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MS 2405

**Research material collected from oral and written sources relating
to Cummeroogunga [Cummeragunga], NSW and Coranderrk, Vic.
Aboriginal reserves**

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COLLECTION SUMMARY

- Creator:** Atkinson, Wayne R.
- Title:** Research material collected from oral and written sources relating to Cummeroogunga [Cummeragunga], NSW and Coranderrk, Vic. Aboriginal reserves.
- Collection no:** MS 2405
- Date range:** 1978-1980
- Extent:** 1 box (0.175m)
- Repository:** Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

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For example:

Oral history: transcriptions of taped interviews with Victorian Aborigines regarding the history of Cummeroogunga and Coranderrk, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, MS 2405, Series 1, Folder 1.

COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Scope and contents note

This collection includes one box of research material collected from oral and written sources by Wayne R. Atkinson relating to two Aboriginal reserves; Cummeragunja, NSW and Coranderrk, Vic between 1978-1980.

The material includes holographic¹ and typescript resources, notes and bibliographies relating to the reserves. It also includes transcripts of oral histories of Victorian Aboriginal people being interviewed about their experiences and knowledge of Aboriginal reserves in Cummeragunja, NSW and Coranderrk, Vic.

Provenance

Wayne Atkinson was awarded an AIAS research grant in 1978 to collect material relating to the Aboriginal reserves in Cummeragunja, NSW and Coranderrk, Vic.

Material separated from the collection

No material has been separated from the collection.

Related material

The oral histories of the Aboriginal reserves in Cummeragunja, NSW and Coranderrk, Vic recorded by Wayne Atkinson referred to in this collection are held by AIATSIS.

They include:

- 1) ATKINSON_W01 (A006182-A006197), Oral history of Cummeragunja Mission, 21 audiocassettes (approximately 60 min. each), Access: Restricted - personal material
- 2) ATKINSON_W02 (A006198-A006204), Oral histories of mission life in Victoria and New South Wales, 8 audiocassettes (approximately 60 min. each), Access: Restricted - personal material
- 3) ATKINSON_W03 (A006205-A006214), History of Cummeragunja, 10 sound tape reels (approximately 60 minutes each), Access: Restricted - personal material.
- 4) ATKINSON_W04 (A008257-A008259), History of Cummeragunja, 3 sound tape reels (approximately 60 minutes each), Access: Restricted - personal material.
- 5) ATKINSON_W05 (A009846-A009849), History of Cummeragunja, 4 audiocassettes (approximately 60 minutes each), Access: Restricted - personal material.

For a complete list of works by Atkinson, Wayne R., held by the Library, and for other related material consult Mura®, the AIATSIS catalogue.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dr Wayne Atkinson is an elder of the Yorta Yorta-Dja Dja Wurrung Indigenous Nations of the Murray-Goulburn and Central Victoria region. Dr Atkinson has worked in Indigenous Affairs, specialising in research, writing, teaching Indigenous studies, and in land and heritage reform. Dr Atkinson has worked on Yorta Yorta land and heritage matters and was a

¹ A holograph is a manuscript written by the person named as its author.

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principle claimant in the Yorta Yorta Native Title Claim (1994-2002). He was responsible for researching and preparing the previous claim for the Barmah Forest in 1984. This claim was made before the Mabo decision in 1992 and formed the basis of the Yorta Yorta v State of Victoria and Ors (1994-2002).

Dr Atkinson completed his academic studies with LaTrobe University and was selected as Indigenous scholar of the year in 1996. His studies in the disciplines of Archaeology, History, Politics, Legal Studies, and Human Rights, were used to complete a PhD on the Yorta Yorta Struggle for Land Justice in 2000.

Dr Atkinson has been recognised as a Senior Fellow at the University of Melbourne. He continues to teach Indigenous Studies at the University in the School of Social and Political Science and at many other education institutions in Australia and overseas.

In 2017, Wayne was awarded the University of Melbourne Tucker Award for Teaching Excellence, Scholarship and Contribution to Indigenous Education.

Reference: <https://waynera.wordpress.com/profile-dr-wayne-atkinson-yorta-yorta/>

SERIES DESCRIPTION

MS 2405/1 Series 1, Research material collected from oral and written sources relating to Cummeroogunga [Cummeragunga], NSW and Coranderrk, Vic. Aboriginal reserves

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| MS 2405/1/1 | Background material relating to the history and policy of Cummeragunja NSW and Coranderrk Vic. 102 pp. of holograph material. |
| MS 2405/1/2 | References, resources and bibliographies relating to the history and policy of Cummeragunja ,NSW and Coranderrk, Vic. 54 pp. of holograph, mimeo and photocopied material. |
| MS 2405/1/3 | Written history, precontact history, contact history, spreading out process, Aboriginal resistance, government intervention, Aboriginal institutions, background history of Cummeroogunga, background history of Coranderrk, relations between Cummeroogunga and Coranderrk, newspaper cuttings, references. 257 pp. of typescript and holograph material. |
| MS 2405/1/4 | Oral history: transcriptions of taped interviews with Victorian Aborigines regarding the history of Cummeroogunga and Coranderrk.

a) Nos. 1-21, 1978, [161] 1. 161 pp. of holograph material.
b) Typescript copies. 88 pp. of typescript material.
c) Nos. 23-30, 1979, 133 pp. of holograph material.
d) Nos. 31-36, 1980, 110 pp. of holograph and photocopied material. |

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- e) Nos. 37-42, 1980, 93pp. of holograph and photocopied material.

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