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**Sound recordings collected by
Eddie Koiki Mabo, 1975**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 1975

Extent: 2 audiotape reels : analogue, mono ; 5 in.

Production history

These recordings were the result of a group of individuals sitting around having a sing-song of church songs at the Mabo residence in Townsville. The recordings feature Kevin Saylor, Robert Saylor, Beverley Saylor, Bonita Mabo, and Eddie Koiki Mabo. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 14 December 2001.

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This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Glen Schwinghamer and Bonita Mabo, 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.

ITEM LIST

Archive number	Field recording number	Description
014759	Side 1 of Field Tape 1	Church sing-song with Kevin Saylor, Robert Saylor, Beverly Saylor, Bonita Mabo, and Eddie Koiki Mabo.
	Side 2 of Field Tape 1	Church sing-song with Kevin Saylor, Robert Saylor, Beverly Saylor, Bonita Mabo, and Eddie Koiki Mabo, followed by a speech about morals.
	Side 1 of Field Tape 2	Church sing-song with Kevin Saylor, Robert Saylor, Beverly Saylor, Bonita Mabo, and Eddie Koiki Mabo.

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

014759 / Side 1 of Field Tape 1

Performer/speaker(s):	Kevin Saylor, Robert Saylor, Beverly Saylor, Bonita Mabo, Eddie Koiki Mabo
Personal subject(s):	-
Subject keywords:	Religions – Christianity; Music - Church music
Language/people:	English
Places:	Townsville (NE Qld SE55-14)
Recording quality:	Fair

Timing point	Description
	<u>Church sing-song with Kevin Saylor, Robert Saylor, Beverly Saylor, Bonita Mabo, and Eddie Koiki Mabo at the Mabo House. Recorded in Townsville QLD, 1975.</u>
00:00:00	Archive Announcement.
00:00:11	Kevin Saylor and/or Robert Saylor perform a church rendition of Hank Williams' song 'Help Me Understand' with ukulele accompaniment.
00:03:38	Kevin Saylor and/or Robert Saylor perform what sounds like, 'How Great is our God' with an unidentified child (ukulele accompaniment).
00:04:21	With slightly changed lyrics, Kevin Saylor and Robert Saylor sing 'Only Jesus Can Satisfy Your Soul'.
00:05:17	Kevin Saylor and/or Robert Saylor perform 'The Old Rugged Cross' with ukulele accompaniment.
00:05:47	Interruption with recording.
00:05:56	An unidentified individual speaks about the tape recorder. Kevin Saylor and/or Robert Saylor perform 'I Come to the Garden Alone' with guitar accompaniment.
00:09:29	A group of individuals, possibly composed of Kevin Saylor, Robert Saylor, Beverly Saylor, Bonita Mabo, and Eddie Koiki Mabo, sing 'All to Jesus I Surrender' with guitar accompaniment.
00:13:00	Archive Announcement - End of Side 1 of Field Tape 1.

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014759 / Side 2 of Field Tape 1

Performer/speaker(s):	Kevin Saylor, Robert Saylor, Beverly Saylor, Bonita Mabo, Eddie Koiki Mabo
Personal subject(s):	John Newton Michael
Subject keywords:	Religions – Christianity; Music - Church music
Language/people:	English
Places:	Townsville (NE Qld SE55-14)
Recording quality:	Fair

Timing point	Description
	<u>Church sing-song with Kevin Saylor, Robert Saylor, Beverly Saylor, Bonita Mabo, and Eddie Koiki Mabo followed by a speech about morals. Recorded in <u>Townsville QLD, 1975.</u></u>
00:13:05	Archive Announcement.
00:13:08	A group of individuals, possibly composed of Kevin Saylor, Robert Saylor, Beverly Saylor, Bonita Mabo, and Eddie Koiki Mabo, perform ‘The Old Rugged Cross’ with ukulele accompaniment.
00:16:10	An unidentified man speaks about examining people’s character and background. Mention of John Newton Michael (<i>personal comments are made</i>).
00:17:13	Archive Announcement - End of Side 2 of Field Tape 1.

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014759 / Side 1 of Field Tape 2

Performer/speaker(s):	Kevin Saylor, Robert Saylor, Beverly Saylor, Bonita Mabo, Eddie Koiki Mabo
Personal subject(s):	-
Subject keywords:	Religions – Christianity; Music - Church music
Language/people:	English
Places:	Townsville (NE Qld SE55-14)
Recording quality:	Fair

Timing point	Description
	<u>Church sing-song with Kevin Saylor, Robert Saylor, Beverly Saylor, Bonita Mabo, and Eddie Koiki Mabo. Recorded in Townsville QLD, 1975.</u>
00:17:18	Archive Announcement.
00:17:23	A group of individuals, possibly composed of Kevin Saylor, Robert Saylor, Beverly Saylor, Bonita Mabo, and Eddie Koiki Mabo, perform a song possibly called 'He was able'.
00:18:25	Archive Announcement - End of Side 1 of Field Tape 2.
00:18:34	End of 014759.

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