



Waka Nurrkanhayngu

Regenerating the existence of life working together two-way



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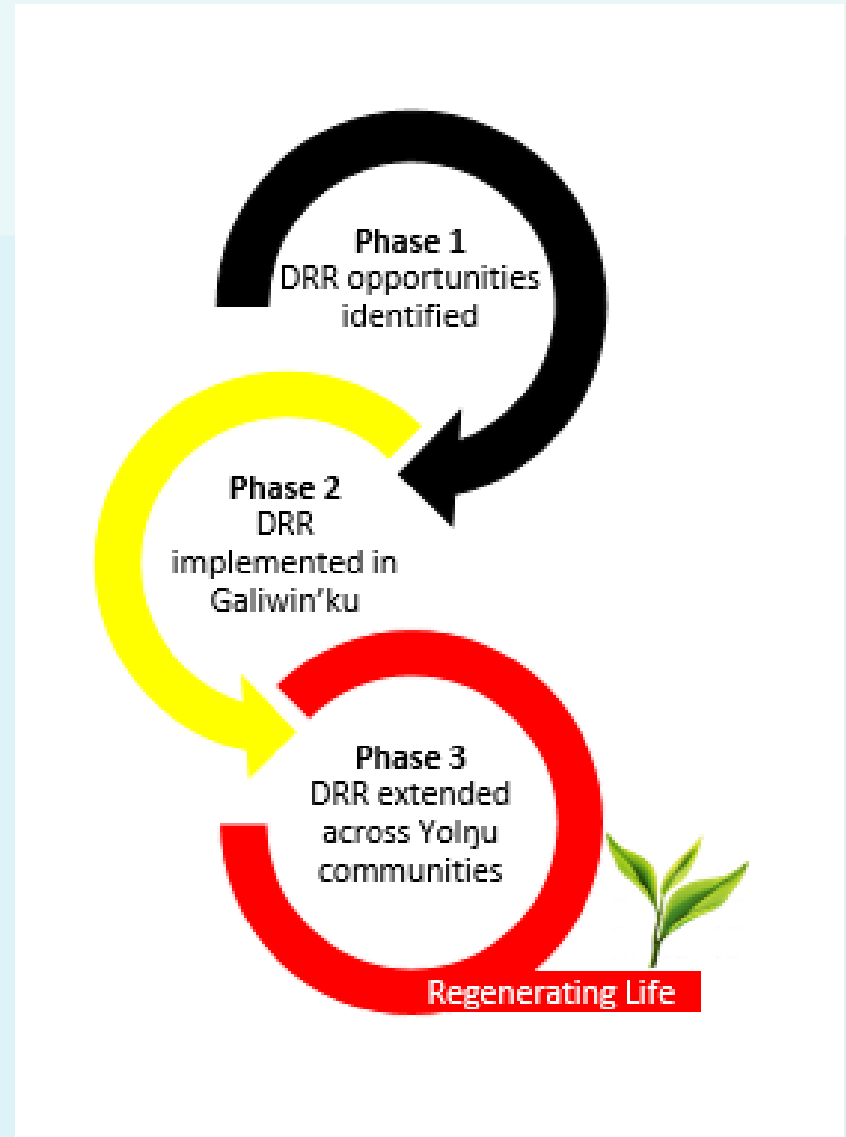


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Aims:

- reviving and strengthening Yolŋu Law, knowledges, culture and governance to heal from and reduce the risk of natural and social disasters,
- (re)building Indigenous capacities that reduce the risk of natural & social disasters,
- contributing to increasing the recognition of the value of Indigenous culture
- activating & bringing out the inner being



<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-12-12/proud-aboriginal-elder-dances-with-granddaughter-at-graduation/7017686?nw=0&r=HtmlFragment>



Indigenist community-based participatory action research with Galiwin'ku
Indigenous & Western researchers & community members working together two-way
building upon long-term relationships
long-term
co-creating & co-implementing
utilizing both Indigenous & relevant Western knowledges
holistic systems approach & transdisciplinary → look at all aspects of life



Galiwin'ku in Arnhem Land





6 Yolŋu Yalu researchers → extensive in-depth Yolŋu knowledges old & new ways

- Senior Elders, Elders & future Elders
- representing both moieties & diverse clans



Western researchers → participating in & observing life in Galiwin'ku & outstation during 2 fieldwork visits this year & more next year

- April - May 23 days → 3 researchers
- August - Sept 15 days → 2 researchers



- in-depth yarning circles & conversations with Yolŋu Yalu researchers throughout
- 32 conversations with Senior Elders, Elders & clan members across all but one of the 16 clans in clan languages and/or English
- mapping governance, kinship, education & songline systems
- collecting selected songlines
- now interpreting & analysing....

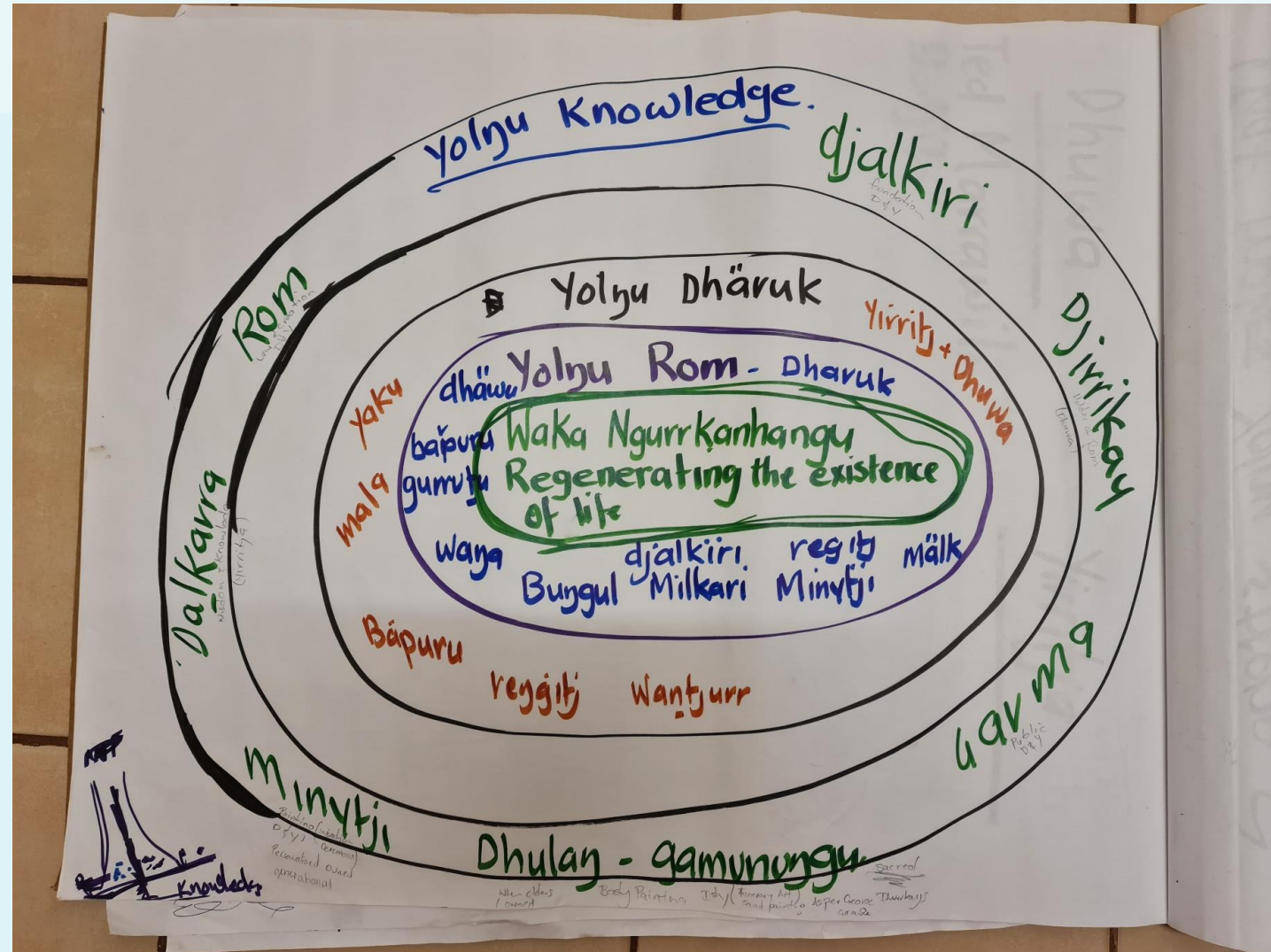


What makes Yolŋu stronger?





At the centre → Yolŋu ROM & Constitution/Governance



- inner being - spirit
- living on our country
 - kinship
 - language
 - culture
 - ceremonies
- healers - physically, spiritually, emotionally
 - exchanging knowledges



What makes Yolngu weaker?





- Balanda working on top of us
- not allowing us to live according to our Yolŋu ROM
 - Balanda not recognizing
 - not working together two-way
 - don't know much about us



Pathways for strengthening Yolŋu?







Thank you!

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