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TITLE	Kalkadoon Cultural Revival Festival Camera Tape 4 : Kalkadoon Elders Picnic Day Interviews 2
ACCESSION NUMBER	V09456_7
COLLECTION NAME	ATSIC_0001
DEPOSITOR	Department of Social Services
PRODUCTION YEAR	1984
CREDITS (if applicable)	Produced by Hugh Kirk and Roy Tatten
PERFORMERS/SPEAKERS	George Thorpe, May Taylor
PLACE	Battle Mountain (Qld Far NW SF54-02)
LANGUAGE/GROUP	Kalkatungu / Kalkadoon people (G13) (Qld SF54-02) Waanyi people (G23) (Qld SE54-09)
SERIES (if applicable)	
REPRODUCTION NOTES	1 video file (MP4) : sound, colour
ORIGINAL VERSION	1 videocassette (UmaticS): sound, colour
TOTAL DURATION	9 min., 46 sec.
GRANT NUMBER (if applicable)	
NOTES	

WARNING: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are warned that this material may contain images and voices of deceased persons.

Brief abstract: Interviews with George Thorpe and May Taylor, Kalkadoon Tribal Elders, recorded on a picnic day for the Elders 'on country' at Painted Rocks and Sun Rock; significant sites in Kalkadoon country near Mount Isa, on Thursday 18th October 1984. The Elder's picnic day is part of Kalkadoon Tribal Council's week long Cultural Revival Festival, to mark the Centenary of Battle Mountain Massacre. Good footage, important people and significant interviews.

Important timing points:

00:00	No AIATSIS slate information
00:00	Shot of female Kalkadoon Elder May Taylor.
00:10	Interview continues from V09456_6 with Kalkadoon Elder George Thorpe. He speaks of the grave of an old miner named Peter Fleetwood, where he died in an old gold gully that runs into the river about 8 miles up from Lake Julius. Fleetwood perished from dehydration on the return trip from Cloncurry for rations. He tells the story of another grave where the old original Camooweal Road crossed the Leichhardt River that he saw while driving bullocks in 1916, which belonged to a lady who died there when she was kicked by a horse.
03:40	The interviewer asks about Battle Mountain, and May Taylor responds. She says she was told by her Kalkatunga friend, Mrs Sherwood, that the Kalkadoons fought at Battle Mountain because the police were taking the Kalkadoon women. The Kalkadoon men fought against the non-Indigenous men.

04:40	Interview continues with George Thorpe. He speaks about a man named Prosser, whose father was married to a Kalkadoon, named Flo Condon, the only daughter and younger sister to Bert the eldest and Darcy. Prosser who went away with Joe Atkinson who used to bring the buck jumping show up to Cloncurry. He speaks about being a horseman all his life and mustering cattle at the waterhole where they now sit, when he was a kid.
05:50	Interview continues with May Taylor. She speaks about having lived on horses and lived in tents. She says they were both born on Chatsworth Station, as was her grandmother, all born on Mort River. Interviewer asks if one day she would like to see Aboriginal people own their own property. She responds quietly "My bloody word I would. We all worked on Chatsworth, even my father."
06:40	Interview continues with George Thorpe. He says they have only had education since they took them off the stations and sent them to Palm Island. He has never had a day of schooling in his life. May Taylor states she grew up on Chatsworth station and schooled her father's younger children, from his second marriage, there herself once she was married.
08:12	Vision without sound of the group taking lunch among painted rocks.
09:22	Shot of rock paintings
09:46	End of recording.