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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 2001

Extent: 4 sound cassettes (ca. 60 min. each): analogue, mono + field tape report sheets.

Production history

These recordings were made by Hilary Bambrick at Cherbourg in 2001 as part of an AIATSIS grant, *Child growth and type 2 diabetes mellitus in a Queensland Aboriginal community*. The recordings feature oral history interviews with Rory Boney, Uncle Paddy (Patrick Alberts), Venus Rabbitt and an unidentified male speaker. The interviewees describe growing up in Cherbourg and how it has changed since they were children. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 7 July 2004.

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This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Hilary Bambrick and audition sheets prepared by AIATSIS staff. Timing points may be slightly out depending on the technologies and procedures in place at the time the recordings were auditioned.

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ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

Archive number 039136/ Field Tape 1, Side A

Performer/speaker(s):	Rory Boney
Personal subject(s):	Jack Chin, Frank Boney, Granny Totty
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, Children – Childhood, Child welfare - Children's homes, Health - Endocrine system – Diabetes, Councils - Town Councils, Education - Schools, Religions – Christianity, Employment
Language/people:	English
Places:	Cherbourg / Barambah (SE Qld SG56-10)
Recording quality:	Fair (Consistent background noise)

Timing point	Description
	<u>Oral history interview with Rory Boney at Cherbourg, Queensland.</u>
00:00:00	Archive Announcement
00:00:08	Tape ID
00:00:14	Silence
00:00:32	Born in 1955, Rory Boney mentions that he's worked in Cherbourg all his life. He lists all the jobs he's had.
00:01:41	Rory Boney recalls that the education standard back in the day was the fourth grade. After the fourth grade girls were sent to the domestic science building to be trained in domestic work. His mother was one of the girls trained in domestic work.
00:02:43	Rory Boney comments that his mother had him at an early age. He was reared in a dormitory while his mother had to go back to work. Rory comments that he doesn't know what it's like to grow up with a mother or family and he shares his opinion of his mother.
00:03:27	Rory Boney mentions that he grew up with 70-80 boys in the dormitory who he classes as his brothers. He talks about the manager of the dormitory, Jack Chin (Chinny), who used to be a father figure to all the boys. Rory describes life in the dormitory.
00:05:28	Rory Boney mentions that he didn't really know his family up at the mission (the camp); they weren't allowed to mix with them but once a week. He talks about his mother's brother, Frank Boney.
00:06:28	Rory Boney talks about his siblings.
00:08:04	Rory Boney talks about growing up angry with his mother and father. He talks about his feelings toward the government at the time.
00:09:22	Rory Boney talks about the time his mother came back in 1982 to try and make amends with him.
00:14:07	Rory Boney talks about the dormitory he lived in. He recalls that Chin (the dormitory manager) was a Christian and he brought the boys up as Christians, which he believes has helped him throughout his life.
00:17:04	Rory Boney talks about the people he lived with when he left the dormitory. He mentions Uncle Sam, Auntie Doris, Uncle Les, and Auntie Barbara.
00:17:49	Rory Boney talks about Granny Totty (approximate spelling).

00:18:38	Rory Boney mentions that he has 4 daughters. He says that he brought up his children the way he was brought up – going to Sunday school, reading their bible, and getting involved with community issues.
00:19:25	Rory Boney describes the changes he’s seen and been a part of in Cherbourg over the years as both a council member and community police officer. He talks about his time on the council and the expectations placed upon him as a council member and police officer.
00:22:47	Rory Boney describes what he likes about Cherbourg, the changes he’s seen in the people, and the new issues they’re facing there.
00:25:23	Rory Boney talks about the role of the council.
00:27:23	Rory Boney talks about getting the elders involved in schools by enabling them to have an input into what Aboriginal studies should be taught.
00:29:48	Rory Boney talks about ways they used to get children to go to school when he was a police officer.
00:31:08	Rory Boney talks about high unemployment.
00:31:17	End of Side A of Field Tape 1 and end of 039136.

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Archive number 039137/ Field Tape 1, Side B

Performer/speaker(s):	Rory Boney
Personal subject(s):	Stephen Heart, Porty(?) Chapman
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, Children – Childhood, Child welfare - Children's homes, Health - Endocrine system – Diabetes, Councils - Town Councils, Education - Schools, Religions – Christianity, Employment
Language/people:	English
Places:	Cherbourg / Barambah (SE Qld SG56-10)
Recording quality:	Fair (Consistent background noise)

Timing point	Description
	<u>Oral history interview with Rory Boney at Cherbourg, Queensland.</u>
00:00:00	Archive Announcement
00:00:07	Rory Boney talks about Cherbourg's high rate of unemployment and the steps they're taking to reduce it.
00:01:13	Rory Boney talks about his health and Cherbourg's first outbreak of diabetes in 1984.
00:06:47	Rory Boney talks about his duties as a police officer and the many things he was exposed to. He speaks about the community's response to deaths in custody.
00:09:58	Rory Boney talks about the guidance he received from elders and the support they gave the community. He speaks about the differences between the council today compared to the past.
00:17:30	Rory Boney recalls how he, as community supporter, used to run the men's group with Stephen Heart and Porty(?) Chapman. He talks about the women's shelter.
00:22:35	Rory Boney talks about his family history with diabetes and ways in which to avoid getting diabetes. He recalls the odd jobs he used to do around the community.
00:27:21	Rory Boney mentions that a lot of their children only go to grade 8 or grade 10 (because of their sporting abilities). He talks about children only being rewarded for their sporting ability. Rory speaks about some Indigenous people's attitude toward white people.
00:31:20	End of Side B of Field Tape 1 and end of 039137.

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Archive number 039138/ Field Tape 2, Side A

Performer/speaker(s):	Unidentified male speaker
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, Children – Childhood, Education – Schools, Child welfare - Children's homes, Employment
Language/people:	English
Places:	Cherbourg / Barambah (SE Qld SG56-10)
Recording quality:	Poor (Consistent background noise), inaudible in certain sections

Timing point	Description
	<u>Oral History interview with an unidentified male speaker at Cherbourg, Queensland.</u>
00:00:00	Archive Announcement
00:00:08	The Speaker mentions his age and says that he's lived most of his life in Cherbourg.
00:00:37	The Speaker talks about his family, where he grew up, and what life was like growing up in Cherbourg.
00:03:57	The Speaker talks about education and his time at school.
00:05:54	The Speaker mentions the people in his family who have passed away.
00:08:08	The Speaker talks about the different jobs he's had and speaks generally about his life in Cherbourg.
00:13:12	The Speaker mentions things that have changed in Cherbourg.
00:17:58	The Speaker talks about some of the issues they're facing in Cherbourg.
00:20:59	The Speaker describes what he thinks are the best things about Cherbourg and why not everyone should stay and raise their kids there.
00:26:26	The Speaker talks about the dormitories and the dormitory children. He speaks about his childhood and about rations.
00:31:27	End of Side A of Field Tape 2 and end of 039138.

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Archive number 039139/ Field Tape 2, Side B

Performer/speaker(s):	Unidentified male speaker
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history
Language/people:	English
Places:	Cherbourg / Barambah (SE Qld SG56-10)
Recording quality:	Very Poor (Consistent background noise), inaudible in certain sections

Timing point	Description
	<u>Oral History interview with an unidentified male speaker at Cherbourg, Queensland.</u>
00:00:00	Archive Announcement
00:00:08	Speaker talks about growing up in Cherbourg in the 1960's and 1970's in comparison with Cherbourg today.
00:10:01	End of Side B of Field Tape 2 and end of 039139.

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Archive number 039140/ Field Tape 3, Side A

Performer/speaker(s):	Patrick Alberts (Uncle Paddy)
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, Children – Childhood, Employment, Family, Health - Endocrine system – Diabetes, Education - Schools
Language/people:	English
Places:	Cherbourg / Barambah (SE Qld SG56-10)
Recording quality:	Poor-Fair (Consistent background noise)

Timing point	Description
	<u>Oral History interview with Patrick Alberts in Cherbourg, Queensland.</u>
00:00:00	Archive Announcement
00:00:08	Patrick Alberts mentions his age and birthday. He comments that he grew up in Cherbourg and that he has been married twice.
00:00:57	Patrick Alberts recalls the numerous jobs he's had: mill hand, truck driver, police officer, and council member.
00:01:17	Patrick Alberts mentions that he raised 2 families in the early 1960's. His second wife is Daisy Watcher(?). He talks about his twin boys who he lost in a car accident in 1983.
00:03:00	Patrick Alberts mentions that he is 1 of 7 children but only he and his sister Joan are left.
00:03:37	Patrick Alberts talks about working in the Cherbourg Primary School as a janitor/groundsman for 25 years.
00:04:38	Patrick Alberts talks about the changes he's seen in Cherbourg.
00:07:27	Patrick Alberts mentions the segregation of dormitory children and camp children in Cherbourg. He briefly recalls some of the activities he did when he was a child.
00:08:08	Patrick Alberts mentions that he went to school in Cherbourg and goes on to talk about the Cherbourg library.
00:09:23	Patrick Alberts mentions the best thing about growing up in Cherbourg.
00:09:53	Patrick Alberts mentions the things he would like to see changed in Cherbourg.
00:10:27	Patrick Alberts talks about when he was diagnosed with diabetes, his initial reaction to the diagnosis, and how he keeps his diabetes under control. He mentions that a lot of Aboriginal people don't like going to hospital.
00:13:06	Patrick Alberts mentions that he likes living in Cherbourg and has never lived anywhere else.
00:13:40	Patrick Alberts recalls that his mother grew up in Dalby (Qld).
00:14:43	Patrick Alberts talks about his family.
00:15:24	End of Side A of Field Tape 3 and end of 039140.

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Archive number 039141/ Field Tape 4, Side A

Performer/speaker(s):	Venus Rabbitt
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, Children – Childhood, Employment, Family, Endocrine system – Diabetes, Child welfare - Children's homes
Language/people:	English
Places:	Cherbourg / Barambah (SE Qld SG56-10)
Recording quality:	Fair (Consistent background noise)

Timing point	Description
	<u>Oral History interview with Venus Rabbitt at Cherbourg, Queensland.</u>
00:00:00	Archive Announcement
00:00:10	Venus Rabbitt introduces herself and mentions her occupation.
00:01:08	Venus Rabbitt talks about growing up in Cherbourg.
00:07:46	Venus Rabbitt mentions that she is the oldest of 11 children.
00:09:36	Venus Rabbitt talks about the places she's travelled to.
00:10:23	Venus Rabbitt talks about the time her mother discovered that she had brothers and sisters.
00:12:18	Venus Rabbitt tells the story of how her parents met.
00:13:42	Venus Rabbitt talks about the changes she's seen in Cherbourg.
00:16:02	Venus Rabbitt speaks about the segregation of the camp children and the dormitory children.
00:16:46	Venus Rabbitt talks about family life when growing up.
00:20:02	Venus Rabbitt speaks about when she was diagnosed with diabetes and her initial reaction to the diagnosis. She mentions the people in her family who have diabetes.
00:23:25	Venus Rabbitt talks about the medication she takes to manage her diabetes and the consequences of not taking that medication.
00:24:42	Venus Rabbitt talks about the lifestyle changes she's had to make in order to manage her health issues.
00:31:22	End of Side A of Field Tape 4 and end of 039141.

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Archive number 039142/ Field Tape 4, Side B

Performer/speaker(s):	Venus Rabbitt
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history, Family, Endocrine system – Diabetes
Language/people:	English
Places:	Cherbourg / Barambah (SE Qld SG56-10)
Recording quality:	Fair (Consistent background noise)

Timing point	Description
	<u>Oral History interview with Venus Rabbitt at Cherbourg, Queensland.</u>
00:00:00	Archive Announcement
00:00:08	Venus Rabbitt talks about her initial reaction to her diabetes diagnosis and her attitude towards it today.
00:04:11	Venus Rabbitt gives her advice on how to avoid diabetes.
00:06:47	Venus Rabbitt speaks about her parents health.
00:07:36	Venus Rabbitt recalls revelations about her father's family.
00:11:01	Venus Rabbitt talks about what she's learnt from her family.
00:12:19	Venus Rabbitt talks about her father and his family.
00:13:22	Venus Rabbitt speaks about her wedding.
00:14:56	Venus Rabbitt speaks of what she likes about Cherbourg.
00:15:54	End of Side B of Field Tape 4 and end of 039142.

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