Contains adjective root kari 'bitter, sour, sharp' (von B)

Gariera (AC, AIAS), Kariera (T, C'G, AC, R-Brown, Connelly, Brown, 'RLS'), Karrearra (DB), Kaierra (Clement)

Shares 79% basic vocabulary with Ngarluma.
Recent survey and study by von Brandenstein has revealed remarkably little grammatical difference between Gariera and Ngarluma (von B calls them language 'brothers'). It is an accusative language like the rest of this subgroup with about 10 remaining speakers who mostly live at Port Hedland.

From ngarlu-ma 'to poison' (von B)

Gnalluma (or Gualluma - Clement), Gnalooma (DB), Ngaluma (T, O'G, SAW, R-Brown, 'RLS'), Ngarluma (AC, AIAS, SAW, von B), Ngalooma (Hall, DB)

Subgroups:

East and West Ngarluma - von B. was told repeatedly there was a distinction between East and West Ngarluma, the dividing line seeming to go through Roebourne, but he could only find a few vocabulary differences.

Jaburara (AIAS), Jaburrara (von B) - northern dialect. From jaburr 'north' - means 'north sea-siders' - name for Island Ngarluma located in the Dampier Archipelago Islands. It is extinct.

Has been the subject of depth study by von Brandenstein. "A Partial Vocabulary of the Ngalooma Tribe" Harold Aubrey Hall with concordance and commentary by C.G. von Brandenstein (AIAS 1971) is an old vocabulary retrieved and published with both old and modern orthographies (925 entries). It has an active-passive transformation like Lardil (O'G).
The Ngarluma people spoke Padupadu respect language (see under Jindjibarnidi). 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 ("Yabaroc") (DB), Mardathoonera (DB), Mardudhunira (AC, SAW, AIAS), Mardudhunera (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. 12W), 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-/punii-'to go' and -daa instead of -na for accusative.