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Wajarri Yamatji Report

This report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) as part of a Research Pilot Project agreed to by NNTT and Yamatji Marlpa Barna Baba Maaja Aboriginal Corporation (YMBBMAC), the representative body for native title claims in the Geraldton and Pilbara RATSIB areas. The area covered by this report is the Wajarri Yamatji (WC04/10) claim area. The report is based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the location, customs and culture and contact history of Indigenous peoples in the area covered by the report.

Research Method

This report contains summaries of information that is publicly available and relevant to the location of groups within the area being claimed by the Wajarri Yamatji (WC04/10). It should be noted that the content and production of these reports is governed by time and resource constraints. Most of the references sought for these reports are available only from the AIATSIS library which has limited resources available to supply material. Therefore, care is taken to request material that appears relevant to the scope of a particular report.

The research material used for this report is based largely on a search of the AIATSIS on-line catalogue supplemented by relevant references found in Tindale's (1974) Aboriginal Tribes of Australia, Thieberger's (1993) Handbook of Western Australian Languages South of the Kimberley Region and
Horton's (1994) *The Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia*. The following general references were also used:

- Bates 1985, *The Native Tribes of Western Australia*;
- Capell 1963, *Linguistic Survey of Australia*;
- Davidson 1938, *A Preliminary Register of Australian Tribes and Hordes*;
- Oates 1975, *The 1973 Supplement to a Revised Linguistic Survey of Australia*;
- Thieberger 1996, *Handbook of Western Australian Languages South Of The Kimberley Region*;
- Tindale 1940, 'Distribution of Australian Aboriginal tribes: a field survey'; and

A map of the Wajarri Elders (WC01/3) and Ngoonooru Wadjari People's (WC00/12) claim areas (pre combination claim areas, now combined as Wajarri Yamatji (WC04/10)) was compared to maps produced by linguists and anthropologists showing language or tribal names in that area.

Tindale's 1974 map, 'Tribal Boundaries in Aboriginal Australia', shows a number of language groups in the area being claimed including: Wadjari, Nokaan, Malgana, Wariangga, Djiwali, Tedei, Inggarda, Ninanu, Ngaiawongga, Barimaia and Widi. Malgana, Wariangga, Djiwali, Tedei, Inggarda and Ngaiawongga only fall into the area covered
by the report slightly and so were not searched on the AIATSIS catalogue.

Horton's 1994 map, 'Aboriginal Australia', shows a number of language groups in the area being claimed including: Watjarri, Yinggarda, Thiin, Yinhawangka, Tjupany and Badimaya. The Yinggarda, Thiin, Yinhawangka and Tjupany languages were not searched on the AIATSIS catalogue as they fall only slightly into the area covered by the report.

The Geoscience Australia web site was viewed to determine the grid references relevant to the report area. The AIATSIS catalogue uses these grid references. The AIATSIS catalogue was then searched using these references in the 'place' field.

The AIATSIS catalogue was then searched using the following names in the 'language group' field: Wajari, Badimaya, Muliara, Ninanu, Nokaan, Wardal and Widi. According to Tindale (1974) and Oates (1975) Kurduwongga is an alternative name for Wadjeri. The catalogue was searched according to the relevant Geoscience Australia grid references, in a way that avoided duplication with the language name search.

The search results were viewed to determine which items were relevant. Materials with access restrictions were omitted as were foreign language materials, obvious duplications, microforms, audio material and material that appeared to deal with technical aspects of language or education curricula. The search resulted in the following:
The Environment Australia on-line library catalogue was also searched under the headings: Mt Augustus, Mt Wittenoom, Yalgoo (2/0), Dalgety Downs, Gifford Creek, Dooley Downs, Mooloo Downs, Glenburgh, Callytharra Springs, Mt Narryer, Twin Peaks, Jingemarra, Yallalong, Pinegrove, Uanna Hill, Muggon and Dalgaranga (1/0). Unfortunately, after filtering none of the material was found to be relevant.

Material from relevant references from previous research reports was also included.
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