



**Interim Finding aid**

**BEHRENDT\_P01**

**Sound recordings collected by  
Paul Behrendt, 1984-1986**

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

**Date:** 1984-1986

**Extent:** 101 sound cassettes (ca. 60 min. each) : analogue, mono.

### Production history

These recordings were collected by Paul Behrendt, a Yuwaalaraay/Gamilaraay oral historian, in western New South Wales between 1984 and 1986. The project, to document an Indigenous history of the Walgett area, was funded by an AIAS grant. Speakers include Ivy Green (a Gamilaraay woman, recorded at Walgett), Melba Nicholls (a Wayilwan woman recorded at Walgett), Fred Reece (a Yuwaalaraay man, recorded at Lightning Ridge), Reg Murray (a Gamilaraay man, recorded at Walgett), Ted Fields (a Yuwaalaraay man, recorded at Walgett), Mrs Dennis (recorded at Walgett), Philip "Doc" McBride (recorded in the Walgett area), and Kathleen Boney (recorded at Walgett). All of the interviews are conducted in English.

## RELATED MATERIAL

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## **ARCHIVIST'S NOTE**

This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Paul Behrendt. Detailed item descriptions, featuring timing points, are not yet available as the collection has not been auditioned by AIATSI staff.

Field tapes 6, 7 and 84 were found to be inaudible and were not archived. Field tapes 32 and 83 were not deposited. There is a possibility that there are duplicate copies of field tape "Fred Reece I", on BEHRENDT\_P01-010597 and BEHRENDT\_P01-010609. This is yet to be verified.

## ITEM LIST

| Field recording number | AIATSIS item number                         | Description  |
|------------------------|---|--|
| 1                      | BEHRENDT_P01-010324                         | Ivy Green talks about her life, genealogies and social conditions  |
| 2                      | BEHRENDT_P01-010325                         | Ivy Green about her life and genealogies; Melba Nicholls comments on social conditions   |
| 3                      | BEHRENDT_P01-010326                         | Melba Nicholls talks about her life, genealogies and social conditions   |
| 4                      | BEHRENDT_P01-010327                         | Fred Reece talks about his life, genealogies and social conditions   |
| 5                      | BEHRENDT_P01-010328                         | Fred Reece talks about his life, genealogies and social conditions   |
| 8                      | BEHRENDT_P01-010329                         | Melba Nicholls talks about her life, genealogies and social conditions   |
| 9                      | BEHRENDT_P01-010330                         | Melba Nicholls comments on an article by Marie Reay in <i>Oceania</i>  |
| 10                     | BEHRENDT_P01-010331                         | Reg Murray talks about his life, genealogies, his experiences as a drinker and social conditions, particularly in the 1920s and '30s |
| 11                     | BEHRENDT_P01-010332                         | Reg Murray talks about his life and social conditions, particularly in the 1920s and '30s  |
| 12                     | BEHRENDT_P01-010333                         | Reg Murray talks about his life and social conditions, particularly in the 1920s and '30s  |
| 13                     | BEHRENDT_P01-0103                           | Reg Murray talks about social conditions and comments on an article by Marie Reay in <i>Oceania</i>                                  |
| 14                     | BEHRENDT_P01-010335,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010336 | Gamilaraay vocabulary elicitation with Ivy Green   |
| 15                     | BEHRENDT_P01-010337                         | Fred Reece talks about his life and genealogies  |
| 16                     | BEHRENDT_P01-010338                         | Fred Reece talks about his life, genealogies and social conditions   |
| 17                     | BEHRENDT_P01-010339                         | Fred Reece talks about his life and genealogies  |
| 18, side 1             | BEHRENDT_P01-010339                         | Fred Reece comments on Langloh Parker's publications about the Yuwaalaraay people  |
| 18, side 2             | BEHRENDT_P01-010340                         | Fred Reece comments on Langloh Parker's publications about the Yuwaalaraay people  |
| 19                     | BEHRENDT_P01-                               | Fred Reece comments on Langloh Parker's  |

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|                        | 010341,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010342                  | publications about the Yuwaalaraay people  |
| 20                     | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010343                             | Fred Reece comments on Langloh Parker's publications about the Yuwaalaraay people  |
| 21                     | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010344                             | Fred Reece talks about his life, genealogies and social conditions   |
| 22                     | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010345,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010346 | Fred Reece talks about his life, genealogies and social conditions   |
| 23                     | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010347                             | Fred Reece talks about his life and genealogies  |
| 24                     | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010348                             | Reg Murray talks about his life  |
| 25                     | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010349                             | Reg Murray talks about his life, genealogies and social conditions   |
| 26                     | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010350,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010351 | Reg Murray talks about his life, social conditions and the movement of people  |
| 27                     | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010352                             | Reg Murray talks about his life  |
| 28                     | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010353                             | Fred Reece talks about his life and genealogies  |
| 29                     | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010354                             | Song performed by Fred Reece and comments on Langloh Parker's publications, Yuwaalaraay names for birds and animals, pronunciation, genealogical information |
| 30                     | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010355                             | Fred Reece talks about his genealogies, Yuwaalaraay pronunciation and names for animals and birds  |
| 31                     | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010356                             | Melba Nicholls talks about her life  |
| 33                     | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010357                             | Reg Murray talks about his life, genealogies, social conditions and an article by Marie Reay in <i>Oceania</i>   |
| 34                     | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010358,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010359 | Melba Nicholls talks about her life  |
| 35                     | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010360,                            | Melba Nicholls talks about her life, including information about Pilliga Mission   |

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|                               | BEHRENDT_P01-010361                         |   |
| 36                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010362                         | Melba Nicholls comments on social conditions  |
| 37                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010363                         | Ivy Green talks about animals and birds (including Gamilaraay names), marriage laws, and mixing the old and new religions |
| 38                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010364,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010365 | Ivy Green talks about her life and genealogies  |
| 39                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010366                         | Melba Nicholls talks about her life   |
| 40                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010367                         | Melba Nicholls talks about her life   |
| 41                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010368                         | Ivy Green talks about her life and genealogies  |
| 42                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010369                         | Ivy Green talks about her life, religion and social conditions  |
| 43                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010370,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010371 | Ivy Green talks about massacres and genealogies history   |
| 44                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010372,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010373 | Fred Reece talks about his life and social conditions   |
| 45                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010374,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010375 | Fred Reece talks about his life, genealogies and social conditions  |
| 46                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010376                         | Fred Reece talks about his life, genealogies and social conditions  |
| 47                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010377,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010378 | Fred Reece talks about his life and genealogies   |
| 48                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010379                         | Fred Reece talks about his life and genealogies   |
| 49                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010380,                        | Ivy Green talks about her life and genealogies  |

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|                               | BEHRENDT_P01-010381                         |   |
| 50                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010382,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010383 | Melba Nicholls talks about her life, genealogies, social conditions and time at Pilliga Mission |
| 51                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010384                         | Melba Nicholls talks about her life at Pilliga Mission  |
| 52                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010385                         | Ivy Green talks about her life and Dungalear Station  |
| 53                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010386,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010387 | Reg Murray talks about his genealogies and life   |
| 54                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010388,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010389 | Reg Murray talks about his life and genealogies   |
| 55                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010390,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010391 | Reg Murray talks about his life   |
| 56                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010392,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010393 | Reg Murray talks about his life and the 1930s   |
| 57                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010394                         | Fred Reece talks about his life and social conditions   |
| 58                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010395                         | Fred Reece talks about his life and social conditions   |
| 59                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010396                         | Fred Reece talks about his life and social conditions   |
| 60                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010397                         | Fred Reece talks about his life and social conditions   |
| 61                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010398                         | Reg Murray talks about his life and the 1930s   |
| 62                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010399                         | Reg Murray talks about his life and the 1930s   |
| 63                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010400                         | Fred Reece talks about his life   |
| 64                            | BEHRENDT_P01-                               | Fred Reece talks about his life   |



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|                               | 010401,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010402                  |  |
| 65                            | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010403                             | Fred Reece talks about his life  |
| 66                            | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010404,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010565 | Reg Murray talks about his life  |
| 67                            | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010566                             | Reg Murray talks about his life  |
| 68                            | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010567                             | Ted Fields talks about the Aboriginal caves at Cumborah, stories of tribal travel and features of the land           |
| 69                            | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010568,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010569 | Mrs Dudley Dennis identifies people from Brewarrina in photographs   |
| 70                            | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010570,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010571 | Reg Murray talks about his life  |
| 71                            | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010572                             | Fred Reece his life and responds to Langloh Parker's book  |
| 72                            | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010573,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010574 | Fred Reece talks about his life and experiences with "Wirringen"   |
| 73                            | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010575                             | Ted Fields recounts stories about Yuwaalaraay country  |
| 74                            | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010576                             | Ted Fields talks about Yuwaalaraay country   |
| 75                            | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010576,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010577 | Ivy Green talks about the significance of Cumborah Knob to the people of Dungalear; Reg Murray talks about Dungalear |
| 76                            | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010578,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010579 | Reg Murray talks about Dungalear, and edible and medicinal plants  |
| 77                            | BEHRENDT_P01-<br>010580,                            | Fred Reece talks about his life  |

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|                               | BEHRENDT_P01-010581                         |   |
| 78                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010582                         | Fred Reece talks about his life   |
| 79                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010583                         | Ted Fields talks about Angledool Mission, and the significance of the turtle totem  |
| 80                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010584                         | Reg Murray talks about his life   |
| 81                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010585                         | Reg Murray talks about genealogies, Dungalear, police attitudes, legal issues, social change, Protection Board inspectors, Gingie Mission, smoking houses, and blanket issues |
| 82                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010586                         | Reg Murray talks about genealogies  |
| 85                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010586,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010587 | Oral history interview with Fred Reece  |
| 86                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010588                         | Fred Reece talks about people and sheep stations  |
| 87                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010589                         | Reg Murray talks about lifestyles in the 1930s and '50s, Ellen Leonard, Angledool, and genealogies  |
| 88                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010590,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010591 | Reg Murray talks about social relationships, clever men, experiences as a rural worker, breaking up of properties, shedding of workforce and the loss of culture and language |
| 89                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010592                         | Oral history interview with Ivy Green   |
| 90                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010593                         | Oral history interview with Ted Fields  |
| 91                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010593,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010594 | Oral history interview with Ted Fields and Doc McBride  |
| 92                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010595                         | Oral history interview with Ted Fields and Doc McBride  |
| 93                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010596                         | Oral history interview with Doc McBride   |
| Fred Reece I                  | BEHRENDT_P01-010597,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-       | Fred Reece talks about his life and genealogies   |

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|                               | 010598                                      |   |
| Fred Reece 1                  | BEHRENDT_P01-010598,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010599 | Fred Reece talks about his life   |
| Fred Reece III                | BEHRENDT_P01-010599,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010600 | Fred Reece talks about his life   |
| Granny IV                     | BEHRENDT_P01-010601,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010602 | Oral history interview with Ivy Green                                     |
| Granny V                      | BEHRENDT_P01-010603,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010604 | Oral history interview with Ivy Green                                     |
| Granny VI                     | BEHRENDT_P01-010605,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010606 | Oral history interview with Ivy Green, including genealogical information |
| 94                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010607,<br>BEHRENDT_P01-010608 | Oral history interview with Kathleen Boney                                |
| 95                            | BEHRENDT_P01-010609                         | Oral history interview with Ivy Green                                     |