19 Two southern Australian vocabularies: Parnkalla (Barngarla) and Karlamayi

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1. Introduction

After O'Grady and Hale met up at Port Augusta in late February 1960, they set to recording vocabularies and other data in as many languages as they could (see O'Grady, this volume, and Nash and O'Grady, this volume). The two vocabularies which are the subject of this paper are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: O'Grady and Hale 1960 records presented in this paper

O'Grady code	Language	Speaker	Place recorded	Date
PNK	Parnkalla	Harry Crawford [sc. Croft]	Iron Knob	6 March 1960
KAL	Karlamayi	Teddy Champion	Mukinbudin	10 March 1960

It is appropriate to bring together the Parnkalla and Karlamayi data presented here, because of the overlap in the meanings recorded and the similarity of the circumstances under which they were recorded. Both were recorded early in the joint field trip of O'Grady and Hale. Neither was tape-recorded; the notes were written by Hale onto cyclostyled vocabulary questionnaire sheets which had been prepared by O'Grady at the University of Sydney. The interviews were conducted in English by Hale and O'Grady together.

2. Vocabularies

Both vocabularies were written onto the cyclostyled questionnaire. Hale used a phonemic notation, which has been here transcribed according to a practical orthography, the main correspondences of which are given in Table 2.

Hale	this paper	Hale	this paper	Hale	this paper
ty	j	ţ	rt	M	bm
ny	ny	ņ	m	N	dn
ţ	th	Ņ	rdn	ŋ	ng
ð	dh	ļ	rl	-	
Ď	nh	λ	rdl	λ	dl
1	lh	R	r	r	rr

Table 2: Orthographic equivalents

Stress is usually marked and is invariably on the first syllable.

Parnkalla (Barngarla)

Barngarla is the spelling adopted by the Barngarla people; O'Grady's spelling in the 1960 record was Pankarla, and Schürmann's was Parnkalla.

The 78 Parnkalla items were recorded by Ken Hale at Iron Knob (SA), 6 March 1960. The speaker was the late Harry Crawford (sc. Croft), and the interview was conducted through a doorway of a house.

O'Grady noted that the estimated number of speakers was 3, and has a note at the top of the questionnaire "Middleback Range. Harry Dare".

Karlamayi

The 91 Karlamayi items were recorded by Ken Hale over a forty-minute period on 10 March 1960, at Mukinbudin (WA). The speaker was the late Teddy Champion. O'Grady noted on the top of the questionnaire: "Karlamayi is [spoken at] Moorine Rock (15 m. W of S[outhern] Cross) — Charlie Shepherd".

Both vocabularies are in Table 3.¹ For identification each meaning has been assigned its ordinal number in the full semantic sequence of the questionnaire form; a number is skipped where no form was recorded for the meaning in either language. The final column Δ marks those 1960 Parnkalla words which differ from Schürmann 1844

- see Table 6.

Jane Simpson keyboarded Schürmann's Parnkalla (Barngarla). Barry Alpher added the 1960 Parnkalla, and made the comparison with Schürmann's Parnkalla, which Simpson then amended. David Nash checked the list, and restored the order of O'Grady's original questionnaire. Simpson and Nash drafted the comparative comments. The Karlamayi was keyboarded by Linda Barwick, then Nash checked it against the manuscript and prepared the tables and indices.

Table 3: Hale-O'Grady southern vocabularies

§	English gloss	O'Grady order	Karlamayi (Mukinbudin 1960)	Parnkalla (Iron Knob 1960)	1960 differs from Schürmann
I	BODY PARTS				
	head	1	kata	kakarti	
	hair of head	2	purlka	kaka (w)urru	
	forehead	3	ngaalha		
	face	4	mulha		
	eye	5	miil	mina	
	nose	6	mulha	mudlha	
	ear	7	kuyan	yuri	
	throat	8	wuyu		
	chin	9	ngarnkurn,		
			ngarnngarn		
	beard	10	ngarnkurr	ngarnka	
	mouth	11	thaa	yirra	Δ
	tooth	13	yiri	kartiti	Δ
	tongue	14	midhany	jarliny	
	neck	15	kawa		
	armpit	17	ngirliny		
	elbow	20	kurrkurn	kurnarna	
	hand	21	mara	mara	
	left hand	22	yarrku		
	right hand	23	ngunarn		
	fingernail	25	pirri		
	breast	28	pipi mimi	ngama	
	suck breast	29	minya pipi		
			ngala		
	milk	30	mimi		
	back	31	yurtu		
	heart	32	kurtu		
	liver	33	marirri	ngarli	
	belly (exterior)	35	wila	jarta	
	viscera	37	nhurniny		
	urine	38	kumpu		
	excrement	40	kuna		
	thigh	48	junta		
	knee	49	tarta	pura	
	lower leg	50	kurra		
	ankle	51	rtari		
	foot	52	jina	idna	

§	English gloss	O'Grady order	Karlamayi (Mukinbudin 1960)	Parnkalla (Iron Knob 1960)	1960 differs from Schürmann
	skin	54	kurlu(r)l		
	skin swells up, as from insect bite	55	putharra, pukupuku		
	vein	56	waaku		
	blood	57	yalku	karinyji	
	fat (n.)	59	karnu	marni	
	bone	60	taarrka	warlpu	
	name	62	yini		
	vomit (v.)	63	thuntaa		
	vomit (n.)	64	thuntaa		
			parnaa		
II	BODILY FUNCTION	IS, SENSES A	ND PERCEPTION	, ETC.	
	see	65	ngayi nyungu kapun ²	nhakuka	
	blind in one eye	66	miil kuti		
	blind in both eyes	67	miil-pang	mina maka	Δ
	hear	68	kuwan, kwan	yuruwuthu	
	deaf	69	kuyan pang		
	eat	70	ngala	ngalkuthu	
	hungry	71	mayi pang kurtu warla	ngayi karnpa	
	swallow (v.)	72			
	drink water	73	ka(a)pi ngala	kawu yapatha	
	thirsty	74	kapi pang	mankara	Δ
	died	75	jawu	padlunu	
	sick	76	ngarntany	mingka	
	saliva	78	jaalypi	-	
	spit (v.)	79	jaalypi warni-		
	cry (weep)	85	ngula	nyirlinyin	Δ
	I speak (language name)	87	thaa wangka	wangkatha	
	shame	88	kurntany ³		
	I am cold	103	kayin jatirtin	payarla	

^{2 &#}x27;I see/saw a person.'

Added after this word in the margin is "(Moorine Rock)".

§	English gloss	O'Grady order	Karlamayi (Mukinbudin 1960)	Parnkalla (Iron Knob 1960)	1960 differs from Schürmann
III	STANCE, MOTION				
	sit	111	nyin	ikatha	
	be standing	113	yun		
	to stand up		pakarri [pukarri?]		
	walk, go	117	ngayi nti [sic] pakarri wamurtinti ⁴	ukatha	
	run	119	wirnti	ngarna walarin	Δ
	climb (v.)	124	yarntati karlpa	karrawarnikin	
	child fell from tree	127	kati-	nganhay warninhi ~ wardninhi	
	return (intr.)	129	marlangati	pardningukatha	
	sleep (v.)	136	kupalyu kuny	miya warnithi	
IV	PHYSICAL TRANS	FER AND HO	LDING		
	give	138	nganaa nyungun	nyungkuwu	
v	IMPACT, CONCUS	SION, ETC.			
	hit with hand	156	marangu pungu	pirdnanha	Δ
	dead	157	jawu		
VI	HUMAN CLASSIFI	CATION			
	fully initiated Aboriginal man	172	kapun	yura	
	woman	174	mirrka	parlarra	
	baby just born	176	minyaa		
	child	177		warlpu	Δ
	old man	178	pampul	pulyu, pulyuntiri	Δ
	elder brother	180	kurta jartiny	yunga	
	elder sister	181	jurtuny jartiny	nyarumpa	Δ
	father	183	mamany	papi	
	mother	184	yakuny	ngami	
	wife	196	muyi	yungara	

^{&#}x27;I am going to camp.'

§	English gloss	O'Grady order	Karlamayi (Mukinbudin 1960)	Parnkalla (Iron Knob 1960)	1960 differs from Schürmann
VII	VALUES, MENTAT	TION, ETC.			
	good	203	kuluny	yunga	Δ
	bad	204	jakarla		
	yes	218	yuwa	juku	Δ
	no	219	(purtaa)	ngami	Δ
			purtaa winyiny		
VIII	MATERIAL CULT	URE			
	spear (n.)	220	kaa ji	kaya	
	spearthrower	228	"	midla	
	stone axe	238		jurla	Δ
IX	FIRE				
	fire	255	karla	kardla	
	cold ashes	256	jarnpiny	impa	
	smoke	258	риуи	риуи	
X	WATER				
	water	269	kapi	kawi	
	cloud (generic)	272		wira	Δ
XI	TOPOGRAPHY				
	creek	287		pari	
	stone	292		kadnya	
	earth, ground	294		manta	Δ
	sandhill	306		warlpa	
XII	SKY AND HEAVE	NLY BODIES			
	sun	312		yurnu	
	star	313		karlka	Δ
	moon	316		pira	
XIII	TIME				
	night	317		marlti	
	by-and-by	324		kari ngayi ngukatha	
	tomorrow	326		malhthurlu	Δ
XIV	WIND				
•••	wind	333		wari	

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χV	DIRECTIONS				
XVI	DIMENSIONS				
	big	345		marnanhthartu	Δ
	small	346		pulhyu kadnya ⁵	
XVII	ANIMALS				
	meat	364		partu	
	tail	368		kadla	
	dog (domesticated dog)	369		wirlka	
	snake	374		wabma	
	opossum	380		pirlta	
	OTHER				
	vegetable food		mayi		
	person		kapun		

Table 4: Parnkalla alphabetical

Parnkalla (Iron Knob 1960)	English gloss	Parnkalla (Iron Knob 1960)	English gloss
idna	foot	karinyji	blood
ikatha	sit	karlka	star
impa	cold ashes	karnpa	hungry
jarliny	tongue	karrawarnikin	climb (v.)
jarta	belly (exterior)	kartiti	tooth
juku	yes	kawi	water
jurla	stone axe	kawu yapatha	drink water
kadla	tail	kaya	spear (n.)
kadnya	stone	kurnarna	elbow
kaka (w)urru	hair of head	malhthurlu	tomorrow
kakarti	head	mankara	thirsty
kardla	fire	manta	earth, ground
kari ngayi ngukatha	by-and-by	mara marlti	hand night

^{&#}x27;small rock'

Pamkalla (Iron Knob 1960)	English gloss	Parnkalla (Iron Knob 1960)	English gloss
marnanhthartu	big	pirdnanha	hit with hand
marni	fat (n.)	pirlta	opossum
midla	spearthrower	pulhyu kadnya	small
mina	eye	pulyu, pulyuntiri	old man
mina maka	blind in both eyes	pura	knee
mingka	sick	риуи	smoke
miya warnithi	sleep (v.)	ukatha	walk, go
mudlha	nose	wabma	snake
ngalkuthu	eat	walarin	run
ngama	breast	wangkatha	speak
ngami ngami	mother no	warnithi, in miya warnithi	sleep (v.)
nganhay	? (see Table 3, item 127)	warninhi ~ wardninhi	fell
ngarli	liver	wari	wind
ngarna	? (see Table 3,	warlpa	sandhill
	item 119)	warlpu	bone
ngarnka	beard	warlpu	child
ngayi	I (see by-and-by,	wira	cloud (generic)
	hungry)	wirlka	dog (domesticated)
nhakuka	see	yapatha	drink
nyarumpa	elder sister	yirra	mouth
nyirlinyin (Pres)	cry (weep)	yunga	elder brother
nyungkuwu	give	yunga	good
padlunu (Past)	died	yungara	wife
papi	father	yura	fully initiated
pardningukatha	return (intr.)		Aboriginal man
pari	creek	yuri	ear
parlarra	woman	yurnu	sun
partu	meat	yuruwuthu	hear
payarla	I am cold		
pira	moon		

Table 5: Karlamayi alphabetical

Karlamayi (Mukinbudin 1960)	English gloss	Karlamayi (Mukinbudin 1960)	English gloss
jaalypi warni-	spit (v.)	kuyan pang	deaf
jaalypi	saliva	kuyan	ear
jakarla	bad	mamany	father
jarnpiny	cold ashes	mara	hand
jawu	dead	marangu pungu	hit with hand
jawu	died	marirri	liver
jina	foot	marlangati	return (intr.)
junta	thigh	mayi pang kurtu	hungry
jurtuny jartiny	elder sister	warla	
ka(a)pi ngala	drink water	mayi	vegetable food
kaa ji	spear (n.)	midhany	tongue
kapi pang	thirsty	miil kuti	blind in one eye
kapi	water	miil	eye
kapun	fully initiated Aboriginal	miil-pang	blind in both eyes
	man	mimi	(see breast)
kapun	person	mimi	milk
karla	fire	minya	baby (see suck)
karnu	fat (n.)	minyaa	baby just born
kata	head	mirrka	woman
kati-	fell	mulha	face
kawa	neck	mulha	nose
kayin jatirtin	I am cold	muyi	wife
kuluny	good	ngaalha	forehead
kumpu	urine	ngala	eat, suck
kuna	excrement	nganaa	? (see Table 3,
kupalyu kuny	sleep (v.)		item 138)
kurlu(r)l	skin	ngarnkurn	chin
kurntany	shame	ngarnkurr	beard
kurra	lower leg	ngarnngarn	chin
kurrkurn	elbow	ngarntany	sick
kurta jartiny	elder brother	ngayi nti	I (see walk, go
kurtu	heart	ngirliny	armpit
kuti	one ⁶	ngula	cry (weep)
kuwan, kwan	hear	ngunarn	right hand
		nhurniny	viscera
		nyin	sit
6 The gloss of k	cuti is inferred from miil kuti	nyungu	see
_	eye' and Tindale (1938-63)	nyungun	give

T89, "kuri" 'one'.

Karlamayi (Mukinbudin 1960)	English gloss	Karlamayi (Mukinbudin 1960)	English gloss
pakarri	to stand up	thuntaa parnaa	vomit (n.)
[pukarri?]		thuntaa	vomit (v.)
pakarri	walk, go	waaku	vein
pampul	old man	wamurtinti	towards camp
pi pi mimi	breast		(see walk, go)
pirri	fingernail	wila	belly (exterior)
purlka	hair of head	wirnti	run
purtaa, purtaa	no	wuyu	throat
winyiny		yakuny	mother
putharra,	swells up	yalku	blood
рикирики		yarntati karlpa	climb (v.)
риуи	smoke	yarrku	left hand
rtari	ankle	yini	name
taarrka	bone	yiri	tooth
tarta	knee	yun	be standing
thaa wangka	speak	yurtu	back
thaa	mouth	yuwa	yes
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3. Commentary

3.1 Parnkalla (Barngarla)

Schürmann (1844) recorded a sizeable vocabulary of Parnkalla (Barngarla), from which O'Grady and Klokeid (1969:303–7) excerpted their 100-word test list. Schürmann (1844) and the Hale–O'Grady 1960 list have 78 comparable words (i.e. both have words for the same or very similar meaning), of which 58 are recognisably the same, i.e. 74%. The 20 meanings which differ between Schürmann and 1960 are noted in Table 6. This includes one word of the 1960 Parnkalla without an exact equivalent in Schürmann's Parnkalla: 'elder sister'. The final column indicates likely sources of the 'new' words, often from the western neighbour Wirangu (Wir, Hercus 1999) or the northern neighbour Kukatha (Kuk, Platt 1972).

Table 6: 1844 to 1960 lexical differences

O'Grady order	English	Schürmann	1960	Comment
11	mouth	ya; ira 'tooth'	yirra	Wir <i>ira</i> 'mouth', 'teeth' in oldest published vocabularies
13	tooth	ira	kartiti	Kuk, Wir gardirdi
35	belly (exterior)	worna 'abdomen, belly'; ngangkalla 'stomach'	tjarta	Kuk, Wir dyarda

O'Grady order	English	Schürmann	1960	Comment
67	blind in both eyes	menamadlunniti 'to be blind, short-sighted', mina 'eye', madla 'nothing', madlanniti 'to be or become no more, to die'	mina maka	
74	thirsty	yernpiti 'to be thirsty', yurne itarta 'thirsty', pantapantarriti, panyaltiti	mankara	Wir mangara 'full, sated' (older word); djigur-binj (Platt 1972:29)
85	cry (weep)	tuttu ['song'] worniti, mena yulkata 'to weep, shed tears', mulka wityuru 'in tears, crying', ngattutu 'to weep, cry, howl'	nyirlinyin	ny- instead of usual nh-
119	run	waiingukata 'to run from fear, flee', waiyukannata 'to run away', ngammata 'to go, run, come', palkata 'to shine, to extend, to jump, run', yuwannuwanniti 'to fly, run away'	ngarna walarin	Wir walirirn 'to fly, to run this way, etc.' walarn 'to run (along)'; wala, wala-wala, walangu 'quickly, in a hurry'
156	hit with hand	kundata 'strike, beat, kill'	pirdnanha	cf. Arabana pirta-
177	child	kaitya 'infant, child', walbo 'strong, bone'	warlpu	cf. Wir warlpu 'bone'
178	old man	b/pulka (also 'old')	pulyu, pulyuntiri	
181	elder sister	yakka 'sister'	nyarumpa	< WD; ny- instead of usual nh
203	good	marniti, yuwa 'good, very well'	yunga	NB: Schürmann yunga 'elder brother'
218	yes	ya, yandi	tjuku	
219	no	madla	ngami	
238	stone axe	kandi	tjurla	< Kuk, Wir dyurla 'stone tool, stone knife'

O'Grady order	English	Schürmann	1960	Comment
272	cloud (generic)	mabinye, malko	wira	Wir wira 'sky'
294	earth, ground	yerta 'land, country'	manta	Wir manda 'ground, sand' (< Kuk)
313	star	pur(d)li	karlka	Wir galga
326	tomorrow	wiltyaparrari	malhthurlu	Wir maldhulu, Kaurna, and? other Thura-Yura languages
345	big	mirru 'large, grown up'	marnanhthartu	cf. Wir marnaardu etc., lenited < ?Nukunu/Kuyani

The differences are generally that the 1960 record has more in common with the northern neighbours Wirangu and Kukatha. Note that Schürmann (1844) recorded Parnkalla at Port Lincoln, at the south of Parnkalla territory and some distance south of Iron Knob.

3.2 Karlamayi

O'Grady, Voegelin and Voegelin (1966:135) noted for "Kalamai /kalamayi/" that "The sources are Curr 1886, and a short wordlist recorded by Hale and Douglas in 1960". The Curr 1886 wordlist is presumably Adam's (1886) 120 words, whose location corresponds to near Lake Barlee (the town name Newcastle was changed to Toodyay in 1910), some 200km north of Southern Cross. The wordlist recorded by Hale is the one in the above table. W.H. Douglas (1968:3) also recorded a few words from Teddy Champion and in 1999 deposited excerpts of his notes at AIATSIS. It seems that any 1960 Karlamayi notes made by Douglas are not extant.

See Thieberger's (1993) 'Kalaamaya' for a bibliography of Karlamayi. In addition to those records mentioned by O'Grady et al (1966), the main records of Karlamayi are in Daisy Bates' vocabularies, and Tindale (1938–63) vocabulary 89. Tindale's vocabulary is equivalent to the 1960 record in 20 out of the 23 common meanings. The points of lexical difference are where Tindale has *thalanj* 'tongue', *marundi*[?] 'to walk', and *kuru* 'no'.

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