Welcome to / acknowledgement of country (a basic version)

Yaama ngindaay-uu Hello to all of you

Maran ngiyani Gamilaraay winanga-y-la-nha We pay respects to the Gamilaraay ancestors

Dhawun ngiyani Gamilaraay winanga-y-la-nha We pay respects to the Gamilaraay country

Wayamaa ngiyani Gamilaraay winanga-y-la-nha We pay respects to the Gamilaraay Elders

Yaluu maliyaa Goodbye friends

Yaama ngindaay-uu [hello you (3+)-all]

Maran ngiyani Gamilaraay winanga-y-la-nha [ancestors we (3+)Gamilaraay respect-continuous-now]

Dhawun ngiyani Gamilaraay winanga-y-la-nha [land we (3+) Gamilaraay respect-continuous-now]

Wayamaa ngiyani Gamilaraay winanga-y-la-nha [elders we (3+) Gamilaraay respect-continuous-now]

Yaluu maliyaa [Goodbye friends]

Notes

• If you are speaking personally, you change ngiyani (we 3+) to ngaya (I).

• New information goes at the beginning of the sentence, so **maran**, **dhawun**, **wayamaa** go at the start each time.

Yaama Gamilaraay! 2022

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