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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

**Date:** 1990

**Extent:** 10 x 60 minute audio cassettes: analogue, mono + scanned cassette covers and supplementary documents.

### Production history

This collection was recorded by Connie Bush as the recipient of an AIATSIS research grant, and was deposited with AIATSIS on 30 January 1991. It includes recordings of Ruth Vincent; Charlotte; Betsy; Colleen Mamarika; Dianna Newham; Mary Tumarrukuringka; Barbara Yantarrnga; Elizabeth (Debbie) Yantarrnga; Tapinkunga Yantarrnga; Barbra Yantarrnga; Taigruluwa Jarakba; Mary Makaringka Olawiya; Lugapaburra; Timmimbaringa Wurrawilya; Didjidi Wurrawagwa; Wakaba Bara; Timmimbaringa Wurrawilya; Joy Sadowiya; Harry Yankirringa; Clancy Maminamunja; Robert Awagula; Phillip Wurrawilya; Frederick Bara; Jack Wurrawilya; Numbudjajaja Amagula; Isaac Amagula; Moses Mamarika; Patrick Bara; Nungarralee Wurrawilya. The recordings were made at Umbakumba and Alyangula on Groote Eylandt, and Darwin, Northern Territory.

## RELATED MATERIAL

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## ITEM LIST

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
<a href="#">025849</a>	90/1, side a	Interview with Ruth Vincent and Connie, at Darwin, N.T.
<a href="#">025850</a>	90/1, side b	Interview with Ruth Vincent and Connie, at Darwin, N.T.
<a href="#">025851</a>	90/2, side a	Interview with Ruth Vincent and Connie, at Darwin, N.T.
<a href="#">025852</a>	90/2, side b	Interview with Ruth Vincent and Connie, at Darwin, N.T.
<a href="#">025853</a>	90/3, side a	Interview with Ruth Vincent and Connie, at Darwin, N.T.
<a href="#">025854</a>	90/3, side b	Interview with Ruth Vincent and Connie, at Darwin, N.T. <b>CONTAINS SENSITIVE MATERIAL</b>
<a href="#">025855</a>	90/4, side a	Interview with Betsy, Colleen Mamarika, Mary Tumarrukuringa, Tapinkunga Yantarrnga, Barbra Yantarrnga and Taigruluwa Jarakba, at Umbakumba, N.T.
<a href="#">025856</a>	90/4, side b	Interview with Mary Makaringka Olawiya, Tapinkunga Yantarrnga, Lugapaburra at Umbakumba, N.T.
<a href="#">025857</a>	90/5, side a	Interview with Mary Makaringka Olawiya at Umbakumba, N.T.
<a href="#">025858</a>	90/5, side b	Interview with Mary Makaringka Olawiya at Umbakumba, N.T.
<a href="#">025859</a>	90/6, side a	Interview with Mary Makaringka Olawiya (?), Didjidi Wurragwagwa, Wakaba Bara, and Timmimbaringa Wurrawilya at Umbakumba, N.T.
<a href="#">025860</a>	90/6, side b	Interview with Didjidi Wurragwagwa, Wakaba Bara, and Timmimbaringa Wurrawilya, at Alyangula, N.T.
<a href="#">025861</a>	90/7, side a	Interview with Didjidi Wurragwagwa at Alyangula, N.T.
<a href="#">025862</a>	90/7, side b	Interview with Didjidi Wurragwagwa at Alyangula, N.T.
<a href="#">025863</a>	90/8, side a	Interview with Joy Sadowiya (spelling?) and several unidentified women at Yumbukwa, N.T.
<a href="#">025864</a>	90/9, side a	Interview with Harry Yankirringa, Clancy Maminamunja, Robert Awagula, Phillip Wurrawilya, Frederick Bara, and Jack Wurrawilya at Umbakumba, N.T.
<a href="#">025865</a>	90/9, side b	Interview with Clancy Maminamunja at Umbakumba, N.T.
<a href="#">025866</a>	90/10, side a	Interview with Numbudjajaja Amagula, Phillip Wurrawilya and other unidentified men at Umbakumba, N.T.

## ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

**025849/ Side a, 90/1**

Performer/speaker(s):	Ruth Vincent, Charlotte (?)
Personal subject(s):	Harriet Campbell, Tom Campbell
Subject keywords:	Social organisation - Kinship - Kinship terms; Food - Bush tucker; Religions - Christianity - Missionaries
Language/people:	English, Anindilyakwa (N151)
Places:	Darwin (NT Top End SD52-04); Brunette Downs (North NT Barkly Tablelands SE53-11)
Recording quality:	Poor - Fair

Timing point	Description
	<u>Interview with <b>Ruth Vincent</b> and <b>Charlotte</b> at Darwin, N.T., recorded on 23 August 1990.</u>
00:00:06	Archive announcement.
00:00:19	Charlotte introduces herself. She talks about with living with the Dempsey family (aka Ray family). She mentions her grandmother 'Kihyama', and talks about her mother's country at Brunette (Burnette?) Downs. She informs the collector that Anthony Lagoon is her dreaming place. Mention of Borroloola, N.T. She mentions Topsy, Lena, and Alice Humes. Charlotte talks about kinship terms.
00:05:08	Unknown noise.
00:05:40	Charlotte talks about Harriet and Tom Campbell. She also says that Barkly Tableland women were 'very good horsewomen'. Mention of Tanumbarini where they moved to and had their children; Duncan, Alec, Katie, Emma, Betty. Billy Bickman (?). Mention of Alice Springs and Darwin. She mentions Paul Campbell.
00:09:05	Interviewer asks Charlotte about her time on the station. Mention of Charles Andrew Dempsey and of living at the police station. She recalls the times when the head stockmen and the drovers came at Christmas time.
00:10:35	Charlotte talks about being introduced to different foods and of the traditional foods that she grew up eating. She talks about the seasonal hunting & gathering.
00:13:30	Charlotte gives a language term for sugarbag/wild honey. Tells of living at a police station. Talking also about the <i>Wadeye?</i> ( <i>Yanyula?</i> ) dance meetings and the type of ornaments. Mention of Eileen and Kevin Dempsey.
00:18:08	Charlotte speaks of the mission opening in 1908 and Charlotte went there in 1913. Mention of Dr Cook and Dr Gilruth (spelling)? who would collect the children and take them to the home. Mention of her mother being with her when this happened. Mention of John Forrest, John Els (Hills?) and Captain Rawson.
00:20:40	Charlotte talks about being on a boat and the cargo haul to the mission. Different foods were scarce. Tape stops. Mention of Reverend and Mrs Warren and their children; Billy, Josephine, Betty, and David. Mention of Dr David Warren , the first non-Indigenous person born on Groote Eylandt. Dr Warren invented an important communication device/blackbox(?).
00:24:35	Charlotte talks about the children's dormitories, and notes that the mothers were living separately. Charlotte talks about her traditional skills with gathering foods. She mentions her school days.

00:32:16	End of Side a, 90/1 and end of 025849.
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025850/ Side b, 90/1

Performer/speaker(s):	Ruth Vincent, Charlotte (?)
Subject keywords:	Language - Personal names; Religion – Dreaming; Gender relations - Marriage
Language/people:	English, Anindilyakwa (N151)
Places:	Darwin (NT Top End SD52-04), Ngukurr (NT Top End Roper SD53-10)
Recording quality:	Fair

Timing point	Description
	<u>Interview with <b>Ruth Vincent</b> and <b>Charlotte</b> at Darwin, N.T., recorded on 23 August 1990</u>
00:00:06	Archive announcement.
00:00:16	Charlotte mentions a word for ‘clay’ in her language. She also talks about hunting methods and sorcery. She speaks of her knowledge of certain skin names. Charlotte tells of her shark dreaming being similar to the European zodiac.
00:07:08	Charlotte talks about family members of previous generations that she knows about as well as the skins name and the marriage systems.
00:10:47	The interviewer asks Charlotte to talk about the animals that belong to the different dreaming totems. Charlotte and the interviewer discuss the difference between Dreaming and the Dreamtime.
00:15:30	Mention of Agnes and Beatrice, and the place known as Ngukurr near Yarrowarra. Mention of the rain and being covered with paperbark for blankets. She ran away when she was young and was taken later to Roper Bar police station. Mention of a policeman, Mr Lovegrove. She notes that her uncle was a police tracker.
00:20:16	Charlotte talks about being betrothed. Mention of Minimir (spelling?) who raised her, and Barnabus (spelling?). Also talks about practices during childbirth to determine the father. She also discusses the limitations placed on individuals of mixed heritage in regards to whom they could marry, and requirements placed upon men who wanted to marry. She recalls prospecting for gold with her husband. They made some money in 1934 before going to Katherine, NT.
00:32:16	End of Side b, 90/1 and end of 025850.

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## 025851/ Side a, 90/2

Performer/speaker(s):	Ruth Vincent, Charlotte (?)
Subject keywords:	Health - Infectious diseases – Influenza; Government policy – Assimilation; Religions - Christianity – Missions; Food - Bush tucker
Language/people:	English, Anindilyakwa (N151)
Places:	Darwin (NT Top End SD52-04), Roper River (NT Top End SD53-09, SD53-10, SD53-11), Groote Eylandt (NT Gulf Islands SD53-07, SD53-08)
Recording quality:	Good

Timing point	Description
	<u>Interview with <b>Ruth Vincent</b> and <b>Charlotte</b> at Darwin, N.T., recorded on 27 August 1990.</u>
00:00:06	Archive announcement.
00:00:20	Charlotte begins by announcing that the following story is about the Roper. A plane is heard flying over. She came there in 1913 prior to the war. Mention of England and King George.
00:02:35	Charlotte talks about what happened following the war. She mentions Kaiser Farquardt, and recalls hearing the firecrackers. She remembers the flu epidemic affecting the Aboriginal people, and speaks of the traditional ceremonies.
00:05:10	Charlotte talks about their missionary, Reverend Warren. She mentions a cyclone and the flooding which affected the people at Roper River. She talks about assimilation attempts and of the Groote Eylandt home. She makes mention of the skipper of the boat, Yoram (spelling?), a Torres Strait Island man.
00:10:24	Charlotte discusses teaching her traditional skills to others. She also talks about living on the mission and the different teachings for boys and girls. She mentions the book 'Uncle Tom's Cabin'.
00:15:45	Charlotte talks about making fishing rope, and speaks of different types of fish. She mentions birthday celebrations. She speaks of enemies coming from Blue Mud Bay, and Calladen Bay. Mention of Darwin.
00:19:08	Mention of Mr Atherton, the police officer, and the music played in the evening. Charlotte recalls looking after the goats. She remembers a cyclone coming every year.
00:21:59	Charlotte talks about a water lily (and bulb) and gives the name of the different coloured seeds for damper. She talks about the meats and fruit available during the wet season. She observes that the dry season had different foods.
00:26:30	Charlotte talks about the 'sugarbag' put in a coolamon. She discusses showing the girls and the missionaries how to live off the land, including preparing food and constructing canoes. She recalls that the girls went fishing on Wednesdays. She mentions Yanyuwa as a place for gathering eggs, oysters, and fish. Charlotte talks about swimming near crocodiles and sharks.
00:32:16	End of Side a, 90/2 and end of 025851.

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025852/ Side b, 90/2

Performer/speaker(s):	Ruth Vincent, Charlotte (?)
Personal subject(s):	Tom Williams
Subject keywords:	Weapons; Occupations - Pastoral industry workers - Drovers / Stockmen;
Language/people:	English, Anindilyakwa (N151)
Places:	Darwin (NT Top End SD52-04), Mataranka (NT Top End Upper Roper SD53-09), Katherine (NT Top End SD53-09), Roper Valley (NT SD53-10)
Recording quality:	Fair

Timing point	Description
	<u>Interview with <b>Charlotte</b> and <b>Ruth Vincent</b> at Darwin, N.T., recorded on 27 August 1990.</u>
00:00:06	Archive announcement.
00:00:22	Charlotte continues talking about the enemies who lived on the mainland. She provides a word in language for the English word 'cannibal'. She talks about the different weapons and the materials from which they were made.
00:04:10	Charlotte talks about when Mr Wright (spelling?) comes. She talks about Mr Cobb and Mr Atherton, and Mr and Mrs Ted Lowe. Mention of Mataranka, Borroloola and Yanyula (spelling?). Mention of Mr Smith flying in a moth plane. Mention of Elsie Station. A plane can be heard flying over.
00:11:30	Charlotte talks about working with the Lowes in Mataranka. She recalls travelling to Adelaide to see the Dempseys. She speaks of marrying Tom Williams, a head stockman from Alice Springs and recollects travelling 10-30 miles a day with him.
00:15:05	Charlotte talks about methods for obtaining clean water used while droving cattle. She talks about travelling to Katherine to have her first baby in a schoolhouse, as there was no hospital. She discusses different means for making money.
00:21:01	Charlotte mentions Ferguson River. Mention of Paddy Reid, an Irish man. She recalls giving birth to her second child at Katherine. She discusses Tom Williams and his different jobs and wages. She mentions Dalhousie and Mount Dare, Blood's Creek. Mention of Mr Chisolm/Chisel? and Mr Holt at Roper Valley. Mention of Winton, and Djarra (spelling?). Charlotte recalls going to live at Roper in 1939-1940. She talks of living apart from her family during the war and being assisted by the army.
00:32:16	End of Side b, 90/2 and end of 025852.

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**025853/ Side a, 90/3**

Performer/speaker(s):	Ruth Vincent, Charlotte (?)
Subject keywords:	Defence - Armed forces – Army; Employment; Food - Bush tucker; Employment - Labour market – Women
Language/people:	English
Places:	Darwin (NT Top End SD52-04)
Recording quality:	Fair

<b>Timing point</b>	<b>Description</b>
	<u>Interview with <b>Charlotte and Ruth Vincent</b>, at Darwin, N.T., recorded on 12 September 1990.</u>
00:00:06	Archive announcement.
00:00:22	Charlotte continues talking about the army who checked the Palm Springs property at which she worked. She talks about catching the measles and being quarantined in Alice Springs. She was earning money for ironing.
00:03:40	Charlotte talks about her third child being born in 1944 and mentions her daughters Betty and Kathy. She recalls when her son was thrown from a horse, and of him later becoming a mechanic. Tape stops.
00:07:49	Charlotte talks about Mr Sharpe from Ngalakan, who was arrested at Roper River but later pardoned for saving a policeman's life in flood waters. Tape stops.
00:10:40	Charlotte talks about working with her husband at various places, including Pine Creek, Ferguson River, Nhulunbuy, Leeuwin Springs and Umbewarra. Charlotte discusses several ways to catch traditional foods.
00:19:25	Charlotte explains the preparation undertaken for cooking a kangaroo. Charlotte recalls leasing a tin mine, and later working in Darwin. Charlotte discusses teaching housekeeping to young women.
00:32:16	End of Side a, 90/3 and end of 025853.

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025854/ Side b, 90/3

Performer/speaker(s):	Ruth Vincent, Charlotte (?)
Personal subject(s):	Jack Gill, Tom Williams
Subject keywords:	Employment - Labour market – Women; Health - Physiology and diseases; Environment - Climate and weather - Storms - Cyclones
Language/people:	English, Anindilyakwa (N151)
Places:	Darwin (NT Top End SD52-04), Mataranka (NT Top End Upper Roper SD53-09), Kewulyi / Roper Valley (NT SD53-10)
Recording quality:	Fair

Timing point	Description
	<u>Interview with <b>Charlotte and Ruth Vincent</b>, at Darwin, N.T., recorded on 12 September 1990.</u>
00:00:06	Archive announcement.
00:00:19	Charlotte continues the conversation from the previous archive recording (025853) discussing training young women in housekeeping and notes that payment was given in tobacco. She also talks about mustering.
00:04:04	Charlotte recalls the domestic duties of the Aboriginal workers who were involved in preparing morning and afternoon tea. She mentions the leasing of Mataranka homestead in 1937. Later, she went to Roper Valley to train young women in housekeeping.
00:10:18	Charlotte talks about obtaining fabric and sewing clothes. She remembers how they moved in 1940 to a homestead near Alice Springs. She remembers getting sick in 1943 and being placed in quarantine for six weeks. A plane can be heard flying overhead.
00:14:38	Charlotte talks about working at Bell Station in 1938 for Jack Gill. She recalls a dream. Charlotte discusses going on holiday, then giving birth to her third son, Wally in 1944. She mentions the station owners, the Turner brothers. Mention of Tennant Creek. <b>SENSITIVE CONTENT from 00:18:00.</b> Mention of Tom Williams' family from Alice Springs/Altunga and near Oodnadatta.
00:21:09	Charlotte speaks of working at the hospital, and the journey to Darwin to have her daughter in 1949. She discusses her self-employment, and her family in Darwin. She recalls the consequences and aftermath of Cyclone Tracy in 1974.
00:25:38	Pause.
00:25:44	Charlotte continues to speak of Cyclone Tracy, and the aftermath.
00:32:16	End of Side b, 90/3 and end of 025854.

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## 025855/ Side a, 90/4

Performer/speaker(s):	Betsy Tjarapa(?), Colleen Mamarika, Mary Tumarrukuringa, Tapinkunga Yantarrnga, Barbra Yantarrnga, Taigruluwa Jarakba
Subject keywords:	Settlement and contacts - Macassans and Indonesians; Gathering - Bush tucker; Religions - Christianity – Missions
Language/people:	English, Anindilyakwa (N151)
Places:	Umbakumba (Groote Eylandt NT Gulf Islands SD53-08), Groote Eylandt (NT Gulf Islands SD53-07, SD53-08), Kewulyi / Roper Valley (NT SD53-10)
Recording quality:	Fair

Timing point	Description
	<u>Interview with <b>Betsy, Colleen Mamarika, Mary Tumarrukuringa, Tapinkunga Yantarrnga, Barbra Yantarrnga, and Taigruluwa Jarakba</b> at Umbakumba, North Groote Eylandt, N.T., recorded on 13 November 1990.</u>
00:00:06	Archive announcement.
00:00:19	Colleen introduces Betsy Tjarapa (?), and states that her Aboriginal name is Tungalua, and her clan name is Tjarapa(?). The interviewer asks what she remembers about the Macassans.
00:01:09	Betsy Tjarapa replies, recalling the Macassans collecting trepang. A young child is talking in the background. Betsy speaks of her grandfather hunting and of a feast. Mention of 'Makmaynja' and Calubmaynja, and Callender Bay.
00:03:42	Betsy speaks of the Macassans bringing the tamarind trees, which can be found throughout Groote Eylandt. She notes that they also shared food and tobacco with the local people.
00:05:30	Betsy remembers gathering food with the older ladies, and playing with other children. The interviewer asks whether the Macassans had wives on Groote Eylandt.
00:07:25	Betsy talks about where the Macassans stayed. She also mentions the Qantas airbase.
00:09:05	The interviewer introduces the questions that Colleen will be asking Betsy about the old mission at Roper. English interpretation.
00:10:19	The interviewer asks Betsy whether the language on Groote Eylandt is Anindilyakwa or Ingurra. The interviewer confirms with Colleen where Ingurra originated.
00:14:01	Pause.
00:14:08	The interviewer introduces Colleen's next question. Betsy says she has 5 children, 1 boy and 4 girls. Betsy recalls her reaction to aeroplanes and big ships. Betsy remembers her teachers at school, Mr Fred Grey and his wife.
00:16:33	Betsy is encouraged to speak of anything that she remembers. She talks about the Greys arriving to spread the gospel.
00:18:15	Betsy remembers hunting for various foods including yams, sugarbag, crabs and other items.
00:18:47	Betsy remembers the war and the stories told by her grandfather. Betsy remembers the quiet life, and explains that times are now bad for the lives of Aboriginal people. Betsy remembers the gathering of foods.
00:21:15	Tape off/on.
00:21:19	<u>Interview with <b>Mary Mamarika</b>, 13 November 1990.</u>
00:21:37	Mary speaks through an interpreter. She recalls the Macassans coming to collect trepang, and the item exchange between them and the local people.

00:25:05	Barbara asks Mary about the traditional bush tucker on Groote Eylandt. Oysters, crabs, fish, yams, sugarbag and burrawongs are mentioned. Barbara and Mary explain how to prepare the burrawong nut, which is used to make damper.
00:27:54	Barbara speaks of Mary's children – including 4 daughters and 3 sons. Mention of Terry, Polly, Eileen, Rose and Billy. She notes their clan name is Mamarika (?). Barbara asks Mary to remember when non-Indigenous people came to Groote Eylandt during the missionary times. Mary notes that she was one of the first children to go to school during this time.
00:32:10	End of Side a, 90/4 and end of 025855.

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025856/ Side b, 90/4

Performer/speaker(s):	Mary Makaringka Olawiya, Tapinkunga Yantarrnga, Lugapaburra
Subject keywords:	Religions - Christianity – Missionaries; Food - Bush tucker;
Language/people:	English, Anindilyakwa (N151)
Places:	Umbakumba (Groote Eylandt NT Gulf Islands SD53-08)
Recording quality:	Fair

Timing point	Description
	<u>Interview with <b>Mary Makaringka Olawiya</b> at Umbakumba, North Groote Eylandt, N.T., recorded on 2 November 1990.</u>
00:00:06	Archive announcement.
00:00:20	Colleen asks Mary how long she attended school. Colleen speaks of her own grandfather's family. Mary gives an example of how a fight may start between different groups.
00:03:30	Barbara asks Mary about the time when the missionaries came. Mary tells a story about a crocodile and a mother with her baby, and bush medicine made for the injured baby.
00:08:50	Barbara asks Mary about her feelings regarding the Groote Eylandt missionaries arriving with their medicines. Mary is asked about 'boom boom' – the mermaids at 8 Mile Beach.
00:13:27	<u>Interview with <b>Tapinkunga Yantarrnga</b> at Umbakumba, North Groote Eylandt, recorded on 20 November, 1990</u>
00:13:46	Introduction of Tapinkunga and a brief story about her. Including her children.
00:14:14	Tapinkunga speaks in her language, and is translated by an interpreter. She recalls moving around when she was a young girl, but always coming back to Umbakumba.
00:24:15	Tapinkunga discusses different fruit and sugarbag.
00:25:25	<u>Interviewer notes the date as 21 November 1990.</u>
00:25:31	The interpreter introduces a speaker by her clan name Antarrngna (spelling?) but does not mention her name. Conversation continues in language, and she tells a story about the white shells that she collected, which is translated into English.
00:28:10	<u>Interviewer notes the date as 24 November 1990 and introduces <b>Lugapaburra</b>.</u> She notes that she was born in Talimba Bay.
00:32:03	End of Side b, 90/4 and end of 025856.

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025857/ Side a, 90/5

Performer/speaker(s):	Mary Makaringka Olawiya
Personal subject(s):	Alec Burraburra
Subject keywords:	Education – Schools; Religions - Christianity – Missionaries; Death - Mortuary / funeral ceremonies; Food - Bush tucker
Language/people:	English, Anindilyakwa (N151)
Places:	Umbakumba (Groote Eylandt NT Gulf Islands SD53-08)
Recording quality:	Fair

Timing point	Description
	<u>Interview with <b>Mary Makaringa Olawiya</b> Umbakumba, North Groote Eylandt, N.T., recorded on 24 November 1990.</u>
00:00:06	Archive announcement.
00:00:20	Continuing from previous archive recording (025857). Mary speaks of her father making items. She discusses turtle, fish and turtle eggs. Food is brought for the children. General conversation ensues.
00:04:55	Mary speaks of the school dormitory, and learning to speak English. She remembers Mr Gray and Edward, Horace Mayer, Thomas Mayer. Mary recalls seeing the aeroplane.
00:09:15	Mary recalls the missionaries taking over running of the dormitory.
00:10:30	The interviewer recounts a story about Alec Burraburra, the speaker's husband. The speaker and her husband had eight children.
00:14:30	Mary discusses the times when dances occurred.
00:15:30	The interviewer translates a story about traditional funeral practises, and further details of this are discussed.
00:18:10	A story is told by Mary about the earlier times, and is partly translated. The collector asks a question about the days involving funerary practises.
00:32:12	End of Side a, 90/5 and end of 025857.

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**025858/ Side b, 90/5**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mary Makaringka Olawiya
Subject keywords:	Literature and stories - Story telling and story tellers; Religions - Christianity – Missionaries
Language/people:	English, Anindilyakwa (N151)
Places:	Umbakumba (Groote Eylandt NT Gulf Islands SD53-08)
Recording quality:	Fair

<b>Timing point</b>	<b>Description</b>
	<u>Interview with <b>Mary Makaringka Olawiya</b> Umbakumba, North Groote Eylandt, N.T., recorded on 24 November 1990.</u>
00:00:06	Archive announcement.
00:00:26	Connie prompts Mary to tell a narrative about a person, in her own language. A dog barks at the beginning of the story.
00:03:12	Mary speaks of being frightened the first time she saw a doctor.
00:04:05	Mary is prompted to tell a story in her own language. Other unidentified speakers are in the background. The English word ‘Sunday’ is mentioned. The story continues.
00:14:56	Connie speaks of Mr Gray and the missionaries who took over. Mary names the missionaries - Fred Gray, Mr Ardler, Mr Robertson, Mr Bingham, Mr Morrow. She tells a story in language and the interviewer encourages Mary to continue talking about the missionaries. A motorbike is heard in the background.
00:24:53	Mary continues talking about ‘number 1 doctor’. Mary and Connie discuss issues in the community in English. A story is told in language.
00:29:53	Connie’s research colleague asks about the frequency of turtle eggs in the area. Mary responds in her language with assistance from Connie.
00:32:12	End of Side a, 90/5 and end of 025858.

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## 025859/ Side a, 90/6

Performer/speaker(s):	Mary Makaringka Olawiya (?), Didjidi Wurragwagwa, Wakaba Bara, Timmimbaringa Wurrawilya
Subject keywords:	Religions - Christianity – Missionaries; Food - Bush tucker; Gathering - Bush tucker;
Language/people:	English, Anindilyakwa (N151)
Places:	Umbakumba (Groote Eylandt NT Gulf Islands SD53-08) , Angurugu (Groote Eylandt NT Gulf Islands SD53-07), Milyakburra / Bickerton Island (NT Gulf Islands SD53-07)
Recording quality:	Fair

Timing point	Description
	<u>Interview with <b>Mary Makaringka Olawiya (?), Didjidi Wurragwagwa, Wakaba Bara, and Timmimbaringa Wurrawilya</b> at Umbakumba, North Groote Eylandt, N.T., recorded on 24 November 1990.</u>
00:00:06	Archive announcement.
00:00:18	An unidentified female speaker is asked to go back a little bit, repeat some of her story.
00:00:27	She tells a story in language about the missionaries. Other people are heard talking in the background. The speaker mentions the words ‘school’, ‘missionary’ ‘sewing’, and ‘washing’ in English, and she continues on with her story.
00:03:40	<u>Interview with <b>Didjidi Wurragwagwa</b> at Alyangula, Groote Eylandt, N.T., recorded on 28 November 1990.</u>
00:03:47	Didjidi introduces herself. She speaks about her grandfather’s country - Angurugu, Balumba, and Bickerton Island. She discusses the foods eaten, including oyster, turtle egg, mussel, yam, and fish. She describes how the adults would collect the foods, while the children played. She speaks of a large nut from the pandanus <i>migara</i> and of the women catching fresh water turtles.
00:07:27	Didjidi recalls the men making a woomera, fishing spear, canoe <i>malamooga</i> , and a harpoon. She mentions other marine foods including shark, turtle and dugong as well as mussels. She discusses cooking the mussels prior to eating them at Anguru.
00:10:32	Connie plays a recording for Didjidi, who is discussing the story. She talks about collecting the nuts in the coolamon, and of preparing and cooking a <i>burrawong</i> . She speaks of making shade while everyone waited for the food. She recalls children collecting the shells, and sugarbag, which was also collected.
00:16:48	Didjidi speaks of a mother and daughter collecting water, while the men go hunting on other islands. She discusses food further.
00:22:43	Didjidi tells a story in her language about two men. A woomera and a spear are mentioned in a story.
00:27:01	Didjidi translates a story about the Aboriginal people near the airbase at Umbakumba, who were frightened and hid in the bush away from the <i>balanda</i> , non-Indigenous men.
00:30:00	A recording of a female speaker is played, and translated. It is explained that it is a story about the roasting of food, including wild potato and wild yam.

00:32:22	End of Side a, 90/6 and end of 025859.
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025860/ Side b, 90/6

Performer/speaker(s):	Didjidi Wurragwagwa, Wakaba Bara, Timmimbaringa Wurrawilya
Subject keywords:	Food - Bush tucker; Animals - Reptiles - Turtles / Tortoise; Religions - Christianity – Missionaries
Language/people:	English, Anindilyakwa (N151)
Places:	Alyangula (Groote Eylandt NT Gulf Islands SD53-07)
Recording quality:	Fair

Timing point	Description
	<u>Interview with <b>Didjidi Wurragwagwa, Wakaba Bara, and Timmimbaringa Wurrawilya</b>, at Alyangula, Groote Eylandt, N.T., recorded on 28 November 1990.</u>
00:00:06	Archive announcement.
00:00:21	Interviewer asks about foods. The unidentified speaker talks about yam, <i>mungunarra</i> (spelling?) and sugarbag, as well as mentioning another food which can cause blindness. She describes <i>burrawong</i> , and beneficial foods, which grow in abundance.
00:04:33	The unidentified speaker discusses how to treat the burrawong nut prior to eating it. The interviewer provides a description of its use in damper.
00:07:53	Discussion of the uses of the ‘cheeky yam’. The interviewer encourages the unidentified speaker, but is difficult to hear.
00:09:28	The speaker discusses special gatherings to remember loved ones who have passed and notes that <i>burrawong</i> is shared at the gathering.
00:12:01	A story is told about several brothers going to the beach for turtle, and the speaker talks of family connections to the turtle. The use of sugarbag is discussed.
00:18:23	An unidentified speaker discusses the missionaries, including Mr Morrow, who lived in a long house. Discussion of the aeroplane, which used to land nearby.
00:21:05	The unidentified speaker discusses Mr Grace and his wife. Further discussion of the seaplane, and of a large ship nearby at Umbakumba.
00:26:30	The unidentified speaker recalls the missionaries teachings, and of people attending church and learning how to read.
00:32:22	End of Side b, 90/6 and end of 025860.

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025861/ Side a, 90/7

Performer/speaker(s):	Didjidi Wurragwagwa
Personal subject(s):	Fred Gray
Subject keywords:	Religions - Christianity – Missionaries; Indigenous knowledge - Health and medicine; Family - Parents
Language/people:	English, Anindilyakwa (N151)
Places:	Alyangula (Groote Eylandt NT Gulf Islands SD53-07), Umbakumba (Groote Eylandt NT Gulf Islands SD53-08), Milyakburra / Bickerton Island (NT Gulf Islands SD53-07)
Recording quality:	Fair

Timing point	Description
	<u>Interview with <b>Didjidi Wurragwagwa</b> at Alyangula, Groote Eylandt, N.T., recorded on 29 November 1990.</u>
00:00:06	Archive announcement.
00:00:19	Didjidi continues speaking of the missionaries and their purposes for visiting. She also recalls the doctor who was born in the bush.
00:05:12	Mention of Umbakumba and some of the practices that were not allowed there. She speaks of the 'strong mothers'.
00:11:03	Discussion of collecting turtle eggs. Further discussion of the missionaries and their shop at Umbakumba, as well as their teaching activities. Mention of Mr and Mrs Fred Gray.
00:19:22	The collector states the date as 29 November 1990 and proceeds to speak of Mr Fred Gray who set up the mission in the 1930s, as well as the airbase. Brief discussion of Mrs Gray, who taught the children.
00:21:30	Didjidi is encouraged to speak of her parents' different Indigenous heritage. She notes that her father comes from Roper River.
00:22:34	Didjidi tells a story of people who came over in a canoe, which ends tragically
00:22:53	Connie Bush introduces herself and notes that the incident in the story happened between Bickerton Island and Connection Island, near Groote Eylandt. A story is then told about a jellyfish sting.
00:29:51	The collector notes that the mud under the mangrove trees was helpful for the sting. Discussion of bush medicine, including mention of the <i>burrawong</i> .
00:32:22	End of Side a, 90/7 and end of 025861.

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025862/ Side b, 90/7

Performer/speaker(s):	Didjidi Wurragwagwa
Subject keywords:	Food - Bush tucker; Animals - Reptiles - Turtles / Tortoise; Religions - Christianity – Missionaries
Language/people:	English, Anindilyakwa (N151)
Places:	Alyangula (Groote Eylandt NT Gulf Islands SD53-07)
Recording quality:	Fair

Timing point	Description
	<u>Interview with <b>Didjidi Wurragwagwa</b> at Alyangula, Groote Eylandt, N.T., recorded on 29-30 November 1990.</u>
00:00:00	Archive announcement.
00:00:15	Didjidi discusses how to prepare burrawong nuts to make them edible.
00:02:18	Didjidi discusses a fruit known as <i>Matiratira</i> (spelling?) which looks like a large red chilli and grows on a tree. She notes it is a food source.
00:07:36	Didjidi recalls people going fishing, and cooking the fish over the fire. She also mentions dugong and greenback turtle as a food source.
00:09:02	Didjidi speaks of women making coolamons and bringing back food that had been gathered. She notes that the men did the fishing.
00:12:43	Didjidi remembers a lady who took her to the dormitory. She briefly discusses dormitory life for the boys and girls there, and mentions the school.
00:16:08	Tape off/on.
00:16:10	<u>Interviewer announces the date as 30 November 1990.</u>
00:16:18	Didjidi speaks of when she went to the mission, and in which order. She also speaks of learning the English language and attending school.
00:22:39	Didjidi recalls the coming of the war, and the Indigenous people of mixed heritage leaving the area. She speaks of the soldiers that arrived. She mentions her husband Charlie and his six other wives, but does not mention their names. She recalls life with her husband and his other wives.
00:25:52	The interviewer summarises Didjidi's comments, and notes that she made mention of Mr Harris arriving from Oenpelli, and his reaction to the polyamory he encountered amongst the Indigenous population. Didjidi mentions the role of skin groups in arranging marriage.
00:26:55	Didjidi mentions the names of her children – Alice, Norma, Esther, Grace, Jonathan, Steven.
00:27:54	Didjidi speaks of the old days, and how alcohol has damaged the community. She compares life in the past with life now, and mentions the problems in the community, such as fighting and drinking.
00:30:33	End of Side b, 90/7 and end of 025862.

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025863/ Side a, 90/8

Performer/speaker(s):	Joy Sadowiya, unidentified Yumbukwa women
Subject keywords:	Food - Bush tucker; Religions - Christianity – Missions; Gender relations – Marriage;
Language/people:	English, Anindilyakwa (N151)
Places:	Groote Eylandt (NT Gulf Islands SD53-07, SD53-08)
Recording quality:	Fair

Timing point	Description
	<u>Interview with <b>Joy Sadowiya</b> (spelling?) and several unidentified women at Yumbukwa, N.T., recorded on 3 December 1990.</u>
00:00:06	Archive announcement.
00:00:15	Joy Sadowiya (spelling?) introduces herself. She mentions her Aboriginal name, Mankyara Wuduwiya?/Wurrawilya?(spelling?). She speaks of her childhood and the foods her family ate. She mentions the words in language for yam, bush tucker and billabong. She speaks of hunting for food in a canoe, and mentions fish, crabs, turtle eggs, dugong and other bush tucker.
00:05:50	An unidentified female speaks in language.
00:07:57	Another unidentified female discusses living at the mission. She also lived at the dormitory as a child, and recalls telling her parents that she was going to run away. She mentions that Connie Bush (the collector) was a school teacher.
00:10:30	An unidentified female speaker talks in language. She speaks of her childhood on another country, and of living with her parents. She speaks of different foods and of getting married. Each part of her story is translated by a local interpreter.
00:17:36	An unidentified female speaker talks about living on her country. She is married with 9 children. She discusses her husband's traditional marriage arrangements.
00:20:00	A story is told in language.
00:20:53	The story is read aloud by a female translator working with Connie, who has transcribed the story about a man who was wrestling with a crocodile.
00:21:22	Joy recalls the people who were working together when they were younger, but notes that they were frightened because they were living away. She mentions that her husband worked at the airport.
00:23:37	An unidentified female continues telling a story about a canoe in her language. This story continues on the next archive recording.
00:32:22	End of Side a, 90/8 and end of 025863.

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025864/ Side b, 90/9

Performer/speaker(s):	Harry Yankirrnga, Clancy Maminamunja, Robert Awagula, Phillip Wurrawilya, Frederick Bara, Jack Wurrawilya
Personal subject(s):	Fred Gray
Subject keywords:	Social organisation – Clans; Language - Personal names; Religions - Christianity – Missionaries
Language/people:	English, Anindilyakwa (N151)
Places:	Umbakumba (Groote Eylandt NT Gulf Islands SD53-08)
Recording quality:	Fair

Timing point	Description
	<u>Interview with Harry Yankirrnga, Clancy Maminamunja, Robert Awagula, Phillip Wurrawilya, Frederick Bara, and Jack Wurrawilya at Umbakumba, N.T., recorded on 19 November 1990.</u>
00:00:06	Archive announcement.
00:00:15	A male speaker (Harry?) talks of his retirement. A television is heard in the background. Mention of Kenbi? and Yirrkala. Several male speakers are talking about a particular place. Classical music can be heard in the background.
00:04:03	A male speaker discusses the Mamarika clan and the arrangements for Fred Gray. He mentions a Christmas present.
00:04:55	Clancy Maminamunja, tells a story about a shark. Two interviewers comment on parts of the story.
00:07:10	A second unidentified speaker is collects details about skin names. Many names belong to the same tribe as the Mamarika tribe. Mention is also made of other groups near Roper River.
00:13:22	A story is told of a local Indigenous man who lives in the caves. The collector then tells another story about a man at Talimba Bay, which includes details pertaining to a turtle egg, and two men fighting.
00:17:25	Clancy and the interviewer recall a story about Old Robert and Rita. Several stories are told about the people of Umbakumba.
00:20:40	The interviewer tells a story about a missionary and Mr Hart. The interviewer and Clancy discuss several mysterious events. The interviewer tells another story briefly about some people who were shipwrecked in a dingy, but were eventually rescued. General conversation ensues.
00:32:22	End of Side a, track 90/8 and end of 025864.

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**025865/ Side a, 90/10**

Performer/speaker(s):	Clancy Maminamunja
Subject keywords:	Animals - Reptiles – Crocodiles; Animals - Reptiles - Lizards / Goannas
Language/people:	English, Anindilyakwa (N151)
Places:	Umbakumba (Groote Eylandt NT Gulf Islands SD53-08)
Recording quality:	Fair

<b>Timing point</b>	<b>Description</b>
	<u>Interview with <b>Clancy Maminamunja</b> at Umbakumba, N.T., recorded on 19 November 1990.</u>
00:00:06	Archive announcement.
00:00:19	Clancy continues a traditional story about a blue tongue lizard and a crocodile, who argued following the making of a fire near water.
00:06:03	The interviewer asks Clancy for the terms in language for ‘crocodile’ and ‘blue tongue’. Clancy explains that the blue tongue lizard and the crocodile no longer fight because they now live in different places.
00:06:40	End of Side b, 90/9 and end of 025865.

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**025866/ Side b, 90/10**

Performer/speaker(s):	Numbudjajaja Amagula, Phillip Wurrawilya
Personal subject(s):	Fred Gray
Subject keywords:	Animals – Fish; Stories and motifs – Sharks; Music - Instruments - Wind – Didjeridu; Music - Instruments - Percussion - Clapsticks
Language/people:	English, Anindilyakwa (N151)
Places:	Umbakumba (Groote Eylandt NT Gulf Islands SD53-08)
Recording quality:	Fair

Timing point	Description
	<u>Interview with Numbudjajaja Amagula, Phillip Wurrawilya and other unidentified men at Umbakumba, N.T., recorded on 21 November 1990.</u>
00:00:06	Archive announcement.
00:00:15	Several unidentified males speak with the interviewer about an area near an air base, known as Inmurra (spelling?). A 4wd vehicle attempting to start several times can be heard in the background. Mention of 'Four Mile' place, and the disappearance of the fish that used to be there. Discussion of Fred Gray trapping and catching fish.
00:02:49	A creation story is told about the dreaming place for two types for shark. Tape stops briefly.
00:6:43	Singing, accompanied by didgeridoo and clap sticks. Something is said in language, just before the final didgeridoo and clapsticks.
00:08:11	End of Side a, 90/10 and end of 025866.

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