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Betty Moriarty, 1985**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1985

Extent: 4 audiocassettes (ca. 60 min. each) : analogue, mono.
6 audio microcassettes (ca. 60 min. each) : analogue, mono.

Production history

These recordings were collected in 1985 by Sister Betty Moriarty during fieldwork in the state of Victoria and Cummeragunja, NSW. The purpose of the field trips was to collect the personal histories and views of Indigenous people. Speakers include Albert Mullett, Mrs. Gerry Briggs, William John Kennedy, John Kennedy, Molly Dyer, Mrs Johnson, Walda Blow, Sharon Firebrace, Margaret Hood, Joy Smith, Erica Kyle, Banjo, Liz Morgan and unidentified participants. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on

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ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

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Performer/speaker(s):	Albert Mullet
Personal subject(s):	Jack Connolly, Billy Brown, Doug Nichols, Kath Walker
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Religions – Christianity – Missions, Cultural heritage, Race relations, Employment – Programs, History – Genealogy and family history
Language/people:	Kurnai / Gunai
Places:	Gippsland / Eastern Victoria (E Vic SJ55), Bung Yarnda / Lake Tyers (E Vic Gippsland SJ55-07), Healesville / Coranderrk (E Vic Yarra Valley SJ55-06), Nowra (NSW S Coast SI56-09), Wallaga Lake (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), Wreck Bay (ACT / NSW S Coast SI56-13), Balranald (SW NSW SI54-12), Bega / Candelo / Tathra (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04), Lake Mungo / Walls of China (Willandra SW NSW SI54-08)
Recording quality:	Poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
MORIARTY_B01-012254	00:00:00	Albert Mullet speaks of the Kurnai and their history. He speaks of his personal history and his family.	1985	
	00:13:52	Albert Mullet speaks of the Aborigines Advancement League, race relations and educational opportunity.		
	00:23:15	Albert Mullet speaks of processed foods, alcohol and employment in Gippsland.		
	00:30:27	Albert Mullet speaks of his family and their work.		
	00:34:16	Albert Mullet speaks of money for communities, government programs, land rights and of his work for the Cultural Heritage Council.		
	00:43:35	End of field recording 1 and end of MORIARTY_B01-012254.		

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Performer/speaker(s):	Mrs Geraldine Briggs
Personal subject(s):	Granny Joan, Bill Onus
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Child welfare – Child / parent separation, Religions – Christianity – Missions, Daily life
Language/people:	Unspecified
Places:	Deniliquin (SW NSW SI55-13), Erambie (Cowra, SW NSW SI55-08), Cootamundra (SW NSW SI55-11), Melbourne (Vic SJ55-05), Shepparton (N Vic SJ55-01), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Merimbula / Pambula (NSW Far S Coast SJ55-04)
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
MORIARTY_B01-012255	00:00:00	Mrs Geraldine Briggs tells of her early life and of Aboriginal children, particularly girls, being taken.	1985	
	00:07:00	Mrs Geraldine Briggs speaks of visiting her sisters at the Cootamundra Domestic Training Home for Aboriginal Girls.		
	00:20:44	Mrs Geraldine Briggs speaks of her husband and children.		
	00:27:12	End of field recording 2 and end of MORIARTY_B01-012255.		

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Performer/speaker(s):	William John Kennedy, John Kennedy, Molly Dyer, unidentified female speaker
Personal subject(s):	Richard Kennedy, Margaret Tucker, Geraldine Maher, T. S. James
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Race relations, Religions – Christianity – Missions, Employment – Labour market, Education, Sites – Sites of significance, Social welfare – Social work and counselling, Community development, Child welfare – Child / parent separation, Housing, Media
Language/people:	Wergaia / Wotjobaluk
Places:	Antwerp (NW Vic SJ54-03), Ebenezer / Lake Hindmarsh (NW Vic SJ54-03), Tae Rak / Lake Condah (W Vic SJ54-11), Bung Yarnda / Lake Tyers (E Vic Gippsland SJ55-07), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Swan Hill (NW Vic SI54-16), Horsham (NW Vic SJ54-03), Warangesda / Darlington Point (SW NSW SI55-10),
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
MORIARTY_B01-012256	00:00:00	William John Kennedy speaks of his forebears, working on the railway, the missions, employment opportunities and contact history.	1985	Antwerp(?), Vic.
	00:09:40	John Kennedy speaks of his work as a co-op administrator, education, and the law.		
	00:18:18	Molly Dyer speaks of the life of her mother, Margaret Tucker, and her own bringing up.		
	00:28:02	Molly Dyer speaks of the Aboriginal Childcare Agency and of her mother.		
	00:36:38	An unidentified female speaker speaks of housing for Indigenous people.		
	00:41:02	End of field recording 3 and end of MORIARTY_B01-012256.		

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Performer/speaker(s):	Walda Blow
Personal subject(s):	Michael Tucker, Geraldine Briggs, Douglas Nicholls, Margaret Tucker
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Child welfare – Child / parent separation, Education, Substance use – Alcohol, Housing, Education, Religions – Christianity – Uniting Church, Politics and Government - National symbols and events - Bicentennial, 1988, Politics and Government – Political action – Activism, Land rights
Language/people:	Unspecified
Places:	Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Bung Yarnda / Lake Tyers (E Vic Gippsland SJ55-07), Tae Rak / Lake Condah (W Vic SJ54-11), Framlingham / Purnim (W Vic SJ54-11),
Recording quality:	Poor to fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
MORIARTY_B01-012257	00:00:00	Walda Blow discusses her upbringing at Cummeragunja, children separated from their parents, education, alcohol use and housing.	1985	
	00:08:52	Walda Blow speaks of working as an Aboriginal Liaison Officer for the Uniting Church. She speaks of righting the wrongs to Indigenous people.		
	00:17:10	Walda Blow speaks of a broad education about Indigenous people, land rights and of people like Margaret Tucker and Douglas Nicholls, activists for Indigenous rights. She speaks government responsibility.		
	00:26:45	End of field recording 4 and end of MORIARTY_B01-012257.		

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Performer/speaker(s):	Sharon Firebrace
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Race relations – Attitudes, Health, Education, Housing, Politics and Government – Political action – Activism
Language/people:	Unspecified
Places:	Melbourne (Vic SJ55-05)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
MORIARTY_B0 1-012258	00:00:00	Sharon Firebrace speaks of paternalistic attitudes to Indigenous people, the need for a positive image, an accurate history, education, appropriate employment and a general change in the way of thinking.	17 October 1985	Aboriginal Advancement League, Melbourne (?), Vic.
	00:13:35	End of field recording 5.		

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Performer/speaker(s):	Margaret Hood, unidentified speaker
Personal subject(s):	Wayne Thorpe
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Child welfare - Child / parent separation, Race relations – Racial discrimination, Education – Indigenous studies, Race relations – Attitudes, Culture
Language/people:	Unspecified
Places:	Morwell (E Vic La Trobe Valley SJ55-10), Swan Hill (NW Vic SI54-16), Melbourne (Vic SJ55-05), Sale (E Vic Gippsland SJ55-11)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
MORIARTY_B01-012258	00:13:45	Margaret Hood discusses her childhood and racial discrimination.	1985	Morwell, Vic.
	00:22:47	Margaret Hood speaks of the discrimination her children face at school. She says no Indigenous studies were offered at the school which deepened the lack of understanding.		
	00:34:23	Discussion with Margaret Hood on the introduction of Indigenous studies in schools and employment opportunities in the La Trobe Valley.		
	00:44:36	End of field recording 6 and end of MORIARTY_B01-012258.		

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Performer/speaker(s):	Unidentified female speakers, Aunty Gerry, Joy Smith, Walda Blow, unidentified male speaker
Personal subject(s):	Hilda Day, Walter Sampson, Mr James (T. S. James?), Mr Cooper (William Cooper?), Margaret Tucker, May, Walda (Blow?), Bill Onus, Evelyn, Auntie Florey, Margaret Nelson, Mr Ferguson, Mr Johnson
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, History – Cultural, Education, Religions – Christianity – Missions, Race relations – Racial discrimination, Religion – Dreaming – Spirits,
Language/people:	Wemba Wemba / Wamba Wamba, Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota
Places:	Melbourne (Vic SJ55-05), Geelong (Vic SJ55-09), Moonacullah (SW NSW SI55-13), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Canberra (ACT SI55-16), Shepparton (N Vic SJ55-01), Rockhampton (E Qld SF56-13), Waiben / Thursday Island (Qld TSI SC54-11), Brisbane (SE Qld SG56-15), Flinders Group Islands (Qld SE Cape York SD54-12, SD55-09)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
MORIARTY_B01-012259	00:00:00	Unidentified female speakers discuss Indigenous culture in and around Melbourne.	1985	possibly Melbourne, Vic.
	00:06:42	Aunty Gerry discusses living at Moonacullah. She speaks of Walter Sampson, Mr James (T. S. James?), Mr Cooper (William Cooper?), Margaret Tucker and Billy Onus among others.		
	00:31:00	Joy Smith speaks of growing up in Queensland with Walda Blow. She speaks of racism, indigenous dreaming and her hope for the future.	23 September 1985	Geelong Aboriginal Co-operative
	01:01:44	End of field recording 7 and end of MORIARTY_B01-012259		

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Performer/speaker(s):	Mrs Johnson, Aunty Gerry (Geraldine Briggs?), Walda Blow, unidentified female speaker
Personal subject(s):	Bill Day, James Fairbairn, Inspector Locke (?), Mrs Egan, Dr Moore, Mr Phillips, Bob Taylor, Grandfather Sampson, Briggs family, Margaret (Tucker?), Naomi, Murray, Evelyn, Auntie Mae, Leah, Uncle Cooper (William Cooper?)
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Race relations – Attitudes, Religions – Christianity, Occupations – Pastoral industry workers, Community development, Race relations – Reconciliation, Health status - Longevity / Life expectancy, Substance use, Religions – Christianity – Uniting Church, Health – Infectious diseases, Housing, Culture, Ceremonies – Smoking ceremonies
Language/people:	Yorta Yorta / Yota Yota
Places:	Echuca (N Vic SJ55-01), Deniliquin (SW NSW SI55-13), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Kyabram (N Vic SJ55-01), Cobram (N Vic SI55-14), Barham (SW NSW SI55-13), Shepparton (N Vic SJ55-01), Robinvale (NW Vic SI54-12), West Wyalong (SW NSW SI55-07), Erambie (Cowra, SW NSW SI55-08), Moonacullah (SW NSW SI55-13)
Recording quality:	Fair to Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
MORIARTY_B01-012260	00:00:00	Mrs Johnson speaks of treatment as exiles of Indigenous people, religion, her family	1985	Echuca, Vic.
	00:11:12	Co-op Chair Mrs Johnson and Walda Blow of the the Co-op's work, reconciliation., Indigenous life expectancy, substance use, racial intolerance, and health.		
	00:25:36	Mrs Johnson discusses housing, treatment of Indigenous people and culture.		
	00:31:15	Aunty Gerry speaks of education, her part in teaching Indigenous culture, Bob Taylor, Grandfather Sampson, the Yorta Yorta, her sister Margaret (Tucker?) and the Briggs family.		
	00:43:30	Aunty Gerry speaks of Cummeragunja, people from Moonacullah, her children, Uncle Cooper (William Cooper?) and Mr Markeeka (Marika).		
	00:57:12	Aunty Gerry speaks of smoking		

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		ceremonies and her mother.		
	01:01:57	End of field recording 8 and end of MORIARTY_B01-012260.		

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Performer/speaker(s):	Erica Kyle
Personal subject(s):	Frank Brennan, Father Peters, Bob Katter
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, History – Genealogy and family history, Politics and Government – Social justice, Substance use – Alcohol, Politics and Government – Elections – Indigenous organisations, Health, Health status – Child health – Infants, Government policy - Self determination, Education
Language/people:	Unspecified
Places:	Palm Island (NE Qld SE55-10), Brisbane (SE Qld SG56-15), Townsville (NE Qld SE55-14), Fantome Island (Palm Islands NE Qld SE55-10), Yarrabah / Cape Grafton (NE Qld SE55-02), Hope Vale (Qld SE Cape York SD55-13),
Recording quality:	Fair to good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
MORIARTY_B01-012261	00:00:00	Erica Kyle speaks of her upbringing on Palm Island and of the problems of the people who live there.	November 1985	
	00:10:55	Erica Kyle speaks of health problems on Palm Island.		
	00:16:05	Erica Kyle speaks of the history of Palm Island.		
	00:19:55	Erica Kyle speaks of education and the future of Palm Island.		
	00:26:12	End of field recording 9 and end of MORIARTY_B01-012261.		

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Performer/speaker(s):	Banjo, Liz Morgan, unidentified female speaker
Personal subject(s):	Angus Murray, Buckley, Young Lenny, Old Muscles, Uncle Jim, Maisie, William Cooper, the Walkers, the Morgans, the Atkinsons, the Coopers, Granpa (T.S.?) James, John Ross
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history, Land rights, Food – Bush tucker, Hunting, Social identity – Mixed descent
Language/people:	Unspecified
Places:	Framlingham / Purnim (W Vic SJ54-11), Cummeragunja (SW NSW SJ55-01), Warrnambool (W Vic SJ54-11), Geelong (Vic SJ55-09), Echuca (N Vic SJ55-01), Swan Hill (NW Vic SI54-16), Albury Wodonga (SW NSW / N Vic SJ55-02), Deniliquin (SW NSW SI55-13)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
MORIARTY_B01-012262	00:00:00	Oral history with Banjo. He speaks land rights, hunting and bush tucker.	1985	Framlingham, Vic.
	00:25:10	Oral history and discussion with Liz Morgan.		Cummeragunja, NSW
	00:55:54	End of field recording 10 and end of MORIARTY_B01-012262.		

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