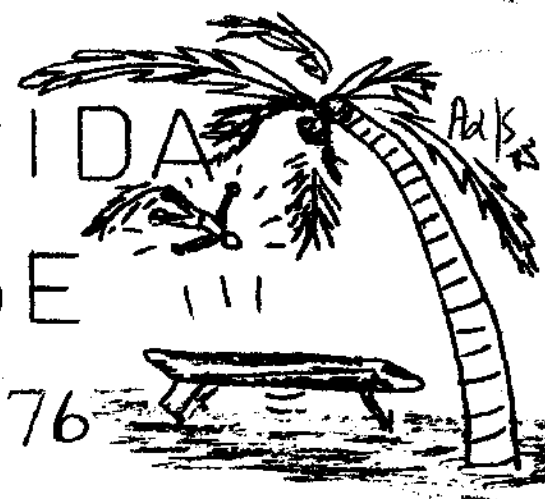


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PARENTS & FRIENDS

President's Report for 1970

1970 was another successful year for the Maningrida Parents & Friends Association.

Hereunder is a brief resumé of 1970's major activities and achievements.

FINANCES

Profit:	\$5,000		
Expenditure:	\$5,784		
		School uniforms	\$1,000
		Excursions	800
		Sport	900
		Library	550
		Lawnmower	200
		School paper	100

PICTURES

The pictures continue to be the chief source of revenue. Takings during the year varied, on occasions falling to all-time lows. This was usually due to the failure of many people to pay admission. New fences have been prepared to counteract this - at their first trial the takings were a record - well in excess of \$300.

SALE OF DRINKS & ICE CREAM

This has also been a varying source of income. Competition from the Hasty-Tasty has affected sales over the last 6 months. Drinks have been discontinued and in future only ice cream will be available.

FETE

The 1970 School Fete was another great success - profit being \$936. This was due to co-operation and enthusiasm from all sections of the community. It was felt by some that the fete was a little late in the year and it may be that this year it will be moved forward.

MAJOR EXPENDITURES OF 1970

Trampoline - A trampoline was purchased at a cost of \$500.

School Uniforms - The Association suffered a considerable loss (in excess of \$1,000) when it financed the issue of school uniforms to all children. There was a general lack of response from parents and few repaid the cost of the uniforms.

School Truck - The Association purchased a truck for the school at the cost of \$400. The value of a vehicle to the school is immense - however, the performance of this particular truck has been somewhat unreliable. The purchase of a more reliable vehicle could be a project for the Association to look into in the future.

Text and Library Books - In excess of \$500 was spent on new library and text books in 1970. This is a particularly valuable area of the Association's activities.

Excursions - The Association contributed over \$800 to the cost of children's excursions to the North Australian Eisteddfod and on trips to Sydney and Melbourne with teachers during the Christmas vacation.

Miscellaneous Expenditure. - Much of the year's expenditure has been taken up with the purchase of small articles such as tools and materials for the Manual Training and Domestic Science sections, sporting equipment and teaching aids.

PARENT INTEREST.

The lack of response from parents, both European and Aboriginal, in 1970 was disappointing. Despite attempts to publicize the meetings and to circularize European parents, little response was achieved. This year it is intended that the school hold Open Days in an attempt to foster greater community interest in it's activities.

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY.

A subsidy scheme exists to assist Parents & Citizens groups at Special Schools in the N.T. We have found, however, that the conditions for obtaining these subsidies are very restricted. Many expenditures do not qualify for subsidy because the articles purchased are on estimates and works programmes for the future. In the financial year 1969/1970 the Association's expenditure was approximately \$5,000 and the subsidy this attracted was \$136.

It was felt by members that this system compares most unfavourably with that which existed in European schools in other parts of Australia.

In closing I would like to extend our thanks to all persons who have supported and assisted the Association during the year - particularly the secretary, Miss Cheryl Pullen, and treasurer, Mr. Dennis Strand. I would also like to record the Association's special thanks to the Village Councillors and the teachers for their assistance on picture nights.

In 1971 it is anticipated that the Association will continue it's activities along the lines of those of 1970. It can only continue to function satisfactorily with support from all sections of the community.

Dan Gillespie
President

Maningrida Parents & Friends Assoc.

STOP PRESS FROM THE P. & F.

It was decided at the monthly meeting on 15.3.71 to call tenders for the supply of a new school truck in the 30 cwt. to 2½ ton range.

It was also decided to hold a Mardi Gras around Easter time to raise funds for the new truck.

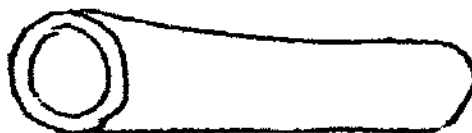
D.G.



Scouts and Cubs.

Recently a graduation ceremony was held at the Scout Hall for 4 cubs who moved up into scouts - Ningle, Charlie, Ronnie Barnala, and Raymond Genemiriba and Horace.

At the close of the ceremony, the scouts formed 2 lines and joined hands to form a long tunnel.



The new boys were thrown down the funnel on the arms of the scouts. Also new to the troupe as a leader was "Barremundi", Mr. Alan Grieve. He also went down the tunnel. Everybody then enjoyed a party tea prepared by Mr. Pollard.

Council

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 5.40 PM ON 15 MARCH 1971

PRESENT: Ten Councillors.

- BUSINESS:
1. Club Roster: J. Fry
Barney Beibananga
Peter Jagandra
 2. Nightwatchman: E. Mangirinyin
 3. The President said that people had to decide whether or not they wanted to change. They couldn't think the old way and live the new way. Other people only thought about money and beer. This was not enough and they would be left behind as the place progressed. They had to change their thoughts, too, or they would be sorry later.

SERVICES: There were a number of complaints about the absolute lack of power, light and water reticulation to homes in the village. This had been talked about many times before and there did not seem to be any way of getting assistance. It was proposed that people should start to collect money so that they could pay for the work themselves. The Superintendent explained that it cost a great deal of money and was the Government's responsibility in any case. He could not explain why, in view of the other developments at Maningrida, the provision of elementary services had been delayed for so long. The discussion ended without any conclusions being reached.

SPRAYING: Councillor Jolppa asked for cockroach spraying to be carried out in the houses. The Superintendent said he would arrange this at the earliest.

TRIBES: The President said that in his opinion there was no room for tribal differences. People were aborigines first and foremost and they would have to stay together. There were many different tribes of white people but they called themselves Europeans - one name.

SCHOOLS: Councillors noted the number of school absentees and decided that there should be some action. The President, Joe Fry, Jack John, and the Superintendent were to form a truancy party.

KITCHEN: There were complaints about men trying to get kitchen meals for free. There was no way that men could get into the kitchen free; no-one had permission to let them in.

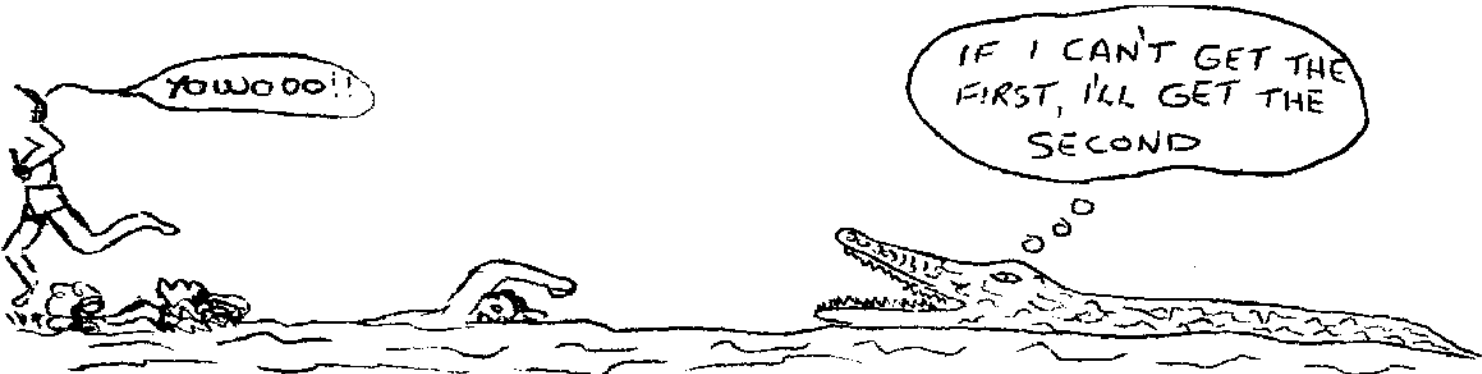
CUSTOMS: A visitor said that the old people should be able to follow their old customs; they shouldn't be pushed to change. The President agreed but made the point that the old people should not push the young ones around; the latter should be able to make up their own minds.

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THE PROSPECTING SCENE:

The little plane which flies into Maningrida one or two times each day (for fuel) is engaged in a search for uranium on the other side of the Liverpool River. It is under charter to Union Carbide and contains some sort of a radiometric device which measures electrical anomalies (or some such) in the ground overflown.

Stockdale, the South African company, have moved in and are ready to commence a preliminary survey over their huge concession. Using a helicopter for transport they collect samples from various stream-beds. The latter are then flown back to South Africa for analysis. This procedure enables them to eliminate uninteresting areas fairly quickly and to concentrate a more intensive search in the more promising localities. J.H



The Crocodiles are on the move.

Mr. John Carpenter, Fisheries Ext. officer, reports that some of the fishermen have seen crocodiles moving with the tide past the Point at Fisheries Beach, heading up the river.

These crocs. are believed to be coming out of the Gudjerama and other creeks.

Some years ago Mr. and Mrs. Tom Armstrong saw one of the largest and blackest crocodiles near a little beach on from the Gudjerama mouth. In fact he rubbed himself alongside of their dinghy a couple of times.

Swimmers who attempt the crossing of Liverpool might well keep an eye open for these four footed swimmers.

The fishermen accidently caught two of them in their nets this week.

The crew of the 'Porpoise' (Marnba) caught 800 lbs of fish off the reefs during the first three working days of this week.

There are 7 (privately owned and Fisheries) boats in the water and three others that are being made ready.

The oyster gathering parties are bringing in consistent catches. Mr. Carpenter would be glad to hear from any women, who do not have to care for small children, and who could join the women who will going out for oysters and cockles. Yes cockles.

Have you paid your 50 cents ?

Every adult who lives at Maningrida is urged to pay their 50 cents at the Shop, so that they can become full members of the Progress Association.

If we dont pay, the boss of Progress Associations in Darwin could make our Progress Association finish up, and this would be very bad for Maningrida.

The Goose Truck.


This hardy old vehicle went flying out to Manayera the other evening, and got bogged in the sand. The tide came in and plenty of water swirled around the wheels but it did not reach high enough to damage the engine.

From the Newspapers.

The three fishing boats, the Teal, Broilga and Ibis which came to Maningrida in 1964 when Fisheries started, are now to be sold. The Ibis is still sitting on the beach at Fisheries.

More Pension Money. The new Prime Minister, Mr. McMahon said in Canberra this week that Pensioners will get \$1 more in their pension cheques each fortnight.

A Woman is Boss. In India the people have been voting, and they decided that Mrs. Gandhi should stay as their Prime Minister. She received more votes than the four men with different ideas, who stood against her.

Weekend ceremonies. 

These days it's quite unusual to hear singing in the village while Happy Club or the pictures are on. However, on Saturday night the sticks and the didgeridoo were playing in the Nakara camp and some sounds which floated through the evening air indicated that Paddy Fordham was down there enjoying the dancing.

A new young man had been "grabbed" - Peter Windiyarra - and the Renbarranga men were dancing. Peter is a Gungorogone boy (from around Tonkinson River).

During this week, the inimitable Caruso voice has been heard singing a very pleasant Mini song.



Across the creek, on Sunday afternoon there was a big gathering of Gunwinggu and Gunavidji people, for a Mamurrng ceremony. A long time ago, Mick Mandayngu had presented Frank Nannanga with the "string" (umbilical cord) of his child and now the time had come to return it, encased in sugarbag wax and tied to a painted stick decorated with material. So the Godi Godi song was sung and danced; the presentation made in the dance and gifts of material etc. exchanged.

Back up in the Burada area people were gathered for a distribution of presents "to finish up" the "young men" ceremonies held a few weeks ago. As I came by, 2 of the painted-up young men and several people were going back home while Paddy Gungubatja forlornly holding a piece of red material was saying: "I've got nothing!"

Football

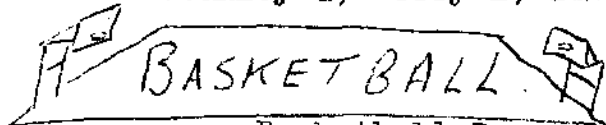
Waratahs 18-13-121 - Magpies 11-20-86.

Waratahs were not to be caught from behind this week. Clever hand-passing and accurate kicking gave them a good win. Magpies saw "Red" all afternoon and failed to find the big sticks.

A special thanks to all who helped organize the collection of monies.

Points for best and fairest - "\$10 after 10 weeks"
Lucky 4; Thomas 3; Terry Darwin 3; George Wayarka 2; Alan 2; Stanley 2; Jerry 1; David 1.

T.K.



BASKETBALL

Basketball Draw for Week 5 (Next week)

Tuesday, 23rd March

7 p.m. Dolphins v. Chalkies
8 p.m. Arnhemland v. Cadell River

Thursday, 25th March

7 p.m. Entrance Island v. Eagles
8 p.m. Cape Stewart v. Blyth River

This week's games

In a fast and furious game, Cadell River narrowly defeated Cape Stewart 44-37. Cape Stewart held the lead to half-time with good shots and safe guarding, keeping out the Cadell attacks. Several quick fast brakes put Cadell ahead until the end of the match.

Dolphins were too consistent for Eagles, with Charlie putting some fine hookshots. Fast field play gave Dolphins the upper hand resulting in some very classy baskets. Sc.: 46-31.

DUTIES

Duty Officer: Mr. Barry Tuite
Duty Sister: Sister Helen Miller
Nightwatchmen: Mr. England Mangurinyin

STAR THEATRE

Friday: "Fancy Pants" - Bob Hope wears them
Saturday: "Oh for a man"

CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent. "The strength of the Lord -
Reedy to suffer for all"

9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools

7.30 p.m. Evening Service.

Thursday, 7.30 p.m. Fellowship.

Have you seen people run away from their problems?
Jesus knew that enemies were making trouble for him.
He said: "What should I say, Father? Take me away
from all this? No, this is what life is all about;
the whole purpose of my life is in facing these
troubles."

YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUN AWAY,
YOU CAN STAY AND FACE THE DAY.

RAINFALL

Friday: 8 points
Saturday: 32 points
Monday: 77 points

Tuesday: 25 points
Wednesday: 46 points

Total this Wet so far. 36.78'

PEOPLE

Recently Mr. George Puddi, his wife Lily and baby boy Joe came from Banyili to Maningrida, to stay with the Munyal family. George is the son of Ray Munyal's dead brother, but Ray "grew him up." They intend to settle here.

Mr. Harry Mulclinga and his wife Lorna - parents of Jack John - have also come from Banyili. They are holidaying with Harry's white-headed brother Billy Madangiya.

Mr. John Hauser, Director of Forestry, visited Maningrida on Monday and intended to go to Murganella in the afternoon, but heavy rain on the Coburg Peninsula compelled him to return to Darwin.

John and Mary Sine have arrived in Singapore and had fine weather for shopping.

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The last "Fourcroy" brought:

- the oven for the bakery;
- the glass-fronted display cabinet and counter for the baker's shop;
- pre-cut sections of houses for the Housing Project;
- 4 motor bikes for Messrs. John Phenister, Peter Williams, Bob Stutchbury and Miss Ilyn.
- a Volkswagon for Mr. Dan Gillespie.

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Needed.

Bottles for the Hospital.
26 oz. Cordial bottles and jars
glass or plastic
Needed for diarrhea medicine.

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