

NATIVE VOCABULARY

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Of Medhering, Lyons River

Man, his Relationships, etc.

Aunt	Mogojoo, moogulyoo
Blackfellow	Malioojee
Blackwoman	Boorardee
Brother	Koordaijoo
Brother-in-law	Ngadhalbaijoo
Father	Baabojo
Grandfather	Kannja
Grandmother	Kandharreejoo
Husband	Yakkan
Mother	Beebeejoo
Nephew	Ngajjaraijoo
Sister	Wanyeeraijoo
Sister-in-law	Nganjarree, woman speaking
Son	Mocraijoo
White man or woman	Nyooja

PARTS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BODY

Drink, to	Bajjaiga babna
Ear	Koolga
Elbow	Nyejoo
Eye	Kooroo
Fat	Beerdeerangoo
Hair	Waloo waloo, nganya
Head	Barna
Heart	Ngainmanoo
Heel	Balgoo
Hip bone	Kaggara
Rib	Beerneegurdee
Sinew	Beerdiyoo
Sleep	Ngocanna kooraballa, ngoondeen
Smell, to	Barndeedhanoo
Sneeze, to	Jirarnoo
Speak, to	Wongama
Spit, to	Thala joogunma
Stomach	Goomboo
Teeth	Yeera
Thigh	Wooloo
Thirsty	Kambineea
Throat	Wongarba, wongaleerinma
Tongue	Thalainma
Vomit	Kalgallee
Walk, to	Wabbinyaroo

ANIMALS

Animal (generic)	Woggaree, moola
Bandicoot	Koordee
Dingo	Dhodho
Kangaroo	Koorbilee
Mouse	Janjaijee
Opssum	Geenamoongoo

BIRDS

Bird's egg	Jimboo
Birds' Nest	Karbooroo
Bustard, Wild turkey	Pardoora
Cockatoo, Black, red tail	Beerdera
Cockatoo, white, northern variety	Boolee boolee
Crow	Waggoora
Crow, Shrike, Squeaker	Bilarreea
Duck	Wongana, thandindee, boorargoora
Eaglehawk	Wallaroo
Emu	Kajjalboo
Flycatcher (Wagtail)	Jindee jindee
Harrier, Swamp hawk	Karrgai
Hawk, Sparrow	Meeginna
Lark	Boojer boojerba
Magpie	Koorrbaroo
Pelican	Beemba
Pigeon, Blue	Walgarda
Pigeon, Bronzewing	Marboongana
Pigeon, Brush, Bronzewing	Kardee goolyeroo
Pigeon, Topknot	Mooneejee
Shag	Ngalbaroo

## FISHES

Fish (generic)	Kamma, ngalyara
Jewfish	Jeegoorarra

## REPTILES

Frog, edible	Malgoora, neerba
Frog (generic)	Ngararree, jargangoora (not eaten)
Iguana (generic)	Wirgoora, yarrooldha
Iguana, long-tailed	Jeerdarra
Iguana, stump-tailed	Yoongoorjee
Lizard	Kalbooroo
Snake	Theornoo, mobburnma (magic), balgobaia, kobbaree marroo, noorrjee, beerdoobookoo
Turtle, sea	Majjoon, kandara

## INSECTS

Ant (common, small)	Minga
Ant's nest	Jerrongoo
Ant (sergeant)	Ganba, bajjal goorneeannee
Bardie (a grub)	Bildharree bardee, wandaingoora, jargoonoongoo, minjoonoongoo
Caterpillar	Warra nyindelba
Centipede	Minninja, ganba
Flea	Kooloo
Fly (generic)	Yo'ee, thaaroo
Grasshopper	Balloobardee
Mosquito	Gooloo booyoo
Sandfly	Nyconya
Spider	Kara; web = tharndee

THE ELEMENTS, etc.

Cloud, cloudy	Mandhalyee
Feather	Walgaboorda
Fire	Kala
Grass	Warroo
Gum	Theeree, boorga
Gum tree	Coorooroo
Heat	Dhoogoo dhoogoo
Hillock	Yooloorba
Hole	Maaloo
Leaf (shrub or tree)	Welbo
Moon	Weelarra
Pool	Babba goonga
Rain	Yoongoo, babba
Rainbow	Maiangarra
River	Yardee
Road	Wajjoora
Root, of tree	Bileelee
Sand	Yoga
Sandalwood tree	Wallawalla
Sea	Babba (water)
Seeds, of plants	Moonda, koojeelaraa
Shade	Maaloo
Spinifex	Theeree
Spinifex gum	Boorga
Spinifex thread	Theeree
Stone	Baaloo
Sunrise	Jooroo wandee nanneeroo
Sunset	Beeronga indeeneeroo jooroo
Vegetable food	Warraia, etc. Weerndee = cake made of seeds
Water	Babba
Wind	Yocalba

GENERAL VOCABULARY

Alarm	Jeereelarree
Amuse, to	Thoorneengoo
Anger	Bajja
Bad	Wal'lee
Bald	Bardeegarra
Bandy legged	Nöölee
Barb of a spear	Jarrgoo
Beat, to	Boodhalgangoo
Belt	Woggarree
Bite, to	Bajjalgoo
Black	Marda
Blind	Koomoroo
Camp, native	Ngoora, ngoorra
Far away	Wabbinyaroo
Frightened	Jeereelarree
Good	Mooga
He	Ngoona
Hungry	Kammoo
I	Ngadha
Many	Beejee
My	Nganee
Nose-stick	Moolya moongoo
One	Kaianoo
Scar	Moorurba
Sick (ill)	Koilbanoo
Sit down, to	Koombanoo
Spear (generic term)	Kajjeree, koorjarra
Spear (war)	Beelarra (manybarbed), beerdcon- goldharra (stoneheaded)
String, of ab ag	Beerdiyoo
Three	Jergoo
Two	Koodharra
Vessels (bark, etc.)	Meega, meeka
White	Thoola, thoolarree
Yes	Ko
You	Noora, noorambai

SHORT SENTENCES

Children, Where are your?	Thakkalara boonadhai mooraijoo
Come here	Yenna murnee, nyanda koombera
Country, Where is your?	Dhanna ngoora boonadhoo
Coward, You are a	Jeera larree
Dead, He is	Windoorroo
Deceiving me, You are	Bindee booroo
Fire, Make, by friction	Kala eedhammai
Food, Give me	Dhandna barroo nganneejoo
Food, I have no	Thoondae eerinyoo murrainjoo
Get along	Wabbinyerroo
Get up	Wandina
Give me	Nyinnai
Going away, I am	Ngoora lar booneea
Killed, Who has, him?	Nganna-loo binya narnee
Killed, You have, him	Noora binya narnee
Know, I do not	Ngadha warreebinya
Lie down	Koomba marroo
Long time ago, That was a	Ngwoona boora
Name, What is your?	Ngalla noora
Natives, Where are the?	Dhandha mallookee da
Pipe, Where is my?	Dhandha ngannee pipe
Sitting in the bush somewhere	Yardanga koombinyee
Stay with me	Ngooradhoo kombama
Tired, I am	Waldoonarree
Water, Give me	Babba kanyamurnee
Well, Where is the?	Dhandha "well"
Who is that? Who is there?	Ngoona
You and I	Noorai, ngallee



Ure-ri, m. my informant, a Nyamel Kaimera.

Miji miji - half caste

Iliara dhunigudha - friends

Nyamel Tribe class and marriage laws

Kaimera = Banaka

Boorongu = Paljuri

Bindigudharra = my magic stick

Mama ngūnda - dance, quivering

Mula - leader of dance

Munga malgu, mūjalgu - stealing women

Yagu burndi - magic stone