



**Finding aid**

**BRADY\_QV02**

**Sound recordings collected by  
Qawanji Vincent J. Brady**

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

**Date:** 1991

**Extent:** 18 audiocassettes

### Production history

These recordings were collected between 9 October and 6 December 1991. They consist of conversations between Qawanji Vincent J Brady and several other speakers from or living in the communities of Cairns, Cooktown, Daintree, Kuranda and Yarrabah in Queensland. Interviewees include Jim Edwards, Mary MacKenzie, Margaret Edwards, Lance Riley, Erwin Riley, Alvie Baird, Willy Brim, Basil Lambert, Edward Lambert, Desmond Lambert, Vincent Brady, Raylene Lambert, Christine Balmer, Johnny Lambert, Billy King, Phillip Missionary, Eddy Baird, Kurt Douglas, Colin Barney, Charlie Denman, Eva Denman, Norman Mitchell. The interviews were recorded by John Tracey. These recordings capture the subject of land including a land claim, oral histories, genealogies, as well as the language of the Kuku Yalandji people. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS.

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## ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

**015678/Q2**

Performer/speaker(s):	Qawanji Brady
Personal subject(s):	Dwayne Riley, Clem Riley, Glenda Riley, Alvie Baird, Erwin Riley, Colleen Riley, Billy Stivey, Tracey Watts, Chris Anderson.
Subject keywords:	Land rights – Claims
Language/people:	English, Kuku Yalanji Gugu Yalandji (Y78)
Places:	Kowrowa (NE Qld SE55-02)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BRADY_QV02-015678	00:00:00	Several people meeting involving Qawanji and Riley family members.	10 October 1991	Kowrowa, Qld.
	00:08:15	Mention of kinships and old people. Procedures mentioned for contacting people in the community.		
	00:43:30	Mention of Maitland Downs and a land claim; and discussion on the rights of Kuku Yalanji people.		
	00:54:20	End of Q2 and end of BRADY_QV02-015678.		

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**015679/Q3A**

Performer/speaker(s):	Jim Edwards, Mary MacKenzie, Margaret Edwards
Personal subject(s):	Wayne Goss, Uncle Willie MacKenzie
Subject keywords:	History – Genealogy and family history, Cultural heritage, Language, Indigenous knowledge – Ecology
Language/people:	English
Places:	Cairns (NE Qld SE55-02), Cherbourg/Barambah (SE Qld SG56-10), Mossman (NE Qld SE55-01), Laura/Quinkan area (Qld SE Cape York SD55-13)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BRADY_QV02-015679	00:00:00	Interview with several people discussing family history and history of people in the area.	9 October 1991	Cairns, Qld
	00:17:05	Discussion about land uses. Speaking words from language and talking about material culture.		
	00:35:15	Talking about local foods, traditions, culture and stories from family.		
	00:44:45	End of Q3A and end of BRADY_QV02-015679.		

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**015680/Q3B**

Performer/speaker(s):	Jim Edwards, Mary Mackenzie, Margaret Edwards
Personal subject(s):	Dick Roughsey, Percy Trezise, Terry O'Gorman, Wayne Goss, Chris Anderson
Subject keywords:	Religion, Music – Vocal, Indigenous knowledge
Language/people:	English
Places:	Laura/Quinkan area (Qld SE Cape York SD55-13)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BRADY_QV02-015680	00:16:50	Commenting on a map drawn by Chris Anderson showing families and their links to land.	10 Oct 1991	Cairns, Qld.
	00:43:32	Discussion with guitar playing.		
	00:50:50	End of Q3B and end of BRADY_QV02-015680.		

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015681/Q4

Performer/speaker(s):	Lance Riley and Erwin Riley
Personal subject(s):	Chris Anderson
Subject keywords:	Land rights – Claims
Language/people:	English, Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji people (Y78)
Places:	Kuranda (NE Qld SE55-02)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BRADY_QV02-015681	00:00:00	Interview with Lance Riley and Erwin Riley. Discussing the map drawn by Chris Anderson and their land claims.	11 October 1991	Kuranda, Qld.
	00:20:45	Conversation about land claims. Speaking about Kuku Yalanji traditions.		
	00:30:45	Discussion about speaking to elders for land claims.		
	00:38:30	End of Q4 and end of BRADY_QV02-015681.		

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015682/Q5

Performer/speaker(s):	Alvie Baird, Willy Brim, Basil Lambert, Edward Lambert, Desmond Lambert, Vincent Brady, Raylene Lambert, Christine Balmer, Johnny Lambert
Subject keywords:	Land rights – Claims
Language/people:	English, Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji people (Y78)
Places:	Yarrabah/Cape Grafton (NE Qld SE55-02)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BRADY_QV02-015682	00:00:00	Interview with Alvie Baird, Willy Brim.	12 October 1991	Kuranda, Qld
	00:22:10	Interview with several people at Yarrabah regarding the Kuku Yalanji/Gugu Yalandji land claim.	14 October 1991	Yarrabah, Qld
	00:47:05	General conversation. Mention of Mulligan mine area – the traditional lands where people have gone back to.		
	00:52:50	End of Q5 and end of BRADY_QV02-015682.		

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015683/Q6

Performer/speaker(s):	Alvie Baird, Willy Brim, Billy King, Philip Missionary, Eddy Baird, Kurt Douglas, Colin Barney
Subject keywords:	History – Cultural, Native title, Politics and Government – Political parties
Language/people:	English, Kuku Yalanji Gugu Yalandji (Y78)
Places:	Ngarrabullgan/Mount Mulligan (SE Qld SE55-01)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BRADY_QV02-015683	00:00:00	Interviews with members of the Aboriginal community at Yarrabah. Talking about strengthening of land and family ties.	14 Oct 1991	Yarrabah, Qld
	00:05:05	Discussion about the Mabo case. Discussion of non-Indigenous law and traditional law.		
	00:16:10	Interviews with members of the Aboriginal community of Mossman Gorge.	15 Oct 1991	Mossman Gorge, Qld
	00:32:45	General conversation about political party. Discusses the importance of Mt Mulligan and a recent visit.		
	00:58:10	End of Q6 and end of BRADY_QV02-015683.		

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Performer/speaker(s):	Charlie Denman, Eva Denman, Alvie Baird
Personal subject(s):	Chris Anderson
Subject keywords:	History – Cultural, History – Oral history
Language/people:	English, Kuku Yalanji/Gugu Yalandji (Y78)
Places:	Mossman (NE Qld SE55-01), Daintree (NE Qld SE55-010), Cooktown (Qld SE Cape York SD55-13)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BRADY_QV02-015684	00:00:00	Discussion about Gugu Yalanji people living away from their country and the changes it has brought.	16 October 1991	Mossman Gorge, Qld
	00:09:55	Discussion at Daintree regarding people's views on historical events.		Daintree, Qld
	00:35:55	Discussion about destruction of land from mining.		
	01:01:48	End of Q7 and end of BRADY_QV02-015684.		

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015685/Q9

Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell
Personal subject(s):	Elizabeth Patz
Subject keywords:	Religions – Christianity, Mining industry – Land rights and native title issues
Language/people:	English, Kuku Yalanji/Gugu Yalandji (Y78)
Places:	Palm Island (NE Qld SE55-10), Aurukun (Qld NW Cape York SD54-07)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BRADY_QV02-015685	00:00:00	Norman Mitchell discusses the land claim and the issue of mining.	21 October 1991	Mareeba, Qld
	00:18:30	Norman Mitchell talks about clashes with non-Aboriginal people.		
	00:30:42	Norman Mitchell talks about spreading the word of the gospel.		
	00:42:20	End of Q9 and end of BRADY_QV02-15685.		

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**015686/Q10**

Performer/speaker(s):	John Brady
Personal subject(s):	Jack Brady Kawanji, (Norman) Tindale
Subject keywords:	History – Genealogy and family history, Social events – Reunions, Language – Oral communication
Language/people:	English, Kuku Yalanji/Gugu Yalandji (Y78)
Places:	Palm Island (NE Qld SE55-10)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BRADY_QV02-015686	00:00:00	John Brady talks about station work and joining the army.		Unknown
	00:16:30	John Brady talks about family and language.		
	00:30:15	John Brady mentions other family members. Talking also about war records.		
	00:41:08	End of Q10 and end of BRADY_QV02-015686.		

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**015687/NM2 (1)**

Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell, John Brady
Personal subject(s):	Bruce Rigsby, Chris Anderson
Subject keywords:	Language, Research – Collections – Ownership and repatriation issues, Attitudes – Indigenous perspectives
Language/people:	English/Kuku Yalanji/Gugu Yalandji (Y78)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BRADY_QV02-015687	00:00:00	Norman Mitchell still remembers some of his language.	1 Dec 1991	North Deep Creek, Qld.
	00:08:25	Norman Mitchell talks about repatriation of items held in museums.		
	00:30:55	Norman Mitchell provides personal reflections about his people.		
	01:01:48	End of NM2 (1) and end of BRADY_QV02-015687.		

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**015688/NM2 (2)**

Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell, John Brady
Subject keywords:	Religion, Language
Language/people:	English, Kuku Yalanji/Gugu Yalandji (Y78)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BRADY_QV02-015688	00:00:00	Norman Mitchell talks about helping Aboriginal people.	1 Dec 1991	North Deep Creek, Qld
	00:19:35	Norman Mitchell speaks several words and phrases in Kuku Yalanji language.		
	00:36:25	Norman Mitchell provides more words from his language. He talks about kinship.		
	01:01:25	End of NM2 (2) and end of BRADY_QV02-015688.		

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**015689/NM2 (3)**

Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell
Subject keywords:	Religions – Christianity, Settlements and contacts – Resettlement and removals
Language/people:	English, Kuku Yalanji/Gugu Yalandji (Y78)
Places:	Cooktown (Qld SE Cape York SD55-13)
Recording quality:	Poor-Fair

<b>Archive item number</b>	<b>Timing point</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>
BRADY_QV02-015689	00:00:00	Norman Mitchell talks about his family and where he was born.	1 Dec 1991	North Deep Creek, Qld
	00:06:15	Norman Mitchell speaks some words from his language. He also talks about Christianity.		
	00:15:35	End of NM2 (3).		

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**015689/NM3 (1)**

Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell
Subject keywords:	Language, Cultural heritage, History – oral history
Language/people:	English/Kuku Yalanji/Gugu Yalandji (Y78)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BRADY_QV02-015689	00:15:36	Norman Mitchell speaks about land forms in his language.	3 Dec 1991	North Deep Creek, Qld.
	00:36:45	Norman Mitchell speaks about his cultural heritage knowledge.		
	00:46:33	Norman Mitchell talks about land, people and past events.		
	01:03:55	End of NM3 (1) and end of BRADY_QV02-015689.		

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**015690/NM3(1) (cont.)**

Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell
Subject keywords:	History – Cultural
Language/people:	English, Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji (Y78)
Recording quality:	Fair - Poor

<b>Archive item number</b>	<b>Timing point</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>
BRADY_QV02-015690	00:00:00	Norman Mitchell continues the discussion about his cultural heritage.	1Dec 1991	North Deep Creek, Qld.
	00:17:25	Norman Mitchell talks about the proposal for a book.	3 Dec 1991	North Deep Creek, Qld.
	00:28:50	End of NM3 (1) (cont.).		

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**015690/NM3 (2)**

Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell
Personal subject(s):	Senator Reynolds
Language/people:	English, Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji (Y78)
Recording quality:	Fair - Poor

<b>Archive item number</b>	<b>Timing point</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>
BRADY_QV02-015690	00:00:00	Norman Mitchell mentions Senator Reynolds writing about Salt Pan Bay.	2 Dec 1991	North Deep Creek, Qld
	00:28:51	End of NM3 (2) and end of BRADY_QV02-015690.		

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**015691/NM4 (1)**

Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell
Subject keywords:	Cultural heritage, Attitudes – Indigenous perspectives
Language/people:	English/Kuku Yalanji/Gugu Yalandji (Y78)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BRADY_QV02-015691	00:00:00	Norman Mitchell provides general insight and recalls earlier times.	2 Dec 1991	North Deep Creek, Qld.
	00:19:05	Norman Mitchell discusses the importance of country. Also uses some Kuku Yalanji/Gugu Yalandji words.		
	00:30:42	Norman Mitchell continues with personal reflections and also uses Kuku/Yalanji/Gugu Yalandji Yalandji words.		
	01:01:25	End of NM 4 (1) and end of BRADY_QV02-015691.		

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**015692/NM5 (1)**

Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell
Subject keywords:	Stories and motifs – Stars, Cultural heritage – Protection – Museums and keeping places
Language/people:	English/Kuku Yalanji/Gugu Yalandji (Y78)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BRADY_QV02-015692	00:00:00	Norman Mitchell tells the story of the Milky Way. Stories are in English and some are in Kuku Yalanji/Gugu Yalandji.	5 Dec 199	North Deep Creek, Qld
	00:30:55	Norman Mitchell talks about his plans for a museum. He also uses some words from his language.		
	01:01:40	End of NM 5 (1) and end of BRADY_QV02-015692.		

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**015693/NM6 (1)**

Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell
Personal subject(s):	Elizabeth Patz, Bruce Rigsby, Chris Anderson
Subject keywords:	Religions – Christianity – Missions -Australian Inland Mission, Economic sectors – Agriculture and horticulture – Sugar
Language/people:	English, Gu Gu Yelanji / Kuku Yalanji/Gugu Yalandji (Y78)
Places:	Palm Island (NE Qld SE55-10)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BRADY_QV02-015693	00:00:00	Norman Mitchell talks about his Christian work.	6 Dec 1991	North Deep Creek, Qld.
	00:30:12	Norman Mitchell speaks about how he became a Christian.		
	00:43:55	Norman Mitchell speaks about teaching his language to Elizabeth Patz.		
	01:01:55	End of NM 6(1) and end of BRADY_QV02-015693.		

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