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Bible Society in Australia

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Bible translation files

1942-2001

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COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator: Bible Society in Australia

Title: Bible Society in Australia. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Bible translation files.

Collection no: MS 5027

Date Range: 1942 to 2001

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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Scope and content note

The collection contains the project files of the Director of the Bible Society in Australia and related papers ranging from 1942 to 2001.
Provenance
The collection was deposited in the AIATSIS Library by John Harris on 17 March 2005.

Material separated from collection
No material has been separated from the collection

Related Material
For a complete list of works by the Bible Society in Australia held by the Library, and for other related material consult Mura®, the AIATSIS catalogue.

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Archivists note
After consultation with John Harris, it was decided to list the files in alphabetical order.

The folder titles have been taken from the files created by the Bible Society in Australia, Translation and text division. They were created on 01/01/2000.

All the files have the following information on the label: ‘Unclassified Projects – Languages, the Bible Society in Australia. Owner: Translation and Test Division, Created 01/01/2000’

In 2001 the papers were sorted and organised into the current files.

AIATSIS Subject headings, place names and languages

Subject headings:

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Bible Society in Australia (Preferred for this collection)
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**Place names:**

Amata N-W Reserve via Alice Springs  [Amata / Tjungutu Uwankaraaku (SA Central Australia SG52-12)]

Angurugu (Groote Eylandt)  [Angurugu (Groote Eylandt NT Gulf Islands SD53-07)]
Arukun (QLD)  [Aurukun (Qld NW Cape York SD54-07)]

Angurugu (via Darwin) (Anindilyakwa)  [Angurugu (Groote Eylandt NT Gulf Islands SD53-07)]

Balgo Mission (via Derby WA) Wirrimanu Community (Gugadja)  [Balgo / Wirrimanu (Central WA Tanami Desert SF52-02)]

Cundeelee Mission WA  [Cundeelee (SE WA SH51-11)]

Edward River Nth Qld. (Thaayorre)  [Pormpuraaw / Edward River (Qld NW Cape York SD54-11)]

Elcho Island  [Elcho Island (East Arnhem Land NT SC53-15, SD53-03)]

Ernabella Mission via Alice Springs (Pitjantjatjara)  [Pukatja / Ernabella (SA Central Australia SG53-09)]

Finke River Mission. Hermannsburg (NT Western Arrarnta)  [Finke River (South Central NT SF53-13, SG53-01, SG53-06)]

Fitzroy Crossing WA (Kitja)  [Fitzroy Crossing (WA West Kimberley SE51-12)]
Galiwinku (NT) Elcho Island (Djambarrpuyungu) (Galpu) [Galiwinku (Elcho Island East Arnhem Land NT SD53-03)]

Goulburn Island NT (Methodist Mission) (Maung) [Goulburn Islands (West Arnhem Land NT SC53-13)]

Hooker Creek / Lajamanu (NT) [Lajamanu / Hooker Creek (Central NT SE52-08, SE52-12)]

Indulkana Reserve Alice Springs [Iwantja / Indulkana / Granite Downs (SA Central Australia SG53-09)]

Kunmunya (North of Derby WA) Worora language [Kunmunya (WA West Kimberley SE51-07)]

Lockhart River via Iron Range QLD. (Koko-Yao) [Lockhart River (Qld NE Cape York SD54-04)]

Maningrida (Burarra) [Maningrida (Central Arnhem Land NT SD53-02)]

Milingimbi NT (Gupapuyngu) [Milingimbi (Central Arnhem Land NT SD53-02)]

Murray Island (Miriam) [Mer / Murray Island (Qld TSI SC55-05)]

Ngukurr – Roper River NT. (Bamyili Creole) (Kriol) [Ngukurr (NT Top End Roper SD53-10)]

Nhulunbuy NT (Gumatj) [Nhulunbuy / Gove (East Arnhem Land NT SD53-04)]

Nguiu, Bathurst Island (Tiwi) [Wurrumiyanga / Nguiu (Bathurst Island NT SC52-16)]

Oenpelli Mission NT (Kunwinjku /Gunwinggu) [Gunbalanyu / Oenpelli (West Arnhem Land NT SD53-01)]

Papunya Settlement via Alice Springs (Pintupi/Luritja) [Papunya (South Central NT SF52-16)]

Parnngurr Community, Sth Hedland WA ; Jigalong Community, Newman WA. (Martu Wangka) [Parnngur (Great Sandy Desert WA SF51-10)]

Port Keats Catholic Mission (Murrinh-Patha) [Wadeye / Port Keats (Daly River NT Top End SD52-11)]
Ramingining Via Darwin (Djinang) [Ramingining (Central Arnhem Land SD53-02)]

Roper River Mission (Nunggbuyu) [Roper River (NT Top End SD53-09, SD53-10, SD53-11)]

Santa Teresa Mission (NT Eastern Arrernte) [Ltyentye Apurte / Santa Teresa / Little Flower Mission (South Central NT SG53-02)]

Tennant Creek (Alyawarr) [Tennant Creek (Central NT SE53-14)]

Thursday Island (Mabuiag) and Thursday Island - Quetta Cathedral (Torres Strait Creole) [Waiben / Thursday Island (Qld TSI SC54-11)]

United Aborigines Mission Ooldea Station SA (Ngalia) [Ooldea (Far West SA SH52-12)]

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**BACKGROUND NOTE**

The British and Foreign Bible Society

The British and Foreign Bible Society dates back to 1804 when a group of Christians sought to address the problem of a lack of affordable Bibles in Welsh for Welsh-speaking Christians.

A meeting - held on 7 December 1802 in London - laid the foundation for the formation of the British and Foreign Bible Society the following year. The Society was launched on 7 March 1804. From the early days, the Society sought to be ecumenical and non-sectarian. The Bible Society extended its work to England, India, Europe and beyond. Auxiliary branches were set up all over the world. These later became Bible Societies in their own right, and today operate in co-operation as part of the United Bible Societies.

The Bible Society in Australia.

In 1807, the Bible Society began its work in New South Wales. Since then, other Bible Societies were established in Tasmania (1832), Victoria (1840), South Australia (1840’s), Queensland (1855) and Western Australia (1884).

In 1924 the London secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Rev Dr. JH Ritson, M.A., was instrumental in establishing a Commonwealth Centre for Australia wide administration. The inaugural meeting of the Commonwealth Council took place on 5th March, 1925 in Sydney. The formation of the Commonwealth Council was the beginning of an Australian association within the Bible Society movement. This was incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory. This also enabled the Bible Society in Australia to join with the United Bible Societies internationally.

Amalgamation

Until 2010 there were six Bible Societies in Australia and a national operation for publishing owned by those six Bible Societies. They had considered amalgamation as early as 1926 and had attempted to do so on three previous occasions.
In 2010, these State Bible Society entities agreed in principle that for the better and more efficient work of their societies, they commence negotiations to join together into a national entity. The national entity would operate as a single national body. It was mandated to achieve the vision, and carry on the mission, of encouraging or propagating the spread and development of the Christian faith through the widest possible effective and meaningful circulation of the Bible, and helping people interact with the Word of God.

It was agreed to call the national body, Bible Society Australia, and a Memorandum of Understanding was executed by all State Bible Societies in September/October 2010.

The proposal required all state societies to obtain their board and member approvals, which occurred during 2010, and then seek approval from the regulators.

Dr Greg Clarke was appointed CEO of the new parent entity Bible Society Australia on 8 October 2010.

The regulators gave their consent in December 2010 to take effect from 4 January 2011 and the task of restructuring the operations commenced from 4 January 2011.

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References


Owen, John. 1766-1822. The history of the origin and first ten years of the British and Foreign Bible Society. (available online at https://ia802707.us.archive.org/5/items/historyoforiginf01owen/historyoforiginf01owen.pdf)

B. Morris, Bible Society Australia – Restructure, (personal communication, September 22, 2015)
SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series 1 Project Files

The papers include correspondence, newsletters, reports, and proofs for publication relating to the translation of Christian Bible scriptures into Aboriginal languages. They were produced by the Director of Translation, Rev. Dr. John Harris, translation teams, consultants, expert reviewers, publishers and printers.


Papers relating to the Alyawarr translation of the Bible, including correspondence with John Harris, David Blackman, Carl Gross and David Moore, including:

- David Blackman to John Harris re: Alyawarr information and the number of Alyawarr speakers, 14 Feb 1997.


Papers and correspondence relating to Anindilyakwa translation of the Bible. Correspondents include: Julie Waddy, Dorothy Tunbridge, Rosemary Kennemore, Barbara Hyett, Violet Wong, Carl Gross, Stephen Downey, Warwick Atkinson, Peter Carroll, Richard Appleby, Polly Chong and John Harris. Other papers include:

- facsimile and related correspondence relating to a Glossary of some Anindilyakwa Aboriginal and English words for the mini Bible


- correspondence with Milly Mamarika, Mabuda Mamarika, Agnes Mamarika, Eddie Mamarika, Dayiba Maminyamanja and Sylvia Durrilla (the Umbakumba translation team) to John Harris Nov 1995.

Correspondence with Neil Broad (Summer Institute of Linguistics), Margaret Lawton, Carl Gross, and John Harris including:

- facsimile from Neil and Marion Broad (SIL) to John Harris, which names the translators: Sammy Turner, Jane Davis, Elaine Gorey and Anna Cavenagh.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the New Testament into the Aranda language. Correspondents include: A Taylor, RA Hickin, CL Pederick, JC Pfitzner (in charge of the language and literacy work for the Lutheran Finke River Mission at the time), E Fry, CJ Cook, Alfred F Majewicz, P Albrecht (about a request for an Aranda New Testament to be sent to him in Japan), B Arvidson, Leo McVeigh (Santa Teresa Mission), Bev Burke, AB Cox, R Kennemore, G Stoll, Norm Mundhenk, Hans Oberscheit, Anton Herb of the German Bible Society and Basil Rebera. Other papers include:


- An account of the Aranda Bible presentation ceremony held on 3 Dec 1956 at the Adelaide Town Hall. Two Indigenous representatives received the Aranda New Testament, Konrad, a teacher and evangelist, and Manasse, a stockman. The dignitaries present included: Sir Herbert Mayo (President of the Bible Society in South Australia) and Mr. TH Elder (Commonwealth Chairman). The speakers included Pastor FW Albrecht (pioneer missionary and builder of the Hermannsburg Mission) and a translator, Mr. TH Strethlow [Strehlow]. A brief outline of their speeches is included.

- An order of Service for the presentation of the Aranda hymnal, by the Finke River Mission Board of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Australia, at St Stephen’s Lutheran Church Adelaide, Sunday 14 Feb 1965.


Includes the first proof of the Awabakal / RSV (Revised Standard Version) Diglot for proof reading, including an Awabakal – English lexicon.

Includes the second proof of the Awabakal / RSV (Revised Standard Version) Diglot for proof reading, including an Awabakal – English lexicon.


Includes the third proof of the Awabakal / RSV (Revised Standard Version) Diglot for proof reading, including an Awabakal – English lexicon, and an extra eight pages with corrections, and a letter from the heads of churches in the Newcastle region, Rev John Wakefield, Secretary, to John Harris, inviting him to the presentation service of the Awabakal Gospel of Luke to Aboriginal and community leaders, which occurred on Sunday 14 Dec 1997.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the New Testament into Burarra. Correspondents include: Euan Fry (Translations Consultant Canberra), Dave and Kathy Glasgow, David Hargrave, Rosemary Kennemore, Raymond Banjiji, Bill Langlands, Chris Pfeiffer, Christine (Chris) Kilham, Basil Rebera, Ken Shaw, Mary Skidmore, Barbara Hyett, Frieda Nieuwenhuis, John Fletcher and Brenda Hess. Other papers include:

- notes on discussion with Kathy Glasgow in Darwin on 7 Sept 1974 and notes about a visit to Maningrida on 10 Sep 1974
- draft leaflet on John 8: 2-11 in Burarra
- blurb for ‘Burarra – what the bible tells us’, indicating that there are 400 Burarra speaking people in the Maningrida area of the NT
- correspondence with Kees Uitewaal, Ross G Paul, D Glasgow and Euan Fry regarding copyright permission to use the Kees de Kort illustrations, 10 May 1983
- samples of Philippians in Burarra
- samples of Burarra New Testament and a commentary sheet.

Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Djambarrpuyngu. Correspondents include: John Rudden, Euan Fry, Dianne Buchanan, Rosemary Kennemore, Charles J Cook, Ragnar Thorsteinsson, Laurie Edwards, David Djalangi, Chris Kilham, Djiniyini Gondarra, Margaret Brockway and Basil Rebera. Other papers include:

- ‘Relationship between clans and between the linguistic groupings of clans’ and clan populations, North East Arnhem Land,’ and moieties
- numbers of Djambarrpuyngu speakers living on Elcho Island.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Djambarrpuyngu. Correspondents include: Djiniyini Gondarra, Basil Rebera, Rurrambu Dhurrkay, Dianne Buchanan, Immy Bire, Margaret Miller, Matjarra Garrawarra, Chris Kilham, Catherine Brown, Rosemary Kennemore, Ekman Poon, Barbara Hyett, Djiniyini Gondarra, Sharon Edwards and Vartan Sahagian. Other papers include:

- Djiniyini’s singing: a talk with Aboriginal theologian Djiniyini Gondarra, On Being 1989, pp.8-10. [Photocopy]


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Djambarrpuyngu. Correspondents include: Ekman Poon, Rosemary Kennemore, Margaret Miller, Dianne Buchanan, Ruth Lai, Maggie Chui, Basil Rebera, Djiniyini Gondarra, Mervyn Brown, Corinne Saines, Hillas Maclean, Philip Oliver, Carl Gross, Stewart McMillan, Nigel Statham, Rarrkminy Dhamarrandji, Polly Chong, John Harris, and Norm Todd. Other papers include:

- printed copy of Luke chapter 1
- report on the funeral service of Dianne Buchanan on 10 March 1983 by Laurie Edwards. (…of those who gave Indigenous groups their language in writing, Dianne Buchanan
(March 5) and Dr Christine Kilham (August 11) were Bible translators on Ngayawili (Elcho Island), off the north coast of Arnhem Land

- report of a trip to the SIL, BTA Pacific Trainer Conference in PNG, 10-28 Sep by Maratja Dhamarrandji.

**MS 5027 Folder 12.** Djinang (Aboriginal) June 1986. 1 item. (File no. 2000/0047)

Correspondence between Euan Fry and Glenys Waters relating to the supply of bible story booklets to the SIL (Summer Institute of Linguists) in the Northern Territory.

**MS 5027 Folder 13.** Galpu (Aboriginal) Feb 1977 - Jun 1991 Folio 1-47. (File no. 2000/0065)

Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Galpu. Correspondents include: Euan Fry, Ray Wood, Charles Cook, and Rosemary Kennemore. Other papers include:

- number of Galpu speaking people in May 1978
- list of proper names (in Galpu) appearing in Abraham.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Gugadja. Correspondents include: Anthony R Peile, Euan Fry, Charles J Cook, Barbara Hyett, Eileen Farrelly, Chris Kilham, Leo Scollen, and Rosemary Kennemore. Other papers include:

- number of Gugadja speaking people in November 1996


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Gumatj. Correspondents include: Joyce Ross, Euan Fry, Charles Cook, Alison Sherrington, Felicity Field, Rosemary Kennemore, Bruce Upton, DJ Thomas, WG Williams, Natalie Kickbush, Barbara Hyett, Margaret
Lawton, David Djalangi, Hubert Chan, James Payne and John D Erickson. Other papers include:

- number of Gumatj speakers in November 1974.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Gumatj. Correspondents include: Euan Fry, Felicity Field, Hubert Chan, Rosemary Kennemore, Ken Shaw, John Fletcher, Gail Rudolph, Joyce Sharman (nee Ross), Basil Rebera, Bonnie Larrimore and Barbara Hyett.

**MS 5027 Folder 17.** **Gurindji (Aboriginal) March 1988. Folio 1 (File no. 2000/0076)**

This file contains one item, a note describing the cessation of translation.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Gupapuyngu. Correspondents include: HM Arrowsmith (Herbert Maxwell), Alan F Scott, A Taylor, Beulah M Lowe, GJ Symons, Euan Fry, SJ Bell, H Parsons, RA Hickin, PG Pearoe, KW Ellem, Helen P (Parsons?), Les Wearing, WJ Culshaw, Airdrie Mann, Charles Cook, B Harris, Alison Sherrington, Roger Sigston, Joan Kale and Niumaia Mairara. Other papers include:

- number of Gahuku and Gupapuyngu speaking people as of Feb 1972.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Kitja. Correspondents include: Wilf Douglas, Euan Fry, Charles Cook, ML (Margaret Lawton?), Peter Taylor, Heather McDonald, Laurie Edwards, Rosemary Kennemore and J Hudson. Other papers include:

- number of Kitja speakers in Oct 1978.

Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Koko Yao. Correspondents include: Daniel Thomson and Euan Fry.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Kriol. Correspondents include: Euan Fry, B Downs, D Hargrave, Margaret Lawton, John Sandefur, David Hargrave, James R Payne, Harold Bartholomew, Michael Hore, Charles Cook, Barbara Hyett, Hubert Chan, Margaret Lawton, Annette Walker, Laurie Edwards, Harry Box, Jim Payne, John Phelps, Philip C Stine, Malcolm Abel, John Donnelly, Rosemary Kennemore, Margaret Mickan, Billy Williams, Harold Dews, David Thorne, Brian Good, Chris Kilham, Patricia Adamski, Ian Moore, Stewart Jones and Gregor Benton. Other papers include:

- number of Roper-Bamyili Creole speakers in July 1979
- John Sandefur, ‘Discovery of a Cinderella’
- ‘Language survey: looking for Kriol in Queensland’ by John Sandefur with Michael Gumbuli, Dan Daniels and Mal Wurramara.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Kriol. Correspondents include: Stewart Jones, Dave Hargrave, John Sandefur, Tom H Treseder, Euan Fry, Trevor Sellick, Paul Ainsworth, Kerry Wilson, Chris Kilham, Margaret Mickan, Barry Borneman, Ian Moore, Rosemary Kennemore, Barbara Hyett, Bronwyn Stokes, Laurie Fitzgerald, Bruce Ogden, Robert E Coles, Basil Rebera, Jim Rumery, Bonnie ?, Noreen ?, Laurie Edwards, and Hank and Val De Vries. Other papers include:

- Papers related to the release of the second edition of the Kriol Baibul on 19 July 1987 in Katherine.

Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Kriol. Some papers were loose in the folder. Correspondents include: Barry Borneman, Basil Rebera, Margaret Mickan, Bruce Ogden, John Sandefur, Rosemary Kennemore, Stephen Pirina, Barbara Hyett, Norm Mundhenk, John Ball, Sonia Halliday, Harold Koch, RJ Keay, John Fletcher, Michael Shaw, Chris Kilham, Lance and Gwen Tremlett, Jay Benson, Eirlys Richards, Sharon Edwards, Hubert Chan, Jean Kirton, Sandra Stevens, Carl Gross, Irene Voysey, Sam Pranschke, Peter J Wosh, Bruce C Pearce, David Hargrave, Polly Chong, Philip Oliver, Dorothy Hackett, Robyn Hart, Lance Tremlett, John W Harris, Annette Thiem, Michael Gumbuli Wurramara, Peter Carroll and Baden Hughes. Other papers include:

- Kriol sample translation
- Kriol song book.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Kriol. Correspondents include: Margaret Mickan, Baden Hughes, Gwen Tremlett, Hermoine Thomson, Margaret Lawton, Peter J Carroll, Barry Borneman, John Harris, Gumbuli Wurramara and Lance Tremlett.


Papers and correspondence relating to the Kriol literacy program. Correspondents include: Barry Borneman, Basil Rebera, John Sandefur, Margaret Mickan and Bruce Ogden.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the bible into Kriol, the ceremony/ies to release the Kriol Bible, the Kriol Translation Conference and other papers. Correspondents include: Charles and Wilma Rohrbach, Euan Fry, M Jordan, John Sandefur, Rodney Rivers, Margaret Mickan, Annette Walker, John Tomkins and Keith Ware. Other papers include:

- publicity strategy for the Kriol Baibul release
• letter to Clyde Holding advising him of the release at Ngukurr and inviting him to attend

• notes about the translation process, distributing copies of the Kriol Baibul, and Kriol translators, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal

• list of people involved in the Kriol Baibul translation, titled, “Kriol Kantri address list”, 2 Jan 1985, 12 pp.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Kriol, the ceremony to release the Kriol Bible, Kriol workshops, address lists and other papers. Correspondents include: Philip Oliver, John Harris, Polly Chong, Carl Gross, Margaret Mickan, Barry Borneman, Jean Kirton, Euan Fry, Laurie Edwards, Basil Rebera, Phil Stine, Marie Champion, Ishmael and Irene Andrews, Billy G Williams, John Sandefur, Andy Gough, John P Brown, Barbara Hyett, John Donnelly, Ian Tuxworth, Mike Ray, Peter McKinnon, Ray Gwyther-Jones, John Phelps and Harry Box. Other papers include:

• poster advertising the publication of the New Testament in Kriol, 17-19 July 1980 at Ngukurr NT. (Held in Manuscript Plan Cabinet no. 7, drawer 1)


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Kunwinjku / Gunwinggu. Correspondents include: Franklin F Hopper (Director of the New York Public Library), William H Rainey, G Batch, Ernst Ronsdorf, R Barton, Nancy Drew, JB Montgomerie, HM Arrowsmith, Peter J Carroll, WJ Culshaw, Ron Hickin, AJ Taylor, Euan Fry, Airdrie J Mann, H Chan, Meryl Rowe, John Sandefur, Charles Cook, Margaret Lawton, Hannah Mangiru and Rosemary Kennemore. Other papers include:

• number of Gunwinggu speakers in June 1978.
MS 5027 Folder 29.  

Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the bible into Kunwinjku / Gunwinggu. Correspondents include: Meryl Rowe, Euan Fry, Inoke Kubuabola, Geoff Hayles, Rosemary Kennemore, Charles J Cook, Erroll F Rhodes, John Fletcher, Steve Etherington, Barry Butler, Basil A Rebera, David Martin, Helen Geytenbeek, Chris Kilham, Julie Waddy, Norm Todd, Bishop Clyde Wood, Barbara Hyett, Irene Voysey, Arthur Beale, Renate Reimann, Bishop Richard Appleby, Ross Hall, Polly Chong, Margaret Lawton, Carl Gross and John Harris.

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Includes: Kunwinjku Bible Ephesians back translations, parts of Ruth, Mark, Genesis, John and Acts in Kunwinjku and a Easter selection booklet.

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Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the bible into Kunwinjku / Gunwinggu. Correspondents include: John Harris, Steve Etherington, Polly Chong and Warwick Atkinson.

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Papers and correspondence relating to the printing of Bibles in the Mabuiag language. Correspondents include: Wilfred John Hudson (Bishop of Carpentaria 1950-1960), R Winter, HM Arrowsmith (Commonwealth Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society), WJ Platt, John Sands (Printers and Stationers), Edgar Bragg and Sons (Printers and Stationers), GL Imms (Diocesan Secretary, Diocese of Carpentaria), A Taylor, Wilhelm Rechnitz, Euan Fry, EW Goodin, CJ Cook, Airdrie Mann, Ernest Eric Hawkey (Bishop of Carpentaria 1968-1974), Buddy Simpson and Rod Kennedy.  Other papers include:

- translation notes for the book of Acts
- number of Mabuiag speakers in Sept 1972.

Papers and correspondence relating to the printing of Bibles in the Martu Wangka language. Correspondents include: Trevor Booth, Basil Rebera, Ken Hansen, John Jennings, Carl Gross, Rosemary Kennemore, Rosemary Boland, Corinne Saines, Barry Borneman, Alan Rogers, Bonnie Larrimore, Margaret Lawton, Barbara Hyett, John Jennings, Rosario Yu, Polly Chong, John Harris, Norm Todd, Baden Hughes, Marjorie Marsh, Janelle Caiger, Ralph Gates, Hermoine Thomson, Jan Crawford and Siebrand Petrusma.


Papers and correspondence relating to the printing of Bibles in the Martu Wangka language. Correspondents include: Janelle Caiger, Ken Hansen, Maryanne Tigges, John Harris, Hermoine Thomson, Gillian Blackman, Ralph Gates, Renate Reimann, Siebrand Petrusma, Anne Prince, C Siggins, Graeme Burnside and Ros McDonald.


Papers and correspondence relating to the printing of Bibles in the Maung language. Correspondents include: William A Smalley (Bible Societies in South East Asia), Heather Hinch, William Culshaw, A Taylor, Euan Fry, Charles J Cook, KW Ellem, AJ Mann, GJ Symons, Helena Cassells, Heather Hewett (nee Hinch), Margaret Lawton, Rosemary Kennemore and Jessie Dunbar.


Papers and correspondence relating to the printing of Bibles in the Miriam language. Correspondents include: Donald M Dadd, B Horwood, HM Arrowsmith, ? Evans (Registrar), A Taylor, Wilhelm Rechnitz, R Laing, Archbishop Strong?, RF Ament, Frank W Coaldrake, Euan Fry, Basil Rebera, Laurie Edwards, Peter and Ruth Wickham, AFB Hall-Matthews, Jim Hill, Eirlys Richards, Dave Hargrave and Rod Kennedy. Includes three pages of translation notes.

Papers and correspondence relating to the printing of Bibles in the Murrinh-Patha language. Correspondents include: M Sims, Euan Fry, Lyn Street, Rosemary Kennemore, David Hargrave, Charles Cook, Gerry McCormack, Chester Street, Basil Rebera, Christine Kilham, A Stucky, Jim Rumery, Laurie Edwards. Other papers include:

- number of Murrinh-Patha speakers in February 1982.

MS 5027 Folder 38. **Ndjebbana (Aboriginal) n.d. (File no. 2000/0156)**

A note relating to the need to have God’s word in Ndjebbana, not just in Burarra.


Papers and correspondence relating to the printing of Bibles in the Ngaanyatjarra language. Correspondents include: JN Blyth, Amee Glass, Dorothy Hackett, Euan Fry, WH Douglas, Charles Cook, Wilf Douglas, Alison Sherrington, Rosemary Kennemore, Margaret Howard, Barbara Hyett, Leota R. Meyer, Ethel Arter, Wilfred H Douglas and Hubert Chan. Other papers include:

- Check lists of proper names appearing in the Epistles and Revelation, the Gospels, Acts.


Papers and correspondence relating to the printing of Bibles in the Ngaanyatjarra language. Correspondents include: Rosemary Kennemore, Amee Glass, Louis Dorn, Basil Rebera, John Fletcher, Trevor Booth, Chris Kilham, Dave Hargrave, Trevor Booth, Rose Yu, Sharon Edwards, Barbara Hyett, Ms Hess (David C Cook Foundation USA), Cathy Hein, Violet Wong (HK Bible Society) and Carl Gross. Other papers include:

- translations in Ngaanyatjarra


Papers and correspondence relating to the printing of Bibles in the Ngaanyatjarra language. Correspondents include: Amee Glass, Rosemary Kennemore, Barry Borneman, Carl Gross, Philip Oliver, Marie Geytenbeek, Norm Todd, John Harris, Basil Rebera, Polly Chong, Margaret Lawton, Jan Mountney, Dorothy Hackett, Hermoine Thomson and Siebrand Petrusma.


Correspondence between Harrie E Green (Superintendent of the United Aborigines Mission Ooldea Station SA), William H Rainey and HM Arrowsmith.


One letter from PF Carnley (Archbishop of Perth), to John Harris (Director, Translation and Text Division).


One letter from John Harris to Rob Amery (University of Adelaide).

Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Nunggubuyu.  Correspondents include:  Len J Harris, WH Rainey (Commonwealth Secretary), JW Ferrier, Russell Baker, Edith C Huntley, ND Coleman, AW Stuart, WJ Platt, Edgar Bragg & Sons, RJ Hewett, Charles E Taylor, L Thomas, John A Ferguson, JW Metcalfe (Principal Librarian Public Library of NSW, 1948), EV Steel (Librarian, Fisher Library University of Sydney 1948), Ernst Ronsdorf, Miss M Ashford, Margaret T Hills (American Bible Society), William C Somerville (General Secretary, The National Bible Society of Scotland), JN Kemp, Colin Gilchrist, Earl J Hughes, HM Arrowsmith, AJ Taylor, Euan Fry, Miss AJ Mann, Charles Cook, Miss K Warren, JR Payne, Eugene A Nida, Stuart Barton Babbage, Michael Hore, Margaret Lawton, Barry Butler, GW Lucas, John Fletcher, Rosemary Kennemore, David Thorne, Ekman Poon and Hubert Chan.  Other papers include:


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Nunggubuyu.  Correspondents include:  Michael Hore, Euan Fry, Basil Rebera, Helen Duncan, Hubert Chan, Rosemary Kennemore, Clyde Wood, David Martin, Barbara Hyett, Laurie Edwards, John Harris, Rupert Nunggumajbarr, Norm Todd, Helen McCarthy, Earl Hughes and Peter Carroll.  Other papers include:

- translations in Nunggubuyu
- number of Nunggubuyu speakers in August 1992.


One letter to the Secretary, Bible Society in Australia, from Brian Geytenbeek.
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Correspondence and other papers relating to the translation of the Bible into the Nyoongar language. Correspondents include: Vivienne Sahanna, John W Harris, Polly Chong and Ruth Hampton.

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Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Pintupi/Luritja. Correspondents include: Paul Albrecht, Bruce P Upton, Euan Fry, Ken Hansen, Charles Cook, Margaret ?, John Woodley, Noel Thomas, Jim Payne, Keith Bricknell, George L Huttar, Wayne Aeschliman, Rosemary Kennemore, Garry Stoll, David Hargrave, Don Canonge, GD Samuel, Hubert Chan, Ian Sexton, Max W Stollznow, Lesley Hansen, John A Heffernan, SK Hein, Mary Keef, Barbara Hyett, John Ball and Hubert Chan. Other papers include:

- check list of proper names appearing in the Gospels and Acts
- number of Pintupi/Luritja speakers in Jan 1982.

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Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Pintupi/Luritja. Correspondents include: Rosemary Kennemore, Barbara Hyett, John Heffernan, Basil Rebera, Valdine Parish, Margaret Lawton, Helen Duncan, Michael Shaw, Laurie Edwards, Hubert Chan, John Harris, Ken Hansen, Peter Kelso, Helen McCarthy, Tom H Treseder, Heather E Walpole, Keith Ware and Polly Chong. Other papers include:

- number of Pintupi/Luritja speakers in September 1987.

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Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Pitjantjatjara. Correspondents include: WEH Organs, William H Rainey, Betty Roberts, ND Coleman, EH Swan, Ronald M Trudinger, Harrie E Green, VW Coombs, Norman Bratt, WJ Platt, Mr. Bingham, Laurie Reece, HF McDonald, HM Arrowsmith, G Anderson, BG Archer, H Bragg,

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Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Pitjantjatjara.
Correspondents include: Euan Fry, Allison G Elliot (Ernabella Mission), Mr A Taylor, WH Edwards (Bill), Bruce G Pearce, BG Lindner, Albert Gilbertson, KW Ellem, Spencer Lincolne, Airdrie J Mann, David FL Harris (State Secretary Adelaide), JR Payne (Commonwealth Secretary Canberra), Charles J Cook, Brian Hadfield and Dawn Hadfield (Cundeelee Mission WA), Douglas Belcher (Ernabella), Mr. Levett (Secretary Melbourne), Margaret Tischler (Indulkana Reserve Alice Springs), Bruce Chamberlain (Community Advisor Ernabella), Trevor G Booth (Regional Representative North Western Region WA), Mrs. J Shirley, Jim Downing, Bob and Jan Capp, Mary Bennett, and Graham D Bence. Other papers include:

- translations of an Easter selection, Ephesians, James and 1 John
- word lists
- number of Pitjantjatjara speakers in January 1970.

(File no. 2000/0187 Part 1)

Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Pitjantjatjara.
Correspondents include: Euan Fry (Translation Secretary), Bill H Edwards, Winifred M Hilliard (Ernabella), DFL Harris (State General Secretary, SA), Charles Cook, R Arvidson, Robert Capp, Keith V Coombes, Paul and Ann Eckert (Ernabella), Harry Wescott (Vision Ministries), Graham D Bence, Jill Steel (Amata), Jim R Payne, John Phelps (State Director SA), Rosemary Kennemore, Ekman Poon (United bible Societies Asia Pacific), Basil Rebera, Peter Nyaningu (Chairman Pitjantjatjara Bible Translation Project Ernabella), Kenneth J Shaw (National Marketing Manager), Hubert Chan, John Ball, David Crawford, Colville Crowe, David F Thorne, Barbara Hyett, Chris Kilham, Jean Kirton, Margaret Lawton and Carl Gross. Other papers include:

• Strategy Statement Sep 1988
• Project summary October 1989.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Pitjantjatjara. Correspondents include: Rosemary Kennemore, Paul Eckert, David and Jan Crawford, John Harris, Bruce Pearce, John Phelps, Basil Rebera, Carl Gross, Bill Howard, Polly Chong, Alec Minutjukur, Barbara Hyett, Margaret Lawton, Eunice Poon, Baden Hughes, Graeme Burnside, Hermione Thomson and Jonathon Nicholls. Includes translations into Pitjantjatjara.


Letter from Chris Kilham to Barry Borneman re: the Aboriginal Translation Workshop.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Thaayorre. Correspondents include: Euan Fry, Michael Martin, Jo and Allen Hall, Charles Cook, Airdrie Mann, Barbara Hyett, Margaret Lawton, Clive T Gates, Mr and Mrs Bruce Waters, Laurie Fitzgerald and Dennis Mahoney. Other papers include:

• Thaayorre/English dictionary and lexicon.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Tiwi. Correspondents include: Euan Fry, Sr Ann Moir-Bussy, Rosemary Kennemore, Charles Cook, Basil Rebera, Marie Godfrey, John Harris, Jennifer Lee, Polly Chong, Annette Thiem, Barry Borneman, Janelle Caiger, Margaret Lawton, Steve Swartz, Mike Hore, Hermione Thomson, Alan Rogers, Maryanne Tigges, Ros McDonald, Alana Garwood, Ralph Gates, Liana Lupas and Peter Carroll.

Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Torres Strait Creole. Correspondents include: John Sandefur, Basil Rebera, Dave Hargrave, Rosemary Kennemore, Rod Kennedy, Anthony Francis Berners Hall-Matthews, Carl Gross, Philip Oliver, John Gaghan, John Harris, Michael Corden, Norm Todd, (Dean of Quetta Cathedra, Thursday Island, Ian?, Oct 1995 Folio 25), Graham Ogden, Polly Chong, Ted Mosby, John Baker, Metta Stillman and Mike Adam.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Walmatjari. Correspondents include: Euan Fry, Joyce Hudson, Eirlys Richards, Dave Glasgow (Director SIL, Nov 1974), Charles Cook, Margaret Lawton and David Hargrave. Other papers include:

- possible number of Walmatjari speakers in May 1962 and Jan 1975.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Wangurri. Correspondents include: Euan Fry, John Rudder, James Moorhead, S Edwards (American Bible Society) and Jean Abo. Other papers include:

- number of Wangurri speakers in May 1978.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Warlpiri. Correspondents include: Euan Fry, Neville P Anderson, Ivan Jordan, Ed Kingston, Steve Swartz, Lois Glass, Kathleen Haslbauer, John Whitbourn, Lloyd and Clara Ollerenshaw, Basil Rebera, Polly Chong, Chris Kilham, Peter Archer, John Fletcher, Rosemary Kennemore, Sharon Edwards, Barbara Hyett, Violet Wong, Brenda Hess (David C Cook Foundation), Doreen K Poole, Jean Kirton, Jerry Jangala (Lajamanu), Carl Gross, Rosemary Boland, Paul Eckert, John Harris and Graeme Burnside.

Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Warlpiri. Correspondents include: Steve Swartz, Carl Gross, Basil Rebera, John Harris, Polly Chong, Graeme Burnside and Barry Borneman. Includes translations into Warlpiri.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Wik-Munkan. Correspondents include: Dave Glasgow, Euan Fry, Donald Dadd, Chris Kilham, Airdrie Mann, Keith Stieler, Ken Hansen, Charles Cook, Robert Arvidson, Josiah Bahaueus, Ann Curnow, John Donnelly, Rosemary Kennemore, Keith Bricknell and David Hargrave. Other papers include:

- translation of Psalm 51, and sections of the New Testament.


Papers and correspondence relating to the translation of the Bible into Worora. Correspondents include: Kenneth Binns (Librarian of the Commonwealth Parliament, British and Foreign Bible Society), WH Rainey (Commonwealth Secretary, British and Foreign Bible Society, 1944-), WEH Organe (Superintendent Translating and Editorial Dept British and Foreign Bible Society), Charles Taylor, Robert F Chisholm (General Secretary, National Bible Society of Scotland), VW Coombes (Kunmunya Mission via Derby), Victor W Coombes (General Secretary, Australian Presbyterian Board of Missions, 15 July 1947), Sheila Draper, Alan F Scott (State Secretary, Western Australian Auxiliary, British and Foreign Bible Society, January 1951), HM Arrowsmith (Commonwealth Secretary, British and Foreign Bible Society, Sept.1952-), John H Ridden (State Secretary, Western Australian Auxiliary, British and Foreign Bible Society, July 1959), G Anderson (Acting General Secretary Presbyterian Board of Missions, 1959), JM Stuckey (General Secretary, Australian Presbyterian Board of Missions, July 1960), Wesley J Culshaw, Laurie Edwards, Rosemary Kennemore, Janelle Caiger and June Qaisir. Other papers include:
• a letter to WH Rainey from WEH Organe regarding the Kapauku (Ekari) language in the Dutch Indies (Central Highlands of West New Guinea, now Irian Jaya) and the Worora language (Western Australia)

• newspaper article by Catherine Martin about the Rev. Nevin Vawser and his ministry among the Worrora people. (Martin, Catherine, 'New life for the Worrora tribe', *The Canberra Times*, 30 August 1966)
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