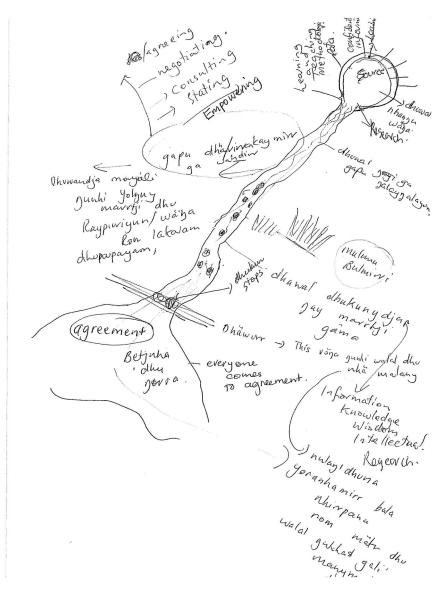
Garmak Gularriwuy

Timothy Buthiman talking to his daughter Garngulkpuy and his sister Lisa Walpulay, at the <u>Dingu</u> garden, Galiwin'ku, February 2008

Garngulkpuy came to work at Charles Darwin University for a few days and brought with her an audio recording from a discussion with her father. She transcribed the story, and she and Michael worked on the translation and interpretation. It is a Yirritja story about Wangurri people and their water, and what the story of the water tells how Wangurri people should work within organisations. While we were working on the translation, Garngulkpuy also drew a diagram.



Notes on the diagram:

At the top right is the Wangurri water source at Dhalinybuy, and it flows out to the sea (joining up with other Yirritja waters which are not marked). On the side of the river the grass (mulmu bulmirri) is growing. The source contains the 'learning and teaching methodology, confidence, research' - 'dhuwal nhannu wäna' – that is its home. When the water wells up inside Wangurri country, it starts to flow (dhuwal ga gapu *nalaynalayyun*) and it talks – (gapu dhä-rirrakaymirri – water with sound in it mouth) -'agreeing, negotiating, consulting, stating and empowering'. Dhuwandja mayali' nunhi yolnuy dhu marrtji raypirri'yun wäna rom larakam dhunupayam: This means that when Yolnu advise and admonish each other the land tells the law straight. Dhuwal dhukundja nayi marrtji gäma, these are the leaves and sticks, palm fronds and bits of

paperbark the Wangurri water is carrying down the river. These are bits of 'information, knowledge, wisdom, intellectual research'. Near the mouth of the river is a *dhäwurr* – this *wäŋa ŋunhi walal dhu nha malany rulandhuna bala nhirrpana rom märr dhu walal ŋunhal gali' manymak thirr* – the bar where everything, anything comes together for agreement, and lays down the law (*rom*) – so that everything on the other side will be good. The water on the other 'agreement' side is no longer rippling, it is calm Yirritja water called betj (*betjnha dhu ŋorra*) – everyone comes to agreement.

Rasncription	Translation	Notes
Ma! Nhaltjarr gan näthil walal nhinan, ga nhä nunhi nayi yuwalk Garrayyu gurrupar limurrun yolnuw nhawi, nhaku limurrun nayi nunhi romdja¹ gurrupar! Ga nhaltjan limurr dhu nunhiyi usenydja dhiyanuny bala, nunhiyiny, bili marrtji dhuwal gumurrdälthirra wänany.	Okay! How did they use to live, and what did God truly give us Yolnu, why he gave us our law, and how we will use it today, that's because things are getting very hard now in this place.	Joanne begins by pointing out that we need to understand why God gave Yolnu their culture and law, and how we should be using that law in these difficult times.
Yo! Garraywu dhanu nän'thunwan, Garraynha, bala buku-mengan Garraywul Godnha Moriny ga nhunu narru God moriny galki nanapiligul, djinan bala lingu nhungu, nhungu rom nhunupi, nhunupi dhuwan bokman wangala narru nhawun dharrpalnha.	Oh God, here we ask you and thank you, the lord, god, father, that you will remain close to us, at this time, because you alone are the creator of this earth, and it is sacred (dharrpal) land.	Buthiman starts to pray to God, the Lord and the Father, asking him to be near them, because he alone created to world and made it sacred.
Dhanu wangalam narru dharrpalnha dhanu, rom mala nhunguram dhaluthana gayna noya ga nhungura, nhunu narru nhunupin bala milkumam nala banha nuwakurru nanapilingu nyenanhawu.	This land is sacred these laws are in you hands (dhalutha), reveal yourself to show the right way for us to live.	Because God continues to care for the land he made sacred, he must reveal to his people the right way to live.
Ga ŋala banha rom, ga law ŋanapiliŋgu ŋanapu ŋarru nyena ŋuwakurru, mägaya bayiŋ ŋanapu ŋarra nhäma nhunany dharaŋgan, bitjan bili malthun ga munguyun nhuŋgu mä ŋarru nhunum mattji bala rakaram ya ŋuwakurrum dhaŋuny ga rom nhalpiyan gan ŋätjiliŋu dhaŋuny garruwan dhäwu ga ŋoya ga nhalpiyana ŋarru yutaram banhaya liŋgu bala nhan ŋarru yutayin bala ŋanapiliny, guŋga'yunna yutanham yolŋuny djinaŋum bala.	And where is our law for good faith and peace, for us to go and see you and recognise you always and follow you so we can go and tell what is good story and how the old law and story used to work, and how we can renew it, so as it is renewed it will help the new generations today.	Show us where our law of wellbeing and peace comes from, so we can always follow you, and understand how the ancestral law can be made new and continue to be made new in the generations to come.
Bilinya dhaŋu Garray ŋaya nhuŋgul rakaranam nhuŋguru, nhuŋguru-murrum yäkurumurru	This is what we ask you father in the name of Jesus. Amen.	He finishes his prayer.

¹ Rom in the context of this story could be translated as protocols, laws, advice, proper ways of doing things, good customary practice

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Djesuwurumurru. Yo yo. TB: Yo! Nhäwuy bili ŋaya ŋarru rakaramam ŋurruŋum, gatjuwilak nhuma rakaraŋ ŋatjil nyäkul. Gamurruŋum nhäwuy	What am I going to tell you? You tell me first, what points?	Then he asks Joanne to be clear about what she wants to know.
JG: Balanya nhakun. Balanya nhä nayi ga representing nalitjalan, nunhal nali dhu play role today, balanya nhakun example narra dhu lakaram gapu, nunhi barpuru nali ga lakaranhamirr, nunhi nalitjalan role nali dhu always napunga ga dhärra,	Like Tell me what (the law of the water) if representing for us, can we play a role today, for example, I will talk about water, like we were discussing yesterday, in our role, we will always stand in the middle.	Joanne asks specifically about the Wangurri clan to which Buthiman and she belong – their role is to stand in the middle, and she asks about the water story they had discussed the night before.
ga dhukun ŋali dhu gal'kalmaram, djäma litjalaŋ ŋunhi. Guŋga'yun ŋali dhu ga yolŋuny ŋunhi ŋayi dhu ga hurt, guŋga'yun ŋali dhu ga Yolŋuny ŋunhi ŋayi dhu ga problem- mirriyirr ŋunhi ŋalitjalaŋ rom, bili ŋuruŋiyi ŋayi ga lakaram.	And the rubbish we will carry along, that's our work. You and I will help Yolnu people when they get hurt, we will help them when they develop problems, that's our law, because that's what (the water) tells us to do.	We, the Wangurri water take away the sticks, leaves and other flotsam, that's our special role. We help Yolnu when they hurt by taking away their problems, like the Wangurri water.
TB: Ya' bilinya, dhuwanma nhän nhäpa, dhanuyam nhän ga napanurun dhuwanayam dhanuny nhan napanurun garmakpuy. Dhanuny ga galanydjawuy dhanuny, ga nunham narra golam galanydjany galgaluman nhan narra garmakthu bili banhaya garmak nhan gayna, narru bitjana lingu gätthuna.	Oh I see what you mean, yes it is, that's the story on the top, (ŋapa) of the water. That's the story of the flotsam (galanydja) is being carried slowly by the water because that water will keep on flowing (gatthun) for ever.	Buthiman agrees, that's the surface story of the water (in both senses of the word). The flotsam is called galanydja and is important in Wangurri song. Wangurri water will keep flowing for ever.
Banhaya garmak, banha nangawulnha yolnuyu gaynan djäma, ga yolnuwun yaw'yunda, ga yolnuwun mayan guwathanharan aw bore nhan bayanu.	That water, was never made by Yolnu or dug by Yolnu, the Yolnu didn't make the river, it's not from a bore.	That water, was never made by Yolyu or dug by Yolyu, the Yolyu didn't make the river, it's not from a bore.
Dangawul banham nininynu yana, gulundaynu, nunham Dhälinynam garmak, nhan narru gayna gätthuna bitjan lingu ga bitjan lingu.	No it's everlasting, it has always been there, the water from Dhäliny, it will always be flowing for ever.	He is referring to the water which starts at a Wangurri place called Dhälinybuy.
Lingu garmak banhaya rakaram nalma narru garmak nhan narru narra räli dhä-wirkarrmi garrun.	Because that water tells us it will come towards with a confident voice.	The water talks, it is confident and unstoppable and speaks confidently.
Garrun ŋarra nhapa ŋarra ŋalayŋalayyun garmak, ŋunha nhan ŋarra gätthun nhan ŋarru gayŋa ŋäma ŋalma ŋarru, nhan ŋarru gayŋa dhä-reŋgitjmi nhan	He is speaking and at the same time it is flowing (ŋalayŋalayun), as it runs we can hear it, calling out the names of the what it is	The water is speaking as it flows, we can hear it, it has the names of all the sacred Yirritja connection points in its mouth, as it carries the leaf litter,

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narru gayna gätthun garmak ga	carrying (belonging to	sticks and fragments of
golamam nhan narru gayna	different Yirritja groups), it	paperbark along.
dhuwanya, dhuwanya nhäpa	will flow that water and	
malanynha galanydja dhukun.	carry (golaman) that	
XX 1 22 1	flotsam.	X
Yo! Dunham nhan yana	Yes, there's the story about	Yes it a surface story, about
napanurun dhäwu, nunha nhan ga	the surface, how it washes	making clean, making new, but
rurrwuyun, ŋunha ga rurrwuyun,	clean, when it washes,	also making clean and new
yutaram nhan gayna djinawa	makes new, the inside, very	very deep down, so deep we
bärrku marimi nutu, be baya	deep, so deep we don't understand it ourselves.	don't really understand.
banha ŋali ŋalim ŋangawulnha	understand it ourserves.	
marngi.	When it cleans, then other	The Wangungi water is not only
Banhayam nhan gayŋa darrtjalkuman ga waripum nhan	things are cleaned too, also,	The Wangurri water is not only making everything clean, but it
ga <u>d</u> arrtjalkkum ga waripum nhan	it also prepares a path for	is also creating its own
gayna batjiwarr guwatharam	the stream, the water does	pathway, a path for the water.
mayannha, mayannha nhanbay	that itself.	painway, a pain joi the water.
yana garmak.	mat 165011.	
Ga yakan ŋalma marŋgi bulum	And we don't know more	We don't know more about
djinakuyam, ga gatjuwilak	about that. Go on, ask me	that. Buthiman asks his
nhunum dhä-wirrka'yuwan	more questions. Ask me.	daughter if she has more
nhänany djinalaya nhänany.	more questions. Tisk me.	questions.
Nhuma dhä-wirrka'yuwanmiya.		questions
JG: Yow nunhi nhe gan lakaranal	Yes, when you were telling	Joanne asks: Where do all the
nhakun gapupuy, ga ŋunhiyi rom	the story of water, and the	protocols, laws, advice, proper
mala nunhi nayi start wanhal. Ga,	laws, where did they start.	ways of doing things, good
ga reasonmirr nhakun ŋayi gan	And what is the reason that	practice for that water start?
marrtjin yarrupthurrnydja ga	the water is going down to	What are the reasons it still
dhiyaŋuny bala, nhaltjana	the sea, and now, what are	flows down to the sea, and
napurrndja dhu dhiyalnydja	we going to do here, we	what law or good practice does
Wangurriny Yolnu ga rom	Wangurri Yolnu and the law	that water hold for us
nhakun ŋayi ga ŋayatham	that the water holds for us.	Wangurri people?
ŋuruŋiyi gapuy limurruŋ.		
TB: Yo banha nhan ga romma	Okay, the law that it holds,	Her father replies that the
nayathan närrun nhan narru	the water was flowing later,	story they are telling about the
gätthunma garmakma banha ŋaya	we started talking about the	flowing Wangurri water, is
gandarrŋa djaka-warruwan,	middle (djaka-warruwan) of	actually the middle of the story,
banham ŋaya djakawarruwan	the story, about later when	the origins of the springwater
gandarrna närrun nhan narru	the water was flowing, but	which flows out from Dhäliny
garmakma gätthun ŋunham nhan	the origins when it first	has to do with the ways in
gayŋa ŋunham nhan, ŋunham	bubbled up (<i>Däwatthun</i>), it	which the sacred names hold
nhan gayna näwatthun garmak,	was held by the sacred	that water in place as it
nayathanam nhan gayna	names of the law.	bubbles up.
dalkarrayu. De! Dunham nhan gaynan	Okay so the sacred names	Yes, it's the sacred names
nayathan <u>d</u> alkarrayyu garmakma	Okay, so the sacred names held the water, murmuring	which hold the water there as it
nunha nhan ga nhäpa inside yana	(nudulnudul) to itself, the	murmers to itself – all alone.
nudulnudul dhäya nhanbay yana	water, just by itself.	marmers to usey — all atone.
garmak be baya nhanbay ga	water, just by itself.	
banha.		
Darru bukmakma yolnu banha	And all of us Yolnu that you	So all Yolyu know about the
Ivaria vakinakina yonja vanna	I ma un or us i onju mat you	So an Ionja mon about the

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nhuma bayiŋ manikay ŋäma	hear about in the manikay	ancestral song you hear which
banham nanapu bayin miyaman	songs, we sing, we sing	we sing, which starts off with
ŋalma mulmu rakaram gudaŋbaŋ	about the grass (gudanban),	the grass on the river banks
aw dhika nhä banha ŋanapu bayiŋ	the new shoots, or any thing	called gudaŋbaŋ or bulmirri.
rakaram bulmirri ga banhayam	we sing about, grass starts it	
nha gayŋa ŋurru-yirr'yuna.	off.	
Yutan nhän ŋunha nhän ŋarru,	The song tells of all the new	The song tells of the time when
ŋarru nhäpan rakaraman ŋätjin	things emerging, the grass	the new shoots come (at the
nhan gayŋa, ŋätjin nhan gayŋa	starts weeping, when the	beginning of the wet season),
gudaŋbaŋnha nhan banhayam	rains come, the water will	and the grass is crying telling
bulmirrin nhan ŋarru gäthunna	come flowing and will take	about the moisture in the air,
garmakma, ŋunham nhan out.	it away.	and the water wells up and
		starts flowing.
JG. Dayiny dhu dhäkay-ŋäma	Yes, and will the green tree	Joanne asks if the frog feels the
wokaraynydja nhawiyuny	frog also feel (the	moisture as well.
wokaraynydja?	moisture)?	
TB. Yo! Nhanam ŋarru ŋäman	Yes! He will hear it and feel	Yes! He hears the grass crying
dhäkay-näman bala mattji garruna	it and start croaking that	and he feels the moisture and
wayinma wokaram, nunha mattji	little animal in the little	he starts croaking along the
djarngulkmurru garruna	creeks, in that way he will	creeks, that makes his skin cool
nunhunuyan nhanany narru galna	cool his skin and feel better.	and good. It makes him cool,
nulwitjkumam, galna	He won't be feeling tired	relaxed and expectant.
nuwatjuman. Bala nhan narru	any more, he'll be feeling	_
nhapam djarwaryunma nanydja	cool and relaxed.	
bungatthuna ² nhan ŋarru.		
Buŋgatthumana yana ya ŋunha,	Just relax, you see, and his it	He'll relax, that's his job,
ga nhangu banhayam djäma,	that work, the both listening	when he feels the water
ŋunha dhupal ga dhuli'na-	to each other.	coming, the grass and the frog
witjunmi.		are listening to each other.
Mulmu ga ŋunha garmak inside	Water and grass inside the	The ground has water and life
ga (JG munatha) ga garmindjarrk	ground (garmindjarrk),	rising up from inside, and it
ŋunha ŋalmaliŋgu waŋgala. (JG	that's our land. (JG for our	starts to move, that's when it
maranhuw.) Yo bala nhan ŋarru	sustenance?) Yes, Then it	becomes a song (carrying the
manikayma banham ŋarram	will later become the song,	flotsam to different groups to
närrun nhan narru narra banha	that's later will come, and	became their songs.)
manikay bayikuya.	become the song about it.	
Danydja nunha nhän natjil narru	But there it will be first,	But there sitting at the
nhinathunganmi, nhinathunganmi	sitting, that big cloud called	beginning, putting itself in
nhan ŋarru baltha bayikuya,	baltha.	place, is that huge raincloud
bayikuya.		called baltha.
Yo, Baltha nhan ŋarru	Yes, the rain cloud sets	Yes, the rain cloud sets itself in
nhinathunganmi. Yo! Ga	itself in place, it gets bigger,	place, it gets bigger, its base
murrukaynha ŋarru, yindiyin nhan	its base becomes black, and	becomes black, and then it will
narru noy-gurrnandjin, bala nhän	then it will start to rain. It	start to rain. It will rain, and
	then it will start to rail. It	
narru nyarryuna, ga nyarryunma	will rain, and then it will	then it will stop and then the
narru nyarryuna, ga nyarryunma nhan narruu dhawar'ma		then it will stop and then the thunder starts. When the
	will rain, and then it will	<u> </u>
nhan ŋarruu dhawar'ma	will rain, and then it will stop and then the thunder	thunder starts. When the
nhan ŋarruu dhawar'ma murryunma nhan ŋarru,	will rain, and then it will stop and then the thunder starts. When the thunder	thunder starts. When the thunder starts, then the

 $[\]overline{\ ^2}$ Bunggatthun means relaxed, but also confident, aware, and ready for action.

garmakma.		
Dalaynalayyuna nhan narru riyala	It will rise up and start	It will start flowing at Dhäliny
gätthuna nunha bayma ne! ne! ya	flowing from the source	over there, yeah, there.
ηunha.	over there, eh? That's it.	
Golurr nhan yäku nirrima, Golurr.	We call that place golurr. So	We call that land which is
Nhawi bilanya ya! nirrima nhäpa	you see, the place, the land,	becoming swampy, with the life
nirrima bilanya nhäpa wangala	will be standing, the water	and water inside it, Golurr. We
nhan ŋarru ga dhäya, <u>l</u> orr yäku	building up is called lorr,	call the water which is building
nhan <u>l</u> orr, ηayka <u>n</u> a nhan <u>l</u> orr	that's the name for that	up <u>l</u> orr. Later on it will
banhayam, yo! bayikuya wangala	water, the name for the	recognise for itself the path it
garmakku yana banhaya	water in that place, it will	has to take. Yes the water will
dharangan nhän narru yalala yo	recognise it pathway later	understand, and start to move.
(JG djurrukthirr ŋayi dhu?) yo!	(JG as everything gets wet?)	unacistana, ana start to move.
Ga dharangana nhan narru	Yes. The water will	
bayinuya garmakthu, bala nhan	recognise its place and start	
narru gätthuna.	flowing.	
Bayikuya wangala garmakku		That place that belongs to that
, , , , ,	The place that belongs to that water, when later it fills	
yana after nhan ŋarru	*	water, when later it fills up, it
dhawar'yunna, bala nhan ŋarru	up, then it will start flowing.	will start flowing. That's the
ŋurru-yirr'yun gätthunna	That's the law lying there	law lying there that belongs to
nalaynalayyunna dhuwanayam.	that belongs to that water.	that water.
Dhuwan nhangu ga rom ŋoya rom		
nhangu.		Y 1 1 YYY
JG Ga nhaltjan nhakun ŋayi ga	So what is it that it teaches	Joanne asks what Wangurri
teachingnydja napurruny	us Wangurri people, that	people can learn from this.
Wangurrinhany limurrunhany	water story?	
nuruniyiny?	**	
TB Yo banhayam ga bitjanna	Yes, it speaks to us like this,	Buthiman tells us that the way
gayna rakaramam banhayam	this is for us people, it's our	in which the land fills with
nalmalingu yanamu, dhanu	ours I'll tell for everyone,	water and starts to flow is like
nhumalingu naya narru rakaram,	this I have learnt, that's	a library for Wangurri people.
dhanum, dhanum nhä	my library. The library	It's like the book from which I
naya bayin naya gaynan	where you get and look at	learn.
marŋgiyin, ga ŋunha nyäku	books inside, and find all	
librim, librim nyäku buk, libri	sorts of things, so these are	
yäku bilanya bitjan nhumalingu	our books, which we will	
nhä nalmalingu buk, nalma bayin	get, and you can get the	
warrathun ga librina nhuma bayin	story like the library. This is	
nawatthunga dhanu nyäku libri	my library. You can give	
guŋan bitjan nhumam bayiŋ	them, and get them and	
warratthuna, dharangan nalma	understand them, just like	
bayin nhäma, ya witjan, nunha	out of a shop.	
nhawun shopŋa.		
Yo! Ga ŋunham nhan libri dhaŋu	Yes. There's a library there,	The library talks.
gam! nhan ŋarru garrun.	it can talk.	
JG: Disciplinenydja ŋayi ga ŋorra	Is there a discipline lying in	Joanne asks if there is
ηunhiliyi ηe! ?	there?	discipline there.
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De!	Yes.	
		The discipline there is ravnirri
De! JG: Balanya nhakun discipline ηayi ga ηorra raypirri.	Yes. Is there some discipline in there?	The discipline there is raypirri – persuading people of the

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JG: Dayi ga ŋorra napurr dhu	Yes, raypirri discipline	people in the middle, ready to
right time napurr dhu gurku'yun.	It's there, ready for when	get up and activate the water
	we get up and start talking.	story when it is needed.
TB: Ya! right time nhuma ŋarru	Yes, you need to speak up at	You need to be able to
gurku'yun narru gurku'yunma,	the right time whatever	recognise the time to get up
bili nhan narru banha	point you need to make,	and make the point, to start
gurku'yunma nhuma narru right	stand up and make those	moving forward, taking the
time bayikuya bayikuya yana	points.	rubbish with you, cleaning
lingu, bayiku yana <u>l</u> ingu (JG yo!)	points.	things up.
Bayiku yana lingu nhawu nhunu	Yes, because whatever you	Hoping for something to
gayna gatjpu'yun, ya nunha	are hoping to achieve, you	happen (for the water to start
	see, then you need to stand	flowing) and knowing when to
nhawu nhunu ŋayaŋu	· · ·	1, 0,
gurku'yuwan.	up and speak (so people can	get up and speak.
X7 1 1 1 1 1	understand)	
Yo! dingu banhay ga garmak	Yes, that's what the cycad	The cycad and the water story
garrun bitjan.	water is telling us.	both say the same:
Bitjan gam! "Dayam dhaŋu,	Like this; "I am the water, I	Like this: "I am the water, I
nayam dhanu garmak naya narru	carry the sound of the	carry the sound of the scared
dhä-rengitjmi, ga ŋarra ga	scared places, I will roar out	places, I will roar out the
birka'birkayun ŋaya ŋarru ŋarra."	the names."	names."
JG. Dä <u>l</u> kurr?	Through hardship?	Through hardship?
TB: Wanyumurru mu! ga	Yes, through hardship	And there are ceremonial ways
gandarrna naya narru birkarr'yun	(wanyu). And in the middle	to identify with the water –
ga yay'! bili garmak ya! banhaya	I will shout "Ga yay'!"	through a particular way of
nyäku garmak, bilanya bitjan	because my water is like	shouting, and through the
djolurr ba <u>l</u> aya naya narru gunhan,	that, my face painting	painted stripe across the
dhuwarrpum ŋaya ŋarru.	(called ba <u>l</u> aya), I'll put it on	forehead worn by Wangurri
and warp and spay a spart an	my face, showing the	people, showing the path of the
	pathway of the water.	water.
Bala bayin naya nalthumanna,	When I put the white ochre	That's why we put that sign on
banha bili romma banhayan,	on my forehead that's the	our forehead.
ηalthuna nhan ηarru.	law, I'll put it on	our joreneau.
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IC. C. 14i	(representing the water)	IC . A 1 1
JG: Ga betjna yän dhu ga	And make betj?	JG: And make the water calm?
nhinany?		
TB: Banhayan <u>l</u> ingu, Djolorr	Like that, that forehead	That's what the djolurr or
banha ya! Dunhayan nyäkum	painting, that's mine.	<u>balaya</u> mark does, it belongs to
nhan nhawi.		me.
JG: Ga nhakun dhiyanuny bala	And what nowadays in	Joanne asks about what this
organizationnura naliny dhu	organizations can we see,	means for people working in
nhäma nhakun organization-dja	for organizations?	organisations.
Yow?	Yes?	
Dayi nunhiyi nhakun nayiny	So what the water has given	What is was that God gave us
gurrupara limurrun nali dhu	us, we will look after	Wangurri people, we need to
dharray ga raypirri nalitjalan	carefully and us it to sort out	look after it and give it to
Wangurriw yan yolnuw gurrupar	problems, it was given only	people as our particular
Garray-yu märr ga ŋayi dhu fit in	to the Wangurri yolnu, so	wisdom, which fits in with the
with nhanukal dhäwu-lil	that it will fit in with god's	word of God.
Garraywal.	words.	
YO! Dalmam djinakuya nhawi	Yes! We here, for that we	Buthiman adds that we don't
nhakun nhawun nalma nhawi	only partially understand,	fully understand God's ways,
makun illawun ijanna illawi	omy partially unucistanu,	Juliy undersland God's ways,

ganga nalma marngi, ganga nalma	even the oldest people only	not even the old people
marŋgi.	partly understand, and now	understand it fully. But the
Ga na <u>la</u> pa <u>l</u> mi ganga marngi ganga	we will fit in so that	water will 'fit in' wherever we
nhan marngi ga djinanum bala	wherever we can reach	come together.
ŋali ŋarru nhäma fit in-ma nhän	agreement.	
narru nalana, ne nalana narru		
do'yunmim, bitjan gam!		
Burrpar nhan burrpar ya wilanya	There are two things lying	There are two things that water
nhakun nayi dhu bungatthunman	there, like to make you	does – one is that it makes you
nhunany gurku'yuman nhunany	confident and relaxed, and	feel confident and relaxed, and
nhunu ŋarru ŋarra ga mala	to put you into action, you	the other is that it stimulates
manapan bayikul yolnuwul	will go and join with others,	you to go in and join with other
warrawul.	other ideas.	people.
Yolnu banha nanapu narru	Yolnu when we come	When you have understanding
luŋ'thumanmi ga mala	together, and join together.	of your water, you can meet
manapanmi join together-n.		with other people who have
70.70		other ideas.
JG: Dunhi nhe gan lakaranalnydja	Was what you were talking	Joanne suggests that this is
ŋunhili leadershipŋur, leadership	about a sort of leadership,	where the leadership lies. You
nayi ga nayatham yolnuy nayiny	(from the water) help by	might be working with
dhu nhakun napurrnydja	Yolnu so that we people,	someone whose ancestral
wiripuwurrunguny wangaynu-	working with others, (Yes)	connections lead them to focus
wulkuny ga nhäpa (Yo! Ya	so it refers to today's	on a particular wind, or fire, or
bilinya) balanya nayi nunhi	organizations.	something else. These
mayali' nhakun dhiyan bala		differences are the sort of thing
todays organization nunhi limurr		that we are facing in today's
ga facing.	X	organisations.
TB. Yo! Ga bitjana nhan ŋarru ga	Yes that's what it has to	That's what this gularri
wekamam ŋe!	give.	garmak story gives us.
JG: Ga wanganydja nayi ga	And one thing that the	And the nonAboriginal people
balanday rom milkum dhiyan bala	balanda law shows, that we	are showing us to do things
nalimurr dhu ga malthun yanbi	should do everything their	their way, and follow their
dhanalinguway romgu, ŋarru	way, because long ago they	system, but that is what has
dhanaliway gaynan nalmaliny	started confusing us.	been distracting us.
baduwaduyuwanam.	So our points are for the	Co that is the maint that the
Nhakun ŋalitjalaŋ gämurru mala	So our points are for the	So that is the point that the
djämaw walaldja ga coming in	work they are coming in for	water is making for Yolnu
nhakun yolnu-yulnuny mala nayiny ga nurunuyiny clearly ga	yolnu it is telling the story clearly, that water.	working together.
lakaram dhäwu, nuruniyiny	clearly, that water.	
gapuynydja Ga ŋunhi ŋalimurr dhu ŋurukiyi	And if we follow it, and put	As paople of the Wanguni
malthun ga openlil dhäruk ŋanya	the story out in the open, as	As people of the Wangurri tribe, we need to make this
rulanmaram as Wangurri tribe-	the Wangurri tribe. And we	story clear, and put it into
thu. Ga nhawin limurr dhika	will see it, and put it into	practice.
nhaman nanyany nunhiyi bala	practice.	practice.
putting into practisenha.	practice.	
Godkun djäma ŋunhi ŋayi	God's work, who put the	God put the water in place and
rulandhurra gapu muka ga dhäwu	waters in place, and he put	he put the story in place, and
mala nayi rulandhurr litjalan nali	the stories in place for us,	it's up to us to put it into
dhu put nunhiyi into practice	and we will put it into	practice in our organizations,
and put ijumnyi into practice	and we will put it lillo	practice in our organizations,

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dhiyanuny bala todays	practice now, in today's	just like the story of the
organisationlila balany nhakun	organizations, it's like this	preparation of cycad bread.
<u>d</u> ingu dhuwal Foundation-mirr	cycad process is the	
ŋayi dhuwal.	foundation.	
Foundationmirr nayi dhuwal,	It is its foundation, the	It is the foundation of
founder ŋayi dhuwal, nhaku?	founder (the cycad palm)	sustainability, the cycad story
maranhu gurrupanaraw.	what for? for giving	is about how you are motivated
Ga räl gäma ŋayi dhu maranhuw	sustenance. The cycad story	to use the land properly for
represent ŋayi ga dingu ŋe!	represents the way you get	your survival.
	up and go and do something	
	for your survival (ral gama).	
TB: Yo! Dhuwanya bili mu ŋaya	Yes! Yes, that's what I was	Buthiman reminds his daughter
gaynan rakaran bilanya nhawun	telling you, that's a leader,	of their leadership sweeping
leader riwal'yun ŋarra ga mala	who will sweep things	and clearing things up.
'yarrk'.	away, clear.	
Bala nhan ŋarru leaderyu bitjana	Then the leader will say:	That's the leadership message
gam! Banhalaya <u>l</u> ingu line-ŋa.	This is where your	from your line.
	responsibilities lie.	
Day! Day nhungum nhunum	Okay? You will care for	You need to care for this story.
djinakuya dharray nhunu ŋarru ga	this, you will care for this,	
dharray djinaku nhakun nunha	like they did (your	
dhanal.	ancestors)	



Buthiman wearing his balaya or djolurr mark identifying his body with the Garmak Gularri receives the 2005 Territory Heart Foundation Kellogg Local Government Award for over 50 years of growing fruit and vegetables at Galiwin'ku.

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