

SECTION EIGHT

YUIN - BANDJALANG - WAKA - WIRADJURIC LANGUAGES OF
COASTAL NEW SOUTH WALES & SOUTH-EASTERN QUEENSLAND

88. A. YUIN - KURIC GROUP

a. Yuin Subgroup

This subgroup is said to be linked with the Western Desert type languages in that a characteristic is that pronominal affixes may be attached to any word in the sentence while the verb carries only tense markers. Eades disagrees and says that, to the contrary, pronominal affixes can be attached to the verb only, after the suffixing of the tense marker. In *Dhawa* and *Dharumba* fused subject and object affixes (which have undergone extensive morphological change), appear with the verb (SAW).

The present classification is close to that of 'AL', but some added information has come from Capell's recent re-examination of old sources ("Aboriginal Languages of the South Central Coast: Fresh Discoveries", *Oceania*, 1970), and recent study by Eades. She suggests that 88.1a - 88.2c cover two languages, *Dhurga* and *Dharawal*. She says the linguistic material for the two languages is much more detailed and reliable than for the dialects - *Dhawa*, *Dharumba*, *Wudi-Wudi* and *Gwiyyagal*, which are hardly worth now considering because there is so little data.

88.1a Dhawa Cape Dromedary, Bega S21 (AIAS S52)
(8Sr.) area (see 'RLS')

Dhawa (AC, AIAS, SAW), *Thaua* (T, O'G, 'RLS'),
Djiringay (alt. name - SAW, AC, S26, AIAS S51,
'RLS' 8Sr.), *Dyirringan* ('RLS', 8Sr. alt. name),
Jiringal (Howitt)

The only linguistic evidence is a page in Ridley which looks like *Dhurga* (Eades)

'man' : *marrin* ? (C:198)

88.lb Dhurga From Jervis Bay area to S22 (AIAS S53)
(9Sr.) Wallage Lake area,
possibly as far as
Victorian border (Eades)

Dhurga (SAW), *Dhu:rga* (AC S22, AIAS S53, 'RLS' 9Sr.),
Walbanga (alt. name - SAW: AC S62, AIAS S54, 'RLS'
88.lb), *Thoorga* (RHM)

Tindale has an unpublished vocabulary from Wallage Lake (1938).

88.lc Dharamba Shoalhaven River S20 (AIAS S56)
(10Sr.)

Dharumba (AC S20, AIAS S56, 'RLS' 10Sr., SAW),
Wandanian (alt. name - SAW, AC S63, AIAS S55,
'RLS' 88.lc), *Dharamba* (Eades suggests is probably
the correct spelling as Mathews and Ridley often
used orthographical u for phonetic a.)

Eade's comment is that the only evidence supports R. H. Mathew's claim it is a dialect of *Dhurga*. There is a little vocabulary and some morphological and syntactic patterns. The pronoun paradigms show a few differences to *Dhurga*. (Eades)

88.2 Dharawal Southern shore of S18 (AIAS S59)
Botany Bay, south
to Shoalhaven
River (AC)