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Interim finding aid

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**Sound recordings collected by
Christine Sharp, 1974-1975**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1974-1975

Extent: 4 audiotape reels (approximately 30 min. each) ; 7 in.

Production history

The recordings in this collection were made by Christine Sharp over December 1974 and January 1975, when she was working as an occasional radio journalist for the ABC. She came to Laverton, W.A. with her Nagra recorder to follow-up on reports that there had been a confrontation between Aboriginal people from Docker River and police. The interviews, which included first-hand accounts of the events, were used to confront the State Minister for Aboriginal Affairs with the truth of what had actually happened. These recordings were then processed into a one-off radio programme, also included with this collection. The media exposure the incident received ultimately led a Royal Commission into the conduct of the police in 1975-1976. One of the key recommendations of this report was the establishment of a policy to employ Aboriginal police aides in W.A.

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ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Christine Sharp. 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/name	Description
n/a	WP1246	Recorded audio content, including interviews, for an ABC radio programme on the incident at Skull Creek, W.A., 1974-1975.
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