



Yolngu Language and Diplomacy



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Three Yolŋu concepts in practice:

Warraw'

Wata

Mulka'

Warraw' – temporary ceremonial shelters where the owners of a particular landscape enact ancestral knowledges under the guidance and supervision of their guardians and custodians.

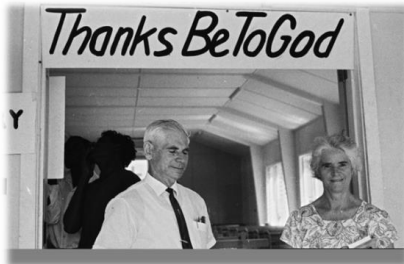
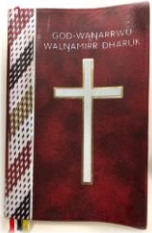
Wata - seasonal winds that explain how each group of Yolŋu recognises its place in the world through understanding the winds and breezes that come to them from other places. It talks about being in place and meeting others through connections among places.

Mulka' – a space where Yolŋu elders and emerging generations comfortably sit, support each other, and work respectfully with mindfulness of reciprocal care.

Yolngu Country and People



Yolŋu language came to be written for the first time - Bible translation and bilingual education



I was wondering...



Caring for both the
sound and writing of
our Yolŋu language

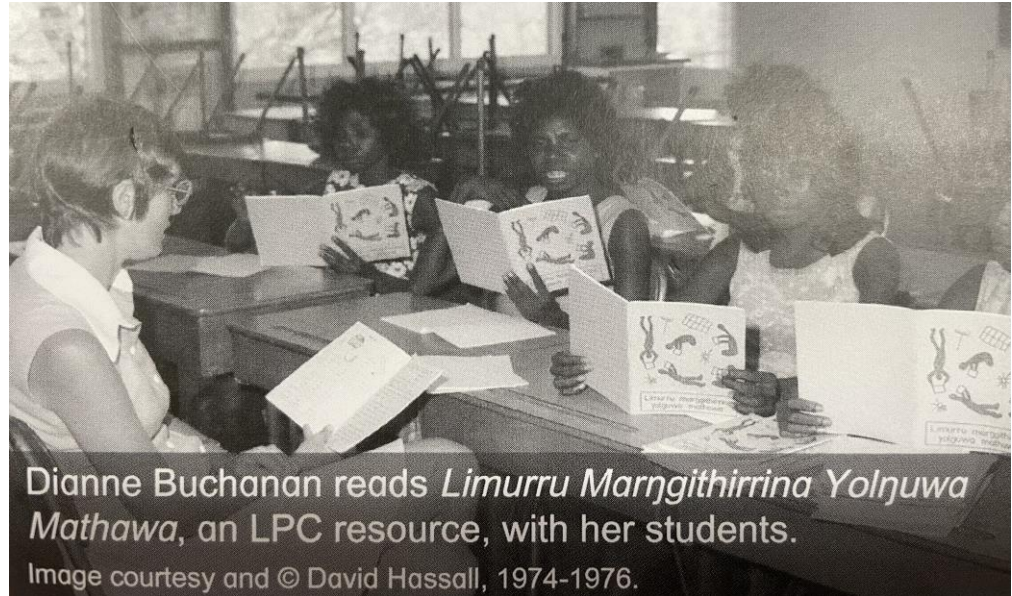


New ways of learning...

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Walalipa Gonggarra presents Bapa Sheppy with a gift for his years of service to the school and the
Image courtesy and © Kevin Davis, 1970.



Dianne Buchanan reads *Limurru Marngithirrira Yolŋuwa Mathawa*, an LPC resource, with her students.

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Warraw' - a temporary ceremonial shelter where the owners of a particular landscape enact knowledges under the guidance and supervision of their guardians and custodians.
<https://indigenoudiplomacy.cdu.edu.au/exhibit-01/>



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Yolŋu levels of qualification

Nŋurru – dhawalanju (custodian of law)

Dämbu-ŋarramirr (supervisor)

Ḑalkaramirr/ Djirrikaymirr (carries out ceremonies)

**Goŋ-gamanuŋkumirr (painter)
Gumurr-dhukunmirr (carver)
Goŋ-djekulu (gathering and sharing information)**

Nŋurru – dhawalanju (leads dancing)

Balanda levels of qualification

Professor

Associate Professor

Senior Research Fellow

Research Fellow

Research Associate





Language is crucial in Indigenous diplomacy,
reconciliation and discussions concerning
treaties