



**Finding aid**

**COOLING\_G01**

**Sound recordings collected by  
Graham Cooling, 1969-1970**

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

**Date:** 1969-1970

**Extent:** 3 audiotape reels (ca. 15 min. each) : analogue, 7 ½ ips, mono + field tape report sheets

### Production history

These recordings were collected by Graham Cooling between October 1969 and February 1970 at Kununurra, Western Australia. They document the Miriwoong language, and stories, songs and ceremonies from the eastern Kimberley region. Speakers include Waddy, Duncan, Mundi, Biddy Walker, Winnie Chapman, Peter Carlton, and various unidentified males.

## RELATED MATERIAL

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## ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

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

## ITEM LIST

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
001730A	<a href="#">Field tape 1</a>	Songs and discussion in Miriwoong and English with Waddy, Duncan, Mundi and unidentified men
001730B	<a href="#">Field tape 2</a>	Discussion and language elicitation in Miriwoong and English with Waddy, Duncan, Mundi, Bidy Walker and Winnie Chapman
001731A	<a href="#">Field tape 3</a>	Corroboree with Miriwoong, Nungali and Garama people, mainly with Peter Carlton

## ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

### 001730A/Field tape 1

Performer/speaker(s): Waddy, Duncan, Mundi, unidentified male performers  
Subject keywords: Music – Vocal, Music – Didjeridu  
Language/people: Miriwoong / Miriwung  
Places: Kununurra (WA East Kimberley SD52-14)  
Recording quality: Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
COOLING_G01-001730A	00:00:00	A series of songs in Miriwoong about a group of people travelling to the Northern Lunga tribe to participate in a corroboree. Song leaders are Waddy and Duncan with kinsmen. Contains a description of the physical features of the country.	October 1969	Kununurra Native Reserve, WA
	00:27:35	Songs in Miriwoong performed by Mundi, accompanied by kinsmen and didjeridu.		
	00:32:26	End of field tape 1 and end of COOLING_G01-1730A.		

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## 001730B/Field tape 2

Performer/speaker(s): Waddy, Duncan, Mundi, Bidy Walker, Winnie Chapman  
Subject keywords: Language elicitation – Discussion / Conversation, Vocabulary – Word lists,  
Language elicitation - Sentences  
Language/people: Miriwoong / Miriwung  
Places: Kununurra (WA East Kimberley SD52-14)  
Recording quality: Good  
Notes: No clock timing as this field tape has not been auditioned.

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
COOLING_G01-001730B	00:00:00	A general conversation in Miriwoong between Waddy, Duncan and Mundi.	October 1969	Kununurra Native Reserve, WA
	00:20:40	Miriwoong vocabulary elicitation with Bidy Walker and Winnie Chapman.		
	00:33:40	Miriwoong phrase elicitation with Bidy Walker and Winnie Chapman.		
	00:42:20	End of field tape 2 and end of COOLING_G01-1730B.		

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### 001731A/Field tape 3

Performer/speaker(s): Peter Carlton, unidentified performers  
Subject keywords: Music – Vocal, Music – Ceremonial music  
Language/people: Miriwoong / Miriwung, Garama, Nungali  
Places: Kununurra (WA East Kimberley SD52-14)  
Recording quality: Good  
Notes: Incomplete clock timing as I am unsure as to the ending of this field tape as part of the auditioning documentation is missing.

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
COOLING_G01-001731A	00:00:00	Announcement by Graham Cooling about a corroboree. The singers are the Nungali people from Victoria River Station, NT and the Garama people from Port Keats NT. They visited the Mirwoong people for a few days and the corroboree was a social gathering. The singers tell how they come to see their friends during the rainy period and then sing about their countries including: sea birds, bush honey and a left handed man among them. The main speaker was Peter Carlton.	December 1969	Kununurra Native Reserve WA
	00:00:55	Corroboree songs performed in Miriwoong, Garama and Nungali by unidentified singers.		
	00:26:17	End of field tape 3 and end of COOLING_G01-1731A.		

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