

[ K. MITAKUDIC GROUP - deleted

72. Midagudi - now classified with the Mayabic Group, 64.]

73. b.\* Narla Subgroup  
(originally ARABABIC GROUP)

Breen's survey of western Queensland has established that *Arabana-Wangganguru*, classified in 'AL' as a separate group is in fact a subgroup of the Karnic Group (see comment under 71). Hercus is engaged in major salvage work in this group. Phonetically it is linked with the Yura Subgroup, 61, in that in both, prestopped nasals and laterals are a prominent feature. Stops and nasals have labial, dental, alveolar, retroflex, palatal and velar points of articulation, and laterals, the four central ones of these six; there are also 4 vibrants, 3 semi-vowels and 3 vowels.

73a Arabana \* West side of Lake Eyre L2 (AIAS L13)  
(North) south of the  
Neales to Stuart Range,  
S.A. (LH)

*Arabana* and *Wangganguru* have 89% common vocabulary, similar structure and are mutually comprehensible.

Distinguishing features:

'here' : niki  
'many' : nuka  
'go' : yuka(n̩ʔa)-  
'I' : (trans.) atu  
'man' : naɭa (O'G & K)

Hercus continues major study. Still about 8 speakers remain. Recent publications include 'Arabana and Wangganguru Traditions' (Oceania, 42, 2, 1971).

'man' : *narla*