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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1980

Extent: 11 sound cassettes (ca. 30 min. each) : analogue, mono + field tape report sheets.

Production history

These recordings were collected by David Hopkins in 1980 on the north coast of New South Wales. They document oral histories about the Yellow Rock Mission in NSW, including race relations, the Aboriginal Protection Board, Legal Aid, housing, comparisons between Indigenous and non-Indigenous value systems, contemporary problems, several personal histories of the Huskisson and Yellow Rock Mission areas, beliefs, information on rations, health issues, land control and ownership, and early life, as given by interviewees Richard Kelly, Mrs Stewart, Joyce Knox, Andrew Pacey, Lenard D'Silva, Norman Pacey, Robert D'Silva, Bob Roberts and Patricia Ann Roberts. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 23 March 1980.

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ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

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007488A 007488B	Field tape 80-11	Oral history and discussion of Yellow Rock mission and criminal procedure for Aborigines with Robert D'Silva

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

007478A + 007478B/Field tape 80-1

Performer/speaker(s):	Richard Kelly
Personal subject(s):	Smithers, Mildon (managers at Yellow Rock Mission)
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; Religions – Christianity – Missions; Government policy – Initial period and protectionism; Education – Schools; Religion – Rites; Race relations – Attitudes
Language/people:	English, Gumbaynggir / Gumbainggirr people
Places:	Urunga (NSW N Coast SH56-11)
Recording quality:	Poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
HOPKINS_D01 -007478A	00:00:00	Discussion of missions in the area and the people who used to live there, including the managers. Mention of how children were taken from the missions for the Aboriginal Protection Board with Richard Kelly.	20 February 1980	Urunga, NSW
	00:19:04	Discussion of the attitudes of white people in the area towards the mission and of the importance of the land on which the mission stood with Richard Kelly.		
	00:30:02	End of side 1 of field tape 80-1 and end of HOPKINS_D01-007478A.		
HOPKINS_D01 -007478B	00:02:10	Discussion of the Aboriginal Protection Board, of education on the mission and of Aboriginal places and the younger people's attitudes towards them with Richard Kelly..	20 February 1980	Urunga, NSW
	00:15:10	Discussion about rites, wildlife in the bush and Aboriginal-white relations with Richard Kelly.		
	00:30:21	End of field tape 80-1 and end of HOPKINS_D01-007478B.		

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007479A + 007479B/Field tape 80-2

Performer/speaker(s):	Richard Kelly
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; Government policy – Initial period and protectionism; Employment – Recruitment; Community development – Infrastructure and municipal services – Housing; Race relations – Attitudes; Children – Care and nurturing; Substance use – Alcohol
Language/people:	English, Gumbaynggir / Gumbainggirr people
Places:	Urunga (NSW N Coast SH56-11)
Recording quality:	Poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
HOPKINS_D01-007479A	00:00:00	Discussion about the speaker's past employment, and about housing problems and relationships between Aboriginal women and non-Indigenous men with Richard Kelly.	20 February 1980	Urunga, NSW
	00:10:40	Comparison between Aboriginal culture and European culture, and discussion about ways of improving contemporary Aboriginal issues and the younger generation with Richard Kelly.		
	00:31:01	End of side 1 of field tape 80-2 and end of HOPKINS_D01-007479A.		
HOPKINS_D01-007479B	00:00:00	Discussion about Aboriginal attitudes to disciplining children and comparison between jobs done in the Depression era and in contemporary times with Richard Kelly.	20 February 1980	Urunga, NSW
	00:05:46	Discussion about alcohol problems in the younger generation, and about employment opportunities in the area with Richard Kelly.		
	00:11:21	End of field tape 80-2 and end of HOPKINS_D01-007479B.		

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007480A + 007480B/Field tape 80-3

Performer/speaker(s):	Mrs Stewart
Personal subject(s):	The Carpenter family, Mr Georgie, Mrs White, Granny Rosie, Mr Penn, Archibald Campbell; Mr Donaldson (an Inspector from the Aborigines Protection Board)
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; Government policy – Initial period and protectionism; Employment – Recruitment; Community development – Infrastructure and municipal services – Housing; Religion – Rites; Social welfare – Grants and finance
Language/people:	English, Gumbaynggir / Gumbainggirr people
Places:	Yellow Rock (S Sydney NSW SI56-05)
Recording quality:	Poor – very faint

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
HOPKINS_D01 -007480A	00:00:00	Personal history including a description of the speaker's early life, including birth, early movements, parents' lives, schooling and housing with Mrs Stewart.	21 February 1980	Yellow Rock, NSW
	00:06:25	Discussion about Aboriginal rites, the child endowment from the Welfare Department and employment for Aboriginal individuals with Mrs Stewart..		
	00:11:10	Personal history including description of the speaker's school life, her family's financial situation and moving in with her aunt.		
	00:18:25	Descriptions of inspections by the Aboriginal Protection Board and discussion of the speaker's movements after school with Mrs Stewart..		
	00:30:52	End of side 1 of field tape 80-3 and end of HOPKINS_D01-007480A.		
HOPKINS_D01 -007480B	00:00:14	Personal history elicitation – discussion about the speaker's past, travels and employment situation with Mrs Stewart..	21 February 1980	Yellow Rock, NSW

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
	00:13:24	End of field tape 80-3 and end of HOPKINS_D01-007480B.		

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007481A/Field tape 80-4

Performer/speaker(s):	Joyce Knox
Personal subject(s):	King Billy Bennelong (the speaker's grandfather)
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; History – Genealogy and family history; Religions – Christianity – Missions; Government policy – Initial period and protectionism; Community development – Infrastructure and municipal services – Housing; Law enforcement – Police
Language/people:	English, Gumbaynggir / Gumbainggirr people
Places:	Kempsey (NSW N Coast SH56-14)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
HOPKINS_D01-007481A	00:00:00	Personal history elicitation – discussion of the speaker's family, including her grandfather with Joyce Knox.	22 February 1980	Kempsey, NSW
	00:08:44	Discussion about marriage, housing, managers from the Yellow Rock Mission and police interaction with people from the Mission with Joyce Knox.		
	00:17:37	End of field tape 80-4 and end of HOPKINS_D01-007481A.		

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007482A + 007482B/Field tape 80-5

Performer/speaker(s):	Andrew Pacey
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; History – Genealogy and family history; Religions – Christianity – Missions; Government policy – Initial period and protectionism; Religion – Rites; Community development – Infrastructure and municipal services – Housing; Employment – Recruitment; Health – Treatments – Traditional – Clever People; Religion – Spirituality; Religions – Christianity; Social organisation – Elders; Education – Language; Social welfare – Rationing – Food
Language/people:	English, Gumbaynggir / Gumbainggirr people
Places:	Kempsey (NSW N Coast SH56-14)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
HOPKINS_D01 -007482A	00:00:00	Personal history including discussion about the speaker's family, initiation rites, living arrangements and his parents' employment with Andrew Pacey.	22 February 1980	Kempsey, NSW
	00:18:40	Discussion about the attitudes of people towards the Yellow Rock Mission and about witchdoctors and their capabilities.		
	00:31:02	End of HOPKINS_D01-007482A.		
HOPKINS_D01 -007482B	00:00:00	Discussion about the managers at Yellow Rock Mission and the speaker's movements after leaving the mission with Andrew Pacey.	22 February 1980	Kempsey, NSW
	00:08:34	Comparison between Aboriginal spirituality and Christianity and discussion about Elders.		
	00:14:22	Personal history including discussion about how the speaker learned English, crops and food rations and the girls' dormitory on the mission with Andrew Pacey.		
	00:30:55	End of field tape 80-5 and end of HOPKINS_D01-007482B.		

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007483A/Field tape 80-6

Performer/speaker(s):	Andrew Pacey
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; Religions – Christianity – Missions; Government policy – Initial period and protectionism; Employment – Recruitment; Law – Legal system; Government policy – State and territory – New South Wales; Food – Sociocultural aspects – Sharing; Health services – Administration; Social organisation – Elders; Law – Legal aid services; Land rights – Ownership
Language/people:	English, Gumbaynggir / Gumbainggirr people
Places:	Kempsey (NSW N Coast SH56-14)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
HOPKINS_D01-007483A	00:00:00	Discussion about white people at the Yellow Rock Mission, the cinema at Urunga and employment for Aboriginal individuals with Andrew Pacey.	22 February 1980	Kempsey, NSW
	00:07:19	Discussion about the law, how the Government dealt with Aboriginal individuals on the mission, the speaker's movements after Yellow Rock Mission and the sharing of food and material possessions with Andrew Pacey.		
	00:17:19	Discussion about Legal Aid, the health of the people at Yellow Rock Mission, and about various committees set up for Aboriginal individuals, including Co-operative Housing and the Tribal Elder Council with Andrew Pacey.		
	00:25:00	Discussion about traditional land control and ownership and the Yellow Rock Mission in general with Andrew Pacey.		
	00:29:05	End of field tape 80-6 and end of HOPKINS_D01-007483A.		

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007484A + 007484B/Field tape 80-7

Performer/speaker(s):	Lenard D'Silva
Personal subject(s):	Lucy Needham, Charlie Needham, Biddie Briggs, Robert D'Silva (grandfather), Robert D'Silva (brother), Clem D'Silva, Albert Needham, George Dotti, George, Jack, Eric, Christie, Tas, Alma, Jean Knox, Joyce, Bertha, Enda, Mary Gomolun, King Bennelong, Richard Pacey, Arthur Melrose, Herby Water, Clarry Lawrence, Sam Drew, Sam Kerr, Mrs Mackenzie, Ethel Archibald, Frank Archibald, Sarah Archibald, Jimmy Barker, Bill Odnott
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; History – Genealogy and family history; Religions – Christianity – Missions; Government policy – Initial period and protectionism; Hunting – Traps, nets, etc; Employment – Recruitment; Law – Indigenous; Law enforcement – Customary; Food – Sociocultural aspects – Sharing; Geography – Territories and boundaries; Social welfare – Rationing – Food
Language/people:	English, Gumbaynggir / Gumbainggirr people
Places:	Kempsey (NSW N Coast SH56-14)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
HOPKINS_D01-007484A	00:00:00	Personal history including discussion about the speaker's family background, hunting practices and employment with Lenard D'Silva.	22 February 1980	Kempsey, NSW
	00:17:45	Personal history including discussion about the speaker's movements after Yellow Rock Mission and fishing techniques with Lenard D'Silva.		
	00:24:35	Discussion about Aboriginal customary law and punishment Lenard D'Silva.		
	00:30:16	End of HOPKINS_D01-007484A.		
HOPKINS_D01-007484B	00:00:00	Discussion about the beliefs of the Aboriginal people in the area, sharing food and tribal boundaries with Lenard D'Silva.	22 February 1980	Kempsey, NSW
	00:06:54	Discussion about the individual who administered the law of the tribe, the changes when people changed to the 'white ways', food		

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
		rations and the speaker's employment experience with Lenard D'Silva.		
	00:22:09	Personal history including discussion about how the speaker contributed information to a man from Armidale University who was writing a book, and the speaker's marriage and step-family with Lenard D'Silva.		
	00:30:25	End of field tape 80-7 HOPKINS_D01-007484B.		

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007485A + 007485B/Field tape 80-8

Performer/speaker(s):	Lenard D'Silva
Personal subject(s):	Mr Donaldson (Inspector from the Aborigines Protection Board), Senator Chaney (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs),
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; Religions – Christianity – Missions; Government policy – Initial period and protectionism; Hunting – Traps, nets, etc; Government policy – State and territory – New South Wales; Education – Schools; Land rights - Ownership
Language/people:	English, Gumbaynggir / Gumbainggirr people
Places:	Kempsey (NSW N Coast SH56-14)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
HOPKINS_D01-007485A	00:00:00	Personal history including discussion about life at the Yellow Rock Mission, fishing and hunting practices and the speaker's feelings about becoming a man with Lenard D'Silva.	22 February 1980	Kempsey, NSW
	00:19:48	Discussion about Government rations and certain places where Aboriginal individuals used to hunt with Lenard D'Silva.		
	00:30:23	End of HOPKINS_D01-007485A.		
HOPKINS_D01-007485B	00:00:00	Discussion about the dormitories and managers at Yellow Rock Mission with Lenard D'Silva.	22 February 1980	Kempsey, NSW
	00:13:07	Personal history including discussion about the speaker's education and the speaker's opinion on the wider Aboriginal community and its future, including land rights with Lenard D'Silva.		
	00:30:39	End of field tape 80-8 and end of HOPKINS_D01-007485B.		

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007486A + 007486B/Field tape 80-9

Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Pacey
Personal subject(s):	The Taylor family, Old Lambert Wattie, Reuben Pacey, May Taylor, Freda Bennelong (mother), King Bennelong (grandfather), Polly Cooki, Smithers (a supervisor at Yellow Rock mission), Taylor (maternal cousin)
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; History – Genealogy and family history; Religions – Christianity – Missions; Government policy – Initial period and protectionism; Social welfare – Rationing – Food; Health services – Administration; Hunting – Traps, nets, etc; Religion – Rites; Ceremonies – Marriage; Health – Treatments – Traditional; Social organisation – Elders; Reproduction – Birth control / family planning
Language/people:	English, Gumbaynggir / Gumbainggirr people
Places:	Redfern (Inner Sydney NSW SI56-05)
Recording quality:	Good

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
HOPKINS_D01-007486A	00:00:00	Personal history including discussion of the speaker's family background, education and life at Yellow Rock Mission with Norman Pacey.	26 February 1980	Redfern, NSW
	00:12:32	Personal history including description of the speaker's movements after Yellow Rock Mission and his father's opinions on life and the ways people were treated at Yellow Rock Mission with Norman Pacey.		
	00:30:38	End of HOPKINS_D01-007486A.		
HOPKINS_D01-007486B	00:00:00	Discussion about the people living at Yellow Rock Mission and about Government food rations with Norman Pacey.	26 February 1980	Redfern, NSW
	00:03:29	Discussion about the health of the children on the mission and traditional Aboriginal foods and hunting practices with Norman Pacey.		
	00:10:46	Discussion about Aboriginal superstitions, bush medicines, the Elders of the community, initiation		

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		rites and marriage rules with Norman Pacey.		
	00:20:38	Discussion about the Yellow Rock Mission, birth control and the older people's attitudes towards the younger people attending school with.		
	00:30:37	End of field tape 80-9 and end of HOPKINS_D01-007486B.		

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007487A + 007487B/Field tape 80-10

Performer/speaker(s):	Norman Pacey, Patricia Ann Roberts and Bob Roberts
Personal subject(s):	King Bennelong (Norman Pacey's grandfather), Taylor (maternal cousin); Mr Milne, Mr Jacobs, Mr Smithers and Mr Paul (managers from Yellow Rock mission); Herbie Walters
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; Religions – Christianity – Missions; Government policy – Initial period and protectionism; Education – Schools; Social organisation – Elders; Religion – Rites; Community development – Infrastructure and municipal services – Housing; Employment – Recruitment; Substance use – Alcohol; History – Genealogy and family history
Language/people:	English, Gumbaynggir / Gumbainggirr people
Places:	Redfern (Inner Sydney NSW SI56-05)
Recording quality:	Poor

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
HOPKINS_D01-007487A	00:00:00	Norman Pacey discusses his school life, the Elders and initiation rites.	26 February 1980	Redfern, NSW
	00:11:25	Norman Pacey discusses his family's movements to and from the Yellow Rock Mission.		
	00:19:25	Norman Pacey discusses old Aboriginal Rules, the opinions of people living at Yellow Rock Mission and the mission managers.		
	00:30:25	End of HOPKINS_D01-007487A.		
HOPKINS_D01-007487B	00:00:00	Norman Pacey discusses the girls' dormitory at the Yellow Rock Mission and his family's living arrangements.	26 February 1980	Redfern, NSW
	00:10:34	Norman Pacey discusses certain fears held by Aboriginal individuals and his past employment and movements.		
	00:18:20	Norman Pacey discusses the Tribal Elders Council and contemporary problems in the Aboriginal community including alcohol and social services.		
	00:22:20	Family history and discussion on		

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		their education with Patricia Ann Roberts and Bob Roberts		
	00:26:38	End of field tape 80-10 and end of HOPKINS_D01-007487B.		

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007488A + 007488B/Field tape 80-11

Performer/speaker(s):	Robert D'Silva
Personal subject(s):	Mr Harvey, Pearl Harvey, Richard Kelly; Mr Smithers and Mr Evans (managers at Yellow Rock mission); Mr Yardee (a policeman); Millie Bartholomew (the speaker's wife), King Bennelong, Jim Boney, Charlie Raymond Kelly, Old Jim Doyle,
Subject keywords:	History – Oral history; History – Genealogy and family history; Religions – Christianity – Missions; Government policy – Initial period and protectionism; Law enforcement – Criminal law and procedure – Pretrial procedure; Crime - Imprisonment; Death – Mortuary / funeral ceremonies – Burial; Defence – Armed forces – Army; Employment – Recruitment; Aged – Retirement income; Religion – Rites
Language/people:	English, Gumbaynggir / Gumbainggirr people
Places:	Sydney map area (NSW SI56-05)
Recording quality:	Fair

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
HOPKINS_D01-007488A	00:00:00	Personal history elicitation with Robert D'Silva who provides his personal details, including information on his birth and family and his family's move to Yellow Rock Mission.	28 February 1980	Fairfield, NSW
	00:05:02	Personal history including discussion of the speaker's arrest and the process following it, and including his trial and time in prison with Robert D'Silva.		
	00:10:48	Personal history elicitation including discussion of the speaker's wife, European ancestors and children with Robert D'Silva.		
	00:22:43	Discussion on Aboriginal individuals leaving the Yellow Rock Mission, people buried at the cemetery, and the possessions the speaker took with him when he left the Mission with Robert D'Silva.		
	00:30:21	End of HOPKINS_D01-007488A.		
HOPKINS_D01-007488B	00:00:00	Personal history including discussion of the speaker's time in	28/02/80	Fairfield, NSW

Archive item number	Timing point	Description	Date	Place
		the army, employment and pension with Robert D'Silva..		
	00:13:42	Discussion of the opinion that the speaker held of the Elders at Yellow Rock Mission when he was young and of children that died at the Mission with Robert D'Silva..		
	00:21:17	Discussion of initiation rites, mission managers and the speaker's opinion of the Yellow Rock Mission with Robert D'Silva.		
	00:30:31	End of field tape 80-11 and end of HOPKINS_D01-007488B.		

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