mumalkur's and ŋathiwalkur's father)

ŋändi (female) ŋapipi (male) RECIPROCAL TERM: will be opposite moiety

waku (cont.)

ŋanathu USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN

SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS

**RELATIONSHIP TO YOU** 

gulun THE STOMACH: the part of the body

used to indicate this relationship in

sign language

bäpa father and his brothers

gunhu

mä<u>l</u>u (Dhuwa) mori (Yirritja)

gäthu RECIPROCAL TERM: will be the same

moiety

lambarr THE SHOULDER: the part of the body

used to indicate this relationship in

sign language

mukul bäpa father's sister; father's mother's

bäpa mukul daughter (ideally this includes a

mukul woman's mother-in-law)

gäthu RECIPROCAL TERM: will be the same

moiety

ŋanul USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN

SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS

**RELATIONSHIP TO YOU** 

lambarr THE SHOULDER: the part of the body

used to indicate this

relationship in sign language

gäthu

man's children: brother's children (ideally includes a woman's daughter-in-law)

more distant kin in this category:

certain relatives in great

grandparents generation, of

· same moiety as self (father of märi'mu's, father of märi, mother of

nathi and momu)

mukul bäpa (female)

bäpa (male)

RECIPROCAL TERM: will be the same

moiety

walkur

USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN

SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS RELATIONSHIP TO YOU

lambarr

THE SHOULDER: the part of the body

used to indicate this

relationship in sign language

yapa

older sister, including mother's sister's daughters and father's

brothers daughters

also used for non-Yolnu women, when their relationship is unknown

wäwa

yukuyuku

gutha (less common)

RECIPROCAL TERM: will be the same

moiety (the brother/sister relationship is a special one with particular rules of

behaviour)

mananhur

USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU

yapa (cont.)

yaŋara' THE LOWER LEG: the part of the body

used to indicate this

relationship in sign language

wäwa older brother, including father's

brother's sons and mother's sister's

sons

this term is also used for non-Yolgu men when their relationship is

unknown

yapa RECIPROCAL TERM: will be the same

yukuyuku moiety (the brother/sister relationship

gutha (less common) is a special one with particular rules of

behaviour)

nhopiya USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN

SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU

yaŋara' THE LOWER LEG: the part of the body

used to indicate this relationship in

sign language

yukuyuku younger brother or sister

gutha (less common) djukarrŋu' (old word)

> yapa (female) wäwa (male)

RECIPROCAL TERM: will be the same

moiety (the brother/sister relationship is a special one with particular rules of

behaviour)

yaŋara' THE LOWER LEG: the part of the body

used to indicate this relationship in

sign language

dhuway father's sister's children (ideally this

includes the man a woman will have

as a husband)

term a wife uses for her husband

galay RECIPROCAL TERM: will be opposite

moiety

nanapa USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN

SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS

**RELATIONSHIP TO YOU** 

dharwa THE HIP: the part of the body used

to indicate this relationship in sign

language

galay mother's brother's children (ideally

this includes the woman/women a man will have as a wife/wives)

term used by a man for his wife

dhuway RECIPROCAL TERM: will be opposite

moiety

ŋaṇaṇawa USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN

SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU

dharwa THE HIP: the part of the body used

to indicate this relationship in sign

language

met term used for anyone in the galay/

dhuway relationship, that is, it can be

used for either dhuway or galay

\*mukul rumaru mother's brother's wife, mother's mother's brother's daughter, male mukul mari's daughter (ideally includes a

rumaru man's mother-in-law)

gurrun RECIPROCAL TERM: will be the same

moiety (see Avoidance Relationship for

respectful behaviour)

nanul USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN

SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS

**RELATIONSHIP TO YOU** 

bun'kumu THE KNEE: the part of the body used

to indicate this relationship in sign

language

maralkur mother's mother's brother's son,

mukul rumaru's brother

gurrun RECIPROCAL TERM: will be the same

moiety (see Avoidance Relationship for

respectful behaviour)

guthanhalkur USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN

SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU

bun'kumu THE KNEE: the part of the body used

to indicate this relationship in sign

language

gurrun father's sister's daughter's child,

mukul bäpa's daughter's child,

female dhuway's child

ideally this includes a woman's

son-in-law

gurrun (cont.)

maralkur (male) RECIPROCAL TERM: will be the same

mukul rumaru (female) moiety (see Avoidance Relationship for

respectful behaviour)

rungurrpa USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN

SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS

**RELATIONSHIP TO YOU** 

bun'kumu THE KNEE: the part of the body used

to indicate this relationship in sign

language

mumalkur mother's mother's mother's

daughter, mother's mother's brother's wife, mother's brother's mother-inlaw, mukul rumaru's mother – this

mother, nathiwalkur's sister

includes a man's mother-in-law's

dhumungur RECIPROCAL TERM: will be opposite

moiety (see Avoidance Relationship for

ganharrnhalkur respectful behaviour)

USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS

bun'kumu RELATIONSHIP TO YOU

THE KNEE: the part of the body used to indicate this relationship in sign

language

ŋathiwalkur mother's mother's mother's

son, man's wife's mother's mother's brother, mukul rumaru's ŋapipi – this includes a man's mother-in-law's mother's brother; mumalkur's brother nathiwalkur (cont.)

dhumungur RECIPROCAL TERM: will be opposite

moiety (see Avoidance Relationship for

respectful behaviour)

ninitjiwalkur USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN

SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU

bun'kumu THE KNEE: the part of the body used

to indicate this relationship in sign

language

dhumungur father's sister's daughter 's daughter's

> child, female dhuway's daughter's child, female gurrun's child, female

autharra's husband

nathiwalkur (male) RECIPROCAL TERM: will be opposite mumalkur (female)

moiety (see Avoidance Relationship for

respectful behaviour)

dhawarrak-walkur USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN

SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU

bun'kumu THE KNEE: the part of the body used

to indicate this relationship in sign

language

märi mother's mother and her brother and

wädati (old word) sisters

> sometimes this term also includes people called märi'mu i.e. father's father and his brother's and sister's

(more frequently at Yirrkala)

märi (cont.) more distant kin included in this category:

male galay's wife and her brother

· children of maralkur

gutharra RECIPROCAL TERM: will be the same

moiety

guthanhur USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN

SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU

diltji THE BACK: the part of the body used

to indicate this relationship in sign

language

gutharra woman's daughter's child, sister's

daughter's child i.e. female waku's

child

sometimes this term is also used for those people called marratja that is, a man's son's child or a brother's

son's child (that is, a male gäthu's child) (more frequently at Yirrkala)

märi RECIPROCAL TERM: will be the same

wayirri moiety

diltji THE BACK: the part of the body used

to indicate this relationship in sign

language

märi'mu father's father and his brothers and

wädatj (old word) sisters

märi'mu (cont.) sometimes 'märi' used for these relatives (more frequently at Yirrkala)

marratja RECIPROCAL TERM: will be the same

moiety

liya THE HEAD: the part of the body used to indicate this relationship in sign

language

marratja man's son's child, brother's son's child, that is a male gäthu's child sometimes 'gutharra' is used for these

relatives (more frequently in Yirrkala)

märi'mu RECIPROCAL TERM: will be the same

moiety

<u>liya</u> THE HEAD: the part of the body used to indicate this relationship in sign

language

nathi mother's father and his brothers;

brother of momu; husband of märi

gaminyarr RECIPROCAL TERM: will be opposite

moiety

ninitji USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN

SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS

**RELATIONSHIP TO YOU** 

dhamunumun THE CHIN: the part of the body used

to indicate this relationship in sign

language

momu father's mother and her sisters; sister

of nathi; wife of märi'mu

momu (cont.)

gaminyarr RECIPROCAL TERM: will be opposite

moiety

ganharrnhur (old word) USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN

SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS

**RELATIONSHIP TO YOU** 

dhamunumun THE CHIN: the part of the body used

to indicate this relationship in sign

language

gaminyarr woman's son's child, sister's son's

child, that is, male waku's child; man's daughter's child, brother's daughter's

child, that is, female gäthu's child

momu (female) RECIPROCAL TERM: will be opposite

ŋathi (male) moiety

dhawarrak USED BY SOMEONE ELSE WHEN

SPEAKING OF SOMEONE IN THIS

**RELATIONSHIP TO YOU** 

dhamunumun THE CHIN: the part of the body used

to indicate this relationship in sign

language

-mirrinu suffix that denotes kinship

for example bäpa'mirrinu

-manydji suffix that denotes reciporcal

relationship between two people

for example ŋändi'manydji

# RUMARU RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

These are used when a relationship does not allow personal names or relationship terms to be used directly.

#### YAPA - WÄWA

midiku the following words are used by munguypa brothers to address their sisters

a brother and sister can also refer to each other by using the name of a child of the brother or sister concerned with the following suffix:

-galaŋa, -kalaŋa

\*mä<u>l</u>u (Dhuwa) \*mori (Yirritja) a sister can address a brother by the

terms for father

## MUKUL RUMARU/MARALKUR - GURRUN

murrŋaram the following words can be used garrkaraŋ by a male gurruŋ to talk of a mukul

rumaru \*(or any old lady)

gurrun rumaru mukul talks of her male

gurrun as gurrun \*there appear to be no special terms here but see

use of märi'mirriŋu below

manawiny rumaru mukul can call her female

gurruŋ

wärrpala gurrun can call maralkur

gäla guŋunŋu

gäla (or gurrun) maralkur calls female gurrun

märi'mirrinu mukul rumaru and her male gurrun

> can also refer to each other using the kinship term: märi'mirrinu (for instance the gurrun or the 'mukul' might tell a child of the gurrun to take something to the other using the term)

dhuway'mirrinu maralkur can address his gurrun,

male or female, (but not vice versa)

with the kin term

## MUMALKUR / NATHIWALKUR - DHUMUNGUR

gäla the following words can be used either as terms or address or as a gununnu

> relationship term for both the mukul, maralkur - gurrun and the mumalkur, nathiwalkur -dhumungur relationships

they can be used by or for anyone in either of these relationships, that is by dhumungur or gurrun for mumalkur, nathiwalkur or mukul, maralkur, or

vice versa

manawiny nathiwalkur can also call a female

dhumungur

buwa a general (non-avoidance) term of address for anyone, except that a young person would not use it to an older person

## GALŊA - BÄPURRUMIRR BEREAVEMENT TERMS

These are special terms used to refer to people whose relative has died. They are compounds often consisting of the word for the body part used to indicate a relationship in sign language together with a word for 'nothing' or 'break'.

This list is by no means comprehensive.

godu-bithiwul dhungal-bithiwul goŋ-midiku	someone who has lost a baby *female only can also refer to 'someone who doesn't look after things or children properly'
garaŋa-bithiwul <u>l</u> ambarr-bithiwul	someone who has lost someone in the bäpa-gäthu relationship
yaŋara'-wak yaŋara'-ḏaw'ṯaw	someone who has lost a brother or sister (that is someone in the yapa-wäwa relationship)
ŋapa-bithiwul wayirri-bithiwul wayirri-ḍaw' <u>t</u> aw	someone who has lost someone in the märi-gutharra relationship
dharwa-bithiwul	someone who has lost someone in the dhuway-galay relationship

# WIRIPU'-WIRIPU YOLNU MALA YÄKU DIFFERENT TYPES OF PEOPLE

balpara companion, one who keeps bämara someone company – this may

be for any reason say camping,

hunting or so they are not frightened of buffalo or galka

bambay blind person, person who cannot

miltjiri see properly, can be a nickname for

mulmariny such a person

bawa'mirr mad person, person who acts crazy

garkgarkmirr or silly

Bäpa Minister, Reverend, Father

Gunhu Mä<u>l</u>u (Dhuwa) Mori (Yirritja)

bokmanaynu general word for a 'creator', that gon-watanu is one who creates things – for

example, a person who makes sacred objects, a person who keeps a garden and also God

(in the sense of Creator)

borrmunu \*close relative

ganun

bunhdhurr person with a physical disability

bundhurr

# BUŊGAWA

boss, leader



buŋgawa ŋurruŋu	boss, leader – as of a family, a clan, a cricket or football team, or at work
burumun'mirr ŋurru	clan leader
dhanaramirr *dhäwukanamirr (?sp)	messenger
dhärukmiriw	person who is speech impaired
dharrumba	"full" drunk
dhoŋulu buthuru-dhumuk	deaf person; *(deaf and blind, partially blind) person who does not listen; person who always misunderstands
dhuḏiŋu	person who sits at the back, the one who paddles, steers
dhukarrŋu'manydji	close friends who look after each other, like two sisters or two brothers
dhun'tjirrŋu djambatjŋu	most skilled hunter, who always spears in one shot, and sits in the front of the boat when hunting miyapunu (turtles, dugong etc), he is the one that fires the harpoon or throws the spear
dhuwurr-yatjkurr rom-yatjkurr	sinner

Dhuyu-birimbirr Holy Spirit

djambatj expert, smart person, intelligent

\*räl person

\*bata

djägamirr one who looks after or cares

djäkamirr for something or someone - this dharraymirr includes such people as caretakers,

supervisors and prison wardens as well as someone who is just looking

after someone else

djämamirr worker; employed person

djämamiriw unemployed person

djekan someone who is always picked on

or blamed

djukarrnu close friend of the same sex,

someone like a brother or sister (also brother or sister but a different

family)

gabu<u>l</u>ay joker, clown, amusing person, gabulkabul someone who acts crazy or mad

(includes someone who talks too

dhäwu-yutamirr much)

lawalawa

gadaman smart person, for example a good

sportsman or someone good at reading, writing or speaking English

galka djäŋgitj ragalk wulka<u>ttj</u>a sorceror, person with evil power who can cause sickness and death. It is not a status given to a particular person in the community but rather a power that someone might use, say, in revenge, so although a sickness or death may be attributed to a 'galka' is not always possible to \*identify who the 'galka' is. There are many beliefs associated with the 'galka', such as the way in which it kills, special sounds that indicate it is near and so on, this makes the 'galka' distinct from 'monunu'

Garray

God, Lord ('garray' also means

'good')

gandarrnu

person who sits in the middle of the

boat

goyurr'manydji

\*a relationship where one always follows the other e.g. a man and a

woman, a person and a dog

gumurr'manydji lundu'manydji very close friend

<u>l</u>eŋu

drunk

<u>l</u>eŋumirr ŋänitjimirr lowuwu nungalk yalngi person with Cerebral Palsey, Down Syndrome or a physical disabilty general word for weak or soft

<u>l</u>ukunydja

rich person (includes a man with many wives – see also 'djirrpu<u>l</u>': it also means plentiful, bountiful

lundu

friend

thief

manaŋa

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manaŋgan manaŋa-dumurr

mari-djämamirr gunyambi-djämamirr trouble-maker

marŋgikunhamirr

ditja'

teacher (anyone in this role, not just

at school)

marrŋgitj galŋa-guluŋumirr galŋa-djamarrku<u>l</u>i'mirr galŋa-warrakan'mirr

gi<u>l</u>apa (many people hold this is from English 'clever')

traditional doctor, medicine man, witch doctor - concerned with healing rather than evil, he is an identifiable person in the community, unlike the 'galka'

mel-nyalyunamirr

bully

mil'ŋu

person who goes to look/find out and report on something, includes spy, but the meaning is more general mirinu

soldier (member of army, navy or airforce), warriors, enemy, someone who comes looking for trouble, war, armed conflict – includes traditional battles

monunu djambatjnu murderer

mukarr (Dhuwa)

excellent hunter: a Dhuwa 'waŋarr' (Ancestoral Being) who was an excellent hunter for miyapunu (turtles, dugong etc) and always speared with one shot: he belonged to the Bararrŋu tribe and is sung about in Djambarrpuynu songs

mulkuru

stranger

nyalmiri wurraŋatjarra dhändhanŋu lawless person, a person who is always fighting others, a person who takes other peoples husbands or wives or other peoples' things, someone who is in and out of jail, a spoilt child, someone who does not listen to those responsible for them, be it parents, relatives, a teacher, a boss or a warden

ŋamakuli'ŋu dap-dap bilitjuman policeman

wife of the minister Ŋändi nurru-dawalanu leader, first born – thus head of a family or a clan, boss, king ηuyulkηu person who does all the work and thus deserving but doesn't get any reward (e.g. someone who goes hunting and someone else eats all the food) räl-dumurr an excellent hunter: a good provider – in the sense that bata-dumurr someone can provide many dhun'tjirr-dumurr djambatj-dumurr different things whether by hunting, gardening or shopping rälmiriw poor hunter, poor provider dalwur rerrimirr sick person rirrkminy näŋudi describes a feeling of loneliness or wakinnu a person who doesn't interact with other people walnakunhamirr doctor; Saviour (Jesus) wetj-dumurr person who gives readily raykurayku dhapinya \*dhawitnu

## RÄL-<u>D</u>UMURR

excellent hunter



### WÄŊA MALA SHELTERS

bala' house, building, shed
bunbu
wäŋa

dalwadalwa
winin

dharrungu prison

gathawudu four-posted shelter which is raised off the ground

Lolu bunbu house, hut (non-European)
warraw' shelter, shade (temporary)
gurrthu' watjpil hospital
wäŋa home, homeland, place
ŋayambalk
ŋirrima (less common)

wukirri school



## LOLU

house, hut (non-European)

### RUPA' GA BATHANAMIRR GIRRI' MALA CONTAINERS & COOKING TOOLS

banikin cup, tin, billycan, cooking pot

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bathi nyä <u>l</u> ka'	general term for basket, bag, box, packet
bilit	plate
bi <u>ng</u> al	any short sharpened stick used for looking for nits in hair, for cleaning sores, for eating of foods on particular occasions
botjuŋ	macassan pot for cooking trepang
buthu <u>l</u> u garrambu	bottle
dimbuka' mi <u>n</u> dirr	type of tightly woven and narrow basket
<b>dulwarra</b> rroku	paperbark container for honey, water, shellfish
duttji' dharrawaday	firestick, firedrill
dhaniya bowun bogun (less common) wurandaka	paperbark parcel (e.g for cooking specific types of traditional breads in)



dhäyurrumirr something wrapped-up,

sealed-up packaged

dhärrin macassan cooking stones

djakarun stringybark container used for

shellfish, etc.

djaltjal bundle, pile, heap, roll

djanbi rulu

Tulu

djerrk larger type of gi<u>l</u>itjirrk (older person's knowledge)

djerrun' spoon

bon

gäp cup

<u>l</u>ikanmirr

gärrun sack, blanket

womi

gay'wu general term for string bags

gilatj glass

gilitjirrk type of string bag made in the

same fashion as for fish-nets (older person's knowledge)

malkarr bundle of spears, bundle of sticks

 $m\ddot{a}\underline{t}$   $\;$  stick with a chewed end used like a

spoon for eating honey

natpul specific grass used like a mop when

eating honey

rupa' tin can, tin container

### **GUYARRA**

stone-headed spear



**DJIMINDI**three-pronged spear



**DHINDI** cane spear





### GARA SPEARS

### **SPEAR TYPES**

spear with barbs down one side
shovel-nosed spear (now made with steel, used to have a wooden head)
spear with wooden head and carved barbs on both sides
short, light cane spear with ironwood head (the shaft is made from a cane which is also called 'dhindi'
spear with steel prongs which are longer and thinner than djimindi'
very commonly used fish-spear with three or four steel prongs as the head
spear (generic)
type of spear similar to the dhindi spear
stone-headed spear
Wessel Islands spear (made from mirin [Digging-stick Tree])
spear made with stingray barbs for the head

### SPEAR PARTS

ŋurru point or head (of spear or group

of people), front (of line of people,

boat, car, etc.) (also nose)

<u>l</u>ärr blade chips from spearhead of stone

spear

<u>lirra</u> blade (also teeth)

dimirr hook, barb, prickle, thorn

ditjay barb

yanara' shaft, handle (of spear, knife, basket

etc.) (also lower leg)

milak hole in end of spear into which the

hook on the end of the spearthrower

fits

### HARPOON & PARTS

bäkala' harpoon head with hook on one side

Lugarri harpoon, harpoon shaft

<u>l</u>uŋgu

yuku harpoon head without hook



### GA<u>L</u>PU SPEARTHROWERS

banban flat spear-thrower for fighting spears bulman (i.e. for spears such as guyarra and

butukali gayit)

maŋal' (most common)

biditj round spear-thrower for fish-spears

dakarr or for hunting turtle

galpu spearthrower (generic)

maŋal'

mel

hook on end of spearthrower

maŋutji (also eye)

ganydju<u>l</u>a

### WIRIPU'-WIRIPU GIRRI' YÄKU OTHER TOOLS

balatj (Dhuwa) hitting stick (for turtle-hunting or

balupalu (Dhuwa) fighting)

birku (Yirritja)

bälatha (Yirritja)

girriwarr (Yirritja)

barrara steel or iron rod flattened or

sharpened at both ends as digging

stick

bärran large knife, chopper

galiwaŋ

bilma clap sticks

dakul axe (generic)

dhona' yam stick

ŋayirrpan' wapitja

djimbiya steel axe

garratji

djimuku piece of steel, steel rod

galigali throwing stick for fighting or hunting

birds

gapamada short stone axe

bi<u>n</u>djirra'

djalpa<u>t</u>

giningarr bullet, trigger (also navel)

guyarra knife made from stone

malkana (less common) small pocket knife

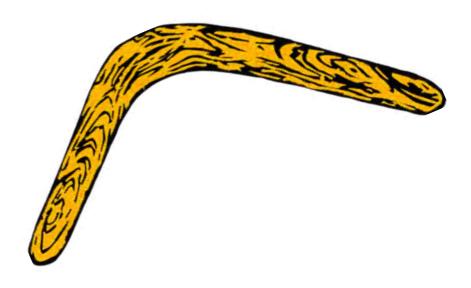
märriyan shotgun

märryaŋ

wambulu iron rod (e.g. used as a yam stick)

yiki knife (generic)

mandjawak mar' (less common)



# RÄKUNHAWUY GIRRI<sup>†</sup> MALA FISHING TOOLS (EXCLUDING SPEARS AND SPEAR-THROWERS)

bäku-baku non-traditional string

rope

bala<u>n</u>di'

wuthirri (less common)

ganybu fish net

mo<u>l</u>utha

guripa hook

lätun sinker (for a fishing line)

<u>lol</u>u fish trap (made by closing off a river

or a section of salt water)

shelter

raki' fishing line, string, tape, etc.

yarrata string or line on which to

carry food back from hunting

yipaŋ bait

### MARTHAŊAY YÄKU MALA BOATS AND PARTS OF BOATS

bäku-baku non-traditional string

balandi' rope

wuthirri (less common)

ganybu fish net

mo<u>l</u>utha

guripa hook

lätun sinker (for a fishing line)

<u>lol</u>u fish trap (made by closing off a river

or a section of salt water)

raki' fishing line, string, tape, etc.

yarrata string or line on which to

carry food back from hunting

yipan bait

bala'pala wharf

balanu anchor

<u>l</u>uku - literally: 'foot'

bayapaya specific rope that is attached to the

sail

bätj (most common) barge

nurru-bilkpilk - literally: 'nose-flat'

naraka-bilkpilk - literally: 'back/spine-flat'

dhamam' dinghy, motorboat

dhambala barge-landing, boat-landing

dhomala sail

garrurru

dhurpu stern of canoe or boat (also bottom,

dhudi (less common) end)

djirrit wooden bar that crosses the sail

diagonally

djutu (Yirritja) raft made from paperbark

buyku

gadhuwa<u>l</u>a paddle

marrwala mathin

gapala (less common) ship, warship

ginydjirran rudder, steering wheel (on cars

goli or boats)

<u>lambarr</u> middle of canoe or boat

garaŋa (also shoulder)

lipalipa canoe

naku

marayarr mast

marthaŋay (most common) motorised boat (sometimes used for other motorised vehicles)

min'ka canoe made from stringybark boat (generic or non-canoe type craft)

nurru front of canoe or boat (also nose, point)

rarrtji woven pandanus mat that used to be used for sails

wadak seat inside a canoe

### WAKIR'YUNAMIRR CAMPING

## TOBACCO, PIPES ETC

bamutuka <u>l</u> uginy	pipe (generic)	
<u>.</u> a.,, mäta	long pipe	
barrupu getju	old black tobacco (strong)	
batjipan batjikali	small metal cup at end of pipe that holds the tobacco, thimble	
binbarr	shred, sliver or leaf of tobacco; flint (of stone)	
dhambaku getju	tobacco	
djandu	short (european-style) pipe	
djolu mätjitj	matches	
gurtha	matches, lighter, fire, firewood	
ŋarali	cigarette, tobacco	
CLOTHING , ORNAMENTS		
balma <u>n</u> a djongu	hat	
bakparr	patch	



## BAMUTUKA GA DJOLU

pipe and matches

barramatha glasses, spectacles

gilatj

bätjupatju shirt

bätjubatju djät

bulumitj women's underpants

bulay jewellery

bulayi

daykun' watch

walu

dedhat t-shirt

dhapathun' boots, shoes

dhon thongs

djädu<u>l</u> sandals

djalwarra trousers

djarrami mirror

gilatj

djärri-djarri material, cloth

galiku'

manydjarrka

djarrupun telescope

djinaga'wuy get petticoat

djinaga'puy get djinawa'wuy get

djinawa'puy get

djinaga'wuy girri' men's underpants

djinaga'puy girri'

djinawa'wuy girri'

djinawa'puy girri'

djukit

djingilit singlet

durati dress

get skirt

girri' goods, possessions, clothes

girrin-girrin necklace

mäni-mani

gutjikan pocket

<u>l</u>ukupuy footwear (e.g. shoes, thongs)

mardhakal \*(not used now) clothes

maryakal

narrman ornament, decoration

naminipuy bra

yutungurrwuy trousers, shorts, underpants

### **GENERAL ITEMS**

badayala (less common)

djarratawun'

light

bandirra dhomala flag

boyan (old word)

paper

buta

butha daykun'

specific card game

daykun'

clock, watch

walu

dhakal-dhumbul'

football

burumun'-dhakal

butpul

dhurrwara door (also mouth)

djorra'

paper, book, newspaper

garrurru

sheet

gayan'tha mindhala sheet, layer (of leaves when

cooking, of material etc)

gärruŋ

blanket

womi

balangit

key

gonydjin

ge

giningarr trigger, lock, knob, switch

(also navel)

gun'kim specific card game: a type of

"gin rummy"

likan corner (of room, street, etc)

(also elbow)

<u>l</u>iyapuy pillow

baluŋa dhapirri

mundhurr present, gift

rränhdhin chain, handcuffs

rrupiya money

doy' (colloquial) guṇḍa (colloquial)

wukirri writing

dhumitji

wunuli' pictures, film, photo, image,

reflection, spirit

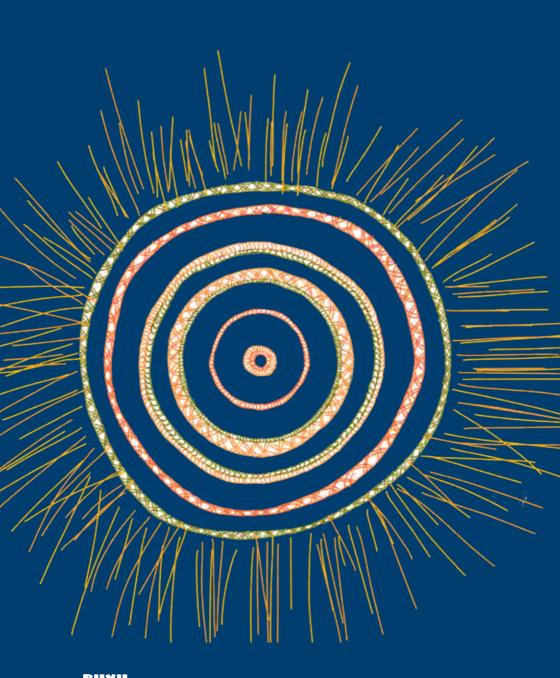
bittja' mali'

wunili'

yekini type of spindle, flat spool

### MATERIALS

banaŋ	wool
ba <u>l</u> wurr	string used as rope or for tying skirts made from Red-flowering Kurrajong, Wattle or Stringybark Tree
ba <u>n</u> a'	forked branch
bäpaŋ	plank, partly processed log such as those washed up on beach
bulay bulayi	precious stones, gold, jewellery
buyu	strips of pandanus leaves (for weaving)
dharpa	piece of wood
djimuku	piece of steel, steel or iron rod
djiŋdjiŋ	wire
djorra' boyaŋ (old word)	paper
<b>galiku'</b> manydjarrka	material, cloth
gamunuŋgu gapaṇ	ochres and clays for painting (generic)



strips of pandanus leaves for weaving

gonydju beeswax used in the making of

gonydjuy tools as a glue

gotha soft iron or steel

gunda minerals, precious stones

(unprocessed), stone

gulu cotton wool

miku specific reddish ochre

minya' tar, paint

miny'tji colour, colouring materials, clays,

paints (generic)

näku stringybark for paintings

ranan paperbark for shelters, etc.

ratjpa specific reddish-brown ochre



### BUKU-DJULKMARANHAMIRR TRADE & SHARING

### **RELATED TERMS**

buku-djulkmaranhamirr trade, exchange,

reciprical arrangement

dhapinya generous, benevolent, kind-hearted

dhäpiyalk half

djägamirr person responsible for care or

marrwirriny' protection (close relative - a member

of one's own family)

madayin' sacred, secret, holy, taboo sacred

dhuyu object(s) an important sacred

ceremony

mägaya peace, no trouble, cessation of

mäwaya hostilities, praise

närra' ceremony-closed, important, very

sacred shelter containing sacred

ceremonial objects

wetj gift, giving

#### **ITEMS TRADED**

berratha rice

dharripa sea cucumber, trepang

nyon

dhäruk langauge

djamban tamarind

galiku' materail, cloth

<u>l</u>uŋiny smoking pipe

ŋarali tobacco, smokes

rrupiya money

yiki knife

### **MACASSAN LOAN WORDS**

Yolyu Matha	MAKASSARESE	ENGLISH
balanda	balanda (European)	non-indigenous
ba <u>l</u> aŋu	balaŋo	anchor
bandirra	bandera	flag
batjubatju		shirt
bärra'	bara (westwind)	west (wind)
bathala	battala' (heavy, big)	big, large
berratha	berasa'	rice

Уогуи Матна	MAKASSARESE	ENGLISH
bothurru	botoro (play dice, gamble)	count
buŋgawa	puŋgawa (ship captain)	boss, elder, leader
detuŋ	tedoŋ	water buffalo
dharripa	taripaŋ	trepang, sea cucumber
dhomala	sombala'	sail
djalathaŋ	sallataŋ (south wind)	south (wind)
djambaŋ	camba	tamarind
djäma	jama (do work)	work, do
djäga	jaga (watch out, look out)	look after
djalwarra	saluwara	trousers
djorra'	sura' (letter)	paper, book
galiku'		material, cloth
galuku	kaluku	coconut
gatabaŋa	kadapaŋan (horn instrument)	buffalo

Yolyu Matha	MAKASSARESE	ENGLISH
lanhdhirra	lantera (lantern)	lamp
lätuŋ	lädurj (sinker, plummet)	sinker, lead
lipalipa	lepa-lepa (tree-trunk canoe)	dugout canoe
märriyaŋ	mariyaŋ (gun, canon)	gun
ŋänitji	anisi'	alcohol
ŋarali		tobacco, smokes
rrätjuŋ	racuŋ (poison, venom)	jellyfish
rrupiya	rupia (dutch guilder, money unit)	money
takarrina		beach where Macassans landed
wukirri	ukiri'	write, inscribe
yiki		knife



## RRÄTJUN jellyfish



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