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ATKINSON_W02

**Sound recordings collected by
Wayne R. Atkinson, 1978-1979**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1978-1979

Extent: 8 sound cassettes (ca. 60 min. each) : analogue, mono.

Production history

These recordings were collected between 15 June 1978 and 25 July 1979 by Dr Wayne Atkinson at Shepparton, Healesville, Melbourne and Framlingham, Victoria. Dr Atkinson was funded by an AIAS grant, the purpose of which was to examine the effects of reserves on the lives and cultures of Victorian Aboriginal people. Interviewees include Violet Harrison, Frank Endycot, Olly McCartney, Joy Murphy, Elizabeth Hoffman, Merle Jackomos, Margaret Tucker, Geraldine Briggs and Mary Clarke of the Yari Yari, Woiwurrung, Daungwurrung, Yorta Yorta and Wemba Wemba people. The collection was deposited at AIATSIS on the 19 September 1979.

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ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

This finding aid was compiled from information contained in documentation provided by Wayne Atkinson and audition sheets prepared by AIATSIS staff.

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ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

Field tape 22

Performer/speaker(s):	Violet Harrison
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, History - Biographies - Indigenous – Autobiographies, Settlement and contacts - Government settlements, reserves, Religions - Christianity - Missions
Language/people:	English, Yari Yari people
Places:	Shepparton / Mooroopna / Rumbalara (N Vic SJ55-01), Healesville / Coranderrk (E Vic Yarra Valley SJ55-06), Bung Yarnda / Lake Tyers (E Vic Gippsland SJ55-07), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01)
Recording quality:	Poor – fair (lots of background noise)
Notes:	Restricted – personal material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W 02-006198	00:00:00	Mrs Harrison talks to Wayne Atkinson about her early life at Coranderrk and Lake Tyers reserves, movement between reserves, and steamers on the Murray River.	17 May 1979	Shepparton, Vic
	00:28:18	End of field tape 22.		

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Field tape 23

Performer/speaker(s):	Frank Endycot
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, Settlement and contacts - Government settlements
Language/people:	English, Woiwurrung / Wurundjeri / Woiwurrung people
Places:	Healesville / Coranderrk (E Vic Yarra Valley SJ55-06)
Recording quality:	Poor – fair
Notes:	Restricted – personal material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W02-006198	00:28:25	Frank Endycot talks to Wayne Atkinson about the history of Coranderrk.	17 May 1979	Healesville, Vic.
	00:46:49	End of ATKINSON_W02-006198.		
ATKINSON_W02-006199	00:00:00	Off-air recording of Frank Endycot talking about the history of Coranderrk on radio 3LO.	1978	
	00:12:55	Frank Endycot talks to Wayne Atkinson about the history of Coranderrk.	17 May 1979	Healesville, Vic
	00:30:35	End of field tape 23.		

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Field tape 24

Performer/speaker(s):	Olly McCartney, Joy Murphy
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, History - Biographies - Indigenous – Autobiographies, Settlement and contacts - Government settlements
Language/people:	English, Woiwurrung / Wurundjeri / Woiwurrung people
Places:	Healesville / Coranderrk (E Vic Yarra Valley SJ55-06)
Recording quality:	Fair – good
Notes:	Restricted – personal material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W 02-006199	00:30:42	Mrs McCartney talks to Wayne Atkinson about her early life at Coranderrk and her feelings of attachment to the place. Joy Murphy also comments.	5 June 1979	Healesville, Vic.
	00:47:19	End of field tape 24.		

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Field tape 25	
Performer/speaker(s):	Elizabeth Hoffman
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, History - Biographies - Indigenous – Autobiographies, Settlement and contacts - Government settlements
Language/people:	English, Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Melbourne (Vic SJ55-05), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Maloga (SW NSW SJ55-01)
Recording quality:	Fair – good
Notes:	Restricted – personal material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W 02-006199	00:47:26	Elizabeth Hoffman talks to Wayne Atkinson about Cummeragunja Reserve, its long-term viability, the Aborigines Advancement League's push to preserve it and early interactions with Coranderrk.	7 June 1979	Melbourne, Vic
	01:02:35	End of archive recording ATKINSON_W02-006199.		
ATKINSON_W 02-006200	00:00:00	Continuation of interview with Elizabeth Hoffman. Her early memories of Cummeragunja, family, living conditions, self-sufficiency, the walkout, and the establishment of the Aborigines Advancement League in Melbourne.		
	00:30:29	End of field tape 25.		

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Field tape 26	
Performer/speaker(s):	Merle Jackomos
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, History - Biographies - Indigenous – Autobiographies, Settlement and contacts - Government settlements
Language/people:	English, Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Melbourne (Vic SJ55-05), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Maloga (SW NSW SJ55-01)
Recording quality:	Fair – good
Notes:	Restricted – personal material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W 02-006200	00:30:35	Merle Jackomos talks to Wayne Atkinson about her early recollections of Cummeragunja Reserve, including being cared for by her grandmother after her mother's death, school, the manager pulling down houses while people were away working, happy times, bans on language and cultural practices, and her grandfather Bagot Morgan who was one of the first people rounded up by Mathews to live on Maloga Mission.	8 June 1979	Melbourne, Vic
	01:01:03	End of ATKINSON_W02-006200.		
ATKINSON_W 02-006201	00:00:00	Continuation of interview with Merle Jackomos. Comments on government intervention stifling community initiatives, such as farming, and the future of Cummeragunja.		
	00:24:58	End of field tape 26.		

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Field tape 27	
Performer/speaker(s):	Margaret Tucker
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, History - Biographies - Indigenous – Autobiographies, Settlement and contacts - Government settlements, Religions - Christianity – Missions, Child welfare - Child / parent separation, Child welfare - Children's homes, Stories and motifs – Ghosts, Food - Bush tucker, Food - Plants
Language/people:	English, Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Melbourne (Vic SJ55-05), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Moonacullah (SW NSW SI55-13), Warangesda / Darlington Point (SW NSW SI55-10)
Recording quality:	Fair – good
Notes:	Restricted – personal material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W 02-006201	00:25:05	Margaret Tucker talks to Wayne Atkinson about mission life, wanting recognition for Aboriginal people's rich cultural inheritance, traditional foods, being sent to Cootamundra Girls' Home, people speaking Yorta Yorta and Wiradjuri on Moonacullah Mission, and self-sufficiency at Cummeragunja.	6 July 1979	Melbourne, Vic
	00:53:57	End of ATKINSON_W02-006201.		
ATKINSON_W 02-006202	00:00:00	Continuation of interview with Margaret Tucker. Further recollections of mission life in NSW, including Warangesda, Moonacullah, Cummeragunja and Cowra. Includes information on traditional foods and medicines, hairy <i>bekas</i> (ghosts), Mrs Tucker's paternal grandmother who was a Wiradjuri woman from the Gundagai area, the tuberculosis problem at Cummeragunja, and discussion about Aboriginal people not been given the opportunity to reap the benefits of their land.		
	00:28:48	End of field tape 28.		

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Field tape 28	
Performer/speaker(s):	Margaret Tucker
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, History - Biographies - Indigenous – Autobiographies, Settlement and contacts - Government settlements, Religions - Christianity – Missions
Language/people:	English, Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Melbourne (Vic SJ55-05), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Moonacullah (SW NSW SI55-13), Warangesda / Darlington Point (SW NSW SI55-10)
Recording quality:	Fair – good
Notes:	Restricted – personal material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W02-006202	00:28:55	Continuation of interview with Margaret Tucker from field tape 27. Recollections about Mr James, an Indian teacher at Cummeragunja who was also well respected for providing medical advice.	6 July 1979	Melbourne, Vic
	00:57:13	End of field tape 28 and end of archive recording ATKINSON_W02-006202.		

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Field tape 29	
Performer/speaker(s):	Geraldine Briggs
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, History - Biographies - Indigenous – Autobiographies, Settlement and contacts - Government settlements, Religions - Christianity – Missions, Race relations - Racism
Language/people:	English, Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people, Wemba Wemba people
Places:	Melbourne (Vic SJ55-05), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Moonacullah (SW NSW SI55-13), Barham (SW NSW SI55-13)
Recording quality:	Poor – fair
Notes:	Restricted – personal material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W 02-006203	00:00:00	Geraldine Briggs talks to Wayne Atkinson about living on Moonacullah and Cummeragunja reserves, racism in Barham, working as a domestic, community spirit at Cummeragunja, and Jack Patton.	17 July 1979	Melbourne, Vic
	00:51:54	End of field tape 29 and end of archive recording ATKINSON_W02-006203.		

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Field tape 30

Performer/speaker(s):	Mary Clarke
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, History - Biographies - Indigenous – Autobiographies, Settlement and contacts - Government settlements
Language/people:	English, Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Framlingham / Purnim (W Vic SJ54-11), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01)
Recording quality:	Poor – fair
Notes:	Restricted – personal material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W 02-006204	00:00:00	Mary Clarke talks to Wayne Atkinson about her experiences at Cummeragunja and Framlingham reserves, kidney fat removal, and her family link to Truganini through Granny Kitty Briggs.	25 July 1979	Framlingham, Vic
	00:37:40	End of field tape 30 and end of collection ATKINSON_W02.		

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