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Interim finding aid

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**Sound recordings collected by
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander Studies, 1980**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1980

Extent: 45 sound tape reels (ca. 60 minutes each.) : analogue, 3 3/4 ips, mono ; 5 in.

Production history

These recordings were collected in 1980 by Judith MacDougall and David MacDougall during the filming of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies production of *The House Opening*. The film was made as a part of the Aurukun Film Project. It deals with the story of Geraldine Kawangka's husband's death. When he died she and her six children moved out of their suburban-style house at Aurukun. In earlier times their bark house would have been burnt to avoid contact with the dead's spirit and to allow the spirit to go back to its own country. Today, with modern housing, preparations begin instead for a "house opening", the ceremony that has come about at Aurukun as a way of dealing with death in the midst of new living patterns.

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ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Judith MacDougall and David MacDougall. Detailed item descriptions, featuring timing points, are not yet available as the collection has not been auditioned by AIATSIS staff.

ITEM LIST

Field recording number	AIATSIS item number	Description
AH 21	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
AH 22	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
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AH 25	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
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AH 27	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
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AH 32	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
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AH 39	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
AH 40	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
AH 41	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
AH 42	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
AH 43A	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
AH 43B	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
AH 44	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
AH 45	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
AH 46	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
AH 47	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
AH 48	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
AH 49	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
AH 50	N/A	Sound component for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
NARR 1	N/A	Narration for the film <i>The House Opening</i>

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NARR 2	N/A	Narration for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
NARR 3	N/A	Narration for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
NARR 4	N/A	Narration for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
NARR 5	N/A	Narration for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
NARR 6	N/A	Narration for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
NARR 7	N/A	Narration for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
NARR 8	N/A	Narration for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
NARR 9	N/A	Narration for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
NARR 10	N/A	Narration for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
NARR 11	N/A	Narration for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
NARR 12	N/A	Narration for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
NARR 13	N/A	Narration for the film <i>The House Opening</i>
NARR 14	N/A	Narration for the film <i>The House Opening</i>