

The language is still in daily use in its original territory and is spoken by approx. 300 people with c.100 others who know it as a second language. A few children still use it.

'aboriginal man' : *tji:linj* (Taylor)

- 42.2 Guluwarin \* Dunham River, Bow River, K10 (AIAS K33)  
Tate Creek, Mabel Downs,  
Bedford Downs, Halls  
Creek (SIL)

Name probably derived from *kulu* 'water', *waring* 'two' (Taylor)  
*Guluwarin* (AC, O'G, SAW, 'RLS'), *Guluwarung* (SIL)  
*Kuluwarin* (Taylor)

The dialect spoken in the above area is known as 'light *Gidja*' and may be the *Guluwarin* dialect. The only difference Taylor found between the eastern and western dialects is that eastern speakers use more high fronted vowels (more often *i* than *ɨ*). SIL recorded a word list in 1970.

## B. MIRIWUNIC GROUP

There has been little published information on this group but Kofod is doing a depth study of *Miriwung* and salvaging *Gadjerong*.

- 43.1 Miriwung \* Country bounded by Lissadell K5 (AIAS L29  
in S., Newry in E, Carlton  
Hill Station in N., and  
approx. to Halls Creek Road  
in W. It becomes *Wuladya*  
country when the Ord R.  
becomes salty at Carlton  
Crossing (WGH)

*Miriung* (SIL, Peile), *Mirung* (Harrison), *Miriwun* (AC,  
SAW, O'G, 'RLS'), *Miriwung* (Cooling, FMK)

Main language today spoken at Kununarra (c. 15 speakers), Argyle Station and Newry River. Kofod has been studying and writing up for her M.A. thesis. SIL took a short word list in 1970 and Peile has a word list of c. 150 words.

'aboriginal man' : *tjawalang*

- 43.2 Gadjerong \* N. of Carlton Hill home- K9 (AIAS K39.1)  
stead to the sea, along  
the Keep River and over  
into the Legune (WGH)

*Gadjerong* (T, AC, SAW, O'G, 'RLS'), *Gadyerong*  
(Hoddinott), *Kadjeroen* (?), *Kadjerong* (?)

Very close to *Miriwung* (Kofod)

'aboriginal man' : *dyiwukang* (FMK)

XXVI. BUNABAN FAMILY

44. A. BUNABIC GROUP

This group is non classifying and has a very elaborate tense system. (SAW). No recent information.

44. Bunaba \*\*\*\* Fitzroy Crossing, Hann K2 (AIAS K5)  
River, Warton Range (AC)

*Bunaba* (AC, SAW, O'G, 'RLS'), *Bunapa* (?), *Punaba*,  
*Punapa* (?)

Major source still Capell's typescript list of 1250 words, so depth study still awaited, and the need is urgent as few speakers still remain. Vaszolyi recorded some in 1970.