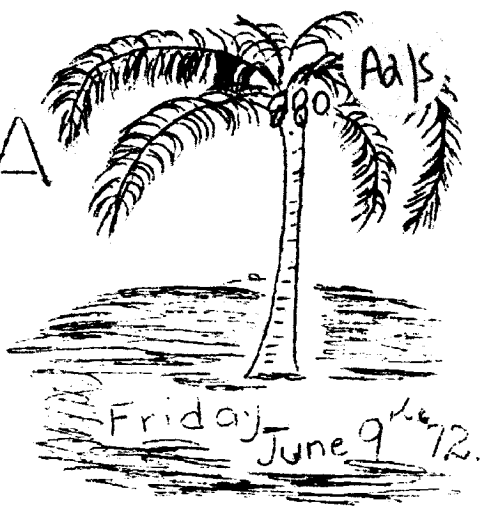


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Jack Riala's Report.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th JUNE 1972

PRESENT: Present were 12 Councillors.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:

1. President announced that he had been informed that M.H.A. could purchase timber from mill for self-help houses, taking precedence over Bunnings. He said that he was satisfied with this decision. President had also told Mr. O'Brien (Deputy Administrator) that he didn't want to see Europeans doing jobs at the sawmill where aboriginal men could be trained to do them.

2. Cr. Riala reported on his visit to Council meeting at Galiwinku. Points:

- a. He had told the meeting about the timber situation at Maningrida.
- b. The meeting had affirmed the following points:
 - i. No more land to be given to Europeans on Reserves.
 - ii. No European fishing boats to come within 40 miles of Arnhem Land coast.
 - iii. No aboriginal people to bring grog back from Darwin to the Missions.
 - iv. Parents should be fined for acts of vandalism committed by their children.
 - v. No wood-chip industry or more mining.
 - vi. People should live in their own country to stop Europeans taking it.
 - vii. It was better for aboriginal people to go to Nhulunbuy hospital than Darwin.

The meeting had asked about mining, land, and pensioners at Maningrida. Cr. Riala had replied that there were no problems here. Meeting had suggested appointing rangers to look after the country.

Cr. Riala said Missions have their own fishing licences and asked if we had one.

Millingimbi: Cr. Riala said they had a station at Ramingining. They have moved from Mangalala. Their boss is Roy Raywala, and a school will be put there.

Many problems were discussed and we should report any balandas who sneak around the reserves.

NEW BUSINESS:

JUDA POINT: Cr. Yirinyin said he wanted to shift Mangawila's house to Juda Point. He is staying there.

FISH TRAP: Cr. Yirinyin said Willie Jarrkala wanted to find a good place up the river for a fish trap. They are going to look for a good place; not too much mud.

ROADS: Cr. Riala said he would like to see a road to Blyth River for people going for the weekend, fishing, etc. President said

ROADS: for Dry season only.

Superintendent said he would look at the idea.

Cr. Gangalara said to make a road to Bamboo Creek. Wants to start at Botgadi. He said one secret one there; no-one can go there, close to Nangalala Road, near the Army Crossing.

TREPANG: Cr. Riala said he had forgotten to mention that if anyone can find trepang they can work on it. It can be sent to Singapore.

A Complaint!

The littering around the settlement is disgraceful, especially on theatre and basketball nights. We, at Forestry, are becoming extremely annoyed at having to clean the front of the office after every basketball night. There is absolutely no need for this degree of littering, since the rubbish tin is placed next to the Court.

PLEASE USE IT, NOT OUR FRONT YARD!!

Forestry Correspondent.

About Forestry Fellows. *****

Fred Luff and family should be back today, Friday 9th.

Gary Donoghue, that "will-o'-the-wisp" Clerk of Forestry's, unfortunately found Maningrida life too much for his teeth. Standing up to the extreme pain admirably, this brave young all-Australian boy, left for Darwin on Tuesday - but don't fret, he'll be back today.

Geoff Green leaves for a 2 week sojourn in Melbourne on Wednesday.

Warning

The fire danger index for the last week has been hovering around the 30 mark, and going even higher in the afternoons. These indexes fall in the Very High to Extreme Fire Danger groups.

The high fire dangers have been due to a relatively low humidity, but more importantly to the extremely high winds.

The aerial bombing that was scheduled for this week had to be abandoned, due to the extreme fire danger. However, we hope to be able to do the aerial bombing in the near future, because the grass is rapidly dying and curing quickly. The potential danger to our forest is increasing daily, and will remain until we can safely burn our breaks.

Thus, we ask everyone to be extremely careful with fire, and to report any fire promptly.

They beheld the Mann. = = = = =

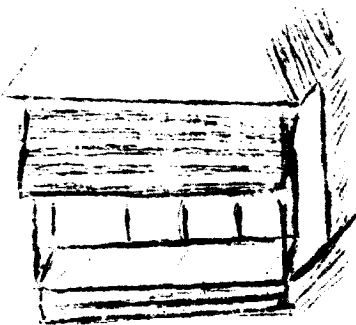
Early on Saturday morning, three intrepid motor cyclists, Barry Tuite, Ron Berryman and Merv Mason, set off for the Mann River. About 25 miles down the track they ran into the first big swamp where the mining vehicles had become well and truly bogged. Barry reckons that it will be a couple of months before a vehicle can cross it. Five miles or so further on they came to the second swamp where there is plenty of water and bird life.

Presently they came to the Mann itself - "Absolutely wonderful. Plenty of water flowing". Living there was an old aboriginal man, probably Nambarayt. Barry reckoned that his do looked a "hurricane lamp - all bones". His only request was for some tobacco.



They did the home trip in 2 hours.

New Hours at the Bakery.



As from Monday June 12th.
the bakery hours will be

11.45 - 12.45 and 2.30 - 5.00p.m.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and on
Saturday 9-11. Closed on Thursdays.

No bread or goods will be traded outside these hours.
The new oven (double size) is nearing completion in Melbourne.

A new player

Last month I started to play basketball. I am in the Cape Stewart team, helping Jack Pascoe and Jimmy Pascoe. Last month I was playing a little bit wrong, but Jimmy Pascoe told me 'too much' on how to play basketball. On Tuesday night, I was playing very well, like some of the other boys. The whole of the Cape Stewart team were happy with me. They said to me "Hey, George! You have been playing very well today. Maybe next year, you will be a good player. But don't forget your basketball rules. We'd like you to think hard when we've finished our basketball competition, so that next year you will play in the same way. Last night you were playing very well. We are very happy about that. Next week, you are going to play like you did on Tuesday night, very well."

G. Garawun.

Cadell Gardens

Have you been to the Gardens recently? During this week 800 pin apple suckers were planted and 1,000 more are expected shortly. Last week end 1,000 gladioli bulbs were planted, with an eye to the Darwin flower market.



Work is proceeding in the newly cleared extension to the water melon area - about 2 acres - and this has been planted down to cucumbers and rock melons following successful growing trials. A new area for sweet potatoes has been sown, making about $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre. Pawpaws are growing in a $3\frac{1}{2}$ acre stand.

One trellis of grapes and six trellises of passion fruit have been established and are growing well. A small shade house has been put down to cauliflower and cabbage and these are doing well. One variety of pumpkins were sown in the trial area but they didn't turn out at all well, so two varieties have been planted and these are thriving.

A slight problem has arisen in the area being used for the lettuce. Recent soil analysis shows that the soil is too acid for really good crops of lettuce and so the ground will require extensive liming. This accounts for the slightly bitter taste in some of the lettuce brought into the shop.

Small quantities of lettuce, cucumbers and spinach from the trial areas will be available from time to time in the Store and very shortly tomatoes, rock melons, and water melons will be harvested.

The houses in the Cadell village have been moved to a new location, 200 yards upstream as the older area was needed for extensions to the Garden.

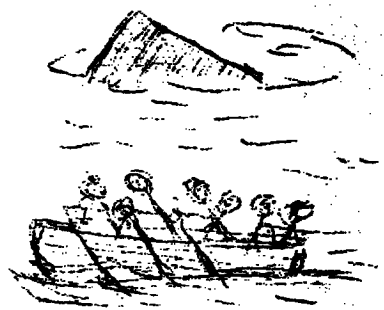
On Wednesday, the Surveyor General, Mr. Peter Wells and the President of the Lands Board, Mr. Vic. Wasilewski came out to survey the area for which a lease has been sought.

Mr. Clem Benson, the Primary Industry's Horticultural Officer, is expected to arrive shortly.

from Bob C.

My Father told Me —

When I was about 12 years old, my father was the skipper (crew member) of the old cargo boat called Kaprys. He had been working in the cargo boat for nearly six and a half years until the boat sank down in the middle of the ocean in between Snake Bay and Cape Town. When the cargo boat sank down, the captain of the boat told all his crew to lower the life boat or dinghy and then all the crew got into the dinghy. They waited while the captain sent a message to Darwin "The boat is sinking down."



The land at Snake Bay was about as far away as Navy Landing is from here. Every one of the crew and the captain got into the dinghy and rowed to the shore. In the morning, before the sun rose, they came to the land. Everyone at Snake Bay rushed to the beach to rescue them and help them. The captain and the crew got bored and tired with hunger. Days later they heard that the plane was coming from Darwin.

The Manager (of the Snake Bay Sett.) ran to tell them that the plane was coming. They felt happier then. They said 'good-bye' to the people of Snake Bay and got into the plane and flew back to Darwin. Weeks later, my father came back to Maningrida from Darwin - in the middle of April 1964. My brothers and sisters and our relations felt happier to see father coming home safely.

Jimmy Pascoe.

(Ed. 'Capetown' - I think Jim means Cape Don.)

Morning Star

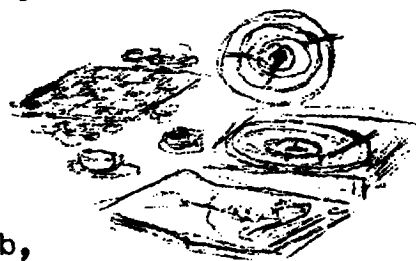
Morning Star, the feathered pole (Maratjura) is being prepared and is nearly finished ready for Oenpelli. The Morning Star belongs to the Murungun people of Eastern Arnhemland on the mainland and in the Islands. During the afternoons, we dance at Charlie Gunbina's camp. The dances are the same as the students are learning to dance - butterfly, Kangaroo and some others. Those of you who are on duty on the Meals-on-wheels, may have noticed when you come around to the Jinang camp. You could see the men painted in white clay ready for the dance.

On Monday afternoon, Dan Gillespie and his wife came to the Jinang Camp and saw me dancing and they reckoned that it was the first time that they had seen me dancing. The dances of the Morning Star are my favourite dances.

Jimmy Pascoe.

6 clubs for old & young

We very much appreciate what Bob Collins has done in bringing forward the Drop-in Club, so that we can enjoy ourselves dancing etc. The Drop-in Club, is one in which we enjoy ourselves, but I suggest that if we could have another club, such as Y.M.C.A., I have some experience in Karate and aikido and I would like to teach both old and young people how to defend themselves when danger is near. But first we have to get the permission of the Superintendent. This is only a suggestion and not a promise.



Jimmy Pascoe.

Back from Rocky Point.

Last month I, Mr. Pink and Mr. Stutchbury, went to pick up the whole of the Gunavidji people at Rocky Point. It was on Sunday afternoon, because some men and women were working people. The school children had to be back for school on Monday. When we went to Rocky Point, I saw all the good roads everywhere, which the Forestry men are making.

(by Mr. G. Garawui).

From the Newspapers.

*** CALLING FOR STRIKE** The N.T. Aboriginal Development Council is a group of people in Darwin who say they are fighting for Aboriginal people. The man who speaks for them is a balanda called Bill Day. On July 14th they are having a big march in Darwin to show the people and the Government that aboriginal people are worrying about wages, jobs, land and houses. They say they will ask all aboriginal people on cattle stations, settlements and missions to stop work on this day to show that all the tribes are standing together.

GOOD NEWS FOR SOME PEOPLE aboriginal people living on cattle stations are to be given land. The land will be taken out of cattle stations and the aboriginal people will make their own towns there. The Gurindji people, who have been asking for their "dreaming place" land at Wattie Creek for many years at last will have it. The Government will also be looking after the problems of the cattle station people - houses, school and sickness problems - instead of leaving it to the cattle station bosses. The Government has said it will give money to help the people on the cattle stations.

ABORIGINAL HONOURS Every year at this time people in Australia receive honours from the Queen of England because it is her birthday. This year we have the first aboriginal knight. He is Pastor Doug Nichols the man with white hair who came to Maningrida 2 years ago with Charlie Perkins and other sportsmen. He will now be called Sir Douglas Nichols, the same as Sir Paul Hasluck. George Winunguj from Goulburn Island, has been made a Member of the British Empire, (M.B.E.) Gordon Symens, who is known very well by Maningrida people has also been made an M.B.E.

LEARNING TO VOTE Soon it will be time to vote for the Government of the whole of Australia. We will have to think if we want to keep the same Government or push it out and get a new one. In the Northern Territory we will have to think if we want to keep Sam Calder as our man in Canberra or change him and vote for some other person. Voting is hard for aboriginal people who have not been to school. This year some men will come to all the settlements, missions and cattle stations. They will be speaking to the aboriginal people and telling them about the law for voting and showing them how they can vote, the same as anybody anywhere.

Eisteddfod Many many people are entering in the Eisteddfod this year. There are three hundred or more people showing aboriginal dancing and singing from N.T., Queensland and Western Australia. In the solo dance, where one man dances by himself, there are 56 aboriginal men who will show their dance.

PRAISE FROM THE SOUTH Two newspapers "The Sydney Morning Herald" and "The Australian" had good words to say about the aboriginal Dance Company after their concerts in Sydney. The "Australian" said that the audiences were very happy with the music and dancing. They said it is sad that more good music and dance from aboriginal people does not come south. "The Herald" was very happy with the shows also and they gave a special word for the very good music of Dick Bundalil and David Gulpalil.

MONDAY NIGHT AT THE SCHOOL 7.30p.m.
AUSTRALIAN FOLK SINGER, YARN SPINNER AND WRITER

ALEX HOOD

plus a song from the 4th Grade Desperate Band
plus Dancing from the fleet footed Maningrida menfolk

DON'T MISS IT - Adults 40 cents Children 20 cents (Proceeds to Aust. Council for the Arts (N.T.).)



* Mr Bob Randall says that Bill Day does not speak for the aboriginal people.

Basketball

On Tuesday night, the first two teams had a terrific game between Kupanga and M.P.A. Kupanga was leading in the first half. In the second half M.P.A. drew close 48 to 46 points and after a few minutes M.P.A. went on to 59 to win the game but Kupanga lost 1 point behind.

The scores were: M.P.A. 59 points defeated Kupanga 58 points which was a close game.

The second match between Cape Stewart and Pioneers was a fast game. Cape Stewart made some good baskets in the first 10 minutes of the first half, but Pioneers caught up. In the first half Pioneers 16 to Cape Stewart 12 points. Round 2 in the second quarter the scores were even, but then Jimmy Cooper made a few more baskets to give Pioneers a win.

The scores in the second game: Pioneers 44 D Cape Stewart 42 points. It's the first time I've seen Cape Stewart play a fast and tight game on Tuesday night.

As the president of the basketball competition I would like to see a few lines about the basketball stories. The players would like to appreciate you instead of the draws etc. so just a few lines of stories we would like to hear from you so the players can be happy. This is only an idea I bring forward to you.

Jimmy Pascoe.

School Boys Basketball

The basketball games on Saturday afternoon showed how close the teams are to each other. In both games there was never more than 4 points difference between teams. In the first game Balpanarra 22 just beat Gunejangga 20. Nengle and Ronnie were chosen as the best players.

In the second game Anabadaga 22 beat Lala-gujida 20. Best players were Steven and Jerry Napalil.

It is good to see the bigger boys giving the smaller boys a go. It is good to see each team passing the ball all the time.

Draw for Saturday night 10-6-72:

7.00 p.m. Balpanarra play Anabadaga

8.00 p.m. Lala-gujida play Gunejanagga

Next Weeks Draw - for the Men

Thursday 2nd June: Kupanga 34 D Garatpu 32
Results M.P.A. 46 D Cape Stewart 18

Next Weeks Games.

Tuesday 14th June: 7.00 Cape Stewart vs Capell (last round 58-54)

8.00 Garatpu vs Jinang (last round drew)

Thursday 16th June: 7.00 M.P.A. vs Pioneers (last round 59-36)

8.00 Kupanga vs Eagles (last round 58-30)

Progress points to 7th June:

M.P.A. 21	Eagles 10
Kupanga 19	Cape Stewart 10
Garatpu 14	Jinang 6
Pioneers 12	Cadell 4

Who will be the first four in the finals?

More Aboriginal Writers Wanted.

I would like to see a couple of the young fellows who could write a story which was told to him by his parents. There could be stories about fishing or any problems that worry him or her. The editors would like to hear or to see the young people writing their stories down to be printed in the *Mirage*.

At the moment only a couple of us are doing the stories of any kind. What you could do I suggest is also write about any stories of your choice.

Jimmy Pascoe.

More about the Little Women.

On Monday, the girls played good games especially the Wombats and Blue Wrens. In the first game the Seagulls played the crocodiles in a fast game but somehow the Crocodiles got slack. The best player was Daisy Bell (seagull). Crocs. 4 lost to Seagulls 16.

Wombats tried hard against Blue Wrens in a hard fast game. Wombats made some good settings, baskets, and passing which gave them the lead. Wombats 24 def. Blue Wrens 8 points. Next week 12/6/72

7.p.m. Wombats v Seagulls

7.20p.m. Crocodiles v Blue Wrens.

J. Pascoe.

School Notes.

* Allan Grieve, Tech. Instructor at the school since February 1970, left yesterday for Elcho Island. It seems that the Galiwinku mob have run out of Manual Training staff and Allan has gone over to relieve the situation. We bid him au revoir for we don't know how long. The Editorial staff of the Mirage will miss his cartooning talents. We hope to have a contribution for the Mirage from him, giving us a report on the Elcho scene.

* On Tuesday Miss Eileen O'Leary arrived to take up a teaching position on the staff. Eileen is an advance replacement for Gwen Burchett who will leave before long with husband Chris when he enters the portals of that renowned institution of erudition, the Australian School of Pacific Administration. We say welcome to Eileen and hope her time at Maningrida will be happy and rewarding.

* The airconditioned section of the Resources Centre is cold when the air-conditioning works and hot when it does not. These were two of the discoveries made by the teaching horde when we had a chance to try it out last week with a conference and a meeting or two.

* Deputy Mick Vike is back on deck after a visit to Darwin Hospital for some tests. He has a few puncture marks to show where they got him.

* The latest diversion for morning tea time is watching the preschoolers, armed with every conceivable wheeled vehicle, trying out their new bike track. Installed at great expense, it features an overpass and a couple of hairpin bends. Don't miss Wesley and his Acme 175c.c. three wheeler.

Grade 3. Composition

SHOPPING

D.G.

" Mary is walking to the shop to buy some groceries. She is carrying a yellow basket on her arm. In the shop Mary bought three oranges, two cans of drink, a packet of sugar and a tin of milk. When she finished her shopping she carried her heavy basket of groceries back to her house. At home she unpacked the groceries ready for dinner. "

Ladies Softball.

There were 4 teams of ladies who played on Saturday morning.
This Saturday 11.00: Team 1 Lyrebirds vs Team 2 Magpies
(Rosemary's team) (Laurie's team)
12.00: Team 3 Seagulls vs Team 4 Canaries
(Mavis' team) (Theresa's team)

These are the teams:

Lyrebirds

Rosemary
Helen K.
Rita
Linda
Dorah
Mandy
Kate
Katie
Liz W.
Margaret

Magpies

Judy
Jan
Mona
Betty
Gwen
Mollie
Laurie

Sea Gulls

Margaret
Lily
Nancy
Lorna
Lena
Daisy
Kin
Jackie
Mavis
Di Uibo

Canaries

Theresa
Dulcie
Judith
Helen
Pauline
Joy
Bev
Norah
Dodie



L.W.

The Premier of the Little Women's Competition a fortnight ago - really fired with a "triflic" display of enthusiasm and skill.

It provides a good spectacular sport especially at the sight of some of the "half pints" grappling with the seemingly gigantic ball and bobbing along the court at a tremendous speed - more often than not rebounding off other players en route.

Little Women's League The best player was Renee (Wombats) and the one trying hardest was Reta Warewenya (Seagull). This doesn't mean girls, that they were the only ones who played so well. It may be your turn next week.

M.N.

Weekend Duties

Duty Officer: Mr Brolga Beckett
Duty Sister: Sister Helen King
Firewatch: Sat - Mr. J. Reister
Sun - Mr Scott

Star Theatre

Friday - "Son of Captain Blood" - Sean Flynn, Ann Todd
A band of cut-throats led by Captain De Malagar captures Robert, the son of Captain Blood! Blood's old crew rallies to the rescue.

Church

Sunday: 9.30am - Sunday Schools
7 pm - Evening Service. Holy Communion.
Tuesday: 7.30pm - Choir Practice.

"God is the only reality, and we are only real in so far as we are in His order and He in us" -
St Augustine.

People

Mr. Silas Roberts was getting all his warm clothing together on Wednesday morning - ready for his journey to the Aged Aboriginals Persons Trust meeting in Canberra "in that Snowy Mountains country".

Dr & Mrs Max Swan of Traralgon, Mrs Peter of Melbourne and Mr N. Swan from Alice Springs arrived yesterday and are staying with Mr John Wilders.

Mr. John Hunter and Mr. Tom Yibberal travelled to Darwin yesterday for a Conference which is planning aspects of future development on Aboriginal communities.

An English newspaper "The Observer" reporter, Mr Peter Deeley accompanied by Mr Dennis Schapel came to get the feel of the settlement for a report he is writing on the Aboriginal people.

Messrs Chris Burchett, Charlie Wokkala, Ted Tonkin and George Mulumbuk embarked on a slow voyage to Bulman on Monday in tractor and trailer complete with axes, etc. to clear the roadway of fallen trees etc. They are expected back on Friday.

Mr Bill Beckett had the misfortune to rick his back and had to spend a couple of days in bed this week.

A new carpenter, Mr. Ken Trewin, with Mrs. Trewin and two children arrived on Thursday. It is 3½ years since Mr. Jock Mason, the last Maintenance carpenter, left.

Constable Noel Perkins and Bronwyn are Brisbaneites originally - Noel from the university suburb of St. Lucia. Noel joined the Army and for 12 months served in Vietnam in the Armed Personnel Carriers and met the Viet Cong at close quarters several times. On leaving the Army he entered the ranks of the N.T. Police Force, and has just completed 16 months at Katherine. Bronwyn is a trained nurse (Prince Alfred and Martyr Hospital, Townsville) and is a keen tennis player. Noel is a fisherman who in one week has been crabbing twice and fishing successfully for barramundi some place where Bob Fisher caught a barra in his hands! They have a son - Simon.

Mr Brian Purdie, geologist, returned on Wednesday. His H.Q. will be at Maningrida for some time. He and Val will move into the home being built near the sawmill.

There will be a Housewarming Party and Barbecue at the new Single Mens Forestry Flats on Saturday night. All welcome - please bring salad and drinks.

Mr Ron McCulloch is expected to arrive today to have a look at the Town Hall.

Congratulations — To "The Elcho News & Views" on reaching the 5th Anniversary and to the "Baru Dhakal Dhawunirri" of Milinginbi which has come into print again.

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