

22. Nunggubuyu * Between Walker and Koolatong Rivers in Blue Mud Bay to Amaajiya Creek near Rose River in south; in north their territory joins that of the *Dha?i* group; in the south that of *Wandarang* & in west with the *Ridarngu* (Hughes) N79 (AIAS N128)

Nunggubuju (T, AC, O'G, 'RLS', orig. AIAS, Leeden), *Nunggubuyā* (T, AC, AIAS, Hughes, Leeding); *Wubay* (alt. name - Hughes). Moieties: *Mandirrija*, (*Yirritja*), *Mandhaayung* (*Dhuwa*) (Hughes)

Hughes has studied in depth over the past several years and produced a number of papers: *Nunggubuyu* phonemes and noun clauses (with V. J. Leeding), and verbs (with A. Healey) (all in *Papers on the Languages of Australia*, 1971), a set of primers, *Nunggubuyu-English* dictionary (*Oceania Monograph*, 1971) and "Tales of the *Nunggubuyu* Tribe" (16 legends, *Numbulwar Mission*, 1969). There are c. 400 speakers today now living mostly at *Numbulwar Mission* (mouth of *Rose River*), *Groote Eylandt* and *Roper River*, but those at the latter have mostly lost the ability to use their mother tongue.

'man' : *walyinjung*; male: *warlya* (Hughes)

23. X. ANDILYAUGWAN (O'G: GROOTE EYLANDTAN) FAMILY

Classificatory family and language name used by O'G have been changed from the locational *Groote Eylandtan* to the linguistic *Andilyaugwan* by Wurm. It has very similar construction, phonemically and grammatically to *Nunggubuyu*, 22; though it has only four vowels.

23. Andiljaugwa * *Groote Eylandt* (AC) N4 (AIAS N151)

Andiljaugwa (AC, AIAS), *Andilyaugwa* (SAW), *Anindilyaugwa* (Moody, Stokes), *Enindiljaugwa* (Worsley), *Wanindiljaugwa* (Worsley), *Ingura* (*Nunggubuyu* name, T, Hughes)

Stokes continues depth and literature studies but nothing yet published. Most speakers still at Unbakumba Mission, Groote Eylandt, but some on the mainland at Rose River. Number of speakers: 300+ (includes children); about 1/3 of those on Groote Eylandt speak *Nunggubuyu* as a first language but all also speak *Andiljaugwa* as well.

24.

XI. MARAN FAMILY

The languages of this family are prefixing and are characterized by extensive use of auxiliary verbs. As with the Gunwinjgu Family, some members are multiple classifying and some are non-classifying.

24.

A. MARIC GROUP

a. *Gariyimar* Subgroup

A two gender classifying system with very little concord (limited concord shared with *Mengeref*, 7, and some Daly River languages). (SAW)

24.

(24Nr.)

Mara *** Tidal reaches of Roper N54 (AIAS N112)
River nearly to mouth
of Hodgson River, south
to Spillen Creek, east to
coast and Maria Island and
north to Edward Island (AC)

Mara (T, AC, APE, O'G, 'RLS', AIAS, Abbie, Basedow, R-Brown, Frazer, Lang, Petri, R-Brown, Thomson, Spencer), *Ma:ra* (Berndt), *Marra*, *Mala* ('RLS'), *Leeanuwa*, *Leelalwarra* (Stretton), *Yugul*, *Jugul*, *Yookala* (24Nr. 'RLS' - Bern)

An in-depth study still needs to be done and the relative scarcity of informants makes this study of reasonably high priority. Tindale published a vocabulary of about 500 words. (1928)