

The *Ngarluma* people spoke *Padupadu* respect language (see under *Jindjibarndi*). There are approximately 80 speakers today.

Distinguishing characteristics:

'I' : *ngayi*

Past tense: *-na, -na*

Present tense: *-lku, -ku*

'man' : *kardu* (or *mayaga?*) (von B)

- 50.6 Mardudhunira Coastal area between W26 (AIAS W35)
mouths of Fortescue
and Maitland Rivers

From *mardu* 'flat, low' - means 'the flat or river-landers' (von B.).

Maratunia (Clement), *Mardathoni* ("Yabaroo") (DB), *Mardathoonera* (DB), *Mardudhunira* (AC, SAW, AIAS), *Mardudhnera* (T, O'G, 'RLS'), *Marduthunira* (von B.).

Has been surveyed and studied by von Brandenstein. He reports less than 10 remaining speakers who are to be found on Mardie Station. This dialect shares 54% basic vocabulary with *Ngarluma*, 64% with *Gurama* and 68% with *Nuwala*.

- 50.7 Binigura Ashburton River W7 (AIAS W34)
between Wyloo and
Nanutarra Stations
and north of Cane and
Robe Rivers (from
von B's map)

Derived from *pini* 'to go' and *gura* 'having' (commonly used in geographical names).

Binigura (AC, AIAS, SAW, T), *Pinikurra* (von B, 'RLS' No. 12Wr), *Pinneegoora* (DB)

von Brandenstein has surveyed and found the language to be closer grammatically to *Ngarluma* than to neighbouring languages. Some key words are different to neighbouring languages as *pini-/puni*- 'to go' and *-daa* instead of *-na* for accusative.

Not more than 10 speakers are left, mostly living at Onslow.

50.8 Nuwala Coastal area at mouth of W33 (AIAS W30)
Ashburton River east to
Cane River and Parry
Range (AC)

Nuaia (von B), *Noala* (T, O'G, AC, SAW, 'RLS', orig. AIAS), *Noalla* (DB), *Nuwala* (AIAS)

Has been surveyed by von Brandenstein who reports fewer than 20 speakers living in Onslow. Shares only 40% cognates with *Dalandji*, its southern neighbour.

50.9a* Djiwarli Capricorn Range, Ashburton W15 (AIAS W28)
(52.3) River south and east to
Hardey River

Djiwali (T, AC, SAW, O'G, 'RLS', orig. AIAS),
Djiwarli (AIAS), *Tjiwarli* (von B)

Classified by O'Grady et al as belonging to the Mantharda Subgroup, but von Brandenstein says it is an AVC dialect so has been reclassified here, together with *Denma*, a subgroup.

50.9b* Denma Head of Henry River; W14 (AIAS W25)
(52.2) Kenneth Range, Frederick
Range (AC)

Denma (AC, AIAS), *Teen* (von B), *Tenma* (T, SAW, O'G, 'RLS')

A subgroup of *Djiwarli*. See comment above.

50A. b. Inland Ngayarda Subgroup

As stated above, most of these dialects (*Njamal*, *Widugari*, *Bandjima* and *Djururu*) were originally classified with those of the previous group.