

- 48.1a* Wunambal* North of Prince Regent K21 (AIAS K22)
 River, along Roe River,
 Moran River and Mitchell
 River eastward as far as
 King Edward River and
 inland to Mt. Bradshaw and
 Mt. Hann (V)

Wunambal (AC, AIAS, SAW, O'G, 'RLS', Love), *Unambal*
 (Hernandez); *Jeidji* (8Kr. 'RLS', means "talk, speech")

Vaszolyi is making a major study; he has a word list of 4,000 words with illustrations embedded in sentences and taped, an outline phonology and grammar, syntax and a sizeable corpus of myths and narratives. The language is still viable with at least 200 speakers, most of whom speak *Wunambal* as a second language; those who speak it as a first language seem much smaller. It has been stated that most of the 500+ people from the recently closed Forrest River Mission speak *Wunambal* (though Capell queries this information). About 20 elderly people at Kalumburu Mission identify themselves as "proper" *Wunambal* from the Prince Regent - Mitchell River area. (V)
 There are at least 8 - 10 speakers at the Mowanjum Mission (1973-4 figures) and well over a score of *Wurora* and *Ngarinjin* people speak it as a second language.

- 48.1b* Gunin * Lower reaches and E. of K7 (AIAS K41)
 (48.3b) King Edward R.; lower K41 here should be K36.
 Drysdale R. including
 estuary; Barton R. up to
 King George's R. (this
 area is termed in
Wunambal, *bember*, 'Gwini
 country' - see note under
 5Kr. *Bemba*); also shores
 of Napier Broome Bay (V)

Gunan (AC), *Guna* (?), *Gunin* (SIL, Lucich, AIAS, V),
Kunan (Taylor), *Pela* (Craig) *Gwini* (AC, APE, AIAS,
 O'G, 'RLS'), *Kwini* (Love), *Kwiini* (Taylor), *Kuini*
 (Perez), *Cuini* (?)

Vaszolyi describes *Gunin* as a language/dialect closely related to *Wunambal*, *Miwa* and *Gambera* (these four probably are dialects of the same language).

It is spoken by a tribe/horde who call themselves *Gwini* (listed in 'RLS' as a dialect name, 48.3b; phonetically *kwini*). At least 50 adults at Kalumburu Mission identify themselves as *Gwini* and speak *Gunin* as their first language. Others are to be found in Wyndham and adjacent areas (V). Lucich collected c.500 words, phrases and grammatical notes (1965?). There are speakers at Kalumburu Mission and Wyndham.

'aboriginal man' : *pintjin* (Taylor)

48.lc* Miwi **** E. of King George R. K7 (AIAS K39)
(48.3a) via Berkley R. down to
Cambridge Gulf and S.
to Durack R. (V)

Miwa (SAW, Love, Lucich, Hernandez, V, 'RLS')

Miwa appears to be a dialect closely related to *Wunambal*, *Gunin* and *Gambera*. It was spoken by the *Wumbulgari* horde of the NE Kimberleys (see above). The said area is called in *Wunambal* *burngana*. (V). This word thus means the tribal country of the *Miwa*-speaking *Wumbulgari* horde. Today the *Wumbulgari* people represent a linguistically mixed multi-lingual population. (V).

Wurm (1970) lists *Bagu - Miwa - Gwini* as a third group of *Wunambal* dialects, but Vaszolyi says that *Bagu* is a geographical name (see 48.3a following). There are four people who claim to be speakers so the need to investigate is urgent.

48.2 Gambera *** Admiralty Gulf, Parry K7 (AIAS K39)
Harbour and Vansittart
Bay (V)

Gambera (V, SIL, AIAS), *Gambre* (AC, SAW, orig. AIAS, O'G, Coate, 'RLS', Crawford - only used in fast or poorly articulated speech), *Kambera* (Hernandez), *Kambre*. (Love)

Is closely related to *Wunambal*. SIL (1970) recorded a word list. There are still a few speakers (c. 6 old people) at Kalumburu Mission and Wyndham.