



Finding aid

BURBANK_V01

**Sound recordings collected by
Victoria Katherine Burbank, 1978**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1978

Extent: 21 audiocassettes : analogue, mono.

Production history

These recordings were collected by Victoria Burbank during her field work in Numbulwar, Northern Territory. It involved interviews with a number of women from the Nunggubuyu language group. Many of the recordings cover the traditional stories and beliefs of the women from their community. The main speaker is Emily. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 3rd January 1979.

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ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

015747/1/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily
Subject keywords:	History – Genealogy and family history
Language/people:	English
Places:	Numbulwar/Rose River (East Arnhem Land SD53-11)
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V0 1-015747	00:00:00	Emily discusses her family genealogies.	April 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:28:46	Emily continues discussion on genealogies.		
	00:41:43	End of 1/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-015747.		

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015748/2/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily
Subject keywords:	History - Genealogy and family history
Language/people:	English and Nunggubuyu
Places:	Numbulwar/Rose River (East Arnhem Land SD53-11)
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015748	00:00:00	Collector is translating sentences with Emily. They are talking about genealogies.	2-3 April 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:30:52	Continuation of side 2.		
	00:60:32	End of 2/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-015748.		

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015749/3/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily
Subject keywords:	History - Genealogy and family history
Language/people:	English and Nunggubuyu
Places:	Numbulwar/Rose River (East Arnhem Land SD53-11)
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015749	00:00:00	Collector is discussing genealogies with Emily. Names are included.	April 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:29:55	Discussion about cats catching snakes. Continuation of genealogies.		
	00:40:22	Discussion about what children should be learning to read. Mention of writing about the women. Continues with genealogies.		
	00:61:05	End of 3/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-015749.		

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015750/4/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily
Subject keywords:	History - Genealogy and family history, Language
Language/people:	English and Ngunggubuyu
Places:	Numbulwar/Rose River (East Arnhem Land SD53-11), NT
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015750	00:00:00	Collector is speaking with Emily about genealogies. Language elicitation is included.	April 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:26:24	Continuation of language Nunggubuyu language elicitation.		
	00:55:35	End of 4/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-015750.		

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015751/5/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Alice
Subject keywords:	History - Genealogy and family history, Language
Language/people:	English and Ngunngubuyu
Places:	Numbulwar/Rose River (East Arnhem Land SD53-11), NT
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015751	00:00:00	Collector is speaking with Alice about genealogies. Narrative in English.	9 May 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:01:50	Elicitation of Nunggubuyu language.		
	00:39:18	End of 5/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-015751.		

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015921/7/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Alice
Subject keywords:	Language
Language/people:	English and Nunggubuyu
Places:	Numbulwar/Rose River (East Arnhem Land SD53-11), NT
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015921	00:00:00	Collector is eliciting language from Alice. How to say 'being cranky, cross' – discussion about people's behaviour.	May 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:14:45	Discussion about the terms 'rubbish' and 'frightened'.		
	00:41:15	Talking about 'housing' in the community. Alice shares her life story.		
	00:55:17	End of 7/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-015921.		

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015922/8/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily
Subject keywords:	Ceremonies – Performance and performance practice
Language/people:	English and Kriol
Places:	Numbulwar/Rose River (East Arnhem Land SD53-11), NT
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – women only

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015922	00:00:00	Narrative/discussion about Kunabibi ceremony.	26 May 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:26:54	Discussion continues on ceremonies.		
	00:41:16	End of 8/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-015922.		

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015923/9/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily
Subject keywords:	Religion
Language/people:	English and Kriol
Places:	Numbulwar/Rose River (East Arnhem Land SD53-11), NT
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015923	00:00:00	Collector is talking with Emily about traditional beliefs.	9 June 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:29:53	Discussion continues.		
	00:50:15	End of 9/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-015923		

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015924/10/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily
Subject keywords:	Social organisation – Kinship, Ceremonies – Marriage, History - Genealogy and family history
Language/people:	English and Kriol
Places:	Numbulwar/Rose River (East Arnhem Land SD53-11)
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015924	00:00:00	Collector is talking with Emily about arranged marriages.	30 June 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:08:15	Discussion about kinship and the appropriate behaviour. Sibling behaviour is discussed. Further discussion on genealogies.		
	00:33:08	End of 10/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-015924.		

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015925/11/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily
Subject keywords:	Religion - Dreaming
Language/people:	English and Kriol
Places:	Numbulwar/Rose River (East Arnhem Land SD53-11), NT
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015925	00:00:00	Discussion with Emily about local tradition and customs.	10 July 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:26:48	Discussion continues on customs and behaviour.	15 April 1978	
	00:57:52	End of 11/78 and end BURBANK_V01-015925.		

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015926/12/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily
Subject keywords:	Social behaviour – Socialisation – Child rearing
Language/people:	English and Kriol
Places:	Numbulwar/Rose River (East Arnhem Land SD53-11), NT
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015926	00:00:00	Discussion with Emily about behaviours, obligations and child rearing.	17 August 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:13:37	End of 12/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-015927.		

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015927/13/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily
Subject keywords:	Law – Indigenous
Language/people:	English and Kriol
Places:	Numbulwar/Rose River (East Arnhem Land SD53-11), NT
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015927	00:00:00	Discussion with Emily on the customs and social behaviours.	1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:26:32	End of 13/78.		

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015927/14/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily
Subject keywords:	Law - Indigenous
Language/people:	English and Kriol
Places:	Numbulwar/Rose River (East Arnhem Land SD53-11), NT
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015927	00:26:32	Ritual spearing, social behaviour.	1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:54:00	End of 14/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-15927.		

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015929/15/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily
Subject keywords:	Language, Law – Indigenous
Language/people:	English and Kriol and Nunggubuyu
Places:	Numbulwar/Rose River (East Arnhem Land SD53-11), NT
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015929	00:00:00	Nunggubuyu language elicitation. Discussion focuses on beliefs and behaviours. Also talking about classification.	12 October 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:30:48	Discussion on marriage customs. Also talking about classification.		
	00:58:17	End of 15/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-015929.		

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015930/16/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily
Subject keywords:	Social organisation – Avoidance rules, Initiation
Language/people:	English and Kriol
Places:	Numbulwar/Rose River (East Arnhem Land SD53-11), NT
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015930	00:00:00	Discussion about ceremonies.	22 Oct 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:31:02	Discussion continues and includes the topic of avoidance behaviour.		
	00:62:00	End of 16/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-015930.		

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015931/17/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily
Subject keywords:	Reproduction – Pregnancy, Ceremonies – Performance and performance practice
Language/people:	English and Kriol
Places:	Numbulwar/Rose River (East Arnhem Land SD53-11), NT
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015931	00:00:00	Discussion with Emily on several subjects; classification, ceremonies, pregnancy.	31 Oct 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:38:31	End of 17/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-015931.		

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015932/18/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily
Subject keywords:	Death – Mourning, Childbirth
Language/people:	English and Kriol
Places:	Numbulwar, NT
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015932	00:00:00	Emily discusses feelings of bereavement.	3 Nov 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:27:54	Discussion on traditional practices and ceremonies.		
	00:48:03	End of 18/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-015932.		

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015933/19/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily
Subject keywords:	Social behaviour
Language/people:	English and Kriol
Places:	Nambulwar, NT
Recording quality:	Good
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015933	00:00:00	Emily discusses traditional practices.	12 Nov 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:29:30	End of 19/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-015933.		

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015934/20/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily
Subject keywords:	Indigenous knowledge
Language/people:	English and Kriol
Places:	Nambulwar, NT
Recording quality:	Poor
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V0 1-015934	00:00:00	Emily discusses cultural traditions.	9 Dec 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:21:48	Discussion continues on cultural traditions.		
	00:27:05	End of 20/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-015934.		

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015935/21/78

Performer/speaker(s):	Emily, Roper Valley men
Subject keywords:	Music - Vocal
Language/people:	English and Kriol
Places:	Numbulwar/Rose River (East Arnhem Land SD53-11), NT
Recording quality:	Poor
Notes:	RESTRICTED – Sensitive material

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BURBANK_V01-015935	00:00:00	Songs are performed by Roper Valley men.	9 Dec 1978	Numbulwar, NT
	00:31:25	Continuation of songs being performed by Roper Valley men.		
	00:44:45	End of FT 21/78 and end of BURBANK_V01-015935.		

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