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Archive No 104 (Opt 1)

Brown's Flats Worragee, Nowra, NSW 1966 Wreck Bay, Moruya Dhurga Danhgadi

TRACK A

Brown's Flats. F.T. 16, Side 1 cont 11/07/1966 Percy Mumbulla, Frank Cooper.

00:00

Vocabulary in Dhurga with some Dhurawal

- Fire, wood
- To frighten, scare
- Danger, strong drink
- Going

Nowra 11/07/1966. Micky Drew (from Kempsey, possibly Danhgadi), calls himself Gaipera.

07:45

Mr Drew mentions some speakers of his language, Christy and Len Silver from Burnt Bridge. Some vocabulary and sentences in his language which Mr Drew claims is Gaipera.

- Human classification
- How have you been keeping?
- I've been up in the hospital for a while
- I have burnt my arm
- I tried to get away from the police, fell over and burnt my arm in the fire

15:00

- I've got a sore leg
- I'm going walk about (but don't know how far)

16:00

- Minya (utility word, can be used for anything)
- Just give me a little sip (end of Side 1 & start of Side 2)
- I'm going home to sleep; I'm staying here

20:20

• I'm going fishing; where are you going?

23:30

- I have a big son; I have a baby
- I am going to cut down a tree; go away

28:00

- Where are you going; to get a drink
- Kangaroo
- I'm going out hunting (into the bush)
- I killed a kangaroo

32:00

• Meat; ganina, blood-sucker, meat eater

34:30

Explains "Gaipera" or initiation procedures (name the same as the language) which involves young men being sent out into the bush to live off the land, sometimes for 2 or 3

years. Mr Drew says he speaks the same language as Wally Blakeney from Kempsey. See Archive Tape A1015.

38:30

Sentences in Gaipera (Danhgadi) cont.

- Hello, where have you been for so long
- Terminology for relatives
- · Come on now, we are going
- I am going to hit you
- I am going to get out of here

45:20

• Wait a minute

47:20

Some reminiscences by Mr Drew.

49:00

- We are going to have a feed of this
- Rain; big rain

50:00

End of Track A. End of Side 2 of F.T. 16