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**WANAMBI\_D04**

**Sound recordings collected by  
Dundiwuy Wanambi, 1975**

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

1975

### *Date:*

7 sound cassettes (ca. 60 minutes each) : analogue, mono.

### *Extent:*

### *Production history*

These recordings of Mortuary ceremonies were collected by Dundiwuy Wanambi in June 1975 at Yirrkala in Eastern Arnhem Land, Northern Territory. Performers include Muwarra, Monyu, Wurdaymu, Worumila, Roy and Milirrpom and unidentified participants from the Galpu, Datiwuy, Ngayimil, Marrakulu, Rirratjingu, Dhalwangu and Gumatj language groups. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 14 July 1974.

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## ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Dundiwuy Wanambi and Nancy M. Williams and audition sheets prepared by AIATSIS staff.

## ITEM LIST

<i>Archive number</i>	<i>Field recording number</i>	<i>Description</i>
004004A 004004B	75/1	Mortuary ceremonies in Yirrkala, NT with Wurdaymu and Worumila
004005A	75/2	Mortuary ceremonies in Yirrkala, NT with Monyu, Roy and Miliirrpom
004005B 004006A	75/3	Mortuary ceremonies in Yirrkala, NT performed by unidentified males
004006B 004007A	75/4	Mortuary ceremonies in Yirrkala, NT performed by unidentified males
004007B 004008A	75/5	Mortuary ceremonies in Yirrkala, NT performed by unidentified males
004008B 004009A	75/6	Mortuary ceremonies in Yirrkala, NT performed by unidentified males and an unidentified female
004009B 004010A	75/7	Mortuary ceremonies in Yirrkala, NT performed by unidentified males

## ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

004004A + 004004B/75/1

<b>Performer/speaker(s):</b>	Wurdaymu, Worumila
<b>Subject keywords:</b>	Death – Mortuary / funeral ceremonies; Music – Vocal – Group – Male; Music – Vocal – Solo – Male; Music – Instruments – Wind – Didjeridu; Music – Instruments – Percussion – Clapsticks
<b>Language/people:</b>	Galpu, Datiwuy, Ngayimil
<b>Places:</b>	Yirrkala (East Arnhem Land SD53-04)
<b>Recording quality:</b>	Fair

<i>Archive item number</i>	<i>Timing point</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
WANAMBI_D04-004004A	00:00:00	Mortuary ceremony songs (manikay) for Dundiwuy Wanambi's father's sister, Mukul. Wurdaymu sings and Worumila accompanies on didjeridu.	June 1975	Yirrkala, NT
	00:31:33	End of WANAMBI_D04-004004A		
WANAMBI_D04-004004B	00:00:00	Mortuary ceremony songs (manikay) for Dundiwuy Wanambi's father's sister performed by unidentified males accompanied by didjeridu and claps ticks.		
	00:30:43	End of field tape 75/1 and end of WANAMBI_D04-004004B.		

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004005A/75/2

<b>Performer/speaker(s):</b>	Monyu, Roy, Milirrpom
<b>Subject keywords:</b>	Death – Mortuary / funeral ceremonies; Music – Vocal – Group – Male; Music – Instruments – Wind – Didjeridu; Music – Instruments – Percussion – Clapsticks
<b>Language/people:</b>	Galpu, Ngayimil, Marrakulu, Rirratjingu
<b>Places:</b>	Yirrkala (East Arnhem Land SD53-04)
<b>Recording quality:</b>	Fair

<i>Archive item number</i>	<i>Timing point</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
WANAMBI_D04-004005A	00:00:00	Mortuary ceremony songs (manikay) for Dundiwuy Wanambi's father's sister performed by Monyu, Roy and Milirrpom accompanied by didjeridu and clapsticks.	June 1975	Yirrkala, NT
	00:31:10	End of field tape 75/2 WANAMBI_D04-004005A.		

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004005B + 004006A/75/3

<b>Performer/speaker(s):</b>	Unidentified males
<b>Subject keywords:</b>	Death – Mortuary / funeral ceremonies; Music – Vocal – Group – Male; Music – Instruments – Wind – Didjeridu; Music – Instruments – Percussion – Clapsticks
<b>Language/people:</b>	Galpu, Ngayimil, Marrakulu, Rirratjingu
<b>Places:</b>	Yirrkala (East Arnhem Land SD53-04)
<b>Recording quality:</b>	fair

<i>Archive item number</i>	<i>Timing point</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
WANAMBI_D04-004005B	00:00:00	Mortuary ceremony songs (manikay) for Dundiwuy Wanambi's father's sister performed by unidentified males accompanied by didjeridu and clapsticks.	June 1975	Yirrkala, NT
	00:31:05	End of filed tape 75/3A and end of WANAMBI_D04-004005B.		
WANAMBI_D04-004006A	00:00:00	Mortuary ceremony songs (manikay) for Dundiwuy Wanambi's father's sister performed by unidentified males accompanied by didjeridu and clapsticks.		
	00:15:16	End of field tape 75/3B and WANAMBI_D04-004006A.		

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004006B + 004007A/75/4

<b>Performer/speaker(s):</b>	Unidentified males
<b>Subject keywords:</b>	Death – Mortuary / funeral ceremonies; Music – Vocal – Group – Male; Music – Instruments – Wind – Didjeridu; Music – Instruments – Percussion – Clapsticks
<b>Language/people:</b>	Marrakulu, Rirratjingu
<b>Places:</b>	Yirrkala (East Arnhem Land SD53-04)
<b>Recording quality:</b>	fair

<i>Archive item number</i>	<i>Timing point</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
WANAMBI_D04-004006B	00:00:00	Mortuary ceremony songs (manikay) for Dundiwuy Wanambi's father's sister performed by unidentified males accompanied by didjeridu and clapsticks.	June 1975	Yirrkala, NT
	00:30:45	End of field tape 75/4A and end of WANAMBI_D04-004006B.		
WANAMBI_D04-004007A	00:00:00	Mortuary ceremony songs (manikay) for Dundiwuy Wanambi's father's sister performed by unidentified males..		
	00:30:51	End of field tape 75/4B and WANAMBI_D04-004007A.		

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004007B + 004008A/75/5

<b>Performer/speaker(s):</b>	Unidentified males
<b>Subject keywords:</b>	Death – Mortuary / funeral ceremonies; Music – Vocal – Group – Male; Music – Vocal – Solo – Male; Music – Instruments – Wind – Didjeridu; Music – Instruments – Percussion – Clapsticks
<b>Language/people:</b>	Marrakulu, Rirratjingu
<b>Places:</b>	Yirrkala (East Arnhem Land SD53-04)
<b>Recording quality:</b>	fair

<i>Archive item number</i>	<i>Timing point</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
WANAMBI_D04-004007B	00:00:00	Mortuary ceremony songs (manikay) for Dundiwuy Wanambi's father's sister performed by unidentified males accompanied by didjeridu and clapsticks..	June 1975	Yirrkala, NT
	00:30:50	End of field 75/5A and end of WANAMBI_D04-004007B.		
WANAMBI_D04-004008A	00:00:00	Mortuary ceremony songs (manikay) for Dundiwuy Wanambi's father's sister performed by unidentified males accompanied by didjeridu and clapsticks.		
	00:30:48	End of field tape 75/5B and WANAMBI_D04-004008A.		

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004008B + 004009A/75/6

<b>Performer/speaker(s):</b>	Unidentified males, unidentified female
<b>Subject keywords:</b>	Death – Mortuary / funeral ceremonies; Music – Vocal – Solo – Male; Music – Instruments – Wind – Didjeridu; Music – Instruments – Percussion – Clapsticks; Music – Vocal – Solo – Female
<b>Language/people:</b>	Marrakulu
<b>Places:</b>	Yirrkala (East Arnhem Land SD53-04)
<b>Recording quality:</b>	Fair

<i>Archive item number</i>	<i>Timing point</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
WANAMBI_D04-004008B	00:00:00	Mortuary ceremony songs (manikay) for Dundiwuy Wanambi's father's sister performed by unidentified males accompanied by didjeridu and clapsticks.	June 1975	Yirrkala, NT
	00:31:34	End of field 75/6A and end of WANAMBI_D04-004008B.		
WANAMBI_D04-004009A	00:00:00	Mortuary ceremony songs (manikay) for a baby performed by unidentified males and an unidentified female accompanied by didjeridu and clapsticks.		
	00:31:32	End of field tape 75/6B and WANAMBI_D04-004009A.		

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004009B + 004010A/75/7

<b>Performer/speaker(s):</b>	Unidentified males
<b>Subject keywords:</b>	Death – Mortuary / funeral ceremonies; Music – Vocal – Group – Male; Music – Instruments – Wind – Didjeridu; Music – Instruments – Percussion – Clapsticks
<b>Language/people:</b>	Dhalwangu, Gumatj, Wangurri
<b>Places:</b>	Yirrkala (East Arnhem Land SD53-04)
<b>Recording quality:</b>	Fair

<i>Archive item number</i>	<i>Timing point</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
WANAMBI_D04-004009B	00:00:00	Mortuary ceremony songs (manikay) for a baby performed by unidentified males accompanied by didjeridu and clapsticks.	June 1975	Yirrkala, NT
	00:31:11	End of field 75/7A and end of WANAMBI_D04-004009B.		
WANAMBI_D04-004010A	00:00:00	Mortuary ceremony songs (manikay) for a baby performed by unidentified males accompanied by didjeridu and clapsticks.		
	00:31:07	End of field tape 75/5B and WANAMBI_D04-004010A.		

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