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## Road Making, Museum and Managlidban

Present: 12 councillors and 3 visitors.

Cemetery: Councillors Jack John and Billy Yirinyin said that their people had agreed to leave the bones in the cemetery. Cr. Riels said that they would leave the bones but we would have to wait to see - maybe true. One councillor thought that all the bones would be taken out and be put into bone poles.

Pre-school: Mr. Hassall said that from Monday the pre-school children would stay at the pre-school all day just like the big school - not some in the morning, and the others in the afternoon.

Names: Mr. Hassall said that some buildings have balanda names. He asked what the council thought about this. Should there be aboriginal names. Council decided to think about this.

Museum: Mr. Hassall said that the people had been very interested in the Open Day display at the Resource Centre. Would aborigines like to give things to put in the museum so that everyone could see them. Some things were getting lost, but if they were in the museum people, especially the children, could look at them and remember them. The President asked the councillors if they understood that these would be things from the places in their country rather than Madayan things. Council decided to hold a meeting to discuss three things: 1. Bones 2. Names 3. Museum.

Secret Sites: Mr. Geoff Green said that Forestry did not want to run over any secret sites while making roads. He said that they had had some trouble at Casell River finding people who knew where the secret sites were. He suggested that Forestry should come to the council and show where it was planned to make roads. Councillors could then say which people belonged to that country. Forestry could take these people to mark the secret places before the roads were surveyed. Council agreed and said it was a good idea.

Mr. Green asked about the Batgadi country. Council said that Jack John and Peter Gangalara knew this country.

Mr. Geoff Green showed where Forestry were planning another road to connect with the Bulmar road. The Council will find out whose country it is.

Mrs. Sandra Holmes: The Superintendent asked council for permission to enable Sandra Holmes to visit Maningrida to talk to people on Wednesday. He thought it was about Managlidban. Cr. Yirinyin said that he had met with the Gunwingga people. They want to go back to their country which belongs to many people, some of whom are at Maningrida - Peter Waywanga, Curly Barduguppa, Ruth Monardi, Subergu, Binjulu and Jambanus. The President said that there had been trouble from people at Oenpelli about Mr. Holmes last visit. He

didn't want that to happen again. Let her see Yirinyia's paper territory, but she shouldn't go anywhere else. Otherwise people might get angry. Mr. Yirinyia said that he would meet Mrs Holmes and listen to her. Council then agreed that Mrs Holmes could come to talk, and Cr. Yirinyia would find out what she had in her mind.

**Point:** It was decided to talk about Jude Point at the next meeting.

The President said that people were always talking about going to the River for 11 years now. He wanted to help them to get back there. Perhaps a good road could be built some time.

### Looking over the Darwin Show report.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Local camera man B. Hassall won a 3rd prize with "Buffalo Hunter" in the black & white prints section.

**ORIGINAL ART:** Gabargu's crocodiles swallowed the 1st prize for paintings. Jacky Bunganiyel's skeleton figures rattled along to 2nd place, and Robin Gwingbal's crocodile and fish won 3rd. Nancy Djilumba won a 2nd prize for her basket.

Did you notice the name Breakahan featuring quite prominently among the prizewinners in the vegetable section? Could it have been Mick Breakahan, who used to be the manager here in earlier days.

A matter of interest, Mick N., Jim Elliott, and Clem Benson (horticultural adviser) who visited Adell Garden recently) all come from the same district, near Rosevale in N.S.W.

### The Newspapers.

**GROOTE:** At Groote Mylandt a balanda man was lost when he went over. A woman went to the land, but he was lost. Police and Groote men looked for him for seven days, but they could not find him.

**EMBASSY CLOSES:** In Canberra some Aboriginal men were camping outside the Government building.



They wanted the Government to think about giving Aboriginal people their own land. The Government didn't like them camping there. They made a new law to shift them. The Police came along and pushed them off. Some Aboriginal men and balanda people were taken to jail.

**'TO MARCH' OR 'NOT TO MARCH' IS THE QUESTION:** Harry Nelson of Yuandaa, Kappa Gurudul of Goulburn N.S.W., and Andrew Lobb of Elcho Is., Senior assistant "teaching assistant" said "We decided to give displays and talks in community schools rather than march..... we felt ..... that this, combined with the display at Woolworths, would be a sufficient protest from the Yolngu (Korailda)".

### lolul.

Young people in large numbers continue to drop in at the "Drop-In Club", on Wednesday nights. The installation of new sound equipment has greatly improved facilities for dancing (everyone doing their own thing). In response to our plea for reading material, parcels of magazines have arrived from Mr Harry Giese, and this week, from Mrs Noel Blyth from Darwin, as well as contributions from local residents. A vote of thanks especially to two of the club stalwarts, Roger Pink and Bob Stutchbury, whose unpacking report has kept the show on the road.





## *The return of the bus home.*

John Wilders, Tommy and Jim set off on Wednesday's Country Flight to travel to Melbourne and Morwell, where they will take delivery of our new bus. They will be flying down to Melbourne, but not before stopping off at Sydney Town so Tommy can have a look at Kings Cross.

The bus will be driven to Port Augusta where it will be put on "The Chan" to Alice Springs. If still intact it will be then put on the track to Darwin, and then onto the barge.

## *Missions and Settlements*

White settlers came to Arnhem Land. First the priests came and they made new aboriginal reserves all along the coastline, so that they could teach the aboriginal people about the new way of life.

Then came the second World War, and the European aeroplanes were killing up in the sky - the Japanese against the Englishman and the Australian whitemen. The Australians took many of the Aboriginal people into the Army to help them win the war for Australia.

After all the killing and destroying was finished, the black men came back to their tribes with their wounded. They came in a boat captained by Dr. Thompson and landed on the Coburg Peninsula.

Some of the wounded men got well after a while, but many others never got well, and some always walked with a limp. So, after the war, their sons, brothers and tribal relatives had to do their hunting for them.

Dr. Thompson lived at Gadji Creek for some time, and he convinced our parents that we should go to school at the missions. But many of us didn't want to go away from the tribal country and our people, and I was one of these.

Nowadays most of the people who worked with Dr. Thompson have died, or else they are very old, but many more white men (balanda) have come, to make more reserves, and missions, and settlements, and stations where before there were only the animals and the bush.

J. Mirritji.

## *People and the Good Oil from Forestry*

We have a new fellow in our midst. Alan Pattigrew arrived on Thursday to take up the wood machinist job in the mill. Alan is another welcome addition to our "Banana Benders Club" and with his rugged good looks should be an instant success in the Maningrida Social Sect.

There were a couple of interesting fishing stories on the weekend. Our ever popular clerk fell overboard and repeated attempts to rescue him failed. It appears that he loved the water so much, he didn't want to get back into the boat.

The intrepid, fearless fishing foursome - Falvey, Fisher, Cuthbert and Green spent an interesting, if cold, Friday night on the island.

Ian Cuthbert (our grader driver) has his wife and two young children arriving on Tuesday. They will be living in the yellow beach house next to the wharf.

The probably the best news that has blessed our broadcasts for some time was that Geoff Green is leaving. Feeling homesick for the south (once again) he leaves on Tuesday for 3 weeks, returning not to Maningrida but to Head Office in Darwin. A new foraster should be out in early September.

### *Sen. Boys Night Basketball \*\*\*\*\**

Results - Tues. 18th July	Results Tues. 25th July
Nakara 41 & Gumurrgurra 37	Gumurrgurra 45 & Burada 40
Highest scorers: Tom (N) 11 goals Ted (N) 11 goals Ningie (G) 5 goals	Highest scorers: Morris (S) 10 gl Andy (G) 9 gls
Jumulolala 27 & Burada 20	Nakara 62 & Jumulolala 45
Highest scorers: Richard (J) 8 goals.	Highest scorers: Tom (N) 15 gls Richard (J) 9 gls Ted (N) 6 goals

Next week - Tues. 1st Aug. Burada v Nakara  
Gumurrgurra v Jumulolala

# NEWS

Gavin, Meg and Alana O'Brien arrived at Maningrida on Wednesday. Gavin, now a Patrol Officer, was at Maningrida five years ago as a P.O.I.T., but says he can't remember a great deal of what the settlement was like in those days. The saw-mill wasn't there, and the Gunavidjy people lived next to the Hospital. There were very few buildings around. He got quite a shock when he saw the Maningrida of today.

He has been the acting Area Advisor for Roper River Settlement for 17 months, but has spent the last four months working in Darwin. He has also put in two years as a P.O.I.T. at Alice Springs.

His wife, Meg, is a qualified teacher (but young 3 mth. old little Alana puts a stop to any teaching) and comes from Barmesa which, if you have never heard of it, is in the Murray Valley of South Australia. Gavin, being a bit more civilised, comes from Melbourne town.

Gavin expects to be here as a Patrol Officer for some time, and is very enthusiastic to see our beaches, waterholes, and waterfalls.

J.G.

## At Fisheries

Newcomers to Maningrida are Phil and Jean Green who previously hailed from Hobart. Phil is the new Fisheries fitter and will be living in the blue house. He has done service in the Royal Navy, mainly in submarines, during the second World War. Phil has been in Australia since 1957.

Jean is English and hailed from Kent before coming to Australia in 1960.

J.C.

## The Professor's Pets

Prof. Harry Messels trip into the Maningrida area brought about results that somewhat allayed the fears expressed in certain other publications. Five days and nights of solid observation in both the Liverpool and Cadell Rivers yielded sightings of close to 400 crocodiles. The densest population appeared to be in the Marigalidban Creek, and the largest tracks were seen by the Cadell, not far from the gardens.

The Professor hopes to be back in the Maningrida area shortly.

J.C.

## WEEKEND DUTIES

Duty Officer: Mr. Carey  
Duty Sister: Sister Betty  
Firewatch Saturday: Mr Reister  
Sunday: Mr Fisher

## STAR THEATRE

Friday: "Hundred Rifles". A Western with Jim Brown, Roque Welch, and Bert Reynolds.

Saturday: "Bedtime Story". Two con-men try to out-con each other for the attention of a lush "pidgeon", who finishes up out-tricking the both of them. Marlon Brando, David Niven, Shirley Jo

## CHURCH

Sunday 9.30am Sunday School

7.15pm Evening Service conducted by  
Revs. Lazarus Lamilami and Haloti  
Faupula

## BIRTHS

DOREEN was born to Betty Mail-Wagga and George Namarabil on the 13th of July.

DESMOND was born in the camp to mother Peggy Jarbi Jarbi and father Michael Halabiya on the 2nd of July (Saturday last).

## THE SEVEN ISMS (Reprinted from the "Island News", Flinders Island)

Socialism If you have two cows, you give one to your neighbour.

Communism If you have two cows, you give them to the government, and the government gives you some milk.

Fascism If you have two cows, you give them to the government which sells you back the milk.

New Idealism If you have two cows, you shoot one and milk the other - then you pour the milk down the sink.

Nazism If you have two cows, the government shoots you and keeps the cows.

Capitalism If you have two cows, you sell one and buy a bull.

## PEOPLE

George Nulumba/ Milbururr and family from Mangalah arrived last Saturday. George is a very good bark painter and has come to visit his friend Charlie Gunbuna.

Connie has arrived from Golburn to see her parents and family.

Mrs. Sandra Holmes, accompanied by Mr. Bobby Jarran and his brother, sons of Yirrawala, arrived on Wednesday to talk to the Kunwinggu leaders about the proposed station at Maragalidban. Unfortunately when Mrs. Holmes arrived, the leaders were not around, so Bobby Jarran and his brother stayed behind to talk to the people when they come back. Mrs. Holmes returned to Darwin.

## WE TRIED

Apologies to our readers for the poor copies - but you should have seen the ones we threw away.

## DANCING

Dancing Practice at 4.00pm on Saturday - ALL WELCOME By Club Shop.

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