



**Finding aid**

**ANDERSON\_C01**

**Sound recordings collected by  
Dr. J. Christopher Anderson, 1979**

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

**Date:** 1979

**Extent:** 9 sound cassettes (ca. 60 min. each) : analogue, mono.

### Production history

These recordings were collected between 11 and 16 December 1979 by anthropologist from the South Australian Museum, Dr. J. Christopher Anderson, during fieldwork in Mount Carbine and Maytown in the Palmer River area of Queensland. They document genealogies, place names, story sites and Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji vocabulary provided by Norman Mitchell and Don Brady. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 21 October 1986.

## RELATED MATERIAL

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## ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Dr. J. Christopher Anderson and audition sheets prepared by AIATSIS staff.

## ITEM LIST

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
007573A 007573B	<a href="#">Field tape PR1</a>	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji oral history, culture and language elicitation with Norman Mitchell
007574A 007574B	<a href="#">Field tape PR2</a>	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji oral history, genealogy and vocabulary elicitation with Norman Mitchell and Don Brady
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007576A 007576B	<a href="#">Field tape PR4</a>	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji oral history with Norman Mitchell
007577A 007577B	<a href="#">Field tape PR5</a>	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji oral history, genealogy, vocabulary and culture with Norman Mitchell
007578A 007578B	<a href="#">Field tape PR6</a>	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji songs and oral history with Norman Mitchell
007579A 007579B	<a href="#">Field tape PR7</a>	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji vocabulary elicitation with Norman Mitchell; descriptions of photos taken around Palmer River by researcher Bruce Rigsby
007580A	<a href="#">Field tape PR8</a>	Descriptions of photographs taken around Palmer River by researcher Bruce Rigsby
007581A	<a href="#">Field tape PR9</a>	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji vocabulary elicitation with Norman Mitchell

## ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

### Field tape PR1

Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell
Personal subject(s):	Terry, Le Choo, Big Fatty Ogen, Norman, Eddie Daylight
Subject keywords:	Stories and motifs – Ancestor spirits; Religions – Christianity; Race relations – Attitudes; Magic and sorcery – Clever people
Language/people:	English language, Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji people
Places:	Mount Carbine (NE Qld SE55-01), Mount Alexander (WA West Kimberley SE 51-11)
Recording quality:	Poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ANDERSON_C 01-007573A	00:00:00	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji story and culture with Norman Mitchell – topics include the Two Sisters story, religion (Christianity) and marriage rules.	11 December 1979	Mount Carbine, Qld
	00:17:05	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji culture and vocabulary elicitation with Norman Mitchell – topics include children, plants, religion, food and weather.		
	00:31:35	End of ANDERSON_C01-007573A.		
ANDERSON_C 01-007573B	00:00:03	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji oral history elicitation with Norman Mitchell – topics include religion, race relations, the effect of European settlement, sorcerer men and employment.	11 December 1979	Mount Carbine, Qld
	00:29:06	End of field tape PR1 and end of ANDERSON_C01-007573B.		

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<b>Field tape PR2</b>	
Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell and Don Brady
Personal subject(s):	Jimmy Blanket, Johnny, Stephen, Vincent Starlight, Eddy Daylight, John Brown, Old Jack, Old Brady, Anning, Gordon, the Rodendale family, Uncle Eric, Auntie Amy, Uncle Jack Cummins, Minny, Agnes, Alec, Rupert, Dolly Maytown, Frank, the Mitchell family, Johnny Grainer, Old Brother Echo
Subject keywords:	Language – Linguistics – Vocabulary and grammar; History – Genealogy and family history; Government policy – State and territory – Queensland; Language – Vocabulary – Language and peoples names
Language/people:	English language, Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji people
Places:	Mount Carbine (NE Qld SE55-01), Palm Island (NE Qld SE55-10), Maryborough (SE Qld SG56-06), Bundaberg (SE Qld SG56-02), Mossman (NE Qld SE55-01), Daintree (NE Qld SE55-01), Mount Garnet (NE Qld SE55-05), Butchers Hill (QLD SE Cape York SD55-13)
Recording quality:	Fair to poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ANDERSON_C01-007574A	00:00:00	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji oral history and vocabulary elicitation with Norman Mitchell – topics include past conversations, family members, letters and Palm Island.	11 December 1979	Mount Carbine, Qld
	00:31:06	End of ANDERSON_C01-007574A.		
ANDERSON_C01-007574B	00:00:22	Genealogy and oral history Don Brady – topics include the genealogies of Norman Mitchell and others, the government's Palm Island policy and links between Norman Mitchell and others.	13 December 1979	Mount Carbine, Qld
	00:14:07	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji vocabulary and narrative with Norman Mitchell – topics include names, astronomy, birds, weather and weapons.		
	00:30:40	End of field tape PR2 and end of ANDERSON_C01-007574A.		

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<b>Field tape PR3</b>	
Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell
Personal subject(s):	Charlie Moreton, Jerry Crowbar, Charlie Curraghmore, Norman Mundy, Sam Brown, Steve Anning, the Gordon family (including Tim, Herbie and Jack), Danny Gordon (a.k.a. Danny Banjo), Lindsay Wallace, Old Man Peterson, Findley, the Barlow family,
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; Magic and sorcery – Clever people; Health – Treatments – Traditional – Clever People; Language – Vocabulary – Language and peoples names
Language/people:	English language, Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji people
Places:	Mount Carbine (NE Qld SE55-01), Mount Kosciusko (Tallangatta map area SJ55-03), Port Douglas (NE Qld SE55-01), Cairns (NE Qld SE55-02), Mareeba (NE Qld SE55-01, SE55-05), Moree (N NSW SH55-08), Mossman (NE Qld SE55-01)
Recording quality:	Poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ANDERSON_C 01-007575A	00:00:00	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji oral history with Norman Mitchell – topics include sorcerer men, sickness, fights, animal spirits, doctor men and food.	13 December 1979	Mount Carbine, Qld
	00:30:35	End of ANDERSON_C01-007575A.		
ANDERSON_C 01-007575B	00:00:05	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji oral history with Norman Mitchell – topics include employment, names, the houses and people of Palmer River and youth.	13 December 1979	Mount Carbine, Qld
	00:29:18	End of PR3 and end of ANDERSON_C01-007575B.		

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<b>Field tape PR4</b>				
Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell			
Personal subject(s):	Jack McDonough, Rupert Burton, Jerry Croydon, Tommy Doctor, Mitchell McGee, Sergeant Gilfoy, the Lawrence family, the Ferguson family, the Black family, the Lowden family, Jack Brown, Jack Robinson			
Subject keywords:	Law enforcement – Police conduct and attitudes; Race relations – Attitudes; Government policy – State and territory – Queensland; Animals – Livestock – Horse breaking			
Language/people:	English language, Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji people			
Places:	Mount Carbine (NE Qld SE55-01), Palm Island (NE Qld SE55-10), Stuart River (SE Qld SG56-09, SG56-10), Woorabinda (SW Qld SG55-04)			
Recording quality:	Fair to good			
<b>Archive item number</b>	<b>Timing point</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>
ANDERSON_C 01-007576A	00:00:00	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji oral history with Norman Mitchell – topics include the police, early life, employment, education, class and race relations.	13 December 1979	Mount Carbine, Qld
	00:11:20	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji oral history with Norman Mitchell – topics include the police, the government's Palm Island policy, the criminal justice system, conversation groups, traditional lifestyles and employment.		
	00:31:06	End of ANDERSON_C01-007576A.		
ANDERSON_C 01-007576B	00:00:06	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji oral history with Norman Mitchell – topics include employment at Palm Island and Woorabinda and horses.	13 December 1979	Mount Carbine, Qld
	00:20:22	End of field tape PR4 and end of ANDERSON_C01-007576B.		
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<b>Field tape PR5</b>	
Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell
Personal subject(s):	George Chapman, Bill Chapman, Jack, Mavis, Old Man Harrigan, Herbie, Tommy, Charlie Roger, Tom Reba, Mickey Cabin, Paul, Bungy Lucy, Billy Barlow
Subject keywords:	Language – Linguistics – Vocabulary and grammar; History – Genealogy and family history; Ceremonies – Initiation; Social organisation – Kinship – Marriage
Language/people:	English language, Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji people
Places:	Palmer River (NEQld SE54-04, SE55-01, SD55-13), Shepherd Creek (Laura Qld SE Cape York SD55-13), Bohemia Downs (WA East Kimberley SE52-09), Mossman (NE Qld SE55-01), Cooktown (Qld SE Cape York SD55-13)
Recording quality:	Fair to poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ANDERSON_C 01-007577A	00:00:00	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji oral history, genealogy and vocabulary elicitation with Norman Mitchell – topics include the Dubu story, genealogies and place names.	14 December 1979	Palmer River, Qld
	00:19:53	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji vocabulary and oral history with Norman Mitchell – topics include place names, descriptions of the land and initiation procedures.		
	00:30:29	End of ANDERSON_C01-007577A.		
ANDERSON_C 01-007577B	00:00:06	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji vocabulary and culture with Norman Mitchell – topics include initiation procedures, marriage rules, past events and travels and the death of one of Norman Mitchell's acquaintances.	14 December 1979	Palmer River, Qld
	00:29:53	End of field tape PR5 and end of ANDERSON_C01-7577B.		

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<b>Field tape PR6</b>	
Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell
Personal subject(s):	Billy Collin, Jerry Croydon, Billy Charcoal, Rupert Burton, Burnie Patterson, Jessie, Gertie, Ben, Justin Gordon, Tommy, Freddy Gall
Subject keywords:	Music – Vocal; Dance – Ceremonial; Language – Linguistics – Vocabulary and grammar; History – Oral history; Language – Vocabulary – Place names
Language/people:	English language, Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji people
Places:	Palmer River (NE Qld SE54-04, SE55-01, SD55-13), Maytown (NE Qld SE55-01), Mossman (NE Qld SE55-01), Mount Garnet (NE Qld SE55-05), Spring Creek (Minhamite, W Vic SJ54-07), Perth (SW WA SH50-14)
Recording quality:	Fair to poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ANDERSON_C 01-007578A	00:00:00	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji culture and song elicitation with Norman Mitchell – includes men's and women's dances, performance techniques and a song performed by Norman Mitchell.	14 December 1979	Palmer River, Qld
	00:12:08	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji vocabulary and oral history with Norman Mitchell – topics include place names and Norman Mitchell's grandfather.		
	00:19:37	End of ANDERSON_C01-007578A.		
ANDERSON_C 01-007578B	00:19:38	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji oral history elicitation with Norman Mitchell – a story about Norman Mitchell's grandfather.	14 December 1979	Palmer River, Qld
	00:01:56	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji oral history elicitation with Norman Mitchell – topics include past travels, certain people of the area, cemeteries, business and religion.		
	00:18:57	End of field tape PR6 and end of ANDERSON_C01-007578B.		

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<b>Field tape PR7</b>				
Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell			
Personal subject(s):	Old Man Jack, Billy, Jack Lawyer, Charlie Wong, Cousin Jimmy, Bobby Chang,			
Subject keywords:	Language – Linguistics – Vocabulary and grammar; Language – Vocabulary – Animal names; Language – Vocabulary – Place names; Law enforcement – Police conduct and attitudes; Photography – Ethnographic			
Language/people:	English language, Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji people			
Places:	Mount Carbine (NE Qld SE55-01), Maytown (NE Qld SEE55-01), McLeod River (NE Qld SE55-01), Mount Garnet (NE Qld SE55-05), St George (SW Qld SH55-04), Boggy Creek / Butchers Hill (Qld SE Cape York SD55-13), Daintree (NE Qld SE55-01), Palmerville (Qld SE Cape York SD55-13), Campbell Spring (Central NT SE52-07), Cooktown (Qld SE Cape York SD55-13), China			
Recording quality:	Fair			
<b>Archive item number</b>	<b>Timing point</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>
ANDERSON_C 01-007579A	00:00:00	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji vocabulary and oral history with Norman Mitchell – topics include place names, animals and the police.	14 December 1979	Mount Carbine, Qld
	00:28:18	End of ANDERSON_C01-007579A		
ANDERSON_C 01-007579B	00:00:06	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji vocabulary elicitation with Norman Mitchell – topics include place names and descriptions of Maytown, Qld.	15 December 1979	Maytown, Qld
	00:03:07	Bruce Rigsby converses with Norman Mitchell and describes photographs he has taken of Maytown, Qld – features discussion of certain people from Maytown, place descriptions and Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji vocabulary elicitation from Norman Mitchell.		
	00:23:31	End of field tape PR7 and end of ANDERSON_C01-007579B.		
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<b>Field tape PR8</b>	
Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell
Personal subject(s):	Jack Ross, Fred Kippell
Subject keywords:	Photography – Ethnographic
Language/people:	English language, Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji people
Places:	Maytown (NE Qld SEE55-01), Palmer River (NE Qld SE54-04, SE55-01, SD55-13)
Recording quality:	Poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
ANDERSON_C01-007580A	00:00:00	Bruce Rigsby converses with Norman Mitchell and describes photographs he has taken of Maytown, Qld – features discussion of certain people from Maytown and place descriptions.	15 December 1979	Maytown, Qld
	00:06:02	Gap in the recording.		
	00:27:55	Bruce Rigsby describes photographs he has taken of Maytown, Qld.		
	00:28:32	End of field tape PR8 and end of ANDERSON_C01-007580A.		

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<b>Field tape PR9</b>	
Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Mitchell
Subject keywords:	Language – Linguistics – Vocabulary and grammar; Language – Vocabulary – Animal names; Language – Vocabulary – Place names; Language – Vocabulary – Plant names; Food – Bush tucker
Language/people:	English language, Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji people
Places:	Mount Carbine (NE Qld SE55-01), Mount Elephant (W Vic SJ54-08), McLeod River (NE Qld SE55-01)
Recording quality:	Fair

<b>Archive item number</b>	<b>Timing point</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>
ANDERSON_C01-007581A	00:00:00	Kuku Yalanji / Gugu Yalandji vocabulary elicitation with Norman Mitchell – topics include animals, place names, plants and food.	16 December 1979	Mount Carbine, Qld
	00:21:12	Gap in the recording.		
	00:28:18	End of field tape PR9 and end of ANDERSON_C01-007581A.		

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