Selected Lir glossary

aginas happiness

balo traditional round roofed men's house

balun kale pig consumed during the rarhum feast which marks the

fire roasted vegetables

a bertman a relationship term used between fathers and children

a berpelkan a relationship term used between cross-cousins

a berturuan a relationship term used between friends

balun peketal pig consumed during the rarhum feast which marks the

decoration on the deceased

bior linage: a group descended from a proposed female

ancestor

bual pig

bual tom sacred pigs consumed during rarhum feast

dal wan pourmatrilineal blood lineerkuetwidow strangulationhurkaratthe host(s) of a feast

ihot stony place: refers to smaller islands in the Lihir groupikineitz a feast performed by children to honour their parents

iol nizenis pigs killed during the katkatop feastkanut the corpse or spirit of the deceased

karat the feasting cycle: also signifies the final mortuary ritual

in the feasting sequence

karemiel pigs killed during the katkatop feast

katkatop initial mortuary feast held soon after the death of a person

(also known as pkepke)

katmatanarihri pigs killed during the *katkatop* feast

kienkien feasting stage that marks the preparatory work in the

katkatop and tutunkanut feasts

konkonla ritual canoe used in mortuary ceremonies on the outer

islands of the Lihir group

lambroad or maina leshell moneyliling wehienmaternal nieces

malal cleared centre of a hamlet

The Lihir Destiny

malkok small

matanlaklak Y shaped stile for entering the men's house enclosure mok

taboo placed on a section of beach or reef after the rarhum

feast

traditional pole displaying the skull of a deceased clan mormor

member previously used during the final mortuary feasts

senior maternal uncles motung

dream a ninambal

nunglik maternal nephew

a peketon the image of waves crashing on the shore: used as a

metaphorical concept of change arriving in Lihir

lining up the pigs in front of the men's house during pasuki

major mortuary feasts

piar woven basket

pinari wasier to provide hospitality for guests

Pindik traditional secret society

pkepke initial mortuary feast held soon after a person dies (also

known as *katkatop*)

poas affine, in-law

shelter outside of the men's house enclosure primarily polpol

used by women for cooking, socialising and sleeping

pigs contributed by guests at a feast which also mark puatpes

women's contributions to feasting

pukia a paramount leader

rarhum sacred feast held to commemorate significant clan

members as they approach senior age

mortuary ritual held soon after a person dies (also the rangen

term for mortuary songs)

bride wealth exchange rapar

ravomatanabual ritual payment of pigs with shell money during mortuary

feasts

men's house rihri Rondende afterlife

roriabalo ritual performance on the roof of a balo (round roofed

men's house) during the final mortuary feast

roriahat ritual performance on a constructed stage during the

final mortuary feast

saksak return of *mis* previously received sio respect

tandal spiritual beings that inhabit the landscape

Tanori traditional secret fishing society

tele help given to another that will be reciprocated later tinanakarat a large pig presented during katkatop and tutunkanut

feasts

tohie senior male leader

Triu traditional secret society

tolup traditional ritual seclusion process to prepare young

women for marriage

trias pig jaws tsiretumbawin sub-clan

tumbawin-lam 'big people cluster' (refers to a moiety)tumbawin-malkok 'small people cluster' (refers to a moiety)

tutunkanut final mortuary feast for finishing obligations to the

deceased

wasier guest at a feast or visitor

wehientohie female leader

welot stone fence around the men's house enclosure

yebhi 'putting out the fire' (metaphorical term for cancelling

debt

yel apet siwa thankyou to all of you

zik child, boy, son

ziktohie first-born son recognised as a leader