Nyungar Boodjera Wangkiny (The People's Land is Speaking): Nyungar Place Nomenclature of the Southwest of Western Australia

Nyungar names of the boodjar or land in the southwest of Australia and their interpretations

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Introduction

Placenames in the southwest of Western Australia (WA) are commonly derived from Nyungar, the Aboriginal language of the region. However, the story of these placenames is yet to be fully appreciated. As Nyungar language is the basis of geographical nomenclature for many names for towns, localities and landmarks in the southwest, current, comprehensive and critical research and analysis of Nyungar language documentation is required to interpret and reveal the ancient meanings of these names. Over the course of the project 'Nyungar Boodjera Wangkiny (The People's Land is Speaking): Nyungar Place Nomenclature of the Southwest of Western Australia', a range of scholarly articles and presentations have examined and investigated the contribution of local Nyungar peoples in association with government officials,

settlers and explorers in the recording of this regional geographical and cultural phenomenon of Nyungar placenames in southern WA.

This project identified official geographical names of places in the Southwest of WA derived from Nyungar language and used a variety of media to tell the unique story of the meanings of recorded Nyungar placenames. These placenames are showcased in a collection of 14 maps covering the southwest of Western Australia and based on the regional areas identified by Norman Tindale. This document is a synopsis of three years research, analysis, interpretation, presentations, fieldwork and photography. It emphasises the implicit connections between land, people, culture and language.

Background

Aboriginal people of the southwest of Western Australia use the term Noongar (Nyungar, Nyoongar, Nyungah, Nungar, Njunga etc.) to describe themselves and their language, and 'as an adjective describing their country, their way of life and other features of their culture'. Southwest Australia is Nyungar country and over 50% of town names as well as countless other geographical features are Nyungar. However, few people know what these names mean. This research project has examined Nyungar place names and their meanings by utilising a range of sources — historical maps, explorers' and surveyors' journals, official cartographic material and primary Nyungar sources. The results of this project should contribute towards environmental understanding, tourism ventures and reconciliation by creating a common understanding of local Indigenous geography.

The Aboriginal landowners working as guides in the 19th century described their country using Nyungar-language placenames. This information to was recorded by colonists and constitutes the basis of the material researched and examined over the course of this project. Across the southwest of Western Australia many official names of towns, cities, rivers, creeks, hills, mountains, estuaries and other naturally occurring landscape features are derived from Nyungar language. The overwhelming presence of

¹ Douglas 1976:5.

Nyungar language in the lives of southwest Australians has created a burgeoning interest in understanding the meanings of these names, how they came to be recorded, and what relationships of conciliation existed between the original Australians and newcomers in our country. Little contemporary critical study carried out by Nyungar or non-Nyungar researchers exists on clarifying the actual meanings of placenames and interpreting the recorded data since it started being collected almost two centuries ago.

A series of placename case studies were undertaken from right across the Nyungar boodjar (Aboriginal lands) of the southwest of Western Australia (WA). The meanings of ten samples of recorded placenames from each of the 14 Nyungar dialect areas identified by Norman Tindale were examined.² This investigation centred on the history of collaboration between British colonists and Nyungar, utilising the documents left behind. These include a wide variety word lists annotated with equivalent meanings in English. Nyungar placenames can link country to dreamtime yarns and encapsulate information about natural phenomena and associated events. Nyungar, the traditional land owners of the Southwest, are central to life in Southwest WA, as the originators of the place names currently in use across the length and breadth of Nyungar lands today.

Nyungar and their Boodjar

The area referred to as the southwest of WA in this project lies in the southwest corner of Western Australia, from just west of Israelite Bay, moving in an arc north-west of Esperance and close to the small wheat-belt town of Noongar, and west-north-west towards Coorow to south of Geraldton on the west coast.³ This entire area is referred to as Nyungar *boodjar* to Nyungar people. Tindale acknowledged 14 diverse and interlinked Nyungar dialect regions: Amangu, Balardong, Juat, Kaneang, Koreng, Minang, Njakinjaki, Njunga, Pibelmen, Pindjarup, Wardandi, Whadjuk, Wudjari, and Wiilman. While not authoritative, these regions were used as categories to group the Nyungar language names identified in this project (see Figure 1).⁴

² Tindala 1074

³ Collard and Bracknell 2012; Collard and Harben 2010.

⁴ Tindale 1974



Figure 1: Dialect regions of southwest WA according to Tindale.

Purpose and Aim

Nyungar Boodjera Wangkiny (The People's Land is Speaking): Nyungar Place Nomenclature of the Southwest of Western Australia aimed to identify Nyungar place names and meanings prior to colonial settlement and to produce a number of resources to be available for the public. Various State authorities and community groups have highlighted the following: (1) The need for non-Aboriginal people to learn more about the contribution made to history by Australia's Indigenous peoples within the Southwest of Western Australia. (2) The importance of Western Australia's Indigenous peoples identifying, recording and writing their own histories of ourselves and our country.

European cartographic conventions and systems of boundary making are not directly or easily transferable into Nyungar systems of naming and land use. Western maps are usually set out in such a way as to imply that places have fixed names over time. Those with even a basic understanding of Nyungar systems of reading and speaking about boodjar (country) would

immediately recognise that introduced cartographic conventions are inadequate analytical tools for talking about Nyungar names and land use. The importance of this project was in its investigation of the history and meanings of Nyungar placenames within a flexible framework based on Nyungar knowledge systems.

Significance and Innovation

There is a sound body of knowledge related to European naming (of Dutch, French and English origin) of the geographical areas in the Swan Colony. ⁵ However, little is known about the Indigenous names used to describe this area. Most of the research on Nyungar heritage has been around language and linguistic issues, ⁶ history, ⁷ social issues, ⁸ or native title. ⁹ Interpretation of Nyungar place names can inform a better understanding of the Australian environment and culture in a unique way, contribute to the building of Australian identity, and enhance the 'sense of place' in the southwest, for both locals and visitors.

Anecdotal support from tourism operators and land developers indicates that there is a considerable interest in local Aboriginal culture/s, from interstate or international visitors and locals alike. There are a few cultural centres in the region to showcase local Nyungar culture and provide access to cultural information. However, there remains a need to further understand the role of Nyungar culture in contemporary Australia. Western Australia's southwest is unique in the sense that Nyungar language has contributed significantly to the naming of geographical places (e.g. Karrinyup, Yokine, Yallingup and Nannup). Landgate estimates that more than half of these names are of Nyungar origin; however, substantial understanding of their meanings and cultural significance are yet to be fully established in the public consciousness.

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⁵ Rienits 1971.

⁶ Douglas 1976.

⁷ Green 1984; Haebich 1992.

⁸ Haebich and Delroy 1999.

⁹ Host and Owens 2009.

¹⁰ Collard 2007.

¹¹ Collard, Goodchild and Marinova. 2011.

Investigating Nyungar Placenames

The Nyungar Trilogy, ¹² a theory based on a deeper connection and relationship with the country that emphasises a Nyungar ideological world-view or epistemology, underpins this investigation of Nyungar placenames. Trying to interpret the meaning of placenames is a complex and challenging exercise that draws upon the Nyungar Trilogy elements of:

- Boodjar or Country,
- Moort or Relations, and
- Katitjiny or Knowledge.

Boodjar or country is the first critical theoretical notion. Focusing on Nyungar country clearly identifies the geographical boundary to be investigated. Moort or relations, also meaning family or kin, is the second element that links the people from the location investigated to that country and therefore, to the place names being interpreted. These initial considerations help determine a process of considering katitjiny or knowledge, *about* the right locality and *from* the appropriate people. It is fundamental for researchers investigating Nyungar people, places and ideas to appreciate the content, method and context of Nyungar theory as a basis for research. Nyungar boordiers or elders and leaders play a role as custodians of all knowledge, both theoretical and practical, which may be passed on in oral and written forms. The boodjar (country), moort (relations) and katitjiny (knowledge) trilogy is a necessary tool in framing and interpreting Nyungar placenames and navigating the complexities of place in terms of space, time, history, geography, language and politics.

To understand Indigenous place name networks is to comprehend the link to the dreaming, '...that place where all things began and all things continue to be'. ¹³ With katitjiny (knowledge) derived from the story of the Waakarl – or Nyungar Rainbow Serpent, who created the shape of the boodjar and Nyungar and gave foundation to the meaning of life – all peoples' relationships, responsibilities and obligations to one another and to all things connected to their boodjar can be explained. ¹⁴ Through unpacking place

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¹² Collard and Harben 2010.

¹³ Ibid: 5.

¹⁴ Ibid.

name meanings, a deeper understanding and 'sense of place' can be revealed; specifically, how creation events that may have occurred at a site may link into the ideology of the Dreaming.

Notes on Orthography

In the context of this project, it is important to understand that Nyungar was originally an oral language. Since 1801, writers from a variety of language backgrounds, including Spanish, French, Dutch and English have transcribed Nyungar wordlists, placenames and other texts. A trained linguist did not record Nyungar language using the International Phonetic Alphabet until 1931. Before and since, other writers have used a range of diverse, inconsistent and sometimes unorthodox spelling systems (orthographies), based on their own various language experiences.

In 1992, community meeting held in the southwest of Western Australia led to the establishment of a standard Nyungar/Noongar orthography, which is used to teach the language in schools today. However, due to the basic inability of Roman script to effectively represent various sounds found in Nyungar, the best way to write the language remains a contentious issue. Furthermore, the official public spelling of many Nyungar-language placenames rarely adheres to the standard orthography. Usually, these placenames went through various permutations (eg. 'Jeer-a-mun-gup', 'Jerrymungup') before the official spelling was set (Jerramungup). In light of this, the official spelling for some placenames of Nyungar-language origin are sometimes significant distortions of the original utterances recorded.

Data Gathering and Database Development

Landgate is Western Australia's primary source of land information and geographic data. Geonoma is Landgate's database containing all official names of places. Each entry in Genoma includes the official spelling of a geographical name, its coordinates and any alternative and historical

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¹⁵ Whitehurst 1992.

¹⁶ Henderson et al. 2006.

¹⁷ Whitehurst 1992.

names.¹⁸ The data gathering process for this project began with a search for placenames within the boundaries of the Nyungar language region and subsequent analysis of whether these names were of Nyungar language origin.

In a comprehensive desktop study, archival sources of information on Nyungar place names and meanings were collated, especially historical material on old maps and surveyors' journals. The study also collected primary source reference material mostly consisting of Nyungar-language wordlists dating back to 1801 (these sources are listed at the end of this document). This material was spread across Nyungar boodjar to attempt to get a representation of dialectic differences from a range of colonial sources. Data from Genoma and the desktop study was filtered and imported into the primary database: The Nyungar Boodjera Wangkiny Database.

This database was compiled using many reference streams to enable cross-referencing and analysis. Professor Len Collard developed (and owns) this unique database. Gary Burke was instrumental as the database architect. Pre-development of the Nyungar Boodjera Wangkiny database was lengthy and undertaken over many months with meetings regarding input, source material, functionality, logical structure, form, content, management, architecture and proposed outputs to ensure the overall framework and structure of the database would meet necessary project requirements.

The Analytical Process

To decipher the likely meanings of Nyungar place names, the project employed twin approaches of archival research and language analysis, enabling a process of comparison and deduction to arrive at deducted, if not authoritative conclusions. The archival research approach involved following the history of particular places and the origins of official names. Significantly, the presence of Nyungar language in the written records of colonists is largely responsible for the unique geographic nomenclature used today in the southwest of WA. Furthermore, the spelling of official Nyungar placenames in these records is significantly influenced by the literacy, language background

¹⁸ Landgate nd.

and accuracy of various colonial writers. Nonetheless, existing paperwork relating to Nyungar placenames provided an invaluable starting point for further analysis.

Most placenames, for example 'Jerdacuttup' (Tjerta-kaat-ap), incorporate one or more Nyungar words (jerda/tjerta = bird, cut/kaat = head) and also include a suffix (up/ap = location/place). In light of this, each name was investigated by segmenting the names into root words and suffixes. The word segments were then cross-referenced against the wide variety of Nyungar-language wordlists entered into the Nyungar Boodjera Wangkiny Database; numerous similar entries verified the interpretation of each word. Using this process, each placename was 'unpacked' and meanings were reconstructed.

At every stage, Chief Investigator, Professor Len Collard relied on his oral abilities as a native Nyungar language speaker. To deal with some of the challenges presented by the variety of spelling systems employed by colonial writers who documented Nyungar language, Professor Collard has vocalised Nyungar placenames and word segments, experimented with pronunciation and tested the 'fluency' of various possible alternatives to inform his conclusions.

Examples of placename meaning by region

1. Amangu

- 1.1. Abbawardoo as Abba ward oo are gabba woort oor-rar or gabbie woort oo or kairp wowt kul oor-rar or kairp wat goolgur or gaap woort oo or gabba wat-o-gool oor-rar means that oh, it was a friendly fair well at this water as we left to go on our way.
- 1.2. **Beere** as **beer e** means finger nail/s or associated with nail/s.
- 1.3. Dongara as d ong ara or Daa ong era or da doung e-ra or daa duong ira or da doonga yira or daa dwank era or da twonk yira means listen to the mouth or voice/s from above or the east.
- 1.4. Eneabba as Ene abba or nee abba or ni gabba or nia gabba or

- **nee gabba** or **nia gabba** means it is here, at the water that a greeting indicating friendship and respect transpired.
- 1.5. **Marrah** as **Marrah** or **marra** means the hand.
- 1.6. Meru as mir or meeroo or meera or me-ara means a spear throwing board.
- 1.7. Mungamia as Munga ga mia as mun ga mia or mun ga mya or munga ga mya means their houses are all gathered together and are like the hair on their heads. Their homes and their hairstyle look like a bird's nest.
- 1.8. Ninghan as ni nyin ngann or ni yin nganin or nee yin ngannin or nia nyin nganing is referring to the porcupine and means here it is sitting and eats.
- 1.9. Tootah as toot ah or toort ta or toort taa or twert dta or tdoorda - dah or dootin - taan means an opening to the dog or dingo.
- 1.10. **Waggine** as **Waagin nyinning** or **wanginy yin** or **wangain nyin** or **wanginy nyin** meaning to sit and speak here and it echoes.

2. Balardong

- 2.1. Balkuling as Bal kul ing or bal gool yin or bal gull nyin or Bal gool nyinniny means it or one is moving to sit down here to this very place.
- 2.2. Boonerring as Boon err ing or boon era nyin or Booner era nyinning or Boorna yira yin or burn era nyin or boorn yira nyinning or poorne yerra nyin or boorn yerra yin means there are trees, wood and sticks on that elevated location to the east of here.
- 2.3. **Boyagin** as **Boya gin** are **boya chen** or **bu-yi nyin** or **bwoon nyinning** or **boya yin** meaning a rocky or stony situation here.
- 2.4. Cowcowing as Cow cow ing as Cowie cowie nyin or kowin kowin yin or cowker cowker yin or kow-ee kow-ee nyin means laughing whilst situated here.
- 2.5. Dowerin as do warn in or dah wen nyinning or dah weendarng yin or wackign yin or da wening nyin or da wendoo nyin or dah wendoo nyinnaga referring to the twenty

- eight parrot and means that the mouth is ugly, useless and bad and is sits in a declined fashion.
- 2.6. **Jingymia** as **jingy mia** or **jingee mia** or **jinga miah** or **cinga mai** or **cienga mia** or **jinga miah** meaning the devils hut.
- 2.7. **Kellerberin** as **Keller ber in** are **killal birning nyin** or **kallili bee-non yin** or **kilil bian nyinning** or **kallili bining yin** is referring to the sergeant ant and meaning that very thing the bull ant is situated here where it digs, pinches and squeezes.
- 2.8. Mandiakon as Mandi ak on or mand ak in or mandee uk ang or maam uk ang or murrangur ak on or manjahly ak on or mandjar ak ang or manda ak on means an inhabitant of this place, or location at a special place in the bush. Where a meeting situation occurs. People altogether collectively to meet as a 'fair or place of trade occurs'. Families gather where kinship and in-law making matters take place. This is where mothers, fathers and old people get together. It is here where young men and women whom have 'come of age', meet future husbands and wives as they move into adulthood etc.
- 2.9. Toodyay as Toodya y or Dul-ya yyi or duoglie ye or dwolya yee or dwalya yee or dool-ya ye meaning today it is misty and foggy.
- 2.10. Wabbing as Wab b in or wabbain bee-noon yin or wabburding
 bian nyinning or waberding bining yin or wab bian nyinning meaning situated here playing a game that includes pinching,
 squeezing, digging and sitting down.

3. Juat

- 3.1. Balgerbine as B al ger bine or Bal alla ger bine yin or bal alla ger bian nyin or bal ale ga bean yin or bal al gar bin nyinning meaning the 'black boy' *Xanthorroea* or grass tree, the one that possesses is situated on or by here and has been scraped and dug.
- 3.2. **Beringarby** as **Ber ing garby** or **birungu gabbi** or **bining gappy** or **bining gabby** means by these waters the kingfisher digs, scrapes and scratches its nest underground.

- 3.3. Bolgart as bol gart or Bol gart or Boolyaduk kart or Boyl gar or Boylya kart or boglia kata or bulla kaat or bol katta meaning those hills or the heads are an entrance into the magical ones whom possess certain powers of witchcraft, charms and spells for healing or killing purposes.
- 3.4. Cataby as cataby or kata gap or kat gabby or kaat gabbee means the head, mountain or hilly country of water that can be obtained for a drink.
- 3.5. Karakin as karak in or karak nyin or karrak nyinning or karrak nyin or karak yin means of the black cockatoo with the red tail that stays here.
- 3.6. **Marri** as **marri** or **marrie** or **marry** or **marree** or **mar-ree** refers to and means the red gum tree.
- 3.7. Nambung as nam bung or ngamar bung or nyaga bung or ngannain bung or ngamar ang or nyaga ang or ngannain ong meaning a rock hole or a rock-nest that has water in it that can be consumed.
- 3.8. Nullilla as null il la or ngulla il ala or ngullak il ala or ngullak il ala or ngullak il alla means on and by ours.
- 3.9. **Warra Warra** as **warra warra** or **wurrah wurrah** or **werra werra** means very bad, horrible or no good.
- 3.10. Yerrealup as yerr eal up or yerr el up or yira al gup or yerr al gup or yera el gup or yeera el up or yeera al gup means the place where there is a mouth to a cave which is up high by this locality.

4. Kaneang

- 4.1. Angenup as angen up or ang -gup or arnga up or angur gup or ngannggur up or ngarnok gup or nganga gup means belonging to the place of the beard.
- 4.2. Benjinup as be njin up or benjer ji up or ben nij up or ben ni up or bean nid-ja up or bean nījăk up or bining nij gup means to look out at the sun rising as its time for the digging, scrapping or uncovering a pit or a hole and to get the edible fat roots and re-intern

- the left overs here so that they will be situated again in abundance at this locality.
- 4.3. Carlecatup as carle cat up or carla kat gup or karl kaat upp or karl kaat gup means the place of the mountains and hills with fire/s upon that locality.
- 4.4. Chinggatup as Ching gat up or jingee kat up or jinga kaat gup or cinga kart or cienga karta up or jinga gat up means it is here at the mountainous place where the evil spirit/s are located.
- 4.5. Dylongup as dyl ong up or dul-ya ang up or dwail ang up or duoglie ang up or dwolya ang gup or dwalya ak gup or dool-ya ang gup means that the fog and mist possesses this district.
- 4.6. **Kojonup** as **koj on up** or **koj ang up** or **koj on gup** or **koj ang gup** means the place or location of the axe.
- 4.7. Ongup as ong up or on gup or ang up or ung up or ang gup means belonging to this place.
- 4.8. Wilyungulup as W il yun gul up or weel il yungin gulling up or wil il yungarding gool up or weel il yonga gool gup or wil il ngungar gulling up or weel il yoongar gool gup or wilak il yun gool gup or wilgee il yoongar gulling gup means to approach and to give the red ochre clay to the Aboriginal people whom are to the north and north west places.
- 4.9. Woodenbillup as Wooden bil I up or wattarn bil I gup or waddern bil il up or wottarn bil I upp or odern bil il up means on and by went the logs like a sea of water that moved them along and then it all became a part of the pools of water in the river at this place.
- 4.10. Yenyening as yen yen ing or yen yin nyin or ye nyin nyinning or yee yin nyinning or ye yin nyinning means today we were sitting down and stayed here.

5. Koreng

5.1. Bakelup as ba - k - el - up or bark - kel - el - up or badjeen - kel - il - up or barkage - kel - al - up or baaganing - kel - el - gup or baakajur

- **kel al gup** means that on or nearby to this place is where a war and slaying occurred utilising boomerangs.
- 5.2. Boikalperup as Boi kal per up or pooee kaal pira up or pooi
 kala berara gup meaning the place of the smoke of the fire from the dead banksia wood.
- 5.3. **Bokarup** or **boco gup** or **booka gup** or **poaak gup** means the location or district of the kangaroo skin cloak.
- 5.4. Calyerup as cal yer up or cala yira up or cala yeera upp or carla yeera upp or carla yira gup means a home-fire, a Nyungar's home in a district up high on a steep location.
- 5.5. Coblinine as Co bl ini ne or Cobble bil ni nyin or cobble beel nia yin or gobbul beel ni nyin or cobble bil nee yin or cobble beel nee nyinning or gobbul bil nia nyinning meaning all of the stomach intestines and navel, river-like, are here sitting.
- 5.6. Ewlyamartup as Ewl ya am art up or yool yay amar mart upp or yal yeya amar mart gup or yual yee amar mart gup means come now to this place where there is a water hole associated with a leq.
- 5.7. Gnowanallup as Gno wan all up or gnow wan-na al upp or gnow wa alla up or gnow yee amar mart gup meaning that location by the scrub and where the women's stick/s and those mallee hen/s are inhabitants.
- 5.8. **Kwobrup** as **Kwopr up** or **quab gup** or **quaup up** means a good place.
- 5.9. **Kybelup** as **Ky be I up** or **kia bel el up** or **kia kairp beel upp** or **ky gab el gup or kia bel el upp** means that yes, it is by this district that there is a river with water in a pool which has birds such as the shrike, the crow and the squeaker whom are all inhabitants at this watery place.
- 5.10. Martacup as Mar ta cup or mar ta upp or mart taa gup or marta taa gup means the locality of the pathway made by the feet.

6. Minang

- 6.1. **Bilaboya** as **bila boya** or **beeler boya** or **beel boya** or **bila bu-yi** or **beeler pwoy** or **Beel pwoy** means stream, creek and river with rock or stone.
- 6.2. Chelgiup as chelgi up or dtjelkee up or jelgi up or jilgie gup or jelgee gap or jalgai gup or chelba up or chelber upp or jil-ba gup meaning the locality with the vegetation and water which has fresh water crayfish inhabiting it.
- 6.3. Galil as ga il or kal il or Carla il or karl ali or kal ali or kal il or karl alle means on and by that whole fire.
- 6.4. **Irrerup** as **Irrer up** or **ira up** or **irapa gup** or **irak up** or **yira up** or **yil-ra-gan gup** means the locality that is elevated.
- 6.5. Jakkawilla as J ak ka wil la or yal uk kaia wil alla or yual ak ga kaia weel alle or yal ak kia il alle or yal ak ky il alia or J ak kaw il la or yal ak ky kowin alla or yual ang kaia koowain alia refers to the Major Mitchell's cockatoo but means yes, that very thing laughing comes by here and it's travelled from the north-west and north.
- 6.6. Kalgan as K al gan or kal al ngan or kaal alla ngan or karl alia ngan or kal ali ngan or kaal ali nguny or cala alla nguny refers to 'my fireplace', meaning this is my home on and about this district, my place of origin.
- 6.7. Kardarup as Kar dar up or Kar daa up or kar da gup or kar taa gup means location of the long tailed lizard that has a smile on it's face.
- 6.8. Menang as Men ang or men ang or mun ang or mun ong or mein ang or mein ang or mein ak means of a type plant food or a chilli-like vegetable, which possesses either seeds or has a gum that can be pounded and mixed together as a part of it's preparation to be consumed.
- 6.9. Norlok as ngorl ok or norl ock or knaw lokk or Or lock means teeth or a tooth.
- 6.10. **Tamar** as **Ta mar** or **taa mar** means hand to mouth, or a small species of wallaby, **Tamar**.

7. Njakinjaki

- 7.1. Bibbining as Bibbi n ing or bib ni nyinning or beeba nia nyin or pip nia yin or beeb nee nyinning or bibi nee yin means breast/s are situated here.
- 7.2. Chiddarcooping as chid dar coop ing or cheit ta gwab-ba nyin or jert dah kwab ing or ji-da kwobb yin or jert dta quaup nyinning or jert dar kwawp nyin meaning that situated around here the bird/s have pretty sounding voices.
- 7.3. Coodaring as cood dar ing or cordung daa nyin or korda dar nyin or kord dta yin or kord taan nyin or korda taa nyinning or cordung dta yin means the spouses and lovers stay here.
- 7.4. Durokoppin as dur ok opp in or du-ra ok obin in or du-ra ak abin nyin or du-ra ok abin iny or du-ra ok abin nyin or du-ra ak abin yin meaning the tea tree sits around here and takes possession of this site.
- 7.5. **Gnamma** as **gna mma** or **nga mar** or **ngaa mar** or **a mar** or **nyaga ma** means using the hand to get at a pool of water in the rock hole for a taste and then to drink from it.
- 7.6. Gnarlarking as gn arl ark ing or ngarlyy ala ak nyin or ngarlark ala ak nyin or ngarlark al ok nyinning or ngullak alla ok yin or ngarlly al ak yin or ngarlly ala ok yin means that because of our own under arm odour we can stay here, for we belong here.
- 7.7. **Jitarning** as **ji tar n ing** are **Ji ta nia iny** or **jert ta ni nyin** or **Jida tar nia nyin** or **cheit tar ni yin** means look out for strange birds noises when staying here.
- 7.8. Korbel as kor b el or kob-ul-lo bil el or koolge be-il il or ko be-il el or koa bil il or kor bil el or cobble beelee el or cobble beelee il means the stomach is like a river in which the contents flow and yes, it is certainly on and by the navel.
- 7.9. Narembeen as Narem been or naw bean or ngowa beening or ngaranin bin or ngannain ben means that the mallee hen scratched, dug and scraped a hole for provisions to eat.

7.10. Trayning as Tra - y - n - ing or Tar - yarn - nia - iny or Ta - yarn - ni - nyin or Ta - yarn - nia - nyin or Tar - yarn - ni - yin means to ask and to investigate by conversation the why or what of any given subject?

8. Njunga

- 8.1. **Boyatup** as **boya tup** or **boya up** or **bo-ye upp** or **bwai gup** or **pwoy gup** means a stony district.
- 8.2. Condingup as co nd ing up or ko nghe nyin up or kooant nghe nyin up or ko nghe nyinning upp or ko ngaijela yin upp or kooant niche nyin gup or kont nicha ing gup means yes it certainly is a place to stay and make a camp here.
- 8.3. Dalyup as da I y up or da al y up or ta al yee gup or daa al ye up or taa al yaal upp or da al yee gup or taa al yaal gup means that at the moment by this location there is an opening into this district.
- 8.4. Daringdella as dar in g bel la or da nyin nidjalla bel alla or dta nyin ni el ala or ta yin ngaijela bel alla or dta nyin nidjalla del ale or dal-yie yin ngaijela del alla or dalyee nyin nidjalla del ale meaning here at the edge of the opening is that very thing, the fresh spit froth, foam like spittle is situated here by this very place.
- 8.5. **Kundip** as **kundi p** or **kundi up** or **condee gap** or **koorndee up** or **condee upp** or **koorndee gup** means the place of the mother marsupial rat, bandicoot, commonly known today as the kwenda.
- 8.6. **Kau** as **kau** or **kaua** or **kauera** or **kauin** or **kowwin** or **goa** means laughter or the parrot.
- 8.7. Munglinup as mu ng I in up or mun nghe ali nyin up or mung nidjalla ale nyinning up or maan nidjalla ali nyinning upp or man-dig-ga-ra nghe ali yin gup or maandeegurr nidjalla ale nyinning gup or mandjar nghe ale yin gup means that in this area kin groups get together shoulder to shoulder at a type of fair where trading and exchange of goods and people occurs and that the young people meet their future in-laws.

- 8.8. Myrup as Myr up or mya up or maia upp or mya or gup or mai gup means the place of the house, hut and or my home or place of sound or voices.
- 8.9. Neridup as ne ri dup or nee ira up or ni ira upp or nia irak gup or ne yeera up or nee yira upp or nia irak gup means an upward rise occurs at this place.
- 8.10. Pabelup as pab el up or biballbu bel upp or beel II gup or beel ala up or biballbu bel upp or beel il up or biballbu beel gup or biballbu el gup means that the whole district has a river made up of pools of water and is covered with paper bark trees with many kinds of birds including crows, squeaker and shrike by and on them.

9. Pibelmen

- 9.1. Cowerup as cow er up or cowie wer upp or cowker wer gup or kauin wer up or kowwin wer upp or goa wer gup or kaua wer up or kauera wer gup means a district of laughter.
- 9.2. Darradup as darra d up or dar dar upp or dar darr gup or dar dar gup or dah dah upp or dar dah upp or dah dar gup means the opening to the white clay ochre district.
- 9.3. Gobblecannup as gobble ca nn up or cobbul ca an upp or cob-bul ka an gup or cobble ka an gup means as the intestines trails into this location it acts or becomes like a stomach.
- 9.4. **Manjimup** as **Man jim up** means an inhabitant of this place, or location as in a special place in the bush. Where a meeting situation occurs. People altogether collectively meet as a "fair or place of trade occurs". Families of people gather where kinship and in-law making matters take place. This is where mothers, fathers, old people get together. It is here where young men and women whom have 'come of age', meet future husbands and wives as they move into adulthood etc.
- 9.5. Mattabandup as Mat ta band up or maat ta ban up or mat taa bandi upp or maat taa bandi gup or mat ta bandy upp means that in this place I am perspiring and my legs are sore

- walking along these crocked and uneven paths and roads of this tribes district.
- 9.6. Nornaculup as norna cul up or norna kolo up or norn ko-lo up or norn cul upp or norna cul upp or norn ko-lo gup means that in this place there is a very venomous black snake with the yellow belly that moves about here.
- 9.7. **Perup** as **per up** or **per-a up** or **ber-re upp** or **pira gup** or **pira upp** or **biara gup** means the place of banksia tree that has finger and nail like appearance.
- 9.8. Twortiwerup as tworti wer up or twert wer gup or dwert wer
 gup or dwert wer upp means the district and place of the dingo.
- 9.9. Wakalwararup as wakal wa ka I warar up or waagal wa karl ala warra up or waugal wa kal ali warra up or waagal wa karl ale warra upp or woggal wa kal ala warra gup or wakal wa karl ale warra gup means that the whole district is of that very bad rainbow serpent monster.
- 9.10. Wilgarrup as wi I garr up or wil il garro up or wil el garro up or weel el garro gup or weel il narra up or weel il narra up or wilgie el garro up or wilgee il garro gup or wilgi el narra gup means that on and by both sides of the north and north west districts the red ochre clay is found again and again.

10. Pindjarup

- 10.1. **Beela** as **beel a** or **beela alle** or **beel alla** or **bil alia** meaning there in that place is where the river water is running into a pool.
- 10.2. Coolup as cool up or kolo up or gool up or gool gup or gool upp or gulling gup means to move to as a motion to go to this place.
- 10.3. Dwellingup as dw ell ing up or dwel el nyin upp or dwel al
 yin gup or dwel ali yin gup mean on and by the whole place there is fog, dew and mist.
- 10.4. Mandurah as man durah or mandjar dura or maan dura or manjahly dura or manjahly dura or man-da dura or manda dura or mandeegur dura means that at a kind of fair or place of trade and exchange held in and amongst the wild tea tree country where the

- young people whom have reached puberty or whom have come of age get to meet future in-laws and marriage partners.
- 10.5. Myalup as mya al up or mya al upp or mya al gup or mia al- up or maia al gup means the district by that place of huts.
- 10.6. Pinjarra as pin jarra or bin jaril or bin jarraly or binja jaril or binja jarraly means to dig in the swamps amongst jarrah trees.
- 10.7. Wagerup as wager up or watch gup or wej up or wetch upp or waige gup means the place of the emu.
- 10.8. Wilga as wi I ga or wil il garro or wilgerka il gaduk or wilgi il gatak or wil Il garro or wilgie il garro or wilgee Il gaduk or wilgi il gatak means that areas on and by north and north-west directions possess yellow ochre clay.
- 10.9. Wokalup as wokal ka I up or waagal kal al up or waagal kal ale up or waugal kal ali up or waagal karl ale upp or woggal kal ala gup or wakal karl ale gup means on and by this whole district is of the rainbow serpent, a fabulous venomous monster that in the form of a snake resides in the deep and dark water holes.
- 10.10. Yerrup as ye rr up or ye yeera gup or ye yira gup or ye yeera upp or ye yira upp means today on the top of this steep location.

11. Wardandi

- 11.1. Balingup as Bal al ing up or bal al nyin up or bal ale yin up or bal alla up means one that is situated there at this place.
- 11.2. Calgardup as c al ngardi up or cala ali ngardi up or carla ali ngardal gup or kal al ngardal upp or kal al ngardi upp or kal al ngardal gup means that nearby and underneath this whole place is a native's home fire or one's native heath.
- 11.3. Cowaramup as cow war ra mup or kowar war ra up or kaua
 war ra upp up or kowin war ra gup or kowin war ra upp or kowar war ra gup means laughing on the way to the district of the clear plains.

- 11.4. **Gelorup** as **g el or up** or **gellup el or upp** or **jelub el or - gup** or **chelber el or up** means by the spring time this district is a grassy location.
- 11.5. Katterup as katter up or kat gup or kaat gup or karter upp or karter gup means that this district has hills, mountains or high country.
- 11.6. Mallokup as mall ok up or maloo ok up or moller ak upp or mol ok gup or maluk ak gup or moller ak gup means the place of shadows and shade.
- 11.7. **Meelup** as **me el up** or **mairl el upp** or **meeal up** or **mel el up** or **mel uel pp** or **mairl el up** or **meeal el gup** means by the location of eyes.
- 11.8. Wardanup as wardan up or waddarn up or wattarn up or wattarn up or wattarn up or odern -
- 11.9. **Wonnerup** as **wonner up** or **wan-na upp** or **wan gup** means the place of the women's fighting or digging stick.
- 11.10. Yoongarillup as yo ong ar ill up or yool ang ngar il upp or yool ang naar il gup or yooal ong naar il upp or yooal ang naar il gup means the Nyungar who belong here come to burn on this district.

12. Whadjuk

- 12.1. **Balga** as **Bal a ga** or **bal alla ga** or **bal ale ga** or **bal alia ga** is the grass tree or 'black boy' *Xanthorrhoea*, meaning it is the one that possesses.
- 12.2. **Beloo as Beel oo** means oh, the river, stream or creek.
- 12.3. Gaboodjoolup as ga b oo dj ool up or gab boojar oo nid-ja gool up or gab boojur oo nid-juk gul upp or gab boojar oo nid-juk gool gup means that oh, water has come here into the land at this district.
- 12.4. Karla as ka rl a or ka rl ale or ca rla alla or ca rler alla or ca rl ala or c arl er means that fire comes.

- 12.5. **Meeka** as **Mee ka** or **mi-ki ca** or **meeuk ca** or **miak ca** or **meeker ca** or **meekee ca** means the moon comes.
- 12.6. Moojebing as mooje b ing or moojarr bin nyin or moojar bean nyinning or mujar bin yin or moojoor bean yin or mut-yal bin yin means to stay here and dig, scratch and scrape down Nuytsia Floribunda, the West Australian Christmas tree.
- 12.7. Ngort as ng or t or ngort or tich or ngoort or tich or gnorrt or tich or gnongerup or tich or ngornda or tich or nah or tich or nah or tich or nah or ko-tich means Oh! The horse possesses an enlarged chest.
- 12.8. Nyoongah as nyoo ngah or ngu ngar or youn ngar or yoo ngar or yonga naar or yong nar or yonga naring or yong ngun-gur or yong nar or yong nghine or yong naring or yong naar or yong ngan or ngungar nghine means I, the Aboriginal, create the fire and give it.
- 12.9. Willagee as wil la gee or weel il gee or wilgee alle gee or weel ale gee or wil ali gee or wilgi ali gee means to want all of the red clay ochre from the north and north-west.
- 12.10. **Yirrigan** as **yirra gan** or **yira ngan** or **yira nghine** or **yirak nghine** means I am high up or elevated

13. Wiilman

- 13.1. Bennelaking as ben n el alla ak iny or ben ni el al ak nyin or ben ngi il alle ak nyin or bean ngi el alla ak nyinning or ben ni il alle ak yin or ben ni il ak nyin meaning at sunrise, digging, scrapping or scratching on this site begins to create a pit or hole to uncover and then rebury the left over fat edible roots which are the provisions for the day and that are in plentiful supply here.
- 13.2. **Biberkine** as **bib er k ine** or **bibi era ak nyin** or **beeba yira ak yin** or **beeb era ak nyinning** or **bib yearer ak yin** means breast/s milk aka water hole/s that are situated up here on this breast-like easterly rise.

- 13.3. **Bokal** as **bo k al** or **bo kal al** or **bo gal al** or **bo kaal al** means hill, or a long way off was a fire and a grave with a kangaroo skin by it.
- 13.4. Chanchanning as chan chan ann ing or chen chen ann yin or jen jen ann nyin or jen jen ann nyinning or chan chan ann nyinning meaning situated here is a clear footpath which was made by feet.
- 13.5. Darkan as da rk k an or da ak kan anning or dah ak kanya anning or dah ok kun anning or dta ak kan anning means an opening that possesses a blue crane mother bird.
- 13.6. **Kylie** as **k y lie** or **kylie yira ale** or **kaili ky alle** or **kaili kaia alle** or **ky yira ale** or **kia yira alle** means yes that boomerang is very high.
- 13.7. Mokine as mok ine or mok nyin or mokkin nyinning or moggain- yin or mwoggain yin means it is here that the dingo stays.
- 13.8. **Narrogin** as **narro gin** or **ngow gin** or **ngow jen** means the foot tracks of the mallee hen.
- 13.9. Quabing as quab ing or quop nyin or quab nyinning or quop yin or quab nyin or quop yin means it is good to be situated here.
- 13.10. Wagin as wa g in or waitch gin nyin or wajjee jen nyin or waitchin gin yin or wait jen nyinning means here is the site of the foot tracks from when the emu sat down.

14. Wudjari

- 14.1. Jackilup as Jac k il up or jackal-yackal ak il up or jak-kulyara ak il upp or jak-kul-yak-kul ak il gup means that this is the
 place of the Major Mitchell cockatoo also called the pink and grey
 galah.
- 14.2. Bindalup as Bi n da lup or bian nijak daa up or bian nij da up or bee'engur nichia dah up or bin nghe taan gup meaning this is the place to dig a hole or create an opening or hole.
- 14.3. Cheadanup as chea dan up or cheit dtan up or jert tan upp or jida da gup or jert dah upp or jert tan up or jert dah -

- **gup** means to penetrate into the place of an abundance of birds, their nests and their voices.
- 14.4. Gnamma as gna mma or nga mar or ngaa mar or a mar or nyaga ma means by using the hand to get at a pool of water in the rock hole for a taste and then to drink from it.
- 14.5. Bonnymidgup as Bon ny midg up or boorn nia meetch up or boorn nee mitch upp or boorn nia mitch gup or boorn nee mitch gup means this place here is the location of the banksia tree with cones.
- 14.6. **Moolanup** as **mool an up** or **mool an upp** or **mool**-**ya yarn gup** or **mool yarn gup** means this is the place of the nose pegging, yarning and joking about the what and why of this practice.
- 14.7. Norndup as nornd up or norn upp or nuner up or norn gup or nuner gup means the place of the black snake with a yellow belly commonly called the tiger snake.
- 14.8. **Twertup** as **twert up** or **twert upp** or **dwert up** or **dwert gup** means the district of the dingo.
- 14.9. Warkalup as war k al up or wakal kal ale up or waugal kal
 ale up or wa kal al upp or wa kal al gup means a place in the wild bush where the dream-time water snake comes up from within deep dark pools of water where it resides.
- 14.10. Wilga as wi I ga or wil il garro or wilgerka il gaduk or wilgi il gatak or wil Il garro or wilgie il garro or wilgee Il gaduk or wilgi il gatak means yellow ochre clay, or that areas to the north and north-west possess it.

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 - 10 (I) 24 Bunbury
 - 10 (m) 25 Blackwood
 - 10 (n) 24 Harvey
 - 10 (o) 24 Geographe Bay

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 - 14 (j) Gingin/N.E. Gingin
 - 14 (k) Grass Valley
 - 14 (I) Guildford
 - 14 (m) Jerramungup

- 14 (n) Katanning
- 14 (o) Kendenup
- 14 (p) Meckering
- 14 (q) Mount Barker
- 14 (r) Murray River
- 14 (s) N.E. Albany
- 14 (t) Perth
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- 14 (v) Swan
- 14 (w) Swan River
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 - 18 (g) Coastal

- 18 (h) Darling Range
- 18 (i) Fraser Range
- 18 (j) Geraldton
- 18 (k) Gordon River
- 18 (I) Harvey
- 18 (m) Katanning
- 18 (n) King George Sound
- 18 (o) Mandurah
- 18 (p) Moore River
- 18 (q) Murray
- 18 (r) New Norcia
- 18 (r- VP) Victoria Plains
- 18 (s) north of Perth
- 18 (t) Northampton
- 18 (u) Pallinup Estuary
- 18 (v) Pallinup River
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