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Finding aid

DE-GRAAF_M02

**Sound recordings collected by
Mark de Graaf, 1962-63**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1962-1963

Extent: 5 sound tape reels (ca. 70 min. each) : analogue, 3 3/4 ips, mono; 5 in.

Production history

These recordings were collected by Mark de Graaf between 1962 and 1963 at the Warburton Ranges Reserve. They document ceremonies and song cycles in Ngaatjatjara and neighbouring language groups.

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This finding aid was compiled from information contained in documentation provided by Mark de Graaf and audition sheets prepared by AIATSIS staff.

ITEM LIST

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
001578A 001578B	Field tape 1	A recording of an argument followed by a ceremony and song cycle in Ngaatjatjara by initiated men from the Warburton area as well as visitors from areas such as Musgrave Ranges, Mt Davies and Mann River RESTRICTED – PERSONAL MATERIAL. RESTRICTED – MEN ONLY.
001578B 001579A	Field tape 2	An initiation (circumcision) ceremony RESTRICTED – MEN ONLY.
001579B 001580A	Field tape 3	Preparation for the circumcision ceremony RESTRICTED – MEN ONLY.
001580A 001580B	Field tape 4	The Kurangara song cycle and dances RESTRICTED - MEN ONLY.
001580B	Field tape 5	Final section of the Kurangara song cycle and dances folowed by camp and women's songs performed by young girls attending the Warburton Ranges Mission school RESTRICTED - MEN ONLY.

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

001578A + 001578B/Field tape 1

Performer/speaker(s): Unidentified male performers
 Subject keywords: Music – Ceremonial music, Music – Vocal -Group – Male, Ceremonies – Men
 Language/people: Ngaatjatjara
 Places: Warburton (Central WA SG52-09)
 Recording quality: Fair
 Notes: Speech, probably Ngaatjatjara, throughout the recording

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
DE-GRAAF_M02-001578A	00:00:00	An argument in the distance (poor quality recording). RESTRICTED – PERSONAL MATERIAL.	1962-1963	Warburton Ranges Reserve, WA
	00:01:30	Part 1 of 'Pambul', a ceremony and song cycle about an ancestral kangaroo man. The ceremony was carried out by initiated men of the local Warbuton group and visitors from the Musgrave Ranges and other areas, such as Mt Davies and Manning River. Each singer has a wooden stick that they hit the ground with. RESTRICTED – MEN ONLY.	1962-1963	Warburton Ranges Reserve, WA
	00:49:05	End of DE-GRAAF_M02-1578A.		
DE-GRAAF_M02-001578B	00:00:00	Part 2 of 'Pambul' ceremony. RESTRICTED – MEN ONLY.	1962-1963	Warburton Ranges Reserve WA
	00:32:21	End of field tape 1.		

001578B + 001579A/Field tape 2

Performer/speaker(s): Unidentified male performers
Subject keywords: Music – Ceremonial music, Music – Vocal -Group – Male, Ceremonies – Men, Ceremonies - Circumcision
Language/people: Ngaatjatjara
Places: Warburton (Central WA SG52-09)
Recording quality: Fair
Notes: Speech, probably Ngaatjatjara, throughout the recording

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
DE-GRAAF_M02-001578B	00:34:31	Initiation (circumcision) ceremony, attended in part by initiated men only, then by the whole camp, then by initiated men and the novices only. This is a complete version of the whole ceremony. The performers are the same as field tape 1 and wooden sticks are used to hit the ground and spears rattled. RESTRICTED – MEN ONLY.	1962-1963	Warburton Ranges Reserve WA
	00:62:45	End of DE-GRAAF_M02-1578B.		
DE-GRAAF_M02-001579A	00:00:00	Continuation of the circumcision ceremony. RESTRICTED – MEN ONLY.	1962-1963	Warburton Ranges Reserve WA
	00:59:29	End of field tape 2 and DE-GRAAF_M02-1579A.		

001579B + 001580A/Field tape 3

Performer/speaker(s): Unidentified male performers
 Subject keywords: Music – Ceremonial music, Music – Vocal -Group – Male, Ceremonies – Male, Ceremonies - Circumcision
 Language/people: Ngaatjatjara
 Places: Warburton (Central WA SG52-09)
 Recording quality: Fair
 Notes: Speech throughout the recording, probably Ngaatjatjara. Timings for the start of the Kurangara Ceremony are unclear.

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
DE-GRAAF_M02-001579B	00:00:00	Preparation for the Initiation (circumcision) ceremony, attended initially by the whole camp with the exception of the novices. RESTRICTED - MEN ONLY.	1962-1963	Warburton Ranges Reserve WA
	00:02:00	Ten verses of the Kurangara song cycle and dances attended by initiated men only, followed by a session during which novices are taught the ceremony. RESTRICTED - MEN ONLY.	1962-1963	Warburton Ranges Reserve WA
	00:17:17	The swinging of various bullroarers. RESTRICTED - MEN ONLY.	1962-1963	Warburton Ranges Reserve WA
	00:29:51	Tingari song accompanied by two percussion sticks and sung by two initiated men. RESTRICTED – MEN ONLY.	1962-1963	Warburton Ranges Reserve WA
	00:36:15	Distant recording of camp noises prior to and during a circumcision ceremony, followed by a close-up recording of the wailing and moving to the ceremonial ground.	1962-1963	Warburton Ranges Reserve WA
	00:50:50	Continuation of the Tingari song accompanied by two percussion sticks and sung by two initiated men. RESTRICTED – MEN ONLY.	1962-1963	Warburton Ranges Reserve WA
	01:02:06	End of DE-GRAAF_M02-1579B.		
DE-GRAAF_M02-001580A	00:00:00	Continuation of the Tingari song. RESTRICTED – MEN ONLY.	1962-1963	Warburton Ranges Reserve WA

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
	00:29:00	End of field tape 3.		

Field tape 4

Performer/speaker(s): Unidentified male performers
Subject keywords: Music – Ceremonial music, Music – Vocal -Group – Male, Ceremonies – Men
Language/people: Ngaatjatjara
Places: Warburton (Central WA SG52-09)
Recording quality: Fair
Notes: Speech throughout the recording, probably Ngaatjatjara.

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
DE-GRAAF_M02-001580A	00:33:38	The Kurangara song cycle and dances. Includes sections performed by initiated men and a section which includes the passive attendance by women and the ceremonial sharing of food. RESTRICTED - MEN ONLY.	1962-1963	Warburton Ranges Reserve WA
	00:60:48	End of DE-GRAAF_M02-1580A.		
DE-GRAAF_M02-001580B	00:00:00	Continuation of the Kurangara song cycle and dances. RESTRICTED - MEN ONLY.	1962-1963	Warburton Ranges Reserve WA
	00:22:48	End of field tape 4.		

Field tape 5

Performer/speaker(s): Unidentified male performers
Subject keywords: Music – Ceremonial music, Music – Vocal -Group – Male, Ceremonies – Men, Music – Popular & non ceremonial music, Music – Vocal – Group - Female
Language/people: Ngaatjatjara
Places: Warburton (Central WA SG52-09)
Recording quality: Fair
Notes: Speech throughout the recording, probably Ngaatjatjara.

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
DE-GRAAF_M02-001580B	00:25:18	The Kurangara song cycle and dances, including sections performed by initiated men and a section which includes the passive attendance by women and the ceremonial sharing of food. RESTRICTED - MEN ONLY.	1962-1963	Warburton Ranges Reserve WA
	00:54:30	Girls aged 12-14 from the Warburton Ranges government school singing different verses of camp songs, women's songs and 'Round the Mulberry Tree'.	1962-1963	Warburton Ranges Reserve WA
	00:59:12	End of field tape 5 and DE-GRAAF_M02-1580B		