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**Interim  
Finding aid**

**KENNEDY\_R01**

**Sound recordings collected by  
Rod Kennedy, 1979-1980**

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

**Date:** 1979-1980

**Extent:** 3 sound tape reels (ca. 2 hrs. 30 min.) : analogue, 7 1/2 ips, mono ; 5 in.

### Production history

These recordings were collected between 1979 and 1980 by Rod Kennedy during fieldwork on Saibai Island in the Torres Strait, Queensland. The purpose of the field trip was to document religious songs, island music and speech in the Kalaw Lagaw Ya language. Performers and speakers include Richard Aragu, Gloria Kabai, Imasu Aragu, Frank Ger, Jensen Warusam, Pauline Dai, Dorothy Elu, Parina Elu, Ezra Waigana and unidentified participants. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 13 February 1981.

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## ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Rod Kennedy. Detailed item descriptions, featuring timing points, are not yet available as the collection has not been auditioned by AIATSIS staff.

## ITEM LIST

Field recording number	AIATSIS item number	Description
1	KENNEDY_R01-006682	A Christmas carol and <i>New Jerusalem</i> performed by <b>Richard Aragu, Gloria Kabai, Imasu Aragu, Frank Ger</b> and <b>Jensen Warusam</b> , at Saibai, 1979, 00:00:00-00:11:17
2	KENNEDY_R01-006682, 00:11:26-01:02:49 – KENNEDY_R01-006683, 00:00:00-00:45:30	Hymns and island dance performed by <b>Richard Aragu, Gloria Kabai, Imasu Aragu, Frank Ger</b> and <b>Jensen Warusam</b> at Saibai, 1979
3	KENNEDY_R01-006684	Hymns and Island dance performed by <b>Pauline Dai, Dorothy Elu</b> and <b>Parina Elu; Ezra Waigana</b> reading at Saibai, 1979, 00:00:00 – 00:44:36