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Wayne Atkinson, 1978**

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

**Date:** 1978

**Extent:** 21 sound cassettes (ca. 60 min. each) : analogue, mono. + field tape report sheets

### Production history

These recordings were collected between March and June 1978 by Wayne Atkinson, an AIAS grantee, during fieldwork in Victoria at Shepparton, Barmah, Mooroopna, Echuca, Robinvale, Rumbalara, and Coranderrk, and Cummeragunja in NSW. The purpose of the fieldwork was to explore the history of the Cummeragunja Reserve on the Murray River and the personal histories of those who had lived there. The interviewees included Mrs Priscilla McKray, Mrs Ruby Neir, Mrs Iris Atkinson, Mr Dan Atkinson, Mrs Ivy Sampson, Mrs Rebecka Murray, Mr Kerry James, Mrs Mary James, Mr Watson Atkinson, Mrs Lottie Atkinson, Mr Bill Muir, Mrs Nora Charles, Mrs Lydia Charles, Mr Fred Walker, Mr Clive Atkinson, Mr Sandy Atkinson, Mrs Sophie Briggs, Mr Colin Charles, Mrs Violet Charles, Mrs Violet Harrison, Mr Bevan Nicholls, Mrs Louise Atkinson, Mrs Millie Doherty, and Mrs Margaret Saunders.

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### **ARCHIVIST'S NOTE**

This finding aid was compiled from information contained in documentation provided by Wayne Atkinson and audition sheets prepared by AIATSIS staff.

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006196	<a href="#">F T 20</a>	History of the Cummeragunja Mission School, managers of the mission and the 1918 incident where girls were taken to Cootamundra, with Louise Atkinson and Millie Doherty
006197	<a href="#">F T 21</a>	Oral history of school and religious instruction at Cummeragunja with Margaret Suanders; recording of hymns performed by Jeff Atkinson, Bay Atkinson and Daisy Atkinson

## ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

**F T 1**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mrs Priscilla McKray
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Settlement and contacts – Resettlement and removals, Child welfare – Child / parent separation, Race relations – Racial discrimination, Employment – Seasonal and casual, Health – Infectious diseases, Literature and stories, Social behaviour – Social deviance – Punishment, Substance use – Alcohol
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Shepparton / Mooroopna / Rumbalara (N Vic SJ55-01), Maloga (SW NSW SJ55-01), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01)
Recording quality:	Fair
Notes:	<b>Restricted – personal material</b>

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W01-006182	00:00:05	Mrs McKray on her early life in Maloga and Cummeragunja	17 March 1978	Mooroopna, Vic.
	00:12:56	Mrs McKray on the taking away of girls from the mission for training as domestics in Cootamundra, NSW, in 1918, and of the consequences of this.		
	00:19:12	Mrs McKray on management, housing and leadership at Cummeragunja.		
	00:24:10	Mrs McKray on racial discrimination and hardship away from the mission.		
	00:30:00	Mrs McKray on health and health care at Cummeragunja.		
	00:37:18	Mrs McKray speaks a few Yorta Yorta words, and performs a song.		
	00:44:45	Mrs McKray on the rules and regulations at Cummeragunja.		
	00:52:25	End of F T 1 and end of ATKINSON_W01-006182.		

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**F T 2**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mrs Priscilla McKray, Mrs Ruby Neir
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Race relations – Racial discrimination, Music – Church music – Hymns, Choruses and Carols, Sport – Cricket, Settlement and contacts – Resettlement and removals, Law – Indigenous – Leadership, authority and prestige
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Shepparton / Mooroopna / Rumbalara (N Vic SJ55-01), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Goulburn Valley (N Vic SJ55-01)
Recording quality:	Fair
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Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W01-006183	00:00:05	Mrs McKray on moving to Mooroopna from Cummeragunja.	23 March 1978	Mooroopna, Vic.
	00:06:40	Mrs McKray and Mrs Neir on life at Cummeragunja, including the names of managers, playing music, family relationships and cricket.		
	00:15:10	Mrs McKray and Mrs Neir on the move to Mooroopna and getting seasonal work in the Goulburn Valley orchards and canneries.		
	00:27:30	Mrs McKray and Mrs Neir on the racial discrimination Indigenous children encountered at schools.		
	00:29:50	End of F T 2 and end of ATKINSON_W01-006183.		

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**F T 3**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mrs Iris Atkinson
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Fishing – Fish nets, Economic sectors – Fishing, Law – Indigenous Leadership, authority and prestige, Settlement and contacts – Resettlement and removals, Environment – Climate and weather – Floods, Race relations – Racial discrimination, Politics and Government – Political action – Civil rights, Sport – Football, Dance – Recreational, Performing arts – Musical drama and theatre, Language – Linguistics – Language elicitation
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people, Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota language
Places:	Shepparton / Mooroopna / Rumbalara (N Vic SJ55-01), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01)
Recording quality:	Fair
Notes:	<b>Restricted – personal material</b>

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W01-006184	00:00:16	Mrs Atkinson on the managers, their housing and rations at Cummeragunja Mission.	21 March 1978	Mooroopna, Vic.
	00:06:24	Mrs Atkinson on a fishing business and fish net making at Cummeragunja		
	00:08:15	Mrs Atkinson on community leadership at Cummeragunja.		
	00:18:30	Mrs Atkinson on flooding at Mooroopna, of resettling the Indigenous population and bitter non-Indigenous opposition to the settlement.		
	00:30:25	Mrs Atkinson speaks of an Indigenous rights activist.		
	00:36:30	Mrs Atkinson on activities at Cummeragunja, including football and musical performances.		
	00:52:30	Some Yorta Yorta vocabulary elicitation with Mrs Atkinson.		
	00:56:15	End of F T 3 and end of ATKINSON_W01-006184.		

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**F T 4**

Performer/speaker(s):	Dan Atkinson, unidentified male speaker
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Forestry, Child welfare – Child / parent separation – Stolen generations, Law enforcement – Police, Race relations – Racial discrimination, Politics and Government – Political action – Civil rights, Employment – Discrimination, Social identity – Aboriginality
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Barmah (N Vic SI55-13), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Maloga (SW NSW SJ55-01)
Recording quality:	Fair
Notes:	<b>Restricted – personal material</b>

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W01-006815	00:00:00	Dan Atkinson speaks of living on Cummeragunja and Maloga, including the incident when girls were taken by the NSW Aborigines Protection Board, 1918.	17 March 1978	Barmah, Vic.
	00:13:20	Dan Atkinson on racial discrimination in the region; and recalls older people speaking their own languages.		
	00:20:50	Dan Atkins on the Cummeragunja of the present (1978)		
	00:33:20	Dan Atkinson on early community leadership and problems encountered at Cummeragunja.		
	00:50:00	Dan Atkinson and an unidentified male speaker discuss their elders, the relationship with non-Indigenous society, Indigenous rights and Indigenous identity.		
	01:01:15	End of F T 4 and end of ATKINSON_W01-006815.		

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**F T 5**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mrs Ivy Sampson
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Resettlement and removals, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Child welfare – Child / parent separation, Occupations – Pastoral industry workers, Dance – Recreational, Health – Infectious diseases, Housing, Food – Bush tucker, Race relations
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Barmah (N Vic SI55-13), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Healesville / Coranderrk (E Vic Yarra Valley SJ55-06), Moonacullah (SW NSW SI55-13)
Recording quality:	Fair
Notes:	<b>Restricted – personal material</b>

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W01-006186	00:00:05	Mrs Sampson on her experiences at various reserves, including witnessing the taking of girls at Cummeragunja, 1918.	23 March 1978	Barmah, Vic.
	00:14:33	Mrs Sampson on how she helped bring up other peoples children, and talks of the kinds of employment at Cummeragunja, including shearing.		
	00:18:15	Mrs Sampson recalls the managers at Cummeragunja, including one who tore down the houses of those who were away working.		
	00:25:45	Mrs Sampson on social activities, e. g. dancing, at Cummeragunja; and when the 'Black Flu' arrived.		
	00:30:00	Mrs Sampson on housing, native food supplies, language (Yorta Yorta) use and race relations.		
	00:34:55	Mrs Sampson on Cummeragunja at the present (1978).		
	00:39:35	End of F T 5 and end of ATKINSON_W01-006186.		

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**F T 6**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mrs Rebecka Murray, Mr Trevor Morgan
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Performing arts – Musical drama and theatre, Sport – Cricket, Environment – Climate and weather – Floods, Occupations – Agricultural and horticultural workers, Race relations, Demography – Population dynamics, Race relations – Racial discrimination – Education
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Shepparton / Mooroopna / Rumbalara (N Vic SJ55-01), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Goulburn Valley (N Vic SJ55-01)
Recording quality:	Fair
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Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W01-006187	00:00:05	Mrs Murray on Cummeragunja, its community leaders, managers and community activities, such as staging concerts and playing cricket.	24 March 1978	Shepparton, Vic.
	00:09:30	Mrs Murray speaks on break up of Cummeragunja, partly due to girls being taken away for domestic training in 1918.		
	00:11:25	Trevor Morgan and Mrs Murray on the people and floods at Mooroopna.		
	00:17:10	Trevor Morgan on work in the Goulburn Valley, race relations and an increase in the Indigenous population.		
	00:28:10	Mrs Murray on her family and illness at Cummeragunja, T. S. James and race relations.		
	00:38:40	Mrs Murray and Trevor Morgan discuss living at Cummeragunja.		
	00:47:14	Trevor Morgan on present (1978) educational opportunities for young Indigenous as compared to those of earlier generations.		
	00:53:55	End of F T 6 and end of ATKINSON_W01-006187.		

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**FT 7**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mr Kerry James, Mrs Mary James
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Sport – Events and venues, Religions – Christianity – Ceremonies, Religions - Christianity - Methodist Church, Religions - Christianity - Church of Christ, Religions - Christianity - Missions - Aborigines Inland Mission, Health services – Hospitals, Politics and Government – Civil rights and citizenship, Race relations, Occupations – Pastoral industry workers, Enterprises – Agriculture and horticulture, Child welfare – Child / parent separation
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Shepparton / Mooroopna / Rumbalara (N Vic SJ55-01), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01)
Recording quality:	Poor to fair
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Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON _W01-006188	00:00:05	Mrs James on her early life at Cummeragunja, and of later moving to Shepparton.	6 April 1978	Shepparton, Vic.
	00:03:20	Mrs and Mr James on Cummeragunja and May celebrations, including football, church, dances.		
	00:05:20	Mrs and Mr James on local Aboriginal rights activists.		
	00:09:45	Mrs and Mr James on race relations; and of Aboriginal rights leadership.		
	00:18:30	Mrs James on employment at Cummeragunja including shearing and vegetable farming.		
	00:29:05	Mrs and Mr James on the girls who were taken by the Aborigines Protection Board to Cootamundra in 1918; and of their early lives at Cummeragunja.		
	00:37:40	Mr and Mrs James on the limits of educational opportunity at Cummeragunja.		
	00:40:40	Mr and Mrs James on Christian		

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
		denominations at Cummeragunja.		
	00:44:15	Mr and Mrs James on illness at Cummergunja.		
	00:50:10	Mr and Mrs James on the greater amount of opportunities presented to Aboriginal people in 1978.		
	00:54:30	End of F T 7 and end of ATKINSON_W01-006188.		
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**F T 8**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mr Watson Atkinson, Mrs Lottie Atkinson
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Child welfare – Child / parent separation, Sport – Athletics and running, Occupations – Agricultural and horticultural workers, Education – Schools – Community schools
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Shepparton / Mooroopna / Rumbalara (N Vic SJ55-01), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Barmah (N Vic SI55-13), Warangesda / Darlington Point (SW NSW SI55-10)
Recording quality:	Fair
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Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON _W01-006189	00:00:05	Mr Atkinson on returning to Cummeragunja after spending his childhood in homes.	6 April 1978	Shepparton, Vic.
	00:01:30	Mr and Mrs Atkinson on amenities, events and managers at Cummeragunja.		
	00:05:50	Mr and Mrs Atkinson on living and working in and around Barmah.		
	00:09:52	Mr and Mrs Atkinson on education at Cummeragunja.		
	00:14:10	Mr and Mrs Atkinson reflect on the Cummeragunja they were familiar with and what it's like in 1978.		
	00:22:38	End of F T 8.		

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**F T 9**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mr William ( Bill) Muir
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Sport – Football – Australian rules, Race relations – Racial discrimination – Sport, Education – Community schools, Family – Siblings, Occupations – Pastoral industry workers – Shearers, Occupations – Agricultural and horticultural workers, Occupations – Fishermen, Transport – Water – Canoes, Family, Photography
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Barmah (N Vic SI55-13), Wentworth (SW NSW SI54-11), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Echuca (N Vic SJ55-01), Melbourne (Vic SJ55-05)
Recording quality:	Fair
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Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W01-006189	00:22:45	Mr Muir on moving from the Wentworth district to Cummeragunja.	7 April 1978	Barmah, Vic.
	00:23:18	Mr Muir on playing football and of racial discrimination.		
	00:28:40	Mr Muir on school at Cummeragunja.		
	00:30:20	Mr Muir on his brothers and Cummeragunja.		
	00:36:45	Mr Muir speaks of canoes cut from trees.		
	00:39:10	Mr Muir on sporting and other activities on Cummeragunja.		
	00:43:40	Mr Muir on his family.		
	00:47:55	Mr Muir tells stories while revealing his photograph collections.		
	00:50:00	Mr Muir on his football history.		
	00:53:14	End of F T 9 and end of ATKINSON_W01-006189.		

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**F T 10**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mrs Nora Charles
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Religions – Christianity – Clergy, Education – Primary, Occupations, Reproduction – Childbirth – Midwifery, Health – Infectious diseases, Law – Indigenous – Leadership, authority and prestige, Child welfare – Child / parent separation, Education – Students – Participation and attitudes
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Shepparton / Mooroopna / Rumbalara (N Vic SJ55-01), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Moama (SW NSW SJ55-01), Cootamundra (SW NSW SI55-11)
Recording quality:	Fair
Notes:	<b>Restricted – personal material</b>

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W01-006190	00:00:06	Mrs Charles on T. S. James and assistant teachers at Cummeragunja	13 April 1978	Shepparton, Vic.
	00:03:00	Mrs Charles on employment at Cummeragunja.		
	00:06:25	Mrs Charles on the managers at Cummeragunja.		
	00:11:25	Mrs Charles on working as a midwife and nurse at Cummeragunja.		
	00:33:20	Mrs Charles leadership in the Cummeragunja community.		
	00:40:00	Mrs Charles on girls being taken to Cootamundra, 1918.		
	00:46:50	Mrs Charles on attitudes among the present (1978) generation of Indigenous youth.		
	00:52:48	End of F T 10 and end of ATKINSON_W01-006190.		

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**F T 11**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mrs Lydia Charles
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Occupations – Domestic servants, Religions – Christianity, Dance – Recreational, Sport, Race relations
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota,
Places:	Shepparton / Mooroopna / Rumbalara (N Vic SJ55-01), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Echuca (N Vic SJ55-01), Swan Hill (NW Vic SI54-16)
Recording quality:	Fair
Notes:	<b>Restricted – personal material</b>

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON _W01-006191	00:00:08	Mrs Charles on managers at Cummeragunja.	13 April 1978	Shepparton, Vic.
	00:03:50	Mrs Charles on working as a domestic at Echuca and Swan Hill.		
	00:09:15	Mrs Charles on religion, dances and sport at Cummeragunja.		
	00:17:40	Mrs Charles on race relations off the reserve.		
	00:21:20	Mrs Charles says the Cummeragunja community started to wilt when T. S. James left.		
	00:30:30	End of F T 11.		

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**F T 12**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mr Fred Walker
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, History – Genealogy and family history, Occupations, Law – Indigenous – Leadership, authority and prestige, Child welfare – Child / parent separation, Sport – Athletics and running
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Barmah (N Vic SI55-13), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01)
Recording quality:	Fair
Notes:	<b>Restricted – personal material</b>

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W04-006191	00:30:34	Mr Walker on Cummeragunja and of T. S. "Granpa " James.	18 April 1978	Barmah, Vic.
	00:33:50	Mr Walker on his family history.		
	00:35:35	Mr Walker on Cummeragunja, its managers and employment on the reserve.		
	00:42:00	Mr Walker on leadership and sport at Cummeragunja, including his friendship with Doug Nicholls.		
	00:51:05	Mr Walker on children being taken from the reservation.		
	00:53:34	End of F T 12 and end of ATKINSON_W01-006191.		

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**F T 13**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mrs Priscilla McKray
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Child welfare – Child / parent separation, Health – Infectious diseases
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Shepparton / Mooroopna / Rumbalara (N Vic SJ55-01), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Barmah (N Vic SI55-13), Cootamundra (SW NSW SI55-11)
Recording quality:	Fair
Notes:	<b>Restricted – personal material</b>

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON _W01-006192	00:00:06	Mrs McKray on her early years at Cummeragunja.	20 April 1978	Mooroopna, Vic.
	00:04:10	Mrs McKray on the break up of Cummeragunja.		
	00:05:10	Mrs McKray on an incident in 1918 when girls were taken from Cummeragunja.		
	00:14:05	Mrs McKray on health and treatments at Cummeragunja.		
	00:18:15	Mrs McKray on the incident in 1918 when girls were taken from Cummeragunja to Cootamundra.		
	00:19:12	End of F T 13.		

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**F T 14**

Performer/speaker(s):	Clive Atkinson
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Race relations – Racial discrimination – Education, Settlement and contacts – Resettlement and removals, Occupations, Stories and motifs – Rivers, Child welfare – Child / parent separation, Politics and Government – Political action – Civil rights, Employment – Seasonal and casual, Employment – Discrimination
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Robinvale (NW Vic SI54-12), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Barmah (N Vic SI55-13), Shepparton / Mooroopna / Rumbalara (N Vic SJ55-01), Cootamundra (SW NSW SI55-11)
Recording quality:	Fair
Notes:	<b>Restricted – personal material</b>

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W01-006192	00:19:20	Mr Atkinson on the limited level of education offered to Indigenous people of Cummeragunja.	21 April 1978	Robinvale, Vic.
	00:24:05	Mr Atkinson on the reasons for the break up of Cummeragunja.		
	00:29:23	Mr Atkinson on employment at Cummeragunja.		
	00:31:12	Mr Atkinson tells a story of Haunted Bend.		
	00:33:45	Mr Atkinson on the 1918 incident concerning girls who were taken from the reserve to train as domestics at Cootamundra.		
	00:37:00	Mr Atkinson on the raising of awareness of civil rights.		
	00:38:25	Mr Atkinson on the move from Cummeragunja and finding seasonal work in the Goulburn Valley.		
	00:43:45	Mr Atkinson speaks of Cummeragunja.		
	00:49:29	End of F T 14 and end of ATKINSON_W01-006192.		

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**F T 15**

Performer/speaker(s):	Sandy Atkinson
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Sport – Football – Australian rules, Community organisations – Land rights, Settlement and contacts – Resettlement and removals, Employment – Discrimination, Race relations – Racial discrimination – Education, Occupations, Child welfare – Child / parent separation, Culture – Relationship to place, Stories and motifs – Devils, monsters, evil spirits, hairy men, bunyips, Social identity – Aboriginality
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Shepparton / Mooroopna / Rumbalara (N Vic SJ55-01), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Goulburn Valley (N Vic SJ55-01)
Recording quality:	Fair to good
Notes:	<b>Restricted – personal material</b>

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W01-006193	00:01:10	Mr Atkinson on his life on Cummeragunja.	27 April 1978	Rumbalara, Vic.
	00:06:10	Mr Atkinson speaks of a movement to get the reserve back.		
	00:08:50	Mr Atkinson on hardship, including racial discrimination, encountered by people who moved from Cummeragunja.		
	00:20:25	Mr Atkinson on employment at Cummeragunja.		
	00:25:05	Mr Atkinson speaks of an incident in 1918 when girls were taken from Cummeragunja.		
	00:30:34	Mr Atkinson speaks of the loss of Indigenous culture at Cummeragunja, and tells of Bunyip Hole.		
	00:36:55	Mr Atkinson on Indigenous identity.		
	00:44:47	End of F T 15 and end of ATKINSON_W01-006193.		

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**F T 16**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mrs Sophie Briggs
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Education – Teachers, Performing arts – Musical drama and theatre, Settlement and contacts – Resettlement and removals, Child welfare – Child / parent separation, History – Genealogy and family history, Law – Indigenous – Leadership, authority and prestige, Politics and Government – Political action – Civil rights, Sport – Football – Australian rules
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Echuca (N Vic SJ55-01), Canberra (ACT SI55-16), Healesville / Coranderrk (E Vic Yarra Valley SJ55-06), Barmah (N Vic SI55-13)
Recording quality:	Fair
Notes:	<b>Restricted - personal material</b>

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON _W01-006194	00:00:08	Mrs Briggs on Cummeragunja in the early days, including memories of T. S. James and of giving concerts.	28 April 1978	Cummeragunja, NSW
	00:04:45	Mrs Briggs on reasons why Cummeragunja broke up, including the pulling down of houses and the taking of girls to Cootamundra in 1918.		
	00:12:40	Mrs Briggs on community leaders and managers at Cummeragunja and of a meeting with Doug Nicholls in Canberra.		
	00:18:15	Mrs Briggs on events and activities at Cummeragunja, including football.		
	00:26:25	Mrs Briggs on the future for Cummeragunja.		
	00:27:15	Mrs Briggs on the move from Maloga.		
	00:30:28	End of F T 16.		

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**F T 17**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mr Colin Charles, Mrs Violet Charles
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, History – Genealogy and family history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Sport – Football – Australian rules, Education – Schools – Community schools, Health services – Pharmaceutical services, Politics and Government – Political action – Civil rights, Settlement and contacts – Resettlement and removals, Sites - Sites of significance
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Melbourne (Vic SJ55-05), Healesville / Coranderrk (E Vic Yarra Valley SJ55-06), Dimboola (NW Vic SJ54-03), Shepparton / Mooroopna / Rumbalara (N Vic SJ55-01)
Recording quality:	Fair
Notes:	<b>Restricted – personal material</b>

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON _W01-006194	00:30:28	Mr and Mrs Charles discuss their family history.	28 April 1978	Cummeragunja, NSW
	00:39:35	Mr and Mrs Charles on life at Cummeragunja.		
	00:46:00	Mr and Mrs Charles on movement across the Murray River from Cummeragunja, 1937.		
	00:49:30	Mr and Mrs Charles on the managers, education and arrivals at Cummeragunja.		
	00:59:00	Mr and Mrs Charles discuss other missions / reserves and family members.		
	01:01:00	End of ATKINSON_W01-006194.		
ATKINSON _W01-006195	00:00:06	Mr and Mrs Charles discuss sites of significance around Cummeragunja.		
	00:02:50	Mr and Mrs Charles on activities such as music and football at Cummeragunja.		
	00:08:15	End of F T 17.		

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**FT 18**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mrs Violet Harrison, unidentified male speaker (possibly Mrs Harrison's son Brian)
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, Settlement and contacts - Government settlements, reserves, Settlement and contacts - Resettlement and removals, History - Genealogy and family history, Transport - Vehicles - Wagons, carts, coaches, drays and sulkies, Education - Schools - Community schools
Language/people:	Yari Yari people
Places:	Healesville / Coranderrk (E Vic Yarra Valley SJ55-06), Bung Yarnda / Lake Tyers (E Vic Gippsland SJ55-07)
Recording quality:	Fair
Notes:	<b>Restricted – personal material</b>

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON _W01-006195	00:08:22	Mrs Harrison on the movements of Indigenous people to Coranderrk.	3 May 1978	Coranderrk, Vic.
	00:09:30	Mrs Harrison and an unidentified male discuss drays and ploughing at Coranderrk.		
	00:12:45	Mrs Harrison and an unidentified male on the closing down of Coranderrk.		
	00:17:00	Mrs Harrison on managers and rules and regulations at Coranderrk.		
	00:20:50	Mrs Harrison on the physical aspects of Coranderrk, including the school, gardens, etc.		
	00:28:00	Mrs Harrison on modes of transport at Coranderrk.		
	00:30:00	Mrs Harrison on families, including her own, who lived at Coranderrk.		
	00:32:02	End of FT 18.		

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**F T 19**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mr Bevan Nicholls
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, Settlement and contacts - Government settlements, reserves, Settlement and contacts - Resettlement and removals, Housing - House construction, Law - Indigenous - Leadership, authority and prestige, Food - Bush tucker, History - Genealogy and family history, Music – Vocal, Culture - Relationship to land, Social identity - Aboriginality
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Barmah (N Vic SI55-13), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Bung Yarnda / Lake Tyers (E Vic Gippsland SJ55-07)
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	<b>Restricted – personal material</b>

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON _W01-006195	00:32:08	Mr Nicholls on his life on Cummeragunja and a variety of skilled people, including some house builders and community leaders who lived there.	12 May 1978	Barmah, Vic.
	00:42:35	Mr Nicholls recalls when government control became tighter at Cummeragunja.		
	00:50:30	Mr Nicholls on the displacement of Indigenous people.		
	00:58:35	Mr Nicholls on the problems of resettling Cummeragunja.		
	01:02:34	End of ATKINSON_W01-006195.		
ATKINSON _W01-006196	00:00:05	Mr Nicholls on Aboriginal identity.		
	00:06:02	End of F T 19.		

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**F T 20**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mrs Loise Atkinson, Mrs Millie Doherty
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Education – Teachers, Child welfare – Child / parent separation, History – Genealogy and family history, Settlement and contacts – Resettlement and removals, Race relations – Racial discrimination – Employment, Race relations – Racial discrimination – Education, Sport – Football – Australian rules, Health - Infectious diseases, Law - Indigenous - Leadership, authority and prestige, Religions – Christianity
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Echuca (N Vic SJ55-01, Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Shepparton / Mooroopna / Rumbalara (N Vic SJ55-01)
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	<b>Restricted – personal material</b>

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W01-006196	00:06:08	Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Doherty on teachers at Cummeragunja.	16 May 1978	Echuca, Vic.
	00:07:45	Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Doherty on girls being taken from Cummeragunja in 1918, and on education at the reserve.		
	00:12:10	Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Doherty on the managers at Cummeragunja, their own families and family histories.		
	00:19:05	Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Doherty on a strike and political action at Cummeragunja.		
	00:23:50	Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Doherty on racial discrimination off the Cummeragunja reserve.		
	00:30:50	Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Doherty on sport and facilities on the reserve.		
	00:36:38	Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Doherty on T. S. James and his family.		
	00:39:30	End of F T 20 and end of ATKINSON_W01-006196.		

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**F T 21**

Performer/speaker(s):	Mrs Margaret Saunders, unidentified performers
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves, Settlement and contacts – Resettlement and removals, Education – Primary, Religions – Christianity – Missions – Aborigines Inland Mission, Religions – Christianity – Church of Christ, Community organisations - Civil rights and citizenship, Race relations – Racial discrimination – Employment, Environment – Climate and weather – Floods, Music – Church music – Hymns, Choruses and Carols
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota people
Places:	Shepparton / Mooroopna / Rumbalara (N Vic SJ55-01), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01)
Recording quality:	Fair
Notes:	<b>Restricted – personal material</b>

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ATKINSON_W01-006197	00:00:05	Mrs Saunders on her life at Cummeragunja.	9 June 1978	Mooroopna, Vic.
	00:04:30	Mrs Saunders on the low education level at Cummeragunja.		
	00:08:25	Mrs Saunders on a rift involving the Australian Inland Mission and the Church of Christ.		
	00:11:35	Mrs Saunders on equal rights at Cummeragunja.		
	00:13:30	Mrs Saunders on resettlement, encounters with racial discrimination and floods.		
	00:21:08	Recorded choir music performed by Jeff Atkinson, Bay Atkinson and Daisy Atkinson.		
	00:36:42	Repeat of 00:00:05 – 00:21:08.		
	00:57:48	End of F T 21 and end of ATKINSON_W01-006197.		

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