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MANDERSON_R01

**Sound recordings collected by
Richard Manderson, 22nd July 1989**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1989

Extent: 4 audiocassettes

Production history

These recordings were collected on the 22nd July, 1989 at The Change Agency in Canberra, ACT by Richard Manderson. They contain an audio recording of the workshop conducted by Guboo Ted Thomas, which includes a discussion of his philosophical views, bush tucker and several songs.

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Field Tape 3A is contained under MANDERSON_R01-013120 after Field Tape 4.

This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Richard Manderson and audition sheets prepared by AIATSIS staff. Timing points may be slightly out depending on the technologies and procedures in place at the time the recordings were auditioned.

ITEM LIST

| Archive number | Field recording number | Description |
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| 013117 | Field Tape 1 | Life experiences and philosophy of Guboo Ted Thomas. |
| 013118 | Field Tape 2 | Yuin songs and life experiences and philosophy of Guboo Ted Thomas. |
| 013119 | Field Tape 3 | Yuin dreamtime, sacred sites and life experiences and philosophy of Guboo Ted Thomas. |
| 013120 | Field Tape 4 | Two songs by Guboo Ted Thomas. |
| 013120 | Field Tape 3A | Indigenous culture and two songs by Guboo Ted Thomas and audience. |

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

013117/Field Tape 1

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| Performer/speaker(s): | Guboo Ted Thomas |
| Personal subject(s): | Thomas family, Jimmy Swaggert, David Cann |
| Subject keywords: | Sites - Sacred sites, Environment – Conservation, Law – Indigenous, Camps - Youth and holiday, Family - Grandparents |
| Language/people: | English, Yuin people (S67) (NSW SI56-13) |
| Places: | Braidwood (S NSW SI55-16), Wallaga Lake (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), Canberra (ACT SI55-16), La Perouse (S Sydney NSW SI56-05), Bermagui / Mimosa Rocks (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), Cooma (Monaro, S NSW SJ55-04), Tilba (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), Katoomba (Blue Mountains NSW SI56-05), Arnhem Land (NT), Uluru / Ayers Rock (South Central NT SG52-08) |
| Recording quality: | Good |

| Archive item number | Timing point | Description | Date | Place |
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| MANDERSON _R01-013117 | 00:00:00 | Sacred sites. United Nations work. Environment. Spiritual philosophies. | 22 nd July, 1989 | Canberra, ACT |
| | 00:12:17 | Guboo's overseas work and childhood education. Capital Hill. Indigenous life in the bush. Yuin arranged marriages. | | |
| | 00:22:56 | Chernobyl disaster. Mumbulla Mountain. Trees and erosion. Totems. Guboo's birthplace. The ' <i>wattle</i> ' song. False preachers. | | |
| | 00:37:47 | Meditation. Guboo's Uluru experiences. Spiritual women. Dreaming camps. Overseas views on Indigenous people. Earthly purification. | | |
| | 00:56:27 | Guboo's grandfather, totem and family tree. | | |
| | 00:58:06 | End of Tape 1 and end of 013117. | | |

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| 013118/Field Tape 2 | |
| Performer/speaker(s): | Guboo Ted Thomas |
| Personal subject(s): | Thomas family |
| Subject keywords: | Fishing, Music - Traditional - Non ceremonial, Sites - Sacred sites, Rainbow Serpent – Dreaming, Mining industry, Religion - Dreaming |
| Language/people: | English, Yuin people (S67) (NSW SI56-13) |
| Places: | Wreck Bay (ACT / NSW S Coast SI56-13), Wollongong (NSW S Coast SI56-09), Delegate (S NSW SJ55-04), Goodooga (N NSW SH55-07), Narooma / Wagonga (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), Wallaga Lake (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), Bermagui / Mimoso Rocks (NSW Monkey Mia (Shark Bay, Gascoyne / Murchison WA SG49-08), Wallaga Lake (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), Tilba (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), Lake George (S NSW SI55-12), Jenolan (Blue Mountains NSW SI56-05), Yarrangobilly (SW NSW SI55-15), Cooma (Monaro, S NSW SJ55-04), Nullarbor Plain (SE WA, Far West SA SH51, SH52, SI52), Uluru / Ayers Rock (South Central NT SG52-08) |
| Recording quality: | Good |

| Archive item number | Timing point | Description | Date | Place |
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| MANDERSON _R01-013118 | 00:00:00 | Fisherman work. <i>Krikita</i> and <i>Jackie</i> was a smart young fellow... songs. | 22 nd July, 1989 | Canberra, ACT |
| | 00:12:34 | Guboo's family. Yuin tribe. Narooma. Sacred sites and anthropology work. Dreaming camp. United Nations. Fishing. Talking with dolphins. | | |
| | 00:38:17 | Rainbow Serpent. Mountain water. Mining companies and environmental impact. | | |
| | 00:43:44 | Working together. Meditation. Dreamtime Jesus. | | |
| | 00:57:18 | End of Tape 2 and end of 013118 | | |

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| 013119/Field Tape 3 | | | | |
| Performer/speaker(s): | Guboo Ted Thomas | | | |
| Personal subject(s): | Thomas family, Percy Davis, Denis Matthews, Joe Hooker, Jack Mumbulla, | | | |
| Subject keywords: | Ceremonies – Initiation, Environment – Conservation, Sites - Sacred sites, Stories and motifs - Mythological beings, Religion – Totemism, Rainbow Serpent – Dreaming, Magic and sorcery - Bone pointing, | | | |
| Language/people: | English, Yuin people (S67) (NSW SI56-13), Wik Mungkan people (Y57) (Qld SD54-07), Biripi people (E3) (NSW SH56-14) | | | |
| Places: | Wallaga Lake (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), Wollongong (NSW S Coast SI56-09), Bermagui / Mimosa Rocks (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), Bondi Bay (E Sydney NSW SI56-05), Hawkesbury River area (N Sydney NSW SI56-05), Tilba (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), Durras (NSW S Coast SI56-13), Tathra (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), Eden / Twofold Bay (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-08), Delegate (S NSW SJ55-04), Bombala (S NSW SJ55-04), Merimbula / Pambula (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), New Zealand (NZ), Taree (NSW N Coast SH56-14), Gulf of Carpentaria (SD53, SD54, SE54), Broulee (NSW Far S Coast SI56-13), Eden Valley (SE SA SI54-09), Mystery Bay (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), Barran-guba / Montague Island (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), Blue Mountains (W Sydney NSW SI56-05), Didthul / Pigeon House Mountain (NSW S Coast SI56-13), Milton / Ulladulla (NSW S Coast SI56-13), Bhunduu / Clyde River (NSW S Coast SI56-13), Batemans Bay / Mogo (NSW Far S Coast SI56-13) | | | |
| Recording quality: | Good | | | |
| Archive item number | Timing point | Description | Date | Place |
| MANDERSON_R01-013119 | 00:00:00 | Yuin Dreamtime. Male initiation. Secret men's meetings. | 22 nd July, 1989 | Canberra, ACT |
| | 00:06:33 | Spiritual sites. Prayer and meditation. Rainbow Serpent. Environmental activism. Sacred sites. Indigenous heritage. | | |
| | 00:14:42 | Guboo's house. Wallaga Lake. Etymology of places. Yeti and 'little men.' Sacred rocks and sites. | | |
| | 00:30:15 | <i>'Many faces'</i> and <i>'cathedral'</i> photographs. Logging. New Zealand. Meditation. Shark totem. The Bible and Indigenous Dreamtime. Wedding. | | |
| | 00:41:45 | Canoe. Trees. Bone pointers. Sacred sites. Purification ceremonies. | | |
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Environmental issues. Teaching the culture.

01:03:28 End of Tape 3 and end of 013119

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013120/Field Tape 4 and Field Tape 3A

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| Performer/speaker(s): | Guboo Ted Thomas |
| Personal subject(s): | Wapoo, Bernan Bernan, Grammy |
| Subject keywords: | Initiation – Circumcision, Technology – Stone, Environment – Biodiversity, Food - Bush tucker, Music - Vocal – Solo, Music - Vocal - Group |
| Language/people: | English, Yuin people (S67) (NSW SI56-13) |
| Places: | Bondi Bay (E Sydney NSW SI56-05), Didthul / Pigeon House Mountain (NSW S Coast SI56-13), Jervis Bay (ACT / NSW S Coast SI56-13), Wallaga Lake (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04) |
| Recording quality: | Good |

| Archive item number | Timing point | Description | Date | Place |
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| MANDERSON _R01-013120 | 00:00:00 | Male circumcision. Stone masonry. Natural environment. Indigenous uses for plants. Baha'i faith. | 22 nd July, 1989 | Canberra, ACT |
| | 00:17:34 | Sacred tree. <i>'All that will be, glory for me'</i> song. Guboo's meditation and counselling work. | | |
| | 00:34:44 | <i>'Humming bee'</i> and <i>'On earth, throughout the universe'</i> songs. | | |
| | 00:50:54 | End of Tape 4. | | |
| MANDERSON _R01-013120 | 00:50:57 | First song with clap stick accompaniment. Second song with clap stick accompaniment. Story of an Indigenous woman. | | |
| | 00:54:48 | End of Tape 3A and end of 013120 | | |

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