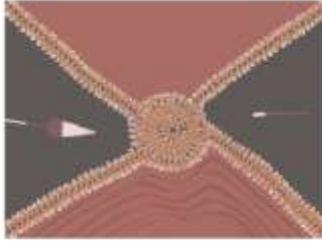


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Project Linguist - Advanced Miriwoong Learners' Guide (AMLG)

Mirima Dawang Woorlab-gerring Language and Culture Centre (MDWg)

About this Role

The AMLG Project Linguist will have two years to further develop and complete a comprehensive learners' guide, in close collaboration with other staff (Miriwoong language teachers, Elders, and linguists). We expect the output to be in printed and digital format.

Milestones and tasks will include the following:

- Assess existing resources and become familiar with the Miriwoong grammar knowledge base
- Develop strategies to communicate linguistic structures to non-linguists
- Design explanatory contents for teaching Miriwoong grammar in simple terms
- Develop user-friendly examples and exercises for all lessons/chapters of the learners' guide
- Record and edit high-quality audio and/or video files relating to all contents

The AMLG Project Linguist reports to senior staff including the CEO and Senior Linguist and works collaboratively with our team of Miriwoong language teachers.

This is a full-time Level 4 position, based in Kununurra (Western Australia). Salary package details will be provided with the application kit.

Background

Miriwoong is a critically endangered language that currently has no fluent speakers. However, semi-fluent and partial speakers have been working with linguists for many years to revitalise Miriwoong through a vibrant and dynamic language revitalisation program, involving about 600 regular learners as of 2026. The first language of these semi-fluent speakers is Kriol.

Over the past decades, a range of language learning resources have been developed to support the delivery of in-person and self-paced lessons managed by Mirima Dawang Woorlab-gerring Language and Culture Centre (MDWg). This includes a dictionary, a range

of books aimed at various learner groups, as well as the development of a comprehensive grammar of Miriwoong (in progress).

In order to support Miriwoong language teachers and other community members interested in acquiring some level of proficiency, we need to render the technical description of Miriwoong grammar into a user-friendly, hands-on learning guide that does not require substantial linguistic knowledge. The goal is to provide a community resource that will allow language learners to improve their language skills in printed and digital format.

A first draft that serves as an introduction to some basic aspects of Miriwoong grammar has already been developed and could form the basis for a comprehensive learners' guide. Following the ground work already laid, we expect the development of the guide to be co-inspired by our Miriwoong language teachers.

Minimum requirements for this Role:

- Fluency in English
- Australian citizenship or permanent residency with full work rights
- A commitment for 2 years of employment in this position to complete the project
- A Western Australian Working with Children Card and National Police Clearance (or willingness to obtain these)
- Genuine understanding of linguistic terms and structures within a descriptive framework.

The complete list of selection criteria will be provided with the application kit upon request.

To apply for this role, please send us a brief expression of interest and request an application kit.

The project formally begins on 1 April 2026 and the successful candidate is expected to commence as soon as possible.

All further details can be found in the detailed application kit; please request this via e-mail to Mr Knut J. Olawsky on ceo@mirima.org.au. Do not submit an application without addressing all selection criteria.