

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 riverlanders' (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.