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GURANG_01

**Sound recordings collected by
the Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal
Corporation), 1991**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1991

Extent: 8 sound cassettes (ca. 60 min. each) : analogue, mono.

Production history

These recordings were collected by Mervyn Johnson for the Gurang Land Council in October and November, 1991. Mr Johnson and his uncle—Gooreng Gooreng elder, Nyulang Johnson—speak to various Indigenous and non-Indigenous elders in Eidsvold, Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Miriam Vale and Mount Perry in south-east Queensland about Gooreng Gooreng language and history. Some Waka Waka vocabulary is also elicited. Speakers include Mervyn Johnson, Nyulang Johnson, Joe Collins, Kate Rowe, Ivy Booth, Arthur Jeffery, Jack Bates and Percy Smith. The project was funded by an AIATSIS grant and the resulting material was deposited at AIATSIS by Mudrooroo Narogin Nyoongah (also known as Colin Johnson) on 24 July 1992.

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ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

The field recordings in this collection were numbered by the depositor 1-8, but they are not in chronological order. They have been archived in the order they were supplied. Field tape 7 was found

to be blank and was therefore not archived.

This finding aid was compiled from information contained in documentation provided by the Gurang Land Council and audition sheets prepared by AIATSIS staff.

ITEM LIST

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
012204	Field tape 1	Waka Waka and Gooreng Gooreng vocabulary elicitation with Joe Collins and Nyulang Johnson at Eidsvold
012205	Field tape 2	Oral history interview in English with Kate Rowe at Bundaberg
012206	Field tape 3	Gooreng Gooreng words and conversation in English with Ivy Booth at Rockhampton
012207 012208	Field tape 4	Oral history interview in English with Arthur Jeffery at Miriam Vale
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ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

012204/Field tape 1

Performer/speaker(s):	Joe Collins, Nyulang Johnson, Mervyn Johnson
Subject keywords:	Language – Vocabulary
Language/people:	Gooreng Gooreng / Gureng Gureng / Gurang Gurang, Waka Waka / Wakka Wakka
Places:	Eidsvold (SE Qld SG56-05)
Recording quality:	Poor – fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
GURANG_01-012204	00:00:00	Joe Collins provides various Waka Waka and Gooreng Gooreng words for animals, food and people. Nyulang Johnson also contributes.	22 November 1991	Eidsvold, Qld
	00:09:31	End of field tape 1 and end of GURANG_01-012204.		

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012205/Field tape 2

Performer/speaker(s):	Kate Rowe, Nyulang Johnson, Mervyn Johnson
Subject keywords:	History - Genealogy and family history
Language/people:	English, Gooreng Gooreng / Gureng Gureng / Gurang Gurang people
Places:	Bundaberg (SE Qld SG56-02)
Recording quality:	Poor – fair
Notes:	Mrs Rowe identifies as a [Taribelang] Bunda woman

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
GURANG_01-012205	00:00:00	Kate Rowe (nee Broome) talks about her family and other Aboriginal families from the Bundaberg area. Topics include her father, John Broome, and the massacre at Paddy's Island.	October 1991	Bundaberg, Qld
	00:21:05	End of field tape 2 and end of GURANG_01-012205.		

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012206/Field tape 3

Performer/speaker(s):	Ivy Booth, Nyulang Johnson, Mervyn Johnson
Subject keywords:	Language – Vocabulary, History - Genealogy and family history
Language/people:	Gooreng Gooreng / Gureng Gureng / Gurang Gurang people
Places:	Rockhampton (E Qld SF56-13)
Recording quality:	Poor – fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
GURANG_01-012206	00:00:00	Nyulang and Mervyn Johnson talk to Ivy Booth (nee Darby) about her family and other Aboriginal families from the area. Includes some Gooreng Gooreng vocabulary checking.	October 1991	Rockhampton, Qld
	00:22:56	End of field tape 3 and end of GURANG_01-012206.		

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012207 + 012208/Field tape 4

Performer/speaker(s):	Arthur Jeffery, Nyulang Johnson, Mervyn Johnson
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history
Language/people:	English
Places:	Miriam Vale (SE Qld SG56-02)
Recording quality:	Poor – fair (wind noise throughout)

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
GURANG_01-012207	00:00:00	Arthur Jeffery, a local non-Indigenous historian, recalls various Aboriginal people from the Miriam Vale area, including Miriam Vale Jimmy, Old Tommy Johnson, George Daniels (possibly of Kanaka descent), the Rowe family, Yorky, Hector Johnson, George Johnson, Little Tommy Johnson, Jacky Alberts and the McGowan family.	October 1991	Miriam Vale, Qld
	00:31:43	End of GURANG_01-012207, continuing with GURANG_01-012208.		
GURANG_01-012208	00:00:00	Mr Jeffery talks about Old Tommy Johnson, George Pickwick and Miriam Vale Jimmy.		
	00:31:41	End of field tape 4 and end of GURANG_01-012208.		

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012209/Field tape 5

Performer/speaker(s):	Jack Bates, Nyulang Johnson, Mervyn Johnson
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history
Language/people:	English
Places:	Miriam Vale (SE Qld SG56-02)
Recording quality:	Poor – fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
GURANG_01-012209	00:00:00	Jack Bates, an 84-year-old non-Indigenous local, recalls various Aboriginal people from the Miriam Vale area, including Miriam Vale Jimmy, Hector Johnson, Bulla Tolson, Frederick Johnson, Frank Pickwick and Maggie Pickwick.	November 1991	Miriam Vale, Qld
	00:15:54	End of field tape 5 and end of GURANG_01-012209.		

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012210/Field tape 6

Performer/speaker(s):	Percy Smith, Nyulang Johnson, Mervyn Johnson
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history
Language/people:	English
Places:	Mount Perry (SE Qld SG56-06)
Recording quality:	Poor – fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
GURANG_01-012210	00:00:00	Percy Smith, a non-Indigenous Mount Perry local recalls various Aboriginal people from the area, including the Horton, Ivy, Geary and Munro families.	November 1991	Mount Perry, Qld
	00:07:41	End of field tape 6 and end of GURANG_01-012210.		

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012211/Field tape 8

Performer/speaker(s):	Arthur Jeffery, Nyulang Johnson, Mervyn Johnson
Subject keywords:	History - Oral history
Language/people:	English
Places:	Miriam Vale (SE Qld SG56-02)
Recording quality:	Poor – fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
GURANG_01-012211	00:00:00	Arthur Jeffery, a local non-Indigenous historian, talks about trackers and other Aboriginal people he remembers from the Miriam Vale area.	November 1991	Miriam Vale, Qld
	00:16:34	End of field tape 8 and end of GURANG_01.		

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