



Interim finding aid

BOLGER_A01

**Sound recordings collected by
AUDREY BOLGER, 1979-1986**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1979-1986

Extent: 20 audiocassettes (approximately 90 min. each) : analogue, mono.

Production history

These recordings were collected between 1982 and 10 December 1986 by Audrey Bolger during field work at Wangkajunga (Christmjas Creek) and Moola Bulla in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. They record the lifestyle and community activities of women and some men who had recently moved from a traditional life in the desert to reside on pastoral stations. They also document the women's law (Mala) ceremony. The interviewees and performers include Majida (Midgie Thomas), Realla (Nyanga), Dora Kwilla (Jakapa), Molly Mungaya, Jewess James (Milginyan), Mary Nelly, Ruby Long, Violet Jimbadi, Eva Lawford, Myabur (Elsie Thomas), Jimmy James (Wirili), Mayan (Julia Lawford), Mary Jarju, Nellie Jambi, Olive Bieundurry, Bruno Smith, Toby, Dick, Colin Barrett, Jugaja, Yirlpirra, Jugaja, Rosie Nammra, Yangunya, Freda James and Bridget Martindale. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 20 September 2011.

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ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Audrey Bolger. Detailed item descriptions, featuring timing points, are not yet available as the collection has not been auditioned by AIATSIS staff.

This finding aid was amended by Angela Schilling in August 2021.

ITEM LIST

Field recording number	AIATSIS item number	Description Moola Bulla, etc.
Christmas Creek (1979)	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039930	Majida (Midgie Thomas) speaks of moving from Christmas Creek; Realla (Nyanga) speaks of moving to Halls Creek. Christmas Creek, 1979
1	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039931 Side B: BOLGER_A01-039932	Dora Kwilla (Jakapa) and Molly Mungaya speak of moving from the desert to Moola Bulla and then to Christmas Creek, 1982
2	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039933 Side B: BOLGER_A01-039934	Jeannie James speaks of a bush fire, desert life and rain making; interview with Mechanic Bert, Christmas Creek, 1982
2a	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039935	Jeannie James (Yilbara) and Mrs Mary Nelly speak of a bush fire, desert journeys, rain making and snake bite, Christmas Creek, 1982
3	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039936 Side B: BOLGER_A01-039937	Interviews with Ruby Long and Violet Jimbardi, Christmas Creek, 1982
3a	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039938	Violet Jimbardi and Eva Lawford speak desert life, Christmas Creek, 1982
4	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039939 Side B: BOLGER_A01-039940	Myabur (Elsie Thomas) speaks of her childhood, marriage, childbirth, death of her husband and 'Law' journeys to La Grange and Jigalong. Christmas Creek, 1982
5	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039941 Side B: BOLGER_A01-039942	Milginyan (Jewess James) speaks of her childhood and work; interview with Jimmy James (Wirili), Christmas Creek, 1982
6	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039943 Side B: BOLGER_A01-039944	Eva Lawford speaks of her childhood, hunting, Christmas Creek, Geraldton and work. Christmas Creek, 1982
7	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039945 Side B: BOLGER_A01-039946	Milginyan (Jewess James) and Mayan (Julia Lawford) speak of station work; interview with Mary Jarju, Christmas Creek, 1982
8	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039947 Side B: BOLGER_A01-039948	Performance of Worggia ceremony at Christmas Creek, 28 July 1982
9	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039949	Interview with Nellie Jambi, Christmas Creek, 1982
10	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039950 Side B: BOLGER_A01-039951	Interview with Nellie Jambi, translated by Eva Lawford, at Christmas Creek, 1982
11	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039952 Side B: BOLGER_A01-039953	Olive Bieundurry speaks her grandparents, her childhood at Bohemia station, Fitzroy Crossing, marriage, the birth of her daughter, death of her husband and sickness, Christmas

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		Creek, 1982
12	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039954 Side B: BOLGER_A01-039955	Olive Bieundurry speaks of her marriage to JB, Fitzroy Crossing, Nowangerup, Carnarvon, Derby, teaching in Derby, court interpreting and an intervention course at Batchelor. Christmas Creek, 1982
1 Moola Bulla	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039956 Side B: BOLGER_A01-039957	Pincher Long speaks of Halls Creek and the Number 1 Reserve, at Moola Bulla station, 18 March 1982; Bruno Smith speaks of Halls Creek and Moola Bulla. Moola Bulla, 19 March, 1982
2 Moola Bulla	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039958 Side B: BOLGER_A01-039959	Toby and Dick speak of Halls Creek and Moola Bulla at Moola Bulla, 20 March 1982; Colin Barrett speaks of Halls Creek, Number 1 Reserve, and Moola Bulla. Moola Bulla, 17 March 1982
Women' law-Malan 1	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039960 Side B: BOLGER_A01-039961	Women's Law – Malan: Jugaja painting Yirlpirra; Jugaja, Rosie Nammra and Yangunya dancing, 2 November 1985 – RESTRICTED, women only
Women' law-Malan 2	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039962	Women's Law – Malan ceremony performed by Yurlpurria, Mayan, Rosie Namama, Freda Jamon and Bridget Martindale, 3 November 1985 – RESTRICTED, women only
Malan -Women's law	Side A: BOLGER_A01-039963 Side B: BOLGER_A01-039964	Malan – Women's law performed by unidentified performers, 10 December 1986 – RESTRICTED, women only