



**Interim finding aid**

**KOYCHEN\_T01**

**Sound recordings collected by  
Tom Koychen, 1968-1972**

## ACCESS

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

**Date:** 1968-1972

**Extent:** 3 audiotape reels (approximately 1 hr. each) : analogue, 3 ¾ ips, 2 track, mono ; 5 in.

### Production history

These recordings were collected by Tom Koychen, a non-Indigenous man, who lived and worked in the Kimberley region of Western Australia and Alice Springs in the Northern Territory, in the 1960s and '70s. Mr Koychen developed a keen interest in Aboriginal culture during this time and taped and photographed numerous ceremonies, often at the request of his hosts. Unfortunately none of the photographs have survived. The sound recordings, deposited at AIATSIS by Mr Koychen in May 2007, feature men's ceremonies from Mowanjum Mission, Liveringa Station, and Margaret River Station in Western Australia, and Papunya in the Northern Territory.

## RELATED MATERIAL

A written account of an initiation ceremony recorded by Mr Koychen at Myroodah Station is held in the AIATSIS Library. Towards the end of the account there is brief mention of another ceremony at Liveringa, which may be the ceremony recorded on the second half of field tape 3. For a complete listing of related material held by AIATSIS, consult the Institute's Mura® online catalogue at <http://mura.aiatsis.gov.au>.

## ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Tom Koychen. Detailed item descriptions, featuring timing points, are not yet available as the collection has not been auditioned by AIATSIS staff. There is no field tape '2' in this series; the item marked '2' was a written report forwarded to the AIATSIS Library.

## ITEM LIST

Field recording number	AIATSIS item number	Description
Field tape 1, Side A	KOYCHEN_T01-019152	Men's initiation ceremony recorded at Mowanjum Mission in December 1968
Field tape 1, Side B	KOYCHEN_T01-019153	Men's initiation ceremony recorded at Mowanjum Mission in December 1968 (continued from Side A)
Field tape 3, Side A	KOYCHEN_T01-019154	Stories and songs at Margaret River Station, followed by a men's initiation ceremony at Liveringa Station
Field tape 3, Side B	KOYCHEN_T01-019155	Stories and songs at Margaret River Station, followed by a men's initiation ceremony at Liveringa Station (continued from Side A)
Field tape 4, Side A	KOYCHEN_T01-019156	Pintupi men's songs from Papunya, c. 1970
Field tape 4, Side B	KOYCHEN_T01-019157	Pintupi men's songs from Papunya, c. 1970 (continued from Side A)