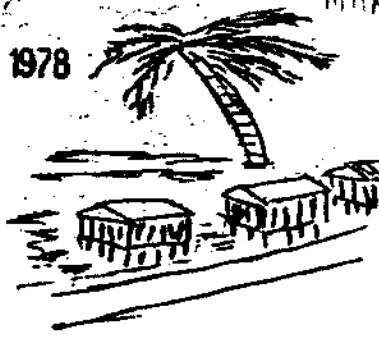




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PARENTS AND FRIENDS

- 1) Now that fences are up at the pictures on pay night when everybody must buy tickets many silly people are staying away. Then they come on the other 3 picture nights and dont pay for their pictures, this is not fair to the good people who always pay. The fourth picture on the off pay Saturday night was started at no extra cost when the Council asked for it for the people. This picture is going to be stopped because too many people are cheating. So now there will only be 3 pictures for \$1.00 - \$0.40 for children.
- 2) The President is going to speak to the Council about this and other matters.
- 3) The Mardi Gras made a profit for the new truck of over \$500. Our thanks to all who helped us make it a success - Welfare Staff, teachers, kitchen, Home Management, the Store and the itizens of Maningrida in general.

Dan Gillespie
for the P. & F. Committee

ANZAC DAY

The dawn service will be held near the flag pole at the School at 6.45 a.m.

Mr Glen Bagshaw will give the address.

SEE HOW THEY RISE

Last Friday, the stumps for three houses were standing in the new building allotment along the airstrip road.

This Friday, the frames of the three houses are standing.

Working on the middle frame, was Mr. Barry Goden - thoroughly enjoying hammering ... nails into the timber. "It's 20 years since i've been up working on a roof" he says. Usually Barry works in an office and designs houses for all over Australia, and then he travels widely to tell the builders how to put them easily and quickly. Before coming to Maningrida, he spent some time in the new mining towns of Western Australia.

Barry is the Projects Manager for the Lloyds Timber Group who have their Headquarters in Adelaide. They have a factory there, where they cut the timber ready for the building of each particular kind of house. The timber for these Maningrida houses were cut there.

Barry was born in London and in earlier years, his work of giving advice to builders took him all over Europe. In recent years he has been to Alice Springs and Darwin, but this is his first visit to Arnhemland. He is very impressed with our builders.

Of the Aboriginal men he says "They are a good lot of lads - some of the best I've worked with."

Maningrida is gaining a lot of knowledge by the visits of experts such as Mr. Goden, and others such as the mining men, solicitors & auditors.

FORESTRY

Three Research Officers, Roger Smith, Peter Ellis and Les Bridgen, from the Applied Research Section, Forestry Branch, Darwin, are presently in Maningrida to assess the results of experiments established 12 months ago. As these officers are frequent visitors at Maningrida the nature of their work may be of interest to readers.

The function of their section is to develop techniques and prescriptions to be applied in the management of forest nurseries, plantations, native timber stands and sawmilling. These techniques and prescriptions are developed through experiments designed to test various treatments appropriate to a situation. The results of some experiments are obtained within a few weeks, e.g. the effect of a pre-sawing treatment upon the germination of seed; whereas some experiments will not yield final results for many years, e.g. the effect of a thinning regime upon timber production from a plantation.



The work carried out at Maningrida is concerned mainly with the improvement of local timber stands. The improvement of the stand is achieved by the removal of useless trees, i.e. species not wanted for milling or useless trees of millable species. The unwanted trees are destroyed by injecting a hormone weedicide into axecuts penetrating the sap wood around the whole perineter of the tree. The treated trees may take a year or longer to die.

Dense stands of cypress pine regeneration may develop around seed trees and these have to be thinned to prevent growth stagnation resulting from intense competition between the trees within the stand. Thinning regimes for these stands are to be investigated.

Sawing and seasoning trials will determine the best pattern by which to saw logs to obtain maximum recovery and the behaviour of the various sizes of sawn timber from different species during seasoning.

L. Bridgen.

Also in Maningrida this week:

Messrs. A. Galvin and K. Ennis to do some alterations in the sawmill.

Messrs. F. McCabe and M. Schnatter to conduct a course on fire fighting, using flame thrower.

Mr. C. Haynes, Forester Regional, for inspection and to discuss working programme and fire protection areas.

DAYLESFORD ON MARCH 27th

by our special correspondent.

"It was undoubtedly the happiest wedding I have ever attended. Heather looked beautiful. Her frock was blue (Swiss cotton) trimmed with massed flowers on sleeves and train. The boys were in dinner suits. The day was perfect and Heather was at the church on time.

The church, a dignified old building badly in need of some paint, was transformed by masses of flowers. I've never seen so many flowers or such a beautiful effect.

Heather and Bob said their vows from memory. There were 3 brides maids - Heather's 2 sisters and Sister Sandra - and a flower girl.

At the dinner in the hall, which had also been transformed with flowers, the meal was delicious. There were the usual proceedings of toasts and the reading of telegrams, including all those from Maningrida, with maximum enjoyment.

S.S.

Bob and Heather return^{ed} to Maningrida yesterday, looking a picture of marital bliss and radiant health.

COUNCIL

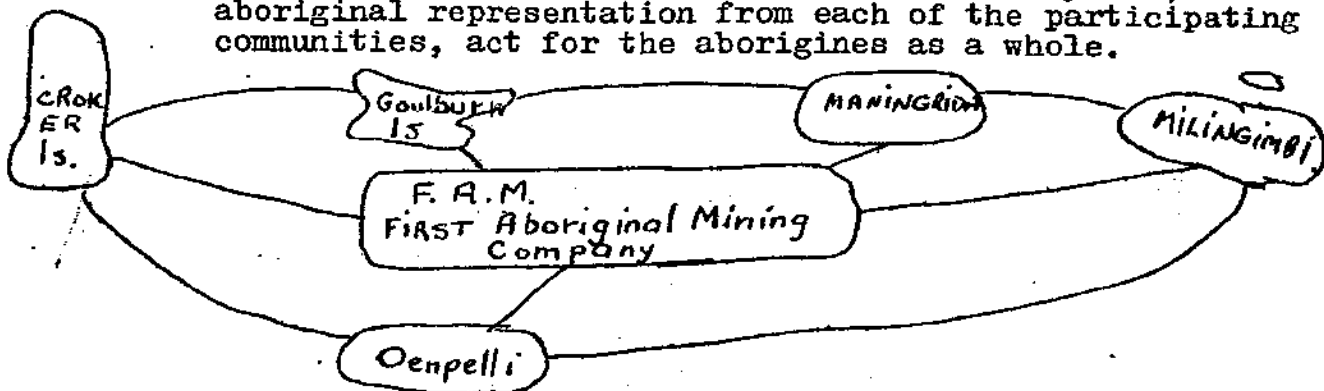
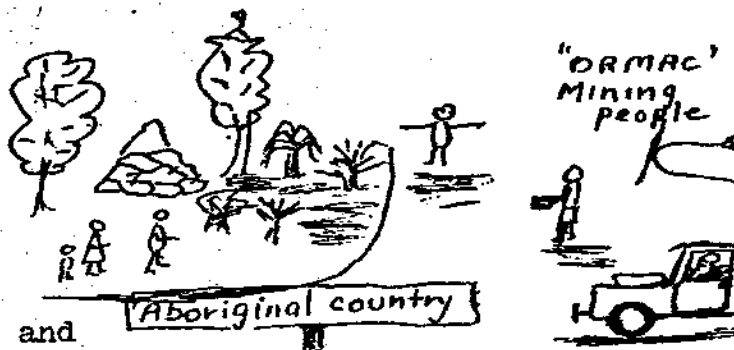
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 5.30PM ON 19/4/71.

PRESENT: 14 Councillors.

CORRESPONDENCE: The President tabled a letter from Mr. Giese. Mr. Giese had written to the Police Commissioner requesting more frequent police visits to Maningrida.

BUSINESS:
MINING:

The Superintendent went through the prospecting and mining business again. He explained the principle of Authorities to Prospect and the advantages of farm-in agreements where the A. to P. holder had limited resources to fulfill the terms of his licence. The decision had been made to accept ORMAC in the local situation because it offered better terms than the other competing companies. Council had already agreed, with the idea of "companying" with the surrounding missions to form FAM and this was now becoming a reality. FAM would be set up very shortly and, with aboriginal representation from each of the participating communities, act for the aborigines as a whole.



It would receive the benefits of the farm-in agreement and these would be passed on to the respective progress associations according to the shares already decided upon. Maningrida would receive 25%. ORMAC (Ocean Resources and MacIntyre Mines) also undertook to have one aboriginal on the board of any company formed as a result of mineral exploitation. This person would be able to put the views of the local people and at the same time carry back any information of local interest for consideration. There would also be an agreement for FAM to buy into the operating company, and at the same time receive a royalty on the output of ore, on a sliding scale.

One example was a 4½% royalty with 4% subscribed interest in the mining company. There would also be a guarantee of aboriginal employment, firstly in the prospecting phase, and later in mining.

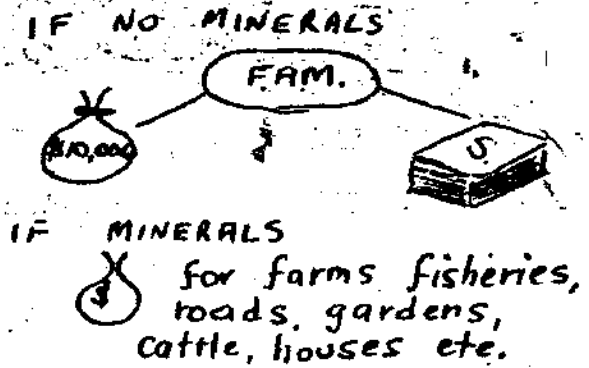
In the prospecting phase ORMAC offered cash payments of \$10,000 and 1,000,000 fully paid shares in ORMAC (par value 10c). Upon

exercising the option they would pay \$100,000 in cash. In the development stage they offered a pre-royalty payment of \$50,000 p.a. if production had not commenced within 6 years. They also guaranteed a minimum expenditure of \$10,000 p.a. on each of the Prospecting



MINING
CONT'D:

Authorities of not less than \$100,000 p.a., in total, if prospecting progressed. All this depended on what was found in the ground. If nothing was found then at least FAM would have \$10,000 in cash and the shares in ORMAC. If there was something, then the returns would depend on how much, where, and what it was worth.



HOUSES:

President said that he and Mrs. Amies had visited the Commission houses and were appalled with what they had seen. Too much mess and too many people. Too much hose business going on. He and Mrs. Amies were going to make sure that people kept their homes clean. Floors were to be scrubbed (no hosing) walls and louvres were to be scrubbed. There was to be no rubbish in the yard. They were going to push the tenants from now on and if they couldn't keep their own places clean and in the best condition then out they would go.

WATER:

The Superintendent was trying to improve the number of communal water points but he could not put water points in if they were going to be mis-used. Far too much water was wasted; everyone just had to take a look at the existing points to understand this. Maningrida could not afford wasted water.

BEER

ROSTER:

- R. Munyai
- M. Brown
- D. Irindili

NIGHTWATCHMAN: J. John.

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Progress Association

1. There were 437 subscribed MPA members to date.
2. Monthly finance:

	<u>Store</u>	<u>Hasty Tasty</u>	<u>Craft</u>
Takings	\$29,367.00	\$5861.00	\$2466.00
<u>Takings</u> for 9 months to 31st March	229,254.00	42,905.00	
Nett Profit for 9 mths	16½%	16%	

3. Book-keeping. The Accountant proposed a new system of book-keeping. There would now be only one set of books for all MPA activities.
4. Mining. The Council President said he wanted to know more about the mining business; the people don't know enough. It was arranged to discuss this again at the next Council Meeting.
5. Fishing. It was resolved to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. John Carpenter for his efforts at the Fisheries Project.
6. Self Help Housing. Mr. Riala wanted to know how many self help houses could be built this year. President said he didn't know; it depended on the timber allocation.
7. Sporting. It was resolved that the Sporting Sub-Committee, at its discretion, expend the existing grant of \$1000 and apply for another grant.
8. Bulman. An application was lodged for a Special Purposes Lease at Bulman as a pre-requisite of the application for abattoirs finance. The President made mention of the fact that other people might want to take part in development there, and that this would have to be taken into consideration.

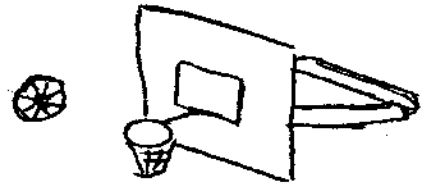
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Basketball

Drawn for Week 3 Round 2:

Tuesday 27th April 1971

7 p.m. Dolphins v Cape Stewart
8 p.m. Entrance Is. v Arnhemland.



Thursday 29th April 1971

7 p.m. Eagles v Cadell River
8 p.m. Chalkies v Blyth River.

Results: Arnhemland defeated Dolphins 45/22.

Dolphins lacked usual fire and could not find an answer to Georges accurate jump shots, and solid field work.

Entrance Is. defeated Cape Stewart 40/39.

Entrance throwing the ball around with gay abandon kept scoring while Cape just couldn't find a shot that would go in.

Points at the end of Round 1:

Cadell River 13, Cape Stewart 10, Blyth River 9, Dolphins 8, Arnhemland 8, Eagles 4, Entrance Island 2, Chalkies 2.

Badminton

The badminton equipment purchased by the Amenities Fund and the Parents and Friends is now available for use.

A court has been laid out in the school yard. Anyone wishing to use same can contact J. Phomister.

ATTENTION SPORTING FANS

Anyone interested in receiving coaching lessons in tennis. A district "A" grade tennis player is in our midst and would like to form a coaching school on Saturday mornings or 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. week days. Reasonable fees. Enquiries to B. Craven Forestry office.

Football

The first midgots game was a roar (at least 36 captain-coaches); caused a roar among the numerous men spectators; and provided numerous opportunities for sustained laughter from proud matters. Red and white with their secret service organization ran out easy winners. Men take note: the black and white Midgots have been training this week!

With the men it was a different story. Couldn't even field two teams. Consequently a friendly tip-and-run match was played just ONE WEEK before Milingimbi's return trip.

WANTED: 20 men to play football this Saturday.

WILL MANINGRIDA STRIKE BACK?

A return clash with Milingimbi at Maningrida is on this weekend. Excitement in the home camp would seem to assure a warm welcome for the visitors (30 members) who are due to arrive Saturday and return home Monday. The program will include games of football and basketball, and a tour of the settlement.

Hope to see you all in the grand-stands and sand patches. Vehicles for transport would be most welcome. Up Maningrida! Good luck Milingimbi!

Thus Basketball score

Kupanga defeated Eagles 53-50

Cadell River " Chalkies 52-38.

WEEKEND DUTIES: Duty Officer: Mr Bert Ryan
Duty Sister: Sister Cec Carey
Nightwatchman: Mr Jack John

STAR THEATRE: Friday: See the
Saturday/Sunday notice board.

CHURCH: Second Sunday after Easter

9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools "Christ our Shepherd"

7.30 p.m. Evening Service . Film "Faith Triumphant"

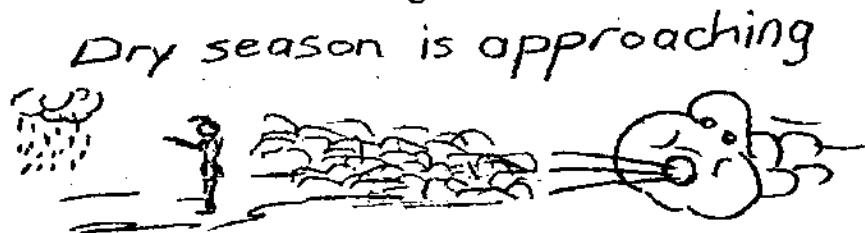
Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship.

7 The "crook" used by the Shepherd to look after his sheep. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He cares for us, knows our names, calls us, and looks for us to bring us back when we get lost.

7 The Cross on the crook reminds us that He gave His life for the sheep.

BIRTH: On late Friday afternoon in the hospital and in the Gunwingru camp. Rankin, son of Ruby Nawalaidja and Big Barney Geriduwanga.
Belle, daughter of Lulu Loraidbe and Gubargu.

RAINFALL: Thursday 17 points
Monday 49 "
Tuesday 45 "



Sister Helen writes to express her appreciation and gratitude ^{to} so many people who helped during the days of preparation and packing and then on the day of leaving: "Cathy, Heather and I had so many obviously sincere good wishes to take with us. The "right royal" send off at the airstrip was almost unbelievable and when Robyn's class sang the "Pussy" song, I felt weak with gratitude. I was not only surprised but shocked when I was handed a gift from everyone which, incidentally, contributed largely to the purchase of 2 beautiful olive green suit cases. Cathy sobbed for part of the journey into Darwin and spent the remainder of the journey with her head buried in a copy of "What to do in an aircraft emergency!" Even Heather had so much to think about that she forgot to be air sick!

We say good luck and best wishes to you Helen, Cathy and Heather in Queensland.

Wendy Greacen, cousin of Miss Cheryl Pullen recently returned to Tamworth after 3 weeks enjoying the life of Maningrida.

She has since written to Cheryl saying that she hopes to return

Mr and Mrs Ray Buzza have moved into their new home in Bunbury W.A. and are very thrilled with it. Mr Bob Eggers has been working with Ray for 2 weeks. Bob hasn't been able to drive up to Port Hedland, his future home. Leave, rains, and then a cyclone have all ~~be laid~~ ^{delayed} his journey.

Ray is playing football with the Bunbury team. Melva is expecting their new baby to arrive any time. Ray has written an article about his work for the Mirage and this will appear in next weeks issue.

Sister Sandra has spent 5 weeks doing some research and writing in Melbourne for a new course. "They tell me this college course is fairly stiff and 10% of those doing it end up under psy hiatric care." Sandra is having a good rest now - may go to Adelaide and Tasmania.

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