



Maningrida

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Council Decisions

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Council Meeting Number 1  
Minutes of Council Meeting held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 25/4/'73.

Present : President, Secretary, Vice-President, 52 others.

Beer Business : Cr. Dalaiya said that everyone wanted 4 cans every every night. Council talked about this for hours.

Decision : 4 cans of beer every night from 26/4/'73.

New Business : Cr. Yibberal suggested that Council should have the Secretary working in its office all day to help selling tickets, writing letters and other things.

Truck : Council talked about buying a truck, but did not make a decision.

New Councillors : Two new Councillors were elected. They were Jack Wunawun (Jinang) and George Fry (Nakara).

Night Duty : Council named the men for night duty this week. They are - Nym Manalppuy, Joseph Mangguja, Ray Munyal.

Meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

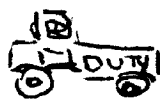
Council Meeting Number 2  
Minutes of Council Meeting held at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 26/4/'73

Duty : Council talked about beer duty and patrolling. The thought is to change to having 4 groups with 3 men in each group. Each group should work for 3 nights in every fortnight.

Their job would start at Beer Club and continue then through Night Duty.

Each man should be paid \$1.50 a night for Beer Club duty. This money would come from the Beer Club. Each man would also be paid \$1.50 a night for night duty. This money should come from the government.

No decision was made about this Duty business.



Truck : Council's Nissan utility will be fixed by the Forestry mechanic and then used for Duty.

Pictures: Cr. Gangibala suggested that Council should take over the pictures. It was decided to wait until an offer was made to the Council.

Craft : Cr. Riala said that bark painters, weavers and other craftsmen and women were not paid enough for their work. They worked hard and for a long time on their tradition crafts.

Orderlies : The President talked about having orderlies to work for wages during the day. The orderlies could look after school kid business, hospital patients, petrol sniffers, etc.

No decision was made.

Craft Area : President Yirinyin said that it would be a good idea to have one place for old people to work on their craft.

Council Meeting Number 3  
Friday 27.4.'73 9.00 a.m.

Trouble : Council discussed the trouble in the camp that happened the night before. These troublemakers have had their beer tickets taken from them for 2 months:  
Billy Gailwa, Michael Magalba,  
Captain Kookaburra and  
Charlie Darbinga.

What will happen next in "The Council Story"? Buy this newspaper next week for Chapter 4.

## CAMPING. — a few hints for beginners.

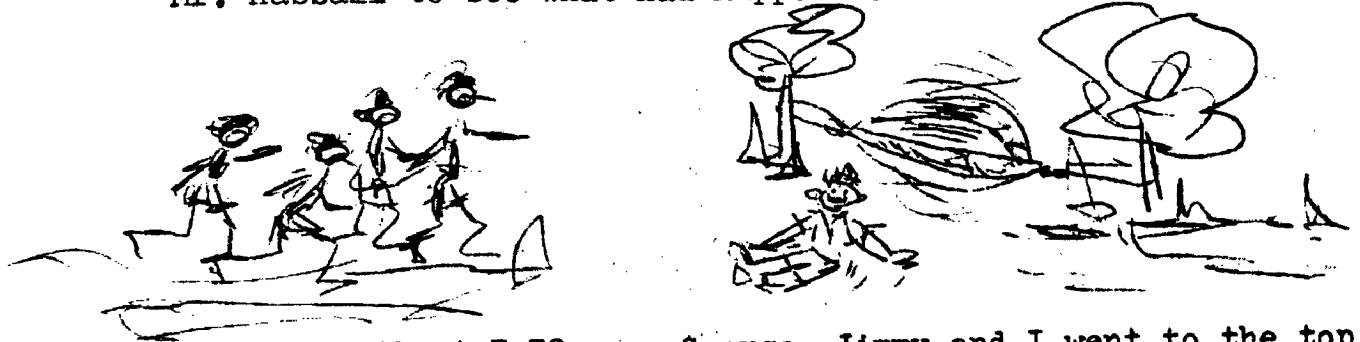
During Easter holiday D. Hassall, Jimmy, George and I and seven Post-Primary boys went camping at Botgard Creek about 27 miles from settlement. We were on our way and it was fine and sunny day. Mr. Hassall took 4 boys in his Landrover and 3 boys plus Jimmy Pascoe (senior) in school Nissan truck.

We then drove along and came to Botgard Creek. We parked the trucks and was looking at the river and was going to go across to the other side of the river but the stream was deep and the flood was running strongly. Minutes later we set up the camp and made tea. After tea the boys went to swim. Jimmy, George and I went hunting to the bottom way of the creek. We saw only the kangaroo's tracks but couldn't even find the kangaroo. We went across the river tracking the kangaroo's track which it was fresh track. And still we didn't even spot anything except for the birds.

The boys were at the creek saw a big, long file snake about 150 centimetres and the width about 70 centimetres. The boys shouted with joy while hunter Charlie Dan-gurrwada quickly made the fishwire and ran along to catch the snake. He speared it but the spear came off it from its body. They were there for 2 hours but they couldn't catch it because the water was so deep and flood was running very fast - and I think they were scared of the snake too. In the afternoon about 5.30 p.m. Mr. Hassall and the boys took one woman and the children to Guyon in a school truck, while Jimmy and I went to look for a kangaroo. The people at Guyon gave some kangaroo meats and brought it back to the camp. The evening fall. The boys told stories to each other while Jimmy (T.A.) and George went to fetch the water and in the creek they spotted the fish with

their torch and was begging for fishing wire spear and suddenly whole bunch of the boys ran to see what it was. Mr. Hassall and Andrew Hassall was sleep peacefully inside the net.

Suddenly at the camp Mr. Hassall fell off from his army tent call jungle hammock which was tied to the two trees and was sitting and laughing by his tent. The boys ran up to Mr. Hassall to see what had happened.



About 7.30 a.m. George, Jimmy and I went to the top creek to hunt the kangaroo and fish. We all went back to the camp. We pulled the tent down and everything was taken to the trucks.

Somewhere about 3 p.m. we drove along the road to C Cadell. We came to Cadell Gardens, then we went to take a look around the gardens..

Mr. Hassall and the boys went to look at the bananas and some other plants then Bob Colins said, "I'm looking at you Don't steal the fruits." Then Mr. Hassall said "I'm here with the boys and we are not stealing things but we are looking at it." Mr. Collins then kindly gave the boys some passionfruit. After looking at the gardens we went to visit the people at the camp.

When we drove along we stopped on the road and Mr. Hassall took a photo of the plant called kentia palm.

And last of all, we were back to the sweet home settlement, safe and happy.

- Jimmy Pascoe (Teaching Officer (T.O.))

## A Report on The Seminar of Administrators in Aboriginal Affairs, March, 1973.

In March Mr. Hunter went to a course at Batchelor. At the course, or seminar, were a lot of Government people and Mission people. They talked about what would be the best ways for the Government to help the Aboriginal people. Three different groups talked about this. The three groups were -

1. Field Staff - People from Missions and Settlements;
2. Liason Group - Welfare Project Officers, the bosses of the Missions and some other people from Canberra;
3. Head Office people - The bosses of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Dept. of the Northern Territory, and other Government bosses.

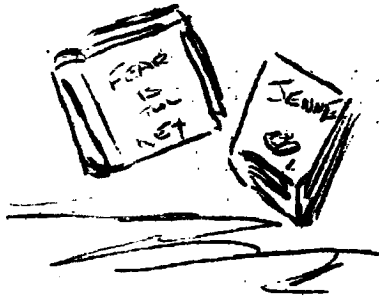
When they finished talking amongst themselves, they wrote down some important things to be used in the future.

### Guidelines for Future Policy (from the Synthesis of Reports)

Community self-determination should be the over-riding principle of Government policy. (cont. on P4)

## Book-worms' Note. page 4.

Library hours for grown-ups wanting something to fill in sudden leisure hours are 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. in the school library every Thursday. Some of the books at present on our shelves are -



Fishing in Australia;  
The Incredible Gulf;  
The Wooden Horse;  
The Flying Fish;  
The Third Girl;  
Fear is the Key;  
Death at the Dolphin;  
Why Call Them Back from Heaven;  
Jennie;  
African Guinea Pig;  
The Northern Light;  
The Citadel;  
A Noddler and Her Murder;  
The Man in the News;

and other good reading to suit all tastes. Let us know of any book we can order you from the Library in Darwin.

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS BUSINESS

Annual General Meeting fever struck on Thursday night as close to 100 Ungagalia and Balanda people attended the Parents and Friends' Annual General Meeting.

Many interesting things were discussed including an idea to disband the Parents' and Friends'. The most important news was that the committee of the P. & F. now needs to be all-Aboriginal before the Government will give any more money for things such as library books and other useful school aids. Therefore an all-Aboriginal committee was elected and here it is

President - Mr. Jack Wunawun;  
Secretary - Mrs. D. Uibo;  
Treasurer - Mr. George Gangibala.

The other 3 committee members are Mr. Ray Munyal, Mrs. Daisy Ngalaringar and Mr. Silas Roberts.

To these people we say "congratulations, and good luck, and to the retiring committee members we say, "thank you for a good effort."

\* (from p.3) See you all at next month's meeting.  
Guidelines for future Policy.

Community self-development should be the over-riding principle of the Government policy. Self-determination was defined as 'Aboriginal communities deciding the pace of, and nature of, their future development as significant components within the legal, social and economic restraints of Australian Society.'

The govt. has responsibility to foster and create conditions and situations which enable these principles to be followed. There is a need to provide for differences in tradition, culture, systems and interests.

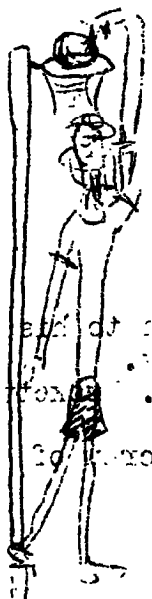
### Implications.

To enable groups and communities of Aboriginals to exercise self-determination they should be incorporated as legal entities. Land ownership is considered a fundamental pre-requisite for community self-determination.

# SPORT

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by Bob Stutchbury.



The Maningrida Basketball Team acquitted themselves very well in the N.T. Basketball Carnival held in Darwin over the Easter weekend. Although they only won one game out of five they could never have been taken lightly by the opposition. They gave many of the higher rated teams a big fright with their good ball control, fast play and accurate shooting.

The highlight of their play came when they played against grand-finalists, Gove. For the first fifteen minutes, Maningrida led a very worried Gove team. As the game progressed Gove went a few baskets ahead but Maningrida never let them relax. The final score was Gove 37, Maningrida 27.

Both Tim Darcy and Charlie (Sky Pilot) Gadywa played very good basketball during the carnival. They combined to score many baskets that brought applause from everyone.

-B.S.

## We Disagree with the Selectors.

At the conclusion of the N.T.B.A. Easter Carnival in Darwin the various N.T. Basketball representative squads were announced. Many people were sure that Maningrida's Tim Darcy had a great chance of making the men's squad, but the selectors didn't think so.

Only one man at the carnival, Tennant Creek's Brian Dixon, an ex-S.A. representative, showed comparable goal scoring ability and form.

Apparently the selectors prefer an all-white team of giants. The N.T.B.A. should review its policy. Why not choose permanent residents of the N.T. that have talent, and mould this talent into a team. Look to the future; start building now.

-B.S.

## Boys' Basketball

In the top semi-final Junction Bay earned a place in the grand-final by beating Kopanga 39 - 14. Junction Bay were far too strong all over the court.

In the other semi-final Navy Landing pushed Djunewunya out of the finals by beating them 48 to 34. Navy Landing are getting better all the time. Roger scored 20 points for them. Navy Landing now go into the final against Kopanga.

## Girls' Basketball

Bamboo Creek and Kopanga fought out a close top semi-final. At full-time the scores were Bamboo Creek 32 to Kopanga 30. This means that Bamboo Creek go straight into the grand-final and Kopanga go to the final.

Guyon eliminated Entrance Island in the second semi-final. Guyon 32 beat Entrance Island 10. Guyon now go on to the final.

## Basketball Next week.

Tuesday Girls : Kopanga play Guyon. Final.  
Boys : Kopanga play Navy Landing. Final.

Thursday. Girls : Bamboo Creek play Finals winner. Grand-Final  
Boys : Junction Bay play Finals Winner. Grand-Final.

## It's Not Spring-time but .....

To Julie Guimala and Benny Mundurug, a girl, Jennifer, born at Darwin Hospital on 9/4/73.

Jill Benganla gave birth to a boy in Darwin Hospital on 14/4/73. David Irindilli is the proud father.

Nancy Warren, wife of Paddy Fordham, gave birth to a small premature boy on 24/4/73 (Darwin Hospital).

Gay Lindjurwanga had a girl in Darwin Hospital on 2/4/73. Gay and the baby are now back at Maningrida.

To Theresa and Charlie Darbinga a boy. The baby was born at Maningrida but because of his ill health the mother and son have been transferred to Darwin.

It is also rumoured, on the grapevine, that both Linda and Connie have given birth to baby sons, in Darwin Hospital. When will it all end.

Quite a few young babies have been transferred to Darwin Hospital for medical treatment. Amongst them is Katy Cooper's daughter Grace and Lena's daughter Paula; Katy said that Grace had "lost too much weight."

## On the Roundabout in Darwin.

Mr Dennis Strahd, still alive and well, is to visit Ocnpelli this week with his family. During the past month Dennis saw many old friends as he passed through Maningrida on his way to look at the cars of Goulburn Island, Croker Island and other coastal centres.

Ex-Forestry man, Charlie Chilic was sighted at the basketball. Charlie's war-cry was always "come on country."

Another avid basketball follower was our famous painter, 'Lofty.' The one and only Rusty Steble (of Amphibious Tours Pty Ltd) fitted in a fleeting visit to the Daly Street Basketball Stadium during his hectic social roundabout.

The terror of the two wheels, Jack "Hot Chrome and Leather" Gardiner transferred his feet to the accelerator and his hands to the steering wheel as he terrorised Darwin motorists in the latest model Holden. Jack is very fast off the lights.

Everyone was pleased to meet Terry Darwin at the YMCA. Terry has a very good carpentry job as well as being Ray Norman's right hand man at the YMCA.

One of our favourite taxi-drivers was an ex-Maningrida Forestry man, 'Sliprail.' Sliprail went to New Guinea after Maningrida but he has now settled in Darwin. Real name - Sliprail Gutheridge - All the Kornilda College students from Maningrida are very alive and very well.

We spotted that well-known globe-trotter Steven Namiril in Darwin. Steven, plus beard, is working for the Darwin City Council.

Another globetrotter, the irrepressible Don Weibananga had flown in from Snake Bay for the Easter Weekend. Don is working for 'the Government' at Snake Bay. He hopes to return to Maningrida later in the year and work as a teaching assistant.

## PEOPLE.

Welcome back to Ces and Eddy Carey after their extended holiday in the frozen, football-ridden south.

Welcome also to Miss Grace Masselos of the Sydney Day Nursery Teachers' College. Grace is here to supervise the two student teachers in the pre-school and to observe life in the bustling north.

The Mirage conveys a large welcome to John Pelepczuk, a Patrol Officer in Training. John is originally from Sydney but he has spent 4 years in New Guinea as a Patrol Officer.

**STOP PRESS.** Rusty Steele, general manager of Amphibious Tours Pty Ltd, stated this week that his company would be shifting operations to Anderabaikada, downstream from Cadell Gardens. Rusty wishes to convey, through this media his sincere appreciation of the help given to his company during the construction of the now famous barge landing.

**AT THE WEEKEND.** Duty Sister---Sis. Lee. Duty Officer--Wm. Becket  
Star Theatre. Fri. 'The Rare Breed.'

Sat. 'The Captain's Table.'????The Captain and crew of a luxury liner get up to MISCHIEF.

**CHURCH NOTES** ----Sunday School 9.30a.m. Church 7.30p.m.

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