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BAKER_R01

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Richard Baker, 1983**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1983

Extent: 12 sound cassettes (ca. 13 hrs. 35 min.) : analogue, mono.

Production history

These recordings were collected by environmentalist Richard Munro Baker between July and December 1983 at and around Borroloola in the Northern Territory. They document oral histories of the Yanyuwa people in the Yanyuwa language and Kriol. Interviewees include Tim Rakuwurlma, Annie Karrakayn, Dinny Nyliba, Isaac Walayungkuma, Johnson Babarramila, Judy Marrngawi and Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy.

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ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

Field tape 9 (as identified by the archivist) is the same as field tape 6. Field tape 12 is archived before field tape 11. This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Richard Baker and audition sheets prepared by AIATSIS staff.

AIATSIS would like to thank Mr Tony Roberts for additional information on this collection.

ITEM LIST

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
008377A 008377B 008378A 008378B	Field tape 1	Oral histories and discussions in Yanyuwa and Kriol with Tim Rakuwurlma
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008383A 008383B	Field tape 4	Oral histories and discussions in Yanyuwa and Kriol with Tim Rakuwurlma
008384A 008384B 008385A 008385B	Field tape 5	Oral histories and discussions in Yanyuwa and Kriol with Tim Rakuwurlma, Isaac Walayungkuma, Annie Karrakayn and Johnson Babarramila
008386A	Field tape 6	Oral histories and discussions in Yanyuwa and Kriol with Tim Rakuwurlma, Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy and Judy Marrngawi
008387A 008387B 008388A	Field tape 7	Oral histories and discussions in Yanyuwa and Kriol with Tim Rakuwurlma, Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy and Judy Marrngawi
008389A 008389B 008390A 008390B	Field tape 8	Oral histories and discussions in Yanyuwa and Kriol with Tim Rakuwurlma, Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy, Judy Marrngawi and Mavis
008391	Field tape 9	Identical to Field tape 6, above
008392A 008392B	Field tape 10	Discussions in Yanyuwa and Kriol with Tim Rakuwurlma, Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy and Judy Marrngawi
008394A 008394B 008395A 008395B	Field tape 11	Oral histories, discussions and song elicitation in Yanyuwa and Kriol with Tim Rakuwurlma
008393A 008393B	Field tape 12	Oral histories and discussions in Yanyuwa and Kriol with Tim Rakuwurlma and Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

Field tape 1

Performer/speaker(s):	Tim Rakuwurlma
Personal subject(s):	Jack Miller (Maraguladji), Jack Mudjala, Charlie, Will O'Keiffe, Tommy Peter, Banjo Dhindhali, Vanderlin Jack, Mr McDonald, Bill Hardy, Captain Luff and Maggie Riridjed
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; Technology – Tools; Ceremonies – Initiation; Transport – Water; Hunting, gathering and fishing; Settlement and contacts – Macassans and Indonesians; Race relations – Attitudes
Language/people:	Yanyuwa / Yanuwa, Kriol
Places:	Borrooloola (North NT SE53-03)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BAKER_R01-008377A	00:00:00	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include employment, clothing and initiation.	31 July 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:20:02	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include boats, employment and tortoise shells.		
	00:31:25	End of BAKER_R01-008377A		
BAKER_R01-008377B	00:00:06	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include hunting, food preparation and exchanges with Macassan fishermen.	31 July 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:15:29	End of BAKER_R01-008377B.		
BAKER_R01-008378A	00:00:06	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include exchanges with the government and Japanese people and a massacre.	31 July 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:31:20	End of BAKER_R01-008378A.		
BAKER_R01-008378B	00:00:05	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include violence, race relations, genealogy and early life.	31/07/83	Borrooloola, NT
	00:14:40	End of field tape 1 and end of BAKER_R01-008378B.		

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Field tape 2				
Performer/speaker(s):	Tim Rakuwurlma			
Personal subject(s):	Charlie Jampijinpa Gallagher, Conkerberry Jack, David, Jill, Johnny, Claire, Johnson Timothy, Mike, Mavis, Gough Letts, Alexander Markwell, Steve Muldoon			
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; Music – Vocal – Group; Transport – Water; Social welfare – Administration – Welfare officers; Language – Linguistics – Language elicitation – Untranslated; Hunting – Dugong; Hunting – Turtle			
Language/people:	Yanyuwa / Yanuwa, Kriol			
Places:	Borrooloola (North NT SE53-03)			
Recording quality:	Fair – speed changes			
Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BAKER_R01-008379A	00:00:00	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include government rations and droving.	2 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:14:18	Yanyuwa song performed by Tim Rakuwurlma, including discussion.		
	00:31:20	End of BAKER_R01-008379A.		
BAKER_R01-008379B	00:00:00	Oral history elicitation with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include exchanges with welfare officers, housing and Macassan people.	2 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:16:08	End of BAKER_R01-008379B.		
BAKER_R01-008380A	00:00:08	Mostly untranslated oral history elicitation in Yanyuwa with Tim Rakuwurlma.	3 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:27:13	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include fishing, hunting and signs from nature.		
	00:31:25	End of BAKER_R01-008380A.		
BAKER_R01-008380B	00:00:04	Discussions with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include seasons, nature and hunting and cooking sea animals.	3 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:12:55	End of field tape 2 and end of BAKER_R01-008380B.		
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Field tape 3

Performer/speaker(s):	Tim Rakuwurlma
Personal subject(s):	Jack Mulmulu-marra, Geoffrey William Luff, Banjo Dhindhali, Clara, 'Big Hand ' George Baujiminja, Nelly Muluwa, Steve Johnson, Jerry, Nelly, Bungakayu, Ceciba Demaso, Babarramilla, Fred Grey, George, Cherry Brown, Tom Riley, Mac Riley, Harry, Arthur McLeod, Tom Lynott, Judy Marrngawi
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; Hunting – Turtle; Animals – Invertebrates – Crustacea and molluscs – Trochus; Language – Personal names; Music – Vocal – Solo - Male; Employment – Conditions; Environment – Lakes and rivers; Demography – Population dynamics; Settlement and contacts – Explorers – European
Language/people:	Yanyuwa / Yanuwa, Kriol
Places:	Borrooloola (North NT SE53-03)
Recording quality:	Fair to poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BAKER_R01-008381A	00:00:00	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include hunting, genealogy and names.	4 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:31:19	End of BAKER_R01-008381A.		
BAKER_R01-008381B	00:00:04	Oral history and performance of a Yanyuwa song with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include trepang and employment.	4 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:15:34	End of BAKER_R01-008381B.		
BAKER_R01-008382A	00:00:00	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include marriage, personal names, travels, food, Dreaming, hunting, rivers and demography.	5 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:31:26	End of BAKER_R01-008382A.		
BAKER_R01-008382B	00:03:54	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include European arrival.	5 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:09:03	End of field tape 3 and end of BAKER_R01-008382B.		

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Field tape 4

Performer/speaker(s):	Tim Rakuwurlma
Personal subject(s):	Monkey, Constable T. K. Hemmings, Dolly Ross, Don Rory Bubuji, Charlie, Dr Hargreaves, Jack Carson, Diamond, Ginger, Thomas, Captain Baddely, Harry Lanson, Jack Johnson, Peter, Spencer
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; Plants – Trees; Hunting – Wallaby; Ceremonies – Initiation; Language – Vocabulary – Place names
Language/people:	Yanyuwa / Yanuwa, Kriol
Places:	Borrooloola (North NT SE53-03)
Recording quality:	Fair to poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BAKER_R01-008383A	00:00:00	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include a murder on Mornington Peninsula and police involvement.	5 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:22:16	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include plants, hunting and past events.		
	00:31:24	End of BAKER_R01-008383A.		
BAKER_R01-008383B	00:00:00	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include “the wild days” and initiation.	5 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:07:50	Discussions with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include place names and personal names.		
	00:12:12	End of field tape 4 and end of BAKER_R01-008383B.		

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Field tape 5

Performer/speaker(s):	Tim Rakuwurlma, Isaac Walayungkuma, Annie Karrakayn, Johnson Babaramila Timothy
Personal subject(s):	Stan Boree, John House, Johnson Babaramilla, Timothy Punch, Nero, Mavis, Joseph Timothy, Joe, Judy Marrngawi, Tim, Roy Hammond, Fanny Isaacs, Peter, Chris Waterhouse, Foster, Mike Kieran, Clara and Simon
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; Employment – Labour market – Men; Material culture – Turtle / tortoise shell objects and decorations; Transport – Water – Canoes; Race relations – Attitudes; Settlement and contacts – Macassans and Indonesians; Law – Indigenous; Land rights – Ownership
Language/people:	Yanyuwa / Yanuwa, Kriol
Places:	Wardawardala (North NT SE53-03), Bing Bong (North NT SD53-15)
Recording quality:	Fair to poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BAKER_R01-008384A	00:00:09	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma, Isaac Walayungkuma and Annie Karrakayn. Topics include employment, collecting tortoise shells, genealogy and place names.	5 August 1983	Wardawardala, NT
	00:18:40	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma and Isaac Walayungkuma. Topics include life in the old days, race relations, making canoes and genealogy.		
	00:31:23	End of BAKER_R01-008384A.		
BAKER_R01-008384B	00:02:04	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma, Isaac Walayungkuma and Annie Karrakayn. Topics include race relations, Macassans, prisons and the police.	5 August 1983	Wardawardala, NT
	00:16:12	End of BAKER_R01-008384B.		
BAKER_R01-008385A	00:00:07	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma and Johnson Babaramilla. Topics include race relations, European settlement, alcohol, employment, government rations, land rights and loss of culture.	7 August 1983	Bing Bong, NT
BAKER_R01-008385B	00:00:05	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma and Johnson Babaramilla. Topics	7 August 1983	Bing Bong, NT

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		include place names, European settlement and exchanges with Groote Eylandters.		
	00:15:50	End of field tape 5 and end of BAKER_R01-008385B.		
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Field tape 6

Performer/speaker(s):	Tim Rakuwurlma, Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy, Judy Marrngawi
Personal subject(s):	Freddy Blittner, Gary Blittner, Banjo Dhindhali, Don Miller, Tom, Jack Holmes, Captain Luff, Frank Luff, Geoffrey Luff
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; Religion – Dreaming – Kangaroos; Hunting – Lizard / goanna
Language/people:	Yanyuwa / Yanuwa, Kriol
Places:	Borrooloola (North NT SE53-03)
Recording quality:	Fair to poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BAKER_R01-008386A	00:00:06	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma, Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy and Judy Marrngawi. Topics include housing, the Dreaming, road works, hunting lizards and certain people from Borrooloola.	7 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:20:53	End field tape 6 and end of BAKER_R01-008386A.		

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Field tape 7

Performer/speaker(s):	Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy, Judy Marrngawi, Tim Rakuwurlma
Personal subject(s):	Banjo Dhindhali, Freddy Blittner, Billy, Rosaline, Shell Blittner, Ginger, Carson, Nemboor, Johnson, Rev. Mervymn Pattimore, Johnny Besting, Findley Father, Roger, Robinson, Captain Harry, John Bradley, Sean Abbey, Margie West, Constable Stott, Dot, Davy, Charlie, Tom Norris
Subject keywords:	Animals – Invertebrates – Crustacea and molluscs – Beche-de-mer / Trepang; Settlement and contacts – Macassans and Indonesians; Hunting – Dugong; Weapons – Spears – Fighting; Technology – Tools; Water supply – Wells and bores; Language – Linguistics – Language elicitation – Untranslated
Language/people:	Yanyuwa / Yanuwa, Kriol
Places:	Borrooloola (North NT SE53-03)
Recording quality:	Fair to poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BAKER_R01-008387A	00:00:00	Oral history with Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy. Topics include employment, hunting, relations with Macassans and schooling.	8 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:07:07	Discussions with Judy Marrngawi. Topics include fighting, the interviewee's early life, the Mission days and “the wild days”.		
	00:31:24	End of BAKER_R01-008387A.		
BAKER_R01-008387B	00:00:00	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma, Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy and Judy Marrngawi. Topics include plants, tools, hunting and digging wells.	8 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:15:26	End of BAKER_R01-008387B.		
BAKER_R01-008388A	00:00:00	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma, Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy and Judy Marrngawi. Topics include employment, countries, birds and tools.	12 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	23:12:00	End of field tape 7 and end of BAKER_R01-008388A.		

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Field tape 8

Performer/speaker(s):	Tim Rakuwurlma, Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy, Judy Marrngawi, Mavis
Personal subject(s):	George Butcher, Emmalina Wanajabi, Bill Harney, Captain Love, Ceciba Demaso, Banjo Dhindhali, Charley Havey, Johnson, Rory, Ginger, Harry Lake, Hector, Willy, Sarah, Steve Johnston, Archie, Billy Walker, John Miller
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; Language – Linguistics – Language Elicitation – Untranslated; Hunting – Dugong; Technology – Tools; Settlement and contacts – Macassans and Indonesians; Economic sectors – Tre pang; History – Genealogy and family history; Language – Vocabulary – Place names; Housing; Language – Vocabulary – Personal names
Language/people:	Yanyuwa / Yanuwa, Kriol
Places:	Borrooloola (North NT SE53-03)
Recording quality:	Fair to poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BAKER_R01-008389A	00:00:28	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma, Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy, Judy Marrngawi and Mavis. Topics include hunting dugong, tools, peoples, boats, employment, relations with Macassans and birth places.	12 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:39:14	End of BAKER_R01-008389A.		
BAKER_R01-008389B	00:39:32 (timing continues from above)	Discussions with Tim Rakuwurlma, Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy, Judy Marrngawi and Mavis. Topics include Macassan fishermen, a past event, genealogy and exchanges with the armed forces.		
	00:53:01	End of BAKER_R01-008389B.		
BAKER_R01-008390A	00:00:00	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma, Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy, Judy Marrngawi and Mavis. Topics include the islands, place names, a killing, housing and a story about the interviewee's brother.	12 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:31:22	End of BAKER_R01-008390A.		
BAKER_R01-008390B	00:07:45	Discussions with Tim Rakuwurlma, Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy, Judy Marrngawi and Mavis. Topics include people, genealogy and a		

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00:16:09	<p>capsizing.</p> <p>End of field tape 8 and end of BAKER_R01-008390B.</p>	RETURN TO ITEM LIST
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Field tape 9

Performer/speaker(s):	
Personal subject(s):	
Subject keywords:	
Language/people:	
Places:	
Recording quality:	
Notes:	Field tape 9 is identical to Field tape 6. See Item Description for Field tape 6 for timing points and content.

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BAKER_R01-008391				
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Field tape 10

Performer/speaker(s):	Tim Rakuwurlma, Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy, Judy Marrngawi
Personal subject(s):	Banjo Dhandhali, Steve Johnston, Clara, Tom, Nelly, Ceciba Demaso, Roy Ross, Leo Finlay, Jacob, William and Jerry Brown
Subject keywords:	Technology – Tools; Hunting – Dugong; Language – Linguistics – Language elicitation – Untranslated; History – Oral history; Economic sectors – Trepang; Settlement and contacts – Macassans and Indonesians; Demography – Population dynamics
Language/people:	Yanyuwa / Yanuwa, Kriol
Places:	Borrooloola (North NT SE53-03)
Recording quality:	Fair to poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BAKER_R01-008392A	00:00:00	Discussions with Tim Rakuwurlma, Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy and Judy Marrngawi. Topics include tools, employment, hunting dugong, and fixing cars.	12 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:23:48	Discussions with Tim Rakuwurlma, Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy and Judy Marrngawi. Topics include hunting turtle and porcupine.		
	00:31:20	End of BAKER_R01-008392A.		
BAKER_R01-008392B	00:00:04	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include place names, past conversations, Macassan trepangers and the demography of Darwin.	12 August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:15:36	End of field tape 10 and end of BAKER_R01-008392B.		

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Field tape 11

Performer/speaker(s):	Tim Rakuwurlma
Personal subject(s):	Jack, Leonard, Banjo Dhandhali, Charley Havey, Sambo, Findley, Brian Roberts, Dennis, Frank Isaac, David Harvey, Gordon Beckett, Richard Beckett, Karen Beckett, Mr Waddis, Clara and Mr Hargreaves
Subject keywords:	Occupations – Pastoral industry workers – Drivers / Stockmen; Language – Vocabulary – Place names; Law enforcement – Police; History – Oral history; Race relations – Violent
Language/people:	Yanyuwa / Yanuwa, Kriol
Places:	Borrooloola (North NT SE53-03)
Recording quality:	Fair to poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BAKER_R01-008394A	00:00:00	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include droving, place names, the police and Groote Eylandters.	- August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
BAKER_R01-008394B	00:00:04	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include past events, fighting, race relations and place names.	- August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:16:00	End of BAKER_R01-008394B.		
BAKER_R01-008395A	00:00:00	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include past events, tools and a story about a mythical Aboriginal man.	- August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:17:04	Song and discussion with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include people from Borrooloola, the police and alcohol.		
	00:31:22	End of BAKER_R01-008395A.		
BAKER_R01-008395B.	00:02:30	Oral history with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include the mainland, Macassan ceremonies, race relations and European settlement.	- August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:13:30	End of 11 and end of BAKER_R01-008395B.		

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Field tape 12

Performer/speaker(s):	Tim Rakuwurlma, Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy
Personal subject(s):	Russell, Steve Johnston, Mr Hyde, Jack Johnson, Banjo Dhindhali, Splinter Woody, Douglas, Tyson Walayungkuma, George, Bruce, Mulligan, Rosie, Barney, Jim Gallagher, Mrs Pennell, Mick Taylor, Mavis Timothy Mulluwamara, Florette Timothy Malandarri, Frank Saw, Mr Kisch
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; Government policy – State and territory – Northern Territory; Language – Linguistics – Language elicitation – Untranslated; Employment – Unemployment; Gender relations – Marriage; Transport – Water; Environment – Lakes and rivers; Habitation - Camps
Language/people:	Yanyuwa / Yanuwa, Kriol
Places:	Borrooloola (North NT SE53-03)
Recording quality:	Fair to poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
BAKER_R01-008393A	00:00:08	Oral history elicitation with Nero Wangkarrawi Timothy. Topics include a past fight, birth places, government policies and employment, including droving and fishing.	August 1983	Borrooloola, NT
	00:17:11	Oral history elicitation with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include marriage practices and people the interviewee cared for.		
	00:31:22	End of BAKER_R01-008393A.		
BAKER_R01-008393B	00:00:04	Oral history elicitation with Tim Rakuwurlma. Topics include employment, boats, rivers and camp life.		
	00:15:24	End of field tape 12 and end of BAKER_R01-008393B.		

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