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Sound recordings collected by Jeanie Bell, 1988-1996

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1988-1996

Extent: 10 sound cassettes (7 hrs. 47 min.): analogue, mono.

Production history

These recordings were collected between 31 May 1988 and 6 March 1996 by Jeanie Bell while on fieldwork in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney. The purpose of the recordings was to interview people who knew Celia Smith, a Brisbane community worker and political activist from the 1940s-1970s. Information from this material has contributed to the biography *Talking about Celia : community and family memories of Celia Smith* by Jeanie Bell. Speakers include Gary Foley, Charles Smith, Alick Jackomos, Gloria Jones, Bob Anderson, Jessica Runge, Estelle Bertossi, Elsie Gibson, Chicka Dixon, John Newfong, Hazel Mace, Ailsa Coolwell and Chrissy Andrews. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 17 October 1996.

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ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

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

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019128 019129	Field tape 10	Ailsa Coolwell speaks of Celia Smith; oral history with Chrissy Andrews (Smith)

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

Field tape 1

Performer/speaker(s):	Gary Foley
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Law – Legal aid services, Government policy – Initial period and protectionism, Employment – Unemployment, Law enforcement – Police conduct and attitudes, Race relations – Racial discrimination
Language/people:	English
Places:	New South Wales (NSW), Redfern (Inner Sydney NSW SI56-05)
Recording quality:	Poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BELL_J01- 019114	00:00:00	Gary Foley on founding the Aboriginal Legal Service in New South Wales.	ca. 1991	
	00:19:20	Gary Foley speaks of low employment opportunities for Indigenous people, the basic inequality between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and the relationship between Indigenous people and the police force.		
	00:27:50	Gary Foley on the Redfern Aboriginal Legal Service, the growth of the Legal Service in NSW and police attitudes to Indigenous people.		
	00:42:08	End of field tape 1 and end of BELL_J01-019114.		

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Performer/speaker(s):	Charles Smith
Personal subject(s):	Celia Smith, William Hatton, Kath Walker [Oodgeroo Noonuccal], Barry Jones, Gordon Bryant, Nugget Coombs, Joh Bjelke-Petersen
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, History – Genealogy and family history, Child welfard – Child / parent separation, Enterprises, Race relations – Racial discrimination, Race relations – Racial discrimination – Sport, Defence – World War II, Social events, Sport – Football – Rugby league, Social welfare Charities, Education, Politics and government – Indigenous representative bodies, Employment – Recruitment, Law enforcement – Police conduct and attitudes
Language/people:	English
Places:	Cherbourg / Barambah (SE Qld SG56-10), Beaudesert (SE Qld SG56-14), Dalby (SE Qld SG56-13), Toowoomba (SE Qld SG56-14), Brisbane (SE Qld SG56-15)
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BELL_J01- 019115	00:00:00	Charles Smith speaks of his family including a case of child / parent separation, movements from town to town, the setting up of a business and incidents of racial discrimination.	31 May 1988	
	00:34:52	Charles Smith says his father enlisted in 1940 and served abroad; he speaks of his family.		
	00:45:25	Charles Smith speaks of social events for Indigenous people in Brisbane.		
	00:47:09	End of BELL_J01-019115.		
BELL_J01- 019116	00:00:00	Charles Smith speaks of an Indigenous Rugby League team.	31 May 1988	
	00:01:35	Charles Smith speaks of Celia Smith's community work and of her involvement in Indigenous activism.		
	00:06:15	Charles Smith on education, race attitudes and employment.		
	00:14:20	Charles Smith the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, and of		
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	Celia Smith's involvement.		
00:27:45	Charles Smith on political manipulation within Indigenous organisations.		
00:31:14	End of field tape 2 and end of		
	BELL_J01-019116.		
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	point 00:27:45	Celia Smith's involvement. O0:27:45 Charles Smith on political manipulation within Indigenous organisations. O0:31:14 End of field tape 2 and end of BELL_J01-019116.	Celia Smith's involvement. 00:27:45 Charles Smith on political manipulation within Indigenous organisations. 00:31:14 End of field tape 2 and end of BELL_J01-019116. RETURN TO

Field tape 3	
Performer/speaker(s):	Alick Jackomos
Personal subject(s):	Celia Smith, Doug Nicholls, Chicka Dixon, Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI), Aborigines Advancement League
Subject keywords: History – Oral history, Recreation – Card games, Dance – Recreation – Politics and Government – Political action – Activism, Defence – weapons testing – Nuclear weapons, Politics and government – Ir representative bodies, Politics and Government – Civil rights and Education – Skills and curriculum – Cultural awareness, Politics at Government – Referenda – Referendum, 1967, Employment – Cowages – Equal wages, Social welfare – Community care	
Language/people:	English
Places:	Brisbane (SE Qld SG56-15), Melbourne (Vic SJ55-05), Victoria (Vic), Adelaide (SE SA SI54-09)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BELL_J01- 019117	00:00:00	Alick Jackomos speaks of meeting Celia Smith in Brisbane and of gambling schools and dances.	9 April 1991	Melbourne, Vic.
	00:12:00	Alick Jackomos on Celia Smith's political involvement, and his own with Doug Nicholls. He speaks of the Aborigines Advancement League in Victoria and the beginning of FCAATSI.		
	00:15:00	Alick Jackomos on FCAATSI's contribution to equal rights, equal wages, cultural awareness and the 1967 Referendum.		
	00:22:35	Alick Jackomos on Chicka Dixon, on Celia Smith's political involvement and community work.		
	00:29:57	End of field tape 3 and end of BELL_J01-019117.		
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Field tape 4	
Performer/speaker(s):	Charlie Smith, Gloria Jones, unidentified female speaker
Personal subject(s):	Celia Smith, Bessie Campbell, Stanley Smith
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Recreation – Card games, Dance – Recreational, Sport – Football – Rugby league, Housing – Socio-cultural factors, Social events, Social welfare – Community care, Music – Contemporary – Country and Western, Children – Care and nurturing, Politics and Government – Political action – Activism
Language/people:	English
Places:	Brisbane (SE Qld SG56-15), Cherbourg / Barambah (SE Qld SG56-10)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BELL_J01- 019118	00:00:00	Charlie Smith speaks of social activities for Indigenous people such as card games, dances and football matches in Brisbane in the 1950s. He says that when housing camps were broken up many of these activities stopped.	20 June 1991	Holland Park, Qlo
	00:12:15	Gloria Jones on social events for Indigenous people in Brisbane in the 1940s.		
	00:13:05	Gloria Jones speaks of Celia Smith's generosity, and speaks of her life at Cherbourg.		
	00:19:25	Gloria Jones on Celia Smith's community work, her help with children and her political involvement.		
	00:31:34	End of field tape 4, side a, and end of BELL_J01-019118.		
BELL_J01- 019119	00:00:00	Gloria Jones and an unidentified female speak of Celia Smith's friends, card game venues, and of Smith's generosity.		
	00:05:50	End of field tape 4 and end of BELL_J01-019119.		
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Field tape 5	
Performer/speaker(s):	Bob Anderson, Jessica Runge
Personal subject(s):	Celia Smith, Granny Catchpenny, Katie Martin, Oodgeroo Noonuccal, Vera Perry, Queensland Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (QCAATSI), FCAATSI, Joe McGinness, Faith Bandler, Jessie Street
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Politics and Government – Political action – Activism, Government policy – Initial period and protectionism, Culture – Relationship to land, Race relations – Racial vilification, Social identity, Social identity – Mixed descent, Law – Indigenous – Inter-group relations and protocol, Race relations – Racial discrimination – Legislative, Occupations – Pastoral industry workers, Employment – Conditions – Wages – Stolen wages, Politics and government – Indigenous representative bodies, Race relations – Violent, Employment – Conditions – Industrial relations – Trade unions, Social events, Social welfare – Community care, Settlement and contacts – Resettlement and removals, Food – Bush tucker
Language/people:	English
Places:	Brisbane (SE Qld SG56-15), Northern Territory (NT), Hope Vale (Qld SE Cape York SD55-13), Mer / Murray Island (Qld TSI SC55-05), Minjerriba / Stradbroke Islands (SE Qld SG56-15)
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BELL_J01- 019120	00:00:00	Bob Anderson speaks of going to the Philippines with a delegation.	19 August 1991	Greenslopes, Qld
	00:01:40	Bob Anderson on colonialism, the alienation of Indigenous people from their land, Aboriginal Protection Acts, denigration of Indigenous people.		
	07:25	Bob Anderson on the treatment of people of mixed heritage, segregation of Indigenous people and racist legislation.		
	13:30	Bob Anderson on Indigenous political activities in the 1950s, workers rights and stolen wages.		
	19:50	Bob Anderson on his political activities with Celia Smith and Oodgeroo Noonuccal. He speaks of FCAATSI and union involvement in Indigenous issues.		
	28:10	Bob Anderson on Indigenous		
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		organisations in Qld, and on brutality towards Indigenous people. He speaks of Joe McGinness.		
	00:37:01	End of field tape 5, side a, and end of BELL_J01-019120.		
BELL_J01- 019121	00:00:00	Jessica Runge on Celia Smith's community work and political activity.		
	00:11:20	Jessica Runge on why Indigenous people resettled in Brisbane.		
	00:16:05	Jessica Runge on Faith Bandler and Jessie Street, racism and trade union assistance to Indigenous causes.		
	00:19:30	Jessica Runge on nutrition.		
	00:24:00	Jessica Runge on Celia Smith's death.		
	00:26:26	End of field tape 5 and end of BELL_J01-019121.		
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Performer/speaker(s):	Estelle Bertossi, Elsie Gibson
Personal subject(s):	Celia Smith, Oodgeroo Noonuccal [Kath Walker], Kate Collins, Kate Sutcliffe Aborigines Advancement League (Qld), Rev. Clint Wells, Stan Davey, FCAATSI, Charlie Smith, Stanley Smith, Doug Nicholls, Jack Patten, Eunice Gilmour, National Tribal Council, "Pompey" Hatton, John Newfong
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Politics and Government – Political action, Social welfare – Community care, Politics and government – Indigenous representative bodies, Politics and government – Political action – Land rights Politics and Government – Referenda – Referendum, 1967, Economics – Income – Poverty and low income
Language/people:	English
Places:	Brisbane (SE Qld SG56-15)
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BELL_J01- 019122	00:0:00	Estelle Bertossi on peace groups in Brisbane. She speaks of Celia Smith's work.	21 August 1991	Wellington Point, Qld
	00:03:25	Estelle Bertossi and Elsie Gibson discuss the Aborigines Advancement League, FCAATSI publications, a Land Rights campaign and the 1967 Referendum.		
	00:08:15	Estelle Bertossi and Elsie Gibson speak of Celia Smith, her sons, Doug Nicholls' political activity, Jack Patten, Eunice O'Connor and the national Tribal Council.		
	00:16:00	Estelle Bertossi and Elsie Gibson speak of Celia Smith's work for the poor, of John Newfong, and of peace meetings in Brisbane in the early 1960s.		
	00:19:38	End of field tape 6 and end of BELL_J01-019122.		

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Field tape 7	
Performer/speaker(s):	Chicka Dixon
Personal subject(s):	Celia Smith, Eddie Gilbert, Katie Martin, Pastor Don Brady, Iris Clay, Allen Landers, Dave Landers, Jackie Wright, Jack Hassen, Jack Walker, Stanley Smith, Alick Jackomos, Rodney Hall, Gary Foley, Kevin Gilbert, Michael Anderson, Phillip Hall, Charles Perkins, Gary Williams, Denis Walker, Rodney Smith, Hazel Mace
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Race relations – Racial discrimination – Social, Recreation – Card games, Politics and Government – National symbols and events – Honours and awards, Politics and Government – Political action – Indigenous embassies and political missions – Tent Embassy, Parliament House, Canberra, Demography – Urbanisation, Social welfare – Community care, Sport – Boxing, Art – Policy and administration, Health status, Education, Politics and Government – Political action – Activism, Politics and Government – Political action – Indigenous embassies and political missions, Dance – Recreational, Sport – Football – Rugby league, Race relations – Racial discrimination – Curfews and movement restrictions
Language/people:	English
Places:	Sydney (NSW SI56-05), Brisbane (SE Qld SG56-15), Canberra (ACT SI55-16), Beaudesert (SE Qld SG56-14), Cherbourg / Barambah (SE Qld SG56-10)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BELL_J01- 019123	00:00:00	Chicka Dixon on his arrival in Brisbane in the early 1950s and the racial segregation he witnessed.	10 September 1991	Sydney, NSW
	00:06:25	Chicka Dixon speaks of attending an Indigenous funeral ceremony; and speaks of Katie Martin, Don Brady and Iris Clay.		
	00:09:05	Chicka Dixon on his and Celia Smith's political activity. He speaks of refusing an honour.		
	00:16:30	Chicka Dixon on racial discrimination, card games, and on the exodus of Indigenous people from reserves.		
	00:23:40	Chicka Dixon on Celia Smith's community work, her son's boxing ability, and on Alick Jackomos.		
	00:26:00	Chicka Dixon speaks of his time on the Aboriginal Arts Board.		
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	00:26:00	End of field tape 7, side a, and end of BELL_J01-019123.		
BELL_J01- 019124	00:00:00	Chicka Dixon on Indigenous health, education, and on political strategies.		
	00:10:30	Chicka Dixon speaks of a documentary he made.		
	00:13:30	Chicka Dixon speaks of teaching younger political activists.		
	00:16:00	Chicka Dixon on people from Beaudesert, football matches, dances and various Brisbane people.		
	00:27:55	Chicka Dixon speaks of travel permits for Indigenous people.		
	00:31:42	End of field tape 7 and end of BELL_J01-019124.		

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Performer/speaker(s):	John Newfong
Personal subject(s):	Celia Smith, Kath Walker [Oodgeroo Noonuccal], Lambert McBride, Charles Perkins, Lois [Lowitja] O'Donoghue, Faith Bandler, Gary Foley, Barry Jones, QCAATSI, FCAATSI, One People of Australia League (OPAL)
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Politics and Government – Political action – Activism Politics and Government – Elections – Indigenous organisations, Government policy – Assimilation, Politics and Government – National symbols and event – Captain Cook Bicentenary, 1970, Race relations – Attitudes
Language/people:	English
Places:	Brisbane (SE Qld SG56-15)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BELL_J01- 019125	00:00:00	John Newfong speaks of meeting Celia Smith and of the formation of QCAATSI and OPAL	17 November 1991	West End, Qld
	00:07:20	John Newfong says they wanted to get to the cause of Indigenous problems, not just treat the symptoms.		
	00:10:05	John Newfong says Celia Smith nominated him for General Secretary of FCAATSI in 1970.		
	00:15:50	John Newfong on Celia Smith, Kath Walker and the 1967 Referendum.		
	00:24:45	John Newfong on his gratitude to and fondness of Celia Smith.		
	00:31:38	End of field tape 8, side a, and end of BELL_J01-019125.		
BELL_J01- 019126	00:00:00	John Newfong says that Celia Smith was not used to her potential in politics. He speaks of her personality and of her generosity in community work.	17 November 1991	West End, Qld
	00:09:00	John Newfong on FCAATSI and on non- Indigenous attitudes to autonomous Indigenous organisations.		
	00:12:09	End of field tape 8 and end of		
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Field tape 9	
Performer/speaker(s):	Hazel Mace
Personal subject(s):	Celia Smith, Alick Jackomos, Donny Smith
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Recreation – Card games, Law enforcement – Police conduct and attitudes, Race relations – Racial discrimination – Social, Social welfare – Government – Unemployment benefits, Politics and Government – Elections – Indigenous organisations, Social welfare – Community care, Dance – Recreational, Occupations – Domestic servants, Children – Care and nurturing, Settlement and contacts – Government settlements, reserves
Language/people:	English
Places:	Brisbane (SE Qld SG56-15), Beaudesert (SE Qld SG56-14), Cherbourg / Barambah (SE Qld SG56-10)
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BELL_J01- 019127	00:00:00	Hazel Mace speaks of Celia Smith's compassion and of her early days in Brisbane. She speaks of the card games, race discrimination and police harassment.	3 December 1991	Zillmere, Qld
	00:08:10	Hazel Mace speaks of the lack of welfare benefits and card game venues.		
	00:10:00	Hazel Mace on Celia Smith's relationships, compassion and political activity		
	00:13:25	Hazel Mace on her early life in Brisbane		
	00:21:50	Hazel Mace on dances.		
	00:23:30	Hazel Mace on Celia Smith's political and community work. She speaks of Celia Smith's death		
	00:27:40	Hazel Mace says that Indigenous people have changed since WW II.		
	00:30:25	Hazel Mace on living at Cherbourg		
	00:31:12	End of field tape 9 and end of BELL_J01-019127.		
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Field tape 10	
Performer/speaker(s):	Ailsa Coolwell, Chrissy Andrews (Smith)
Personal subject(s):	Celia Smith, Betty Smith, Stanley Smith, Donny Smith, Alick Jackomos
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, History – Genealogy and family history, Social welfare – Community care, Recreation – Card games, Dance – Recreational, Politics and Government, Research, Politics and Government – Referenda – Referendum, 1967
Language/people:	English
Places:	Brisbane (SE Qld SG56-15), Beaudesert (SE Qld SG56-14)
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BELL_J01- 019128	00:00:00	Ailsa Coolwell speaks of Celia Smith's early life, and of their relationship.	27 February 1996	New Farm, Qld
	00:03:15	Ailsa Coolwell on Celia Smith's community work, card games and family.		
	00:20:00	Ailsa Coolwell speaks of community dances. She speaks of her own life.		
	00:25:15	Ailsa Coolwell on Celia Smith's community and political work.		
	00:31:32	End of field tape 10, side a, and end of BELL_J01-019128.		
BELL_J01- 019129	00:00:00	Chrissy Andrews speaks of her grandmother Celia Smith and her involvement in the 1967 Referendum.	6 March 1996	Belmont, Qld
	00:8:40	Chrissy Andrews on Celia Smith's community work and life.		
	00:19:20	Chrissy Andrews and collector discuss some photographs. They speak of Celia Smith's death and her legacy.		
	00:24:39	End of field 10 and end of BELL_J01-019129.		
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