

# **Supporting Language Teaching Online**

Cat Kutay

**Never Stand Still** 

# Bundjalung Site

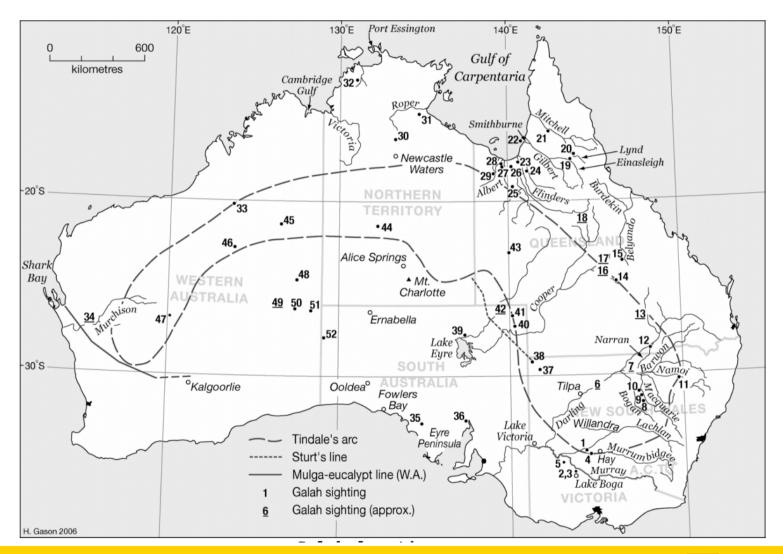


#### Focus

- Resources for language
- Teaching framework
- Knowledge sharing



### Grassland of Australia



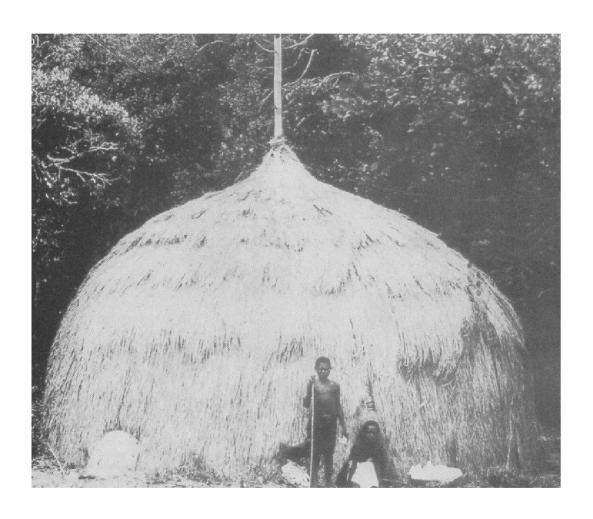


## Brewarrina





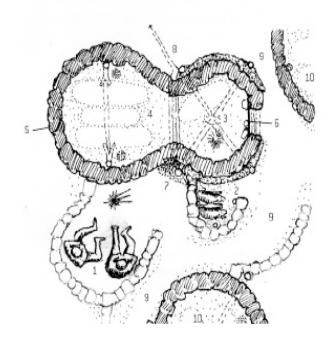
## Arhmen land





# Gudidjtmara





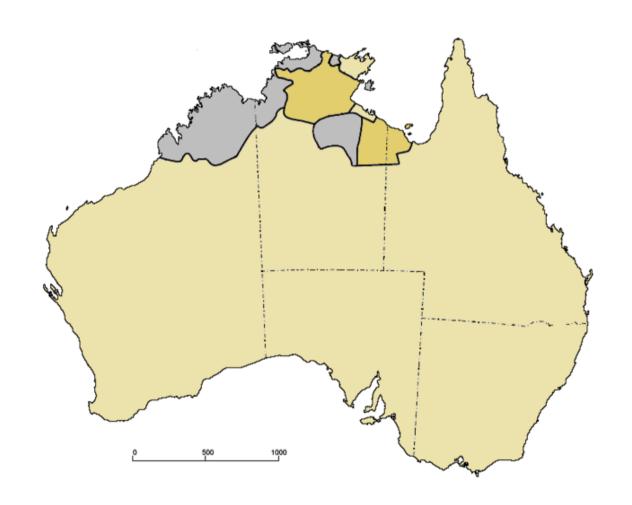


## Orca - LumaLuma

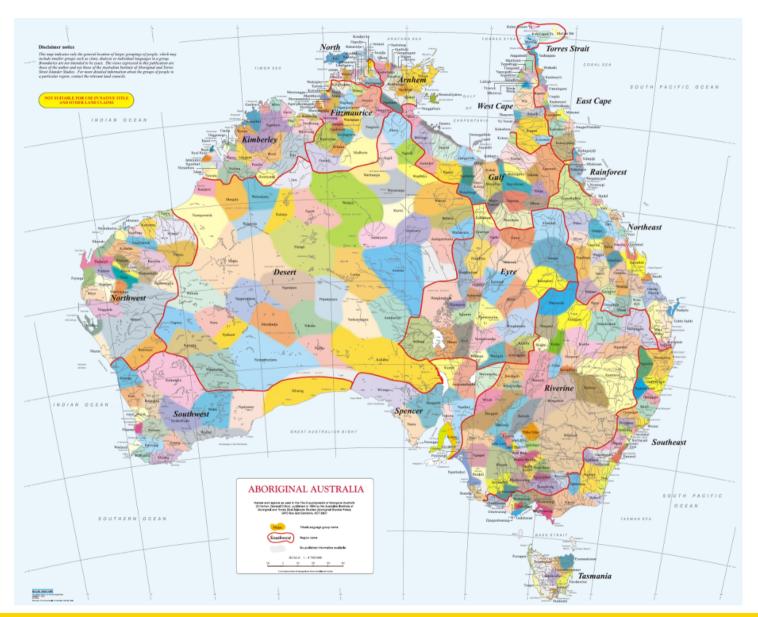




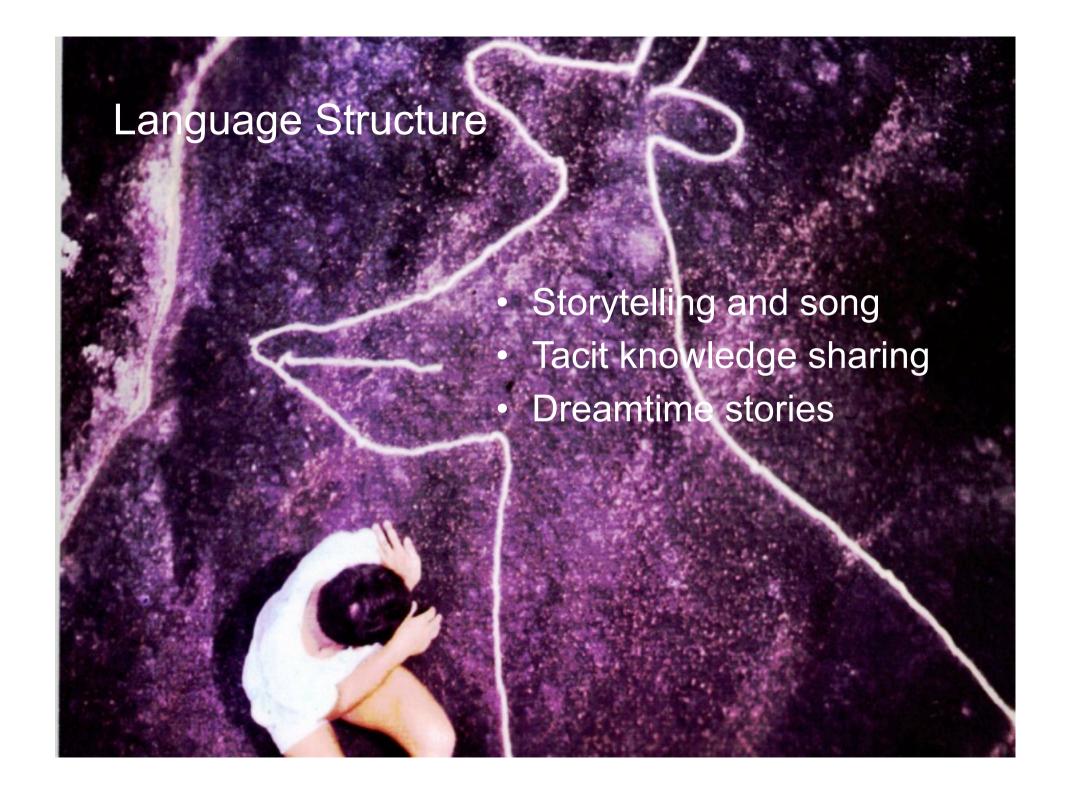
# Language Spread







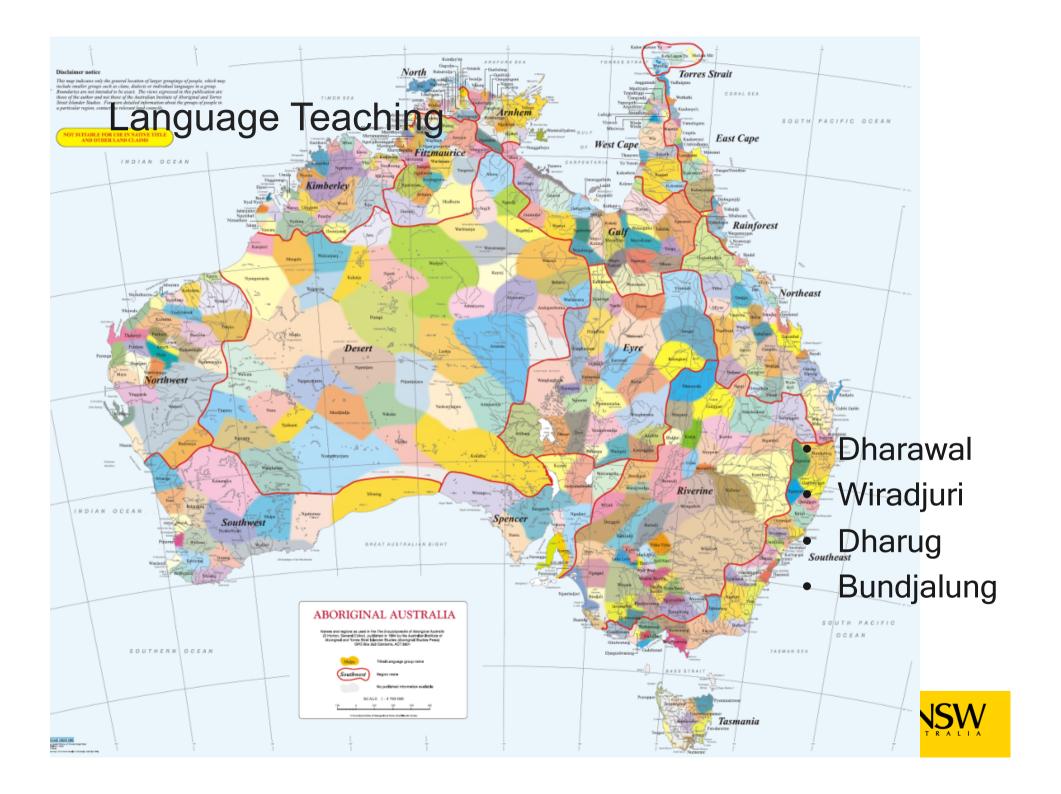




## Protocols of knowledge sharing

- Authority of speaker
- Community Narrative
- Deferral to others
- Knowledge given not requested





# **History of Dharawal**





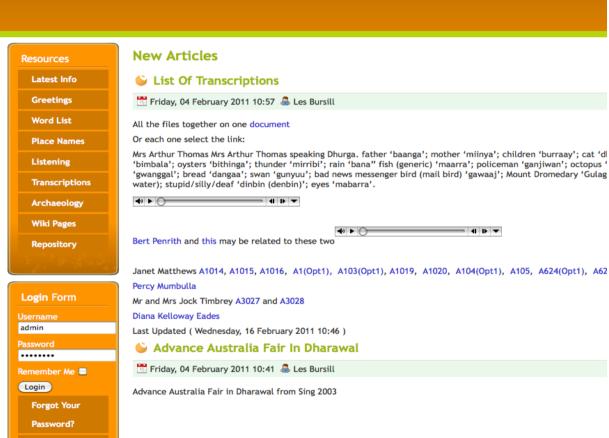
#### **Dharawal**

- DHARAWAL LANGUAGE

  WORD LIST WORD ARTICLES WIKI
- Resources
- Technology

Forgot Your

- People
- Funding



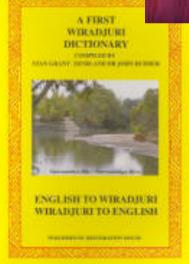


## History of Wiradjuri



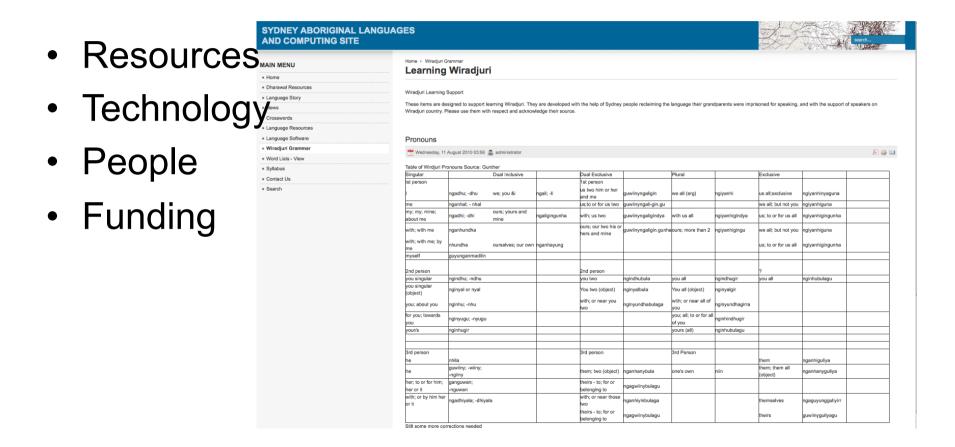








## Wiradjuri



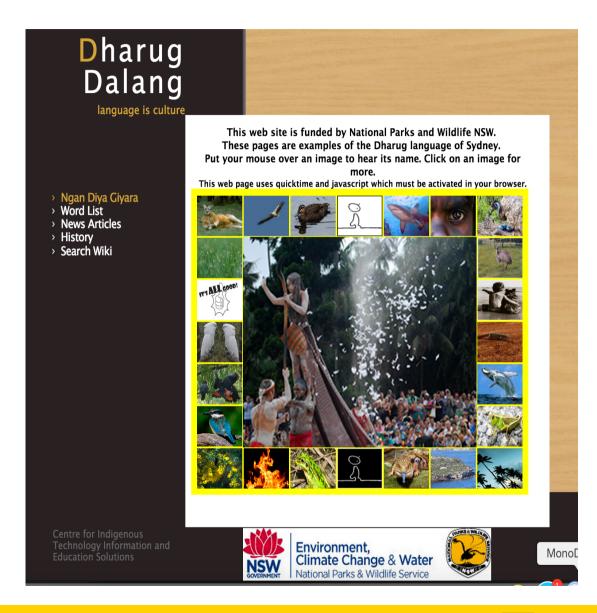


## **History of Dharug**



## Dharug

- Resources
- Technology
- People
- Funding

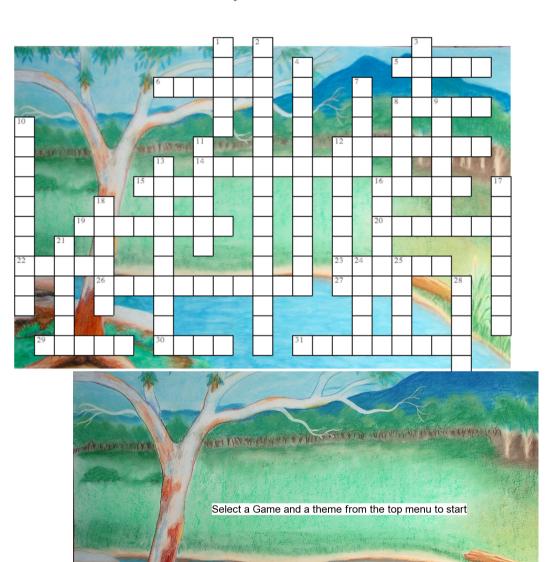




#### Wiradjuri Bush Game

## Games

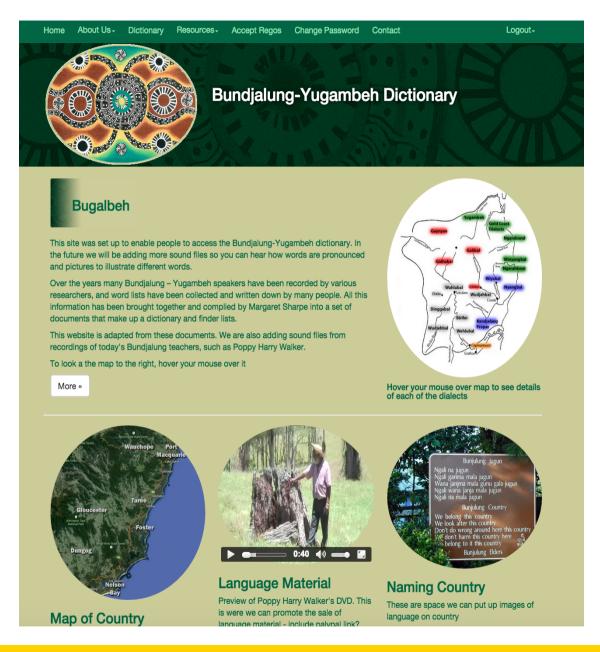






## Bundjalung

- Resources
- People
- Funding



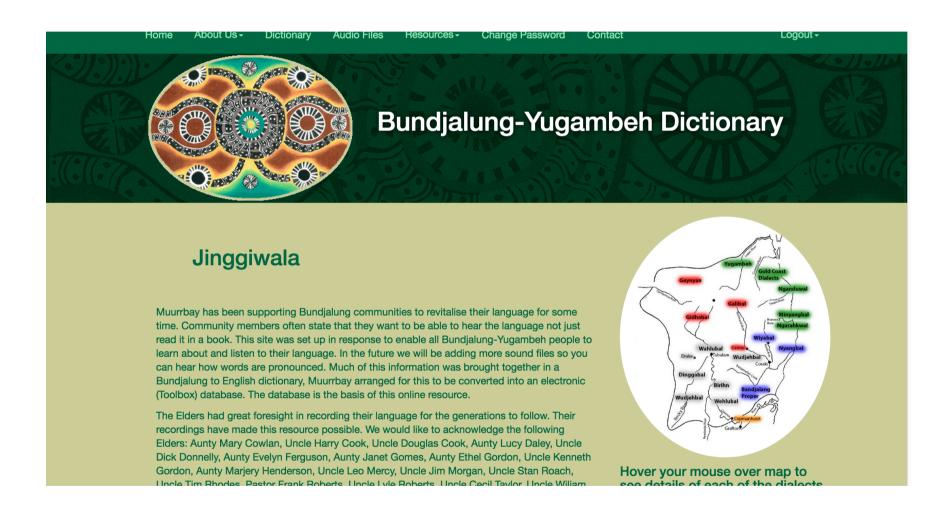


#### Present state

- Resources for language
  - Archival tapes now digital
  - ELAN transcriptions
  - Linguistic grammar
  - New recordings
- Web services
  - Python and web api
  - NLTK
  - ELAN transcriptions importer
  - Game
- Teaching framework
  - Accelerate Second Language Acquisition method (ASLA)



## Home page





## **Bottom half**



#### **Map of Country**

This map shows the Bundjalung language area.



#### **Language Material**

Preview of Poppy Harry Walker's DVD.



#### **Naming Country**

These are space we can put up images of language on country

This project is an initiative of:

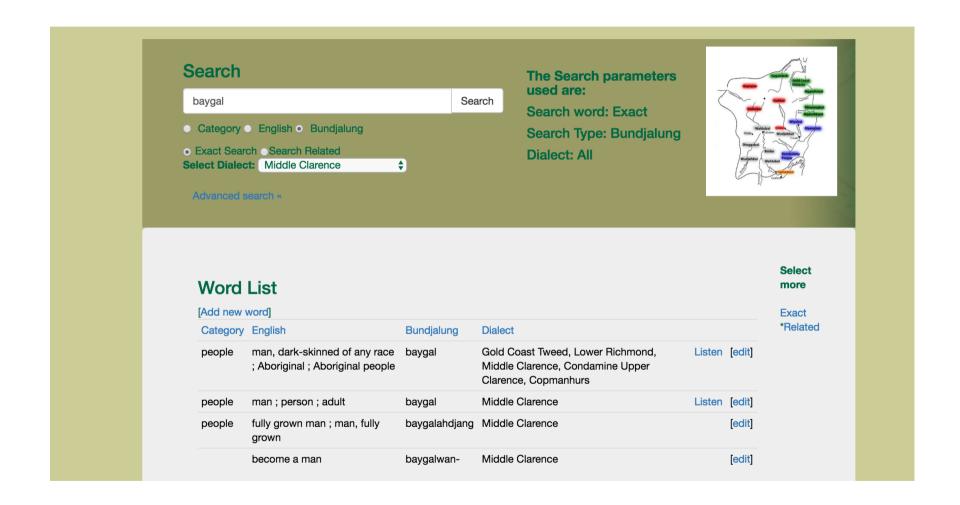


Supported through the Australian Government's Indigenous Languages Support program and New Media program. Copyright © Muurrbay Aboriginal Language and Culture Cooperative

Image by Sharon Smith. For more information contact Muurrbay

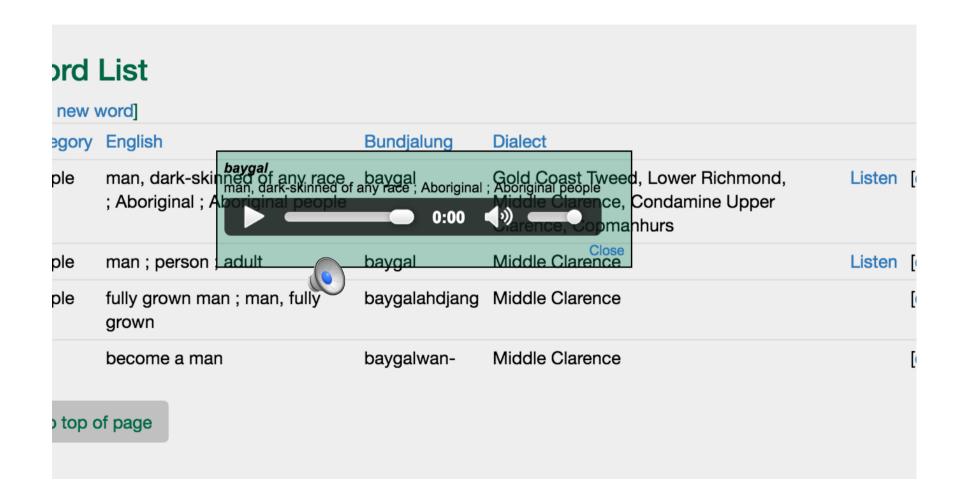


## Dictionary search for baygal





#### 'Listen' beside word





#### Select 'view word'

Category: people

Bundjalung: baygal [Hover over to listen]

Comment: Plural baygal-djahli Gd; [beigal], plural baygal-baygahl Wa, Casplural baygalbir; baygalnah is used for 'Aboriginal language' Wa;pronounced beygal, baygal; can be used as adjective 'Aboriginal'(with possessive/genitive); baygalnah (Yugambeh) language; ATprgives mibiny & baygal for 'The Blacks', cf mibiny [mibin];accusative form bayganyi?, possibly bayganah, bayganahgal 'fromthe man' (M:Liv); cf also guri. Mibiny more commonly used inYugambeh; baygal in southern dialects (Bundjalung); used ofthem

Gold Coast Tweed: Y:Holm baigal; Y:Holm:Logn baigalgali; M:Liv paig퀌«I, mibin,baig퀌«I: acc. paig퀌«nnye, gen. paig퀌«nna; paig퀌«nna-g퀌«l-baima with; pag퀌«lbaya out of; pag퀌«lbai in;paig퀌«l-bano from; AT:O'Conn bigul; GC:Nerang:Fowlr bagal,AT:Prior mibin, bigall; Y:Hanln man over 20 years bargul andmibbinmen (sic, prob. baygal and mibiny 'men'); Ng:Curr:Braymibbin the blacks, yabbru mibbin a blackfellow; Ng:Sc:Cudgnmeebeen man; Ng:Sc:Mur:Martn maibin man

Lower Richmond: Bj:Sha:Turnbl baygal, baygalu, baygalba:nji; Bj:TMcD baygalAboriginal man; Bj:Holm baigal, baigalu Fergn, baigalna Turnbl;Wi:Curr:Lism bygal the Blacks, a Blackfellow; Wi:Curr:Richmdbaygul the Blacks, a Blackfellow; Bj:Sc:Coraki, Bj:Sc:Coraki5/1903bygal male, Black man, kolla bygal the blacks; Ny:Curr:Ballina byglea blackfellow; Wi:Curr:Lism bygal the Blacks, a Blackfellow;Wi:Curr:Richmd baygul the Blacks, paiglznna-gal; paigal-baima with;pagalbaya out of; pagalbai in; paigal-bano from; Ny:Cur

**South West:** Cas:Smy baigal, bí€\_igal, beigal ; Wa:Crowl, We:Gordn; Wu:Calleybeigal, bei:gal; Wa:Sc:Tabulm:Hargrv goombe-bigal 'the blacks', bigal'black man';

Condamine Upper Clarence: Gd:Geyt; Gn:Mathew baigal; Gd:Sci:Woodnbng bigol;Gd:Sc:JThomas UClarnce bigot;

Copmanhurst: Cop:Hargrv bigal 'man';

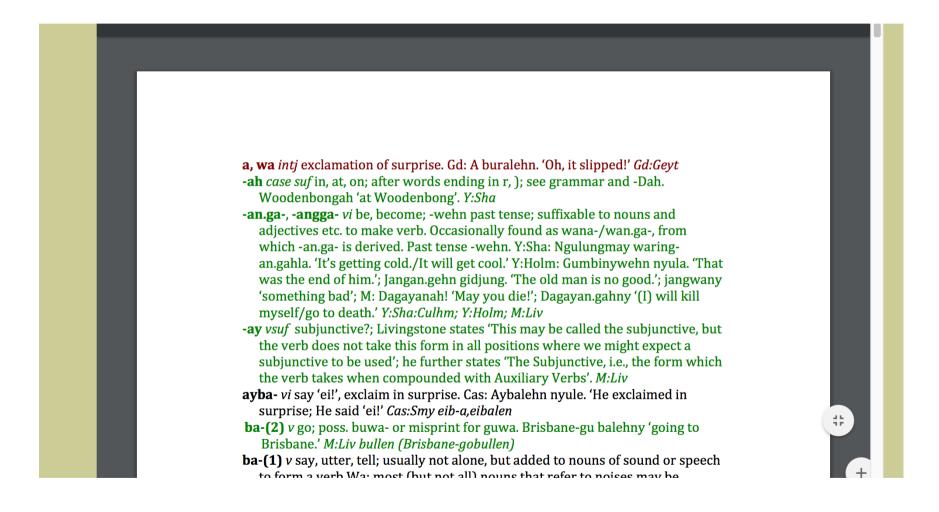


## Examples on same page

bullajalalig . \*\*a. Mala baygalwoll.galila / baygal wol walla. English: 'He has grown up (has become a man).' Example: Bundjalung: Gd:Sci: gumbi baygal English: 'the blacks' Example: Bundjalung: Gn: Yila baygal? English: 'Where are the blacks?' Example: Bundjalung: M: Burah munu juwan baygalbaya. English: 'Pull that spear out of the man.' Example: Bundjalung: M: Ngay wanyi ngulung baygal. English: 'I am older than you (I am a man before you).' Example: Bundjalung: Y:Holm: baygalgali



## Dictionary book



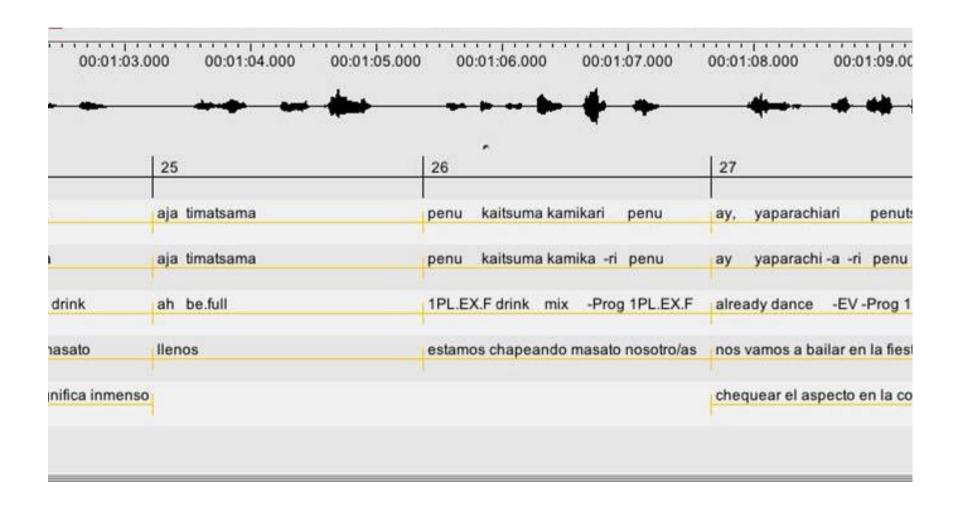


## Archival tapes with transcript



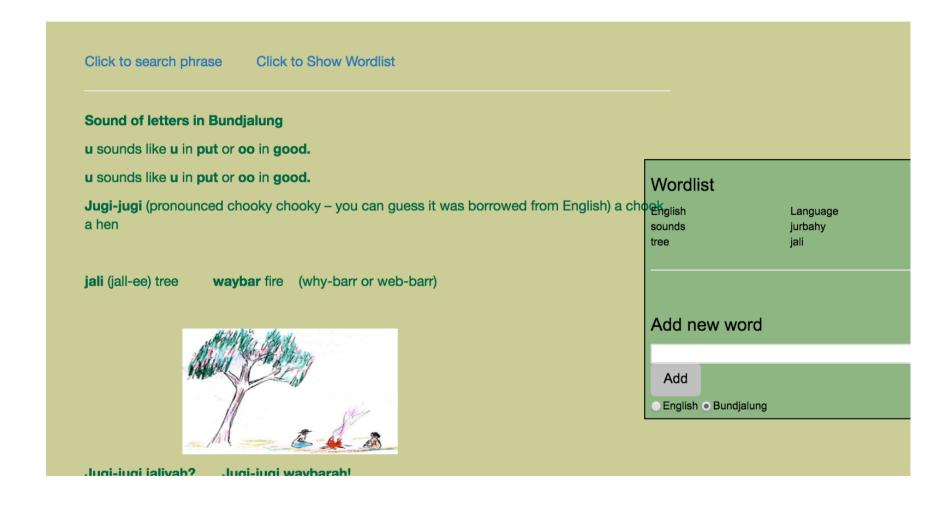


## Transcription





# Teacher set up worksheet with wordlist





### Where is - exercises

Some introductory words yila janagan? Boy is here gala janagan. Where is the boy? yila dubahjar? Where is the girl? Girl is here gala dubahjar What's this? nyang gala? This is a dog gala dabay Who's this? ngihn gala? Who is that man? ngihn gala bayga Point to the boy nyumba gala janagai Now you tell me how to say: Where is the dog?



## Authority of speaker

- We are using the archival material as both reference for exercise examples and using transcription to provide audio examples
- We are providing other examples from present day speakers to allow the language to evolve under community moderation
- The moderation is a group role and the process is still being worked out



## **Community Narrative**

- We are enabling community to contribute further material including sounds and exercises (worksheets)
- We hope to provide a variety of examples with each word, e.g. male and female, young and old
- Also developing related site for other dialects



#### Deferral to others

- The control of community is important so the site is still closed to registration
- The knowledge 'in the site' is respected as well providing more links to archival material



## Knowledge given not requested

- The teachers are being given the tools and support to produce their own lessons
- Forums are being developed online for teachers to discuss their ideas in a closed group before having to develop classes



#### The Issues

- Sharing material
  - Trust: Use archival material
    - Context: How material is stored and presented
    - Cultural Safety: Of those providing information
  - Access: mobile access important
  - Immersion: a 'modern' look to the site with option for links to social networks
  - Relevance: Choice of content matter, and the way information could be handled on the site has to be relevant to the culture of the users.

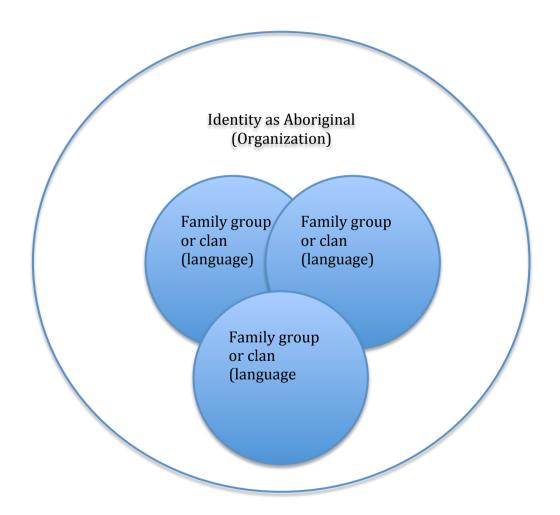


## Collecting more

- Trust: retain context
- Access: mobile access important
- Immersion: material automatically links into dictionary and pages
- Relevance: Moderation to select language, speaker (e.g. gender) and correct use



## **Issues: Trust**





### **Issues: Context**

#### Many aspects:

- Encourages IT use by Aboriginal people as context relevant
- Control how information generated by Aboriginal people is then seen or used by non-Aboriginal people
- IP Information that 'belongs' to one person being shared by another claiming authority



## Issues: Cultural safety

- Aware that identification as Aboriginal can lead to abuse
- Privacy of information that is considered culturally sensitive
- Authority to speak on language knowledge
- Aboriginal people want to control their own services



#### Issue: Access

- Mobile devised are more common than PC or laptop
- Many places in NSW lack access to NBN
- Mobile provides reduced access to information, so need to link between screens

#### Also

 Communities do not wish to share knowledge with those who may misuse it



#### Issue: Immersion

- Making the application work ubiquitously
- Must look interesting, be the latest look and feel
- Link information in a helpful way
- Emulating a highly experiential learning system
- Building community through social media



#### Issues: Relevance

- What are teachers doing with the program, not what Board of Studies wants done
- What can the teachers use
- Concern about mis-translation and the effect this has on learning



## Discussion

