Worksheet for Wiradjuri placenames

A. Consider these placenames:

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 1.   Jerilderie
 2.   Cootamundra
 3.   Gobondery (Tullamore district)
 4.   Coradgery
 5.   Mulyandry (now Mylandra) (Grenfell district)
 6.   Goobothery (Tullibigeal district)
 7.   Bindogundra, Bindogandri
 8.   Narrandera
 9.   Mullion (Creek: Wellington district; Yass district)
10.   Mungery
11.   Bulgandramine
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Mark a vertical line through the word separating a possible ending.

Example: 1. Jeril|derie

B. Match a placename from A (above) with a vocabulary item from the following list.

Wiradjuri	meaning	matches
balgang, barrgan	boomerang	
bindugaany	mussell, shellfish	
dyiriil	bulrush, reed, reed spear	1
garraay	sand, sandhill	
guba, gubang	Cooba, Coobah, Native Willow; hickory tree	
guudhamang	turtle (perhaps striped)	
malyan	eaglehawk	
mayiny	people, person	
muwin	black swampy soil	
ngarran	hungry	
ngarrang, nharrang	frill-necked lizard	

C. Records check

e.g. with http://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/name/search

Example: 1.

Jerilderie 'a reedy place' Henry Withers in Smyth III,219

Jereeldrie 'place of reeds' JFH Mitchell p23 = *SM* 8.4,15

Jerildery from *jee-reel' —ther'ree* 'place of reeds'

C Richards *SM* 5.11,181

D. Spelling equivalents

What letters/sounds are equivalent (count as the same) in making the matches in B (above)?

Example:

letter	can match	as in placename
i	i, e, ie	1. Jerilderie
j	dy	1. Jerilderie

E. extra: Phonotactics

List Wiradjuri sounds which are allowable in various positions in a word:

What are some allowable sounds...

a. at the beginning of a word

b. at the end of a word

c. in clusters of consonants at the beginning or ends of words?

To what extent do these lists apply to positions in any syllable?