

BUNDIYARRA HAS BEEN WORKING WITH BADIMAYA TO DEVELOP AN ONLINE 'PORTAL' SO YOU CAN LEARN/ACCESS BADIMAYA LANGUAGE ONLINE. Badimia Elders and
Families have your say
in Mt Magnet @
The Recreational
Centre:
30th of November and
1st of December
9am-5pm

Here are some questions for you...

Questions about Badimia values and culture

- o What things are considered important to you as a Badimia person?
- o Do you want to share any Badimia stories or stories about language?

Questions about Badimia language

- o What does language mean to you?
- o Do you have much knowledge of Badimia language?
- o What do you want to know about Badimia language?
- o What do you think kids need to know about Badimia language?
- o Most of the Badimia language speakers are from Mt Magnet and Dalwallinu.. are there any other language speakers elsewhere that you know of? Who are they?

Questions about Badimia language goals

- o In 2-3 years time, where do you want to see Badimia language?
- o What sort of language resources would you like to see in the future?
- o Would you like to see a Badimia language program taught in local schools?
- o Would you be interested in Badimia language classes?
- o Where do you want to see language being used in the community?

Questions about the language learning portal development

- o What are important things that should be included on the portal site homepage?
- o What sort of features and content should be included to help language learning?
- o What sort of features and content should be included to engage younger learners?
- o What content should be restricted from use?



Badimia Language Learning Online Portal

Background

Badimia language is falling into disuse and is now considered severely endangered. Generations of language loss has had an enormous impact on our Badimia community as whole, including to identity and sense of belonging. Members of our Badimia community have come together and identified the need to continue the work that Gami Ollie George (RIP respectfully) was undertaking on Badimia language documentation (as our last fluent speaker), to enable opportunities for our language to live on through the generations. Our community language team consists of Badimia members from the Latham, Galbraith and Clinch families who are at various levels with Badimia language learning, members of Bundiyarra Irra Wangga Language Centre, Linguist and Dr James Bednall who has extensive training and experience in Badimia. Additional support is also being provided to the team through Curtin University's Centre for Aboriginal Studies and First Languages Australia.

Project Aims

Accessibility to Badimia and to language learning support, still remains an issue faced by many within our community who are wanting to learn or re-learn Badimia. Through a community-led process, our project aims to address community language learning needs by developing an online portal for Badimia language learning. The portal will provide language learners with innovative ways to learn and form sentences in Badimia, dedicated practice to master Badimia grammar, with opportunities also to converse in Badimia with others.

Community Consultations

The portal will be developed drawing from the available resources on Badimia through Bundiyarra Irra Wangga Language Centre and from feedback and input provided from Badimia Elders and their families during consultations. This will also include the creation of new language teaching and learning materials (videos, audios, text etc) to help engage our community of language learners and helping also to weave Badimia cultural elements through the learning modules. We would value your feedback and input with this process.