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**Sound recordings collected by
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Association, 1980-1994**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

- Date:** 1980-1994
- Extent:** 34 audiocassettes
11 x audiotape reels ; 5 in.
2 x audiotape reels ; 7 in.

Production history

These recordings were collected between 1980 and 1994 by the Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association. They are recordings of interviews of local Northern Territory and more nationally and internationally known Indigenous and non-Indigenous figures. They also feature music, both traditional and contemporary, news items and discussion. Sections of the recordings are in Pitjantjatjara, Warlpiri, Pintupi, Alyawaare, Luritja and Arrerte languages. Interviewees and performers include Freda Thornton, Paul Everingham, John Mecumbo, Charles Perkins, Gus Williams, Pat Dodson, Eartha Kitt, Peter Toyne John Christofesson, Dartour, Bill Wellington, Kevin Coombes, Herbie Laughton, Wally Dunn, Isabel Tarago, John Parker, Greg Freeny, Mary Hayes, Mary Ellis, Virginia Triffin, Helen Wood, Margaret Palmer, Rosemary Webb, Garry Yates, Roger Bradford, Brenda Austin, Tracker Tilmouth, Elliot McAdam, Sid Lee, Rosalie Gray, Trevor Cutter, Geoff Ottway, Bill Searle, Isabel Yamma, Mary Kemarre, Alan Kunoth, Janet Hoare, Maggie Ross, Lily Ross, Fritz Palmer, Harry Forrester, Alex Conway, Rupert Maxwell Stuart, Albert Presley, Loui Tabula, Toby Robinson, Herbie Butler, Paddy Roe, Marcia Langton, Todama Jabumay, Burnum Burnum, Jimmy Bindri, Ken Stuart, Virginia Mayo and Billy Foster.

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This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association and audition sheets prepared by AIATSIS staff.

Timing points may be slightly out depending on the technologies and procedures in place at the time the recordings were auditioned.

ITEM LIST

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
	1/80	<i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 24 March 1980, Alice Springs, NT; introduction by Lucy Lester; community announcement about Tangentyere relocation in English, Arrernte and Pitjantjatjara; Legal Aid news; Labor party news; ladies meeting announcement; music throughout; 0:27:13
	2/80	<i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 23 June 1980, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Freda Thornton; CAAMA news in English and Arrerte; message from Congress; Department of Health news; Legal Aid news; announcement calling for local singers; music throughout; 0:29:13; <i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 30 June 1980, Alice Springs, NT; introduction; music; Central Land Council news; health worker interviews: Johnny from Finke, Francis from Yuendumu, Brocus from Hermannsburg; Department of Health news in English, Arrernte, Warlpiri and Pitjantjatjara; Tangetyere news; Aboriginal Hostels news; Institute for Aboriginal Development (IAD) news; music throughout; 0:30:18
	3/80	<i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 21 July 1980, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Freda Thornton and John Mercumbe; Tangetyere news in English, Arrernte, Warlpiri, Luritja and Pitjantjatjara; Central Land Council news; Legal Aid news; Homemaker news; Congress news; Department of Aboriginal Affairs news; Yirrara College news; music throughout, 0:24:07
	4/80	<i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 25 July 1980, Alice Springs, NT; Introduction with Freda Thornton; Tangetyere Council news; interview with Paul Everingham, NT Chief Minister, about Aboriginal people developing media organisations; music throughout; 0:30:15
	5/80	<i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 11 August 1980, Alice Springs, NT; Introduction with John Mercumbe; Central Land Council news; Central Land Council news; Congress news; Health news; news in Arrernte and Luritja; job advertisements; 0:30:02; <i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 18 August 1980, Alice Springs; Introduction with Freda Thornton; announcement from Charles Perkins; announcement from Rights Support group; invitation from Gus Williams; music throughout; 0:31:08
	6/80	<i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 20 October 1980, Alice Springs, NT; Congress news in English, Pitjantjatjara and Warlpiri; music throughout; 0:31:08; <i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 27 November 1980, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Freda Thornton; news in Pitjantjatjara and Arrernte; interview

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		with Native Americans visiting Alice Springs; music throughout; 0:29:00
	16	<i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 7 July 1980, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Fred Thornton; Yirrara girls cheerio; interview with Pat Dodson about running a course on management at IAD; Tangetyere news in English, Arrernte and Pitjantjatjara; Legal Aid announcement in English, Arrernte and Pitjantjatjara; music throughout; 0:15:00
	7/81	<i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 4 April 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with John Mercumbo; interview with Dr Cutter on the effects of alcohol; interview with Eartha Kitt; interview with Barbara Shaw from IAD; music throughout; 0:29:44; <i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 6 April 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with John Mercumbo; Interview with Dartour from Indonesia; Indonesian song performed by Dartour and his wife; music throughout; 0:29:44
	8/81	<i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 13 April 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with John Mercumbo; Ernabella celebrations; Peter Toyne speaking about celebrations; interview with John Christoffeson, an Aboriginal liaison officer at Social Security; music throughout; 0:29:44
	9/81	<i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 4 May 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with John Mercumbo; interview with Johnny; Message from Dr Trevor Cutter from Congress; music throughout; 0:29:26; <i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 11 May 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Bill Wellington; interview with Kevin Coombes on Year of the Disabled; Music throughout; 0:29:44
	10/81	<i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 27 April 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Bill Wellington; message in language; interview with Herbie Laughton about his life and music; music throughout; 0:28:57
	11/81	<i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 25 May 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Bill Wellington; interview with Wally Dunn about the Sid Ross facility in Luritja; music throughout; 0:28:55
	12/81	<i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 1 June 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Bill Wellington; Yirrara Girls Choir; interview with Isobel Tarago who works for the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and is a radio announcer in Queensland; Corroboree music; Yirrara Girls Choir; music throughout; 0:27:59; <i>Aboriginal Half Hour</i> , 8 June 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Bill Wellington; music; 0:25:10

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	13/81	Aboriginal Half Hour, 29 June 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Bill Wellington; interview with Census Officer John Parker, translated into Arrernte, Luritja and Warlpiri; Census announcement; music throughout; 0:30:20
	14/81	Aboriginal Half Hour, 6 July 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Bill Wellington; all music show; 0:28:19
	15/81	Aboriginal Half Hour, 27 July 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Greg Freeny, community advisor at Amoonguna, talks about the community; Mary Hayes speaks of her work as a health worker at Anoomguna, also speaking are health workers Mary Ellis and Virginia Triffin; music throughout; 0:28:29; Aboriginal Half Hour, 3 August 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Bill Wellington; interviews with Helen Wood and Margaret Palmer, teachers aids at Anoonguna; Amoonguna children singing nursery rhymes; interview with Rosemary Webb, school cleaner; music throughout; 0:29:05
	16/81	Aboriginal Half Hour, 31 August 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Bill Wellington; interview with Mary Smith of the Commonwealth Department of Education who explains the grants available for Aboriginal people and adult students and how to apply for them; music throughout; 0:31:07
	17/81	Aboriginal Half Hour, 17 August 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Bill Wellington; John Blacket and Willy Dunn make Convention announcements in English and Arrernte; music throughout; 0:28:12
	18/81	Aboriginal Half Hour, 24 August 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Bill Wellington; interview with students from Yirrara College: Steve, Trisha, Brian, Thelma, Mary Lou, Peter, Matthew, Lucy, Dorothy, Sandra, Dennis Lucy, Nellie, Caroline, Trisha and Marilyn; music throughout; 0:28:32
	19/81	Aboriginal Half Hour, 19 October 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Bill Wellington; interview with Garry Yates from the Department of Education on Special Guidance education; music throughout; 0:29:44; Aboriginal Half Hour, 10 November 1981, Alice Springs, NT; introduction with Bill Wellington; interview with Roger Bradford of the Community Government Division of Department of Aboriginal Affairs on different forms of government and consensus on issues; music throughout; 0:28:19
	20/81	Aboriginal Half Hour, 23 November 1981, Alice Springs,

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		NT; introduction with Bill Wellington; Gus Williams on moving to Ali Curung and teaching kids to play music; music throughout; 0:31:00
	500597	Alice Springs, 8 October 1999, <i>Awaye</i> : John Flynn's grave; History of the rocks; Interviews with workers; Rocks stolen by Government; Traditional song; Traditional owners speaking; 00:21:10
	500602	Various News Topics, 2 August 1994, Alice Springs, NT; presented by Brenda Austin; Land acquisition fund; Tracker Tilmouth on basic housing rights; Uluru owners won't ban climbers; Tasmanian land offer; Wenten resigns in PNG; Clinton challenge; NZ Maori challenge; Commonwealth athletes in Alice Springs; AFL
	500603	Various News Topics, 15 October 1994, Alice Springs, NT; Land acquisition; Native Title; Kununurra police cells; Federal cultural policy; Cannon ball run enquiry; NT police stations criticised; Port Keats offenders should be handed to elders; international news; sports news; 09:23
	500604	Alice Springs 2 March 1992; Community Development Employment Programs clean-up, featuring Elliot McAdam
	500605	Alice Springs, NT, 28 August 1989; interview with Sid Lee, football coach; Aboriginal history in Cairns; IAD course vacancies; 0:05:34
	500606	Alice Springs, NT, 1992; news broadcast; interview with Rosalie Gray; report on 21 st anniversary of IAD; Tommy Emanuel concert and Araluen events; touring film festival; Noel Fullerton – Camel cup
	500608	Alice Springs, NT, 1992; interview with Geoff Ottway; 0:10:13
	500609	Alice Springs, NT, 25 February 1992; interview with Bill Searle, NT Arts; 0:07:28
	500611	Alice Springs, NT, 1990; news broadcast; report on 60 people killed in East Timor; ATSIC appointing liquidator for Tennant Creek outstation; NSW Land Council Board elected; ATSIC NSW to discuss deaths in custody; Man from Top Springs charged with murder; NT road toll; Police stabbed in Darwin; CAAMA T shirt competition; Timmy Kelly wins boxing; 0:08:39
	500612	Alice Springs, NT, 18 February 1992; news broadcast; Isabel Yamma interviewed about her life; 0:19:18
	500614	Three Bore, NT, <i>The Old Timers Show</i> ; Mary Kemarre speaks in Alyawarre about her life at Three Bore and going to work at Hatches Creek; 0:20:56

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	500615	Alice Springs, NT, 1 March 1984; <i>The Old Timers Show</i> : Alan Kunoth was born at Bond Springs Station and he tells his life story
	500617	Alice Springs, NT, 25 May 1984; <i>The Old Timers Show</i> : Isabel Yamma talks about her life; 0:09:18
	500618	Alice Springs, NT, 19 October 1984; <i>The Old Timers Show</i> : Janet Hoare speaks about her life; 0:27:08
	500619	<i>The Old Timers Show</i> : oral history with Maggie Ross, 4 February 1982, Alice Springs, NT; 0:18:40
	500620	<i>The Old Timers Show</i> : oral history with Lily Ross at Alice Springs, NT, 5 May 1983
	500621	<i>Old Timers Interview</i> : oral history with Fritz Palmer, Alice Springs, NT, 2 September 1981; 0:18:40
	500622	<i>Old Timers Interview</i> : oral history with Harry Forrester and Alex Conway, Charles Creek, NT 25 June 1981
	500623	<i>The Old Timers Show</i> : oral history with Rupert Maxwell Stuart, Alice Springs, 1980s; 0:21:37
	500624	<i>Old Timers Interview</i> : oral history with Albert Presley, Alice Springs, NT, 22 June 1982; 0:21:22
	500625	<i>Old Timers Interview</i> : Loui Tabula singing and speaking in Warlpiri, Alice Springs, NT, 0:20:35
	500626	<i>Old Timers Interview</i> : Toby Robinson sings then explains his songs in Warlpiri, Alice Springs, NT, 12 October 1981; 0:13:15
	500627	<i>Aboriginal Way Program</i> with John Kelly and Helen Davis, 0:30:00; <i>Old Timers Interview</i> : oral history with Herbie Butler, Alice Springs, 24 August 1984
	500628	<i>The Old Timers Show</i> : story told by Paddy Roe from Broome; Alice Springs, NT, 6 July 1984; 0:30:00
	500629	<i>Old Timers Interview</i> : oral history with Herbie Laughton, Alice Springs, NT, 1982; 0:03:44
	500630	<i>Original Voices</i> : discussion, stories and songs English and Pintubi with Marcia Langton, Todama Jabumay, Herbie Laughton, Burnum Burnum and Jimmy Bindri, Alice Springs, NT, 1981; 0:30:56
	500631	<i>Original Voices</i> : oral history with Ken Stuart, Alice Springs, 24 July 1981; 0:28:40
	500632	<i>Interview</i> : Virginia Mayo speaks of her community work, Alice Springs, NT, 8 February 1988; 0:06:22
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		Alice Springs, NT, 1988; 0:05:51
	First Nations of the world ep. 1	<i>First Nations of the World</i> , Episode 1, with Phillip Batty
	Old Timers Show	<i>Old Timers Show</i> : oral history with Billy Foster, Alice Springs, NT, 15 June 1984