

## NOONGAR LANGUAGE

### NOONGAR WORDS

KAYA – HELLO

WANJU – WELCOME

NIDJA/YIMNINY – HERE

DJURAPIN – HAPPY

NYININY/NYIN – SIT

NIH/NI – LISTEN

KAARTDIJIN – KNOWLEDGE, LEARN

### PLACE-NAMES OF LOCALITIES AROUND BOYUP BROOK

BOYUP BROOK = PLACE OF BIG ROCKS

'BOOYUP', 'BOOYA' = LAND, ROCK

'UP' = PLACE OF

NORLUP = SHADY PLACE

WILGA = 'WILGEE' = COLOURED OCHRE

KULIKUP = 'KULYA' = EDIBLE FROGS

DINNINUP = 'DENNINGUP' = BIG LOGS

MAYANUP = 'MAUNUP' = MAWNU-GUM TREES

DWALGANUP = 'DWOLG' = KANGAROO

WILLAMARUP = 'WILLARMERUP' = A DRY CROSSING

NEAR BOYUP BROOK ALONG TERRY ROAD

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## NOONGAR KANIYANG PEOPLE



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## HISTORY

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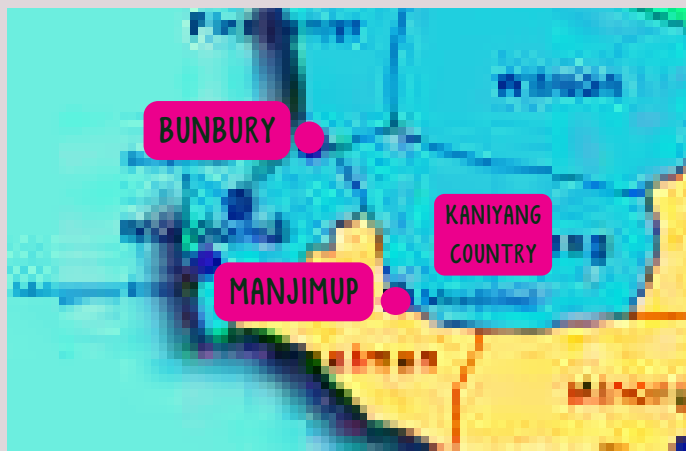


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## COUNTRY

The word Noongar means 'a person of the south-west of Western Australia', an area that extends from Geraldton on the west coast to Esperance on the south coast.

Noongar is their official language, and there are several ways in which it is spelled and pronounced: Noongar, Nyungar, Nyoongar, Nyoongah, Nyungah, Nyugah, Yungar and Noonga. There are fourteen dialects that are associated with Noongar language : Nyaki Nyaki, Bibbulman, Yuat, Minang, Wardandi, Kaniyang, Goreng, Pinjarup, Wiilman, Wudjari, Wajuk, Balardung, and Tjapanmay.



This book which tells the story of the Blackwood River is available in our Centre. It is written in both Noongar and English and is accompanied by a CD spoken in Noongar which can be followed whilst reading the pages



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## Kaniyang Clan

Kaniyang is a clan of the Noongar Nation of the southwest of Western Australian Southwest. The clan's area is situated on the upper Blackwood River east to a line joining Katanning, Tambellup, Cranbrook and Tenterden; at Kojonup, Collie, Qualeup, Donnybrook, Greenbushes, Bridgetown through to the headwaters of Warren and Frankland rivers, the south bank of Collie River to Collie and west to the coast as far as Harvey.

"The Blackwood River starts at the Moordiyarap Lake and runs into Frankland River then into the Blackwood River and into the ocean at Augusta". Angus Wallam 2006

Kaniyang people speak the southwestern dialect, Kongal-marawar, of the Noongar language. The people are mostly non-fluent speakers who have a partial or passive understanding of the language.

Sporadic language recording and analysis was undertaken by pastoralists and linguists in years gone by. However, further research continues to retrieve and develop a substantial database of the language and all clans of the Southwest. A recent publication in 2009 was based around the Blackwood River in the form of a Dreamtime Story. Further research continues to retrieve and develop a substantial database of the language and all clans of the Southwest.

Kaniyang's AIATSIS code is W4.

