

The subgroup has multiple-classifying dialects with the phonemes as follows: *b, d, dj, rd, k, h, m, n, nj, rn, ng, l, rl, y, rr, r, w, i, e, a, o, u* (Carroll's for *Gunwinjgu*). A feature is the incorporation of noun objects in the verb as in *Tiwi*.

The following classification is a combination of that of Harris and Wurm, which differs in some important details to that of O'Grady et al. *De?ynegmi* and *Djebmi* have been added as *Gunwinjgu* dialects; the Girdimarg Subgroup as well as the Buanic Group and Bi Subgroup have been deleted and *Gunbalang* and *Buan* regarded as part of the Binin Subgroup; and *Dangbon*, *Ngalgbon* and *Dalabon* are now regarded as the one language.

Maiali (45Nr. 'RLS') is a general term used for the Gun-dialects which are centered around Oenpelli (Wood). Further information is that the word has different meanings in different areas. It is used in the Katherine - Beswick area where it would apply to a different group to that in the Oenpelli area.

11.1a Gunwinjgu * Oenpelli area, N40 (AIAS N65)
(43Nr.) western Arnhem Land

Gunwinggu (T, AC, Berndt, Oates, APE, Carroll, orig. AIAS), *Gunwinjgu* (Carroll, AIAS), *Gunwinghu* (Jernudd), *Gunei* (43Nr. 'RLS' - possibly a slurring of *Gun-wunei* - Glasgow) (Spelling changed on information supplied by Carroll)

Carroll has continued depth studies and has produced in typescript or processed form *Gunwinjgu* phonemes (1969), and grammar (1970), a computerized concordance (1970) and language lessons. R.M. & C.H. Berndt have published the text of 33 *Gunwinjgu* songs (Pacific Linguistics, 1970), and Harris a study of *Gunguring* - and *Gunwinjgu* mother-in-law language (also Pacific Linguistics, 1970). (The latter is structurally similar to *Gunwinjgu* and is usually referred to by the avoidance name *Ngarrimikme* meaning "we get (or take) abstention or taboo-ness", so as to avoid the real name *Gunkurrng* or *Gun-gurung* (Harris). Carroll estimates the number of speakers to be about 900; 450 at Oenpelli and as many again in surrounding areas who know it as a second language. It has become the lingua franca for much of north-western Arnhem Land.

'man' : *bininj* (Oates)