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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th JUNE 1972

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PRESENT: Present were 12 Councillors and 1 visitor.

SAWMILL: Superintendent reported that Forestry had advised Welfare in Darwin that there would not be more than 5 Europeans working in the sawmill.

HOUSES: Superintendent said that self-help house building could start again now that Forestry were able to supply timber from the mill. President asked if lights could be provided in the self-help houses. Superintendent said that it was possible to wire the houses but there were no power poles to connect them to. President asked if street lighting could be provided then. Superintendent said same problem.

ROADS: Cr. Gangalara said that Michael Burrulbuma and Jack Banbiaga would start clearing the Bamboo Creek road after they had taken the morningstar to Oenpelli. It was felt that the plains country might be too wet to get to Kapanga. Harry Mulumbuk to be consulted.

FISH TRAP: Cr. Yiriyin reported that a start might be made on Willie Jirrkala's fish-trap next week. It would be near the Gabaljara Creek. It was also hoped to start some trepang business next Tuesday.

BUS: Council authorised the purchase of a bus, about 40 passenger, with funds to be provided by a loan from the Maningrida Club. The bus was to be used to replace motor-trucks for week-end excursions, school bus runs, and a commuter link with out-stations at Cadell Gardens and Guiyun.

HOUSING: Superintendent asked Council to think about the housing needs of the people at Maningrida. He wanted to find out what sort of houses people wanted, and what they wanted to see in them. He asked that the matter be discussed next week, after Councillors had a chance to talk in their villages.

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Sister Ena has returned from leave looking very refreshed and well. Ena says "During the last 3 weeks I was working in the cafe (sister's) at Tennant Creek. I peeled 1000's of potatoes, washed 100's of dishes, and washed down 10's of tables."

Mrs. Val Purdie, wife of Brian, arrived on Tuesday. Val has been in England, her home country, for the past 6 months.

Mrs. Jan Croft is now teaching at Warrabri. During the first term, she was at Anthony's Lagoon.

DEATH: On Thursday, Paddy Anbei-rala, who had been suffering for some time from incurable cancer. We offer our condolences to his wife, Mary Dulgid and only brother, Jimmy Bulorrigna. The deceased had returned to Maningrida a few months ago after having spent a long time in hospital.

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A School Man

I went to school at Milingimbi Mission when I was a little boy. My father said to me "Son, we are going to stay here for five weeks, then we will move to Maningrida." That was in 1961. I said "Okay, Father, I take your words."

After five weeks we went to Gadji Creek. We stayed there for 10 weeks and then went back to Milingimbi again. I went back to school. We stayed there for a long time - for three years. I was in grade two class. My teacher was a woman.

After three years, my father said "Hey, son, you have to tell your teacher 'We are all going away to Maningrida.'" I asked "Why are we going there," I'd like to stay here for school, because I'm thinking that there is no school over there at Maningrida." My father said "Don't worry about the school. Soon they will make a school house and you will start going to school." I asked him "Hey, father, how long are we going to Maningrida for?" He said "I don't know son how long it will take to go to Maningrida, we don't know the road. Otherwise we may make a mistake half way. I think that we should stop here and wait for the people. We will follow them. They know the Maningrida road." So we started and had a sleep half way.

We met one man half way. He said to us "Where are you people going?" We said "We are going to Maningrida but we have made a mistake about the road." He said "You are on the right road. Just come with me, and I will take you on the right way. I've been there at Maningrida for a long time."



That was in the afternoon. My father said to the man "Would you mind please sitting down here until the sun goes down. Because I get hot." The man said "Okay, if you want to. Then we sat down in the shade. We made tea and flour - brought from Milingimbi. Then my father gave some to the man. He made his own. My father asked him about the people at Maningrida. "Hey man, how many people are there at Maningrida?" He said, "Only just a few."

Then in 1962 they built a school house. My father said, "Hey son, your school has been built already. That was what you were always worrying for. I will stay with you here for many years until we see a big city in this place."

I went to the school from 1963. My teacher was a woman and there was a teaching assistant. I have forgotten their names. After 1964 I went to work for the R.A.A.F. for 3 months. After that I went to the office and spoke to the boss, "Hey boss, I'd like to go back to Maningrida because I don't like it here." He said to me, "O.K. George. You will go tomorrow morning." I said to him, "Thank you very much boss."

When I came back from the R.A.A.F. I started work with Mr. Tom Newal at the store. When I finished work with Tom, Mr. Jimmy Pascoe asked me to work at the school. I said, "O.K. Jim, but I'd like to ask Mr. J. Hunter about work at the school." Next morning I went to the office. I saw Mr. J. Hunter. I said to him, "Hey John, I'd like to work at the school." He said, "O.K. George but listen to me. You have to get clean shorts and shirt and trousers." I said, "Yes I have them already." He said to me, "O.K. you can go and work as a teaching assistant." I started work at the school from 1967 to 1972. I've been working here as a teaching assistant for a long time and I didn't move to other jobs. I am still working in the school. Many children I have been teaching here at the Maningrida school.

Some other teaching assistants were second to me, but I am second to Mr. Jim Pascoe. We work in the school, both of us. A long time ago our head master was Mr. J. Haigh. Then Mr. P. Williams and then Mr. D. Hassal. There was another man, I don't know his name, from New Caledonia. He was a good Head Master too. He stayed here for 1 month, then went back to New Caledonia. I know how to work in the Education Programme.

G. Garawun.

CARDS - are OUT

Some members of the council believe that it is alright for their people to play cards on the week-end. They also state that their people have to play cards in the open while belanders can play in their homes.

It is wrong for people to play cards for money as this is what is known as GAMBLING. The law of the Northern Territory states that 'Any person who uses any house, office, room or place as a common gaming house (GAMBLING) shall be guilty of an offence.' The law further states that 'Any person found in any such house, office, room or place without lawful excuse shall be guilty of an offence.'



Paddy Foreman says that people all over Australia play cards for money. I say that people all over Australia get locked up when they are caught playing cards for money. Maningrida will be THE SAME.

THERE WILL BE NO PLAYING CARDS FOR MONEY ON THIS SETTLEMENT.
Harry Cox.

Some members of the community are under the impression that because this is Maningrida, and not Darwin, certain laws in relation to traffic and vehicles will not be enforced. I do not like to see people disillusioned and the following hints are for the road users in the area. Some very sound advice. Take the hint. Harry Cox.

Under the Traffic Ordinance and Motor Vehicles Ordinance 'PUBLIC STREET' MEANS any street, road, lane, thoroughfare, footpath or place open to, or used by, the public and includes a road on land leased under the Special Purpose Lease Ordinance 1953-1954 for use as a road.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

Motor Cycles.

- Section 31 (1) No more than one person, in addition to the driver, shall be carried on any motor cycle nor shall any such person, be so carried otherwise than sitting astride the cycle behind the driver's seat.
 - (2) Any person driving or being carried on a motor cycle or in a side-car attached to a motor cycle shall wear, securely fastened to his (or her) head a protective helmet of a type approved by the Administrator in Council.
 - (3) A driver shall not permit or suffer any person to be carried on his motor cycle, or in a side-car attached to his motor cycle, in contravention of this section.
- Traffic 43 Regulation
- (1) A motorcycle shall not be used upon a public street for the carriage of more than one person in addition to the driver.
 - (2) A motor cycle shall not be used upon a public street for the carriage of one person in addition to the driver unless-
 - (a) The motor cycle is provided with footrests and a seat;
 - (b) Such person is sitting astride the motorcycle on the proper seat and is facing forward and is using the footrests;
 - (c) The operator has held a motorcycle rider's licence (including) a licence granted under the law in force in a place outside the N.T. for at least 12 months.

Bicycles.

Section 13. A person shall not, upon a public street, ride a bicycle which has not affixed thereto on some convenient part-
(a) an efficient approved brake; and
(b) a bell or other efficient appliance for giving warning of it's approach.

Section 44. A person shall not ride upon a public street at anytime between sunset and sunrise, a bicycle which has not
(a) a lighted lamp attached to the front to show a bright white light clearly visible to any person approaching the bicycle from the front; and
(b) a lighted lamp attached to the rear to show a bright red light clearly visible to any person approaching the bicycle from the rear or a red reflector.



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Therefor if a bicycle is ridden after sundown there must be a white light at the front and a red light or reflector at the rear of the bicycle.

MOTOR VEHICLES ORDLINANCE.

Section 47 (I) A person shall not use, or cause, suffer or permit any other person to use, a motor vehicle on a public street unless there is in force in relation to the use of the vehicle by that person, or that other person, as the case maybe, a third party policy.

Section 407 (I) A person shall not drive an unregistered motor vehicle upon a public street.

All vehicles are therefore to be registered and covered by third party insurance. Motor vehicle includes motor cycle or any trailer attached to a motor vehicle.

Section 114 A person shall not;
(a) drive a motor vehicle upon a public street without being licenced soto do.
(b) employ or permit any unlicenced person to drive a motor vehicle upon a public street.

I would like to draw your attention to Section 125 of the Motor Vehicle Ordinance which states. 'Each member of the Police Force shall do all things in his power to ensure that this Ordinance is duly observed.'

MOTOR VEHICLES (THIRD PARTY INSURANCE) REGULATIONS.

15 (I) Where the amount of a premium paid in respect of a third party policy has been determined by reason of the use of the insured motor vehicle for a particular purpose or purposes specified in one of the premium classifications, the motor vehicle shall not be used for any other purpose unless the authorised insurer has been notified of the intention to use the motor vehicle for that other purpose and the third party policy has been suitably endorsed by the authorised insurer.

(2) The owner of a motor vehicle who uses or who suffers, causes or permits the motor vehicle to be used in contravention of the last preceeding sub-regulation shall be guilty of an offence.

Little Women's League

The first game between the Wombats and Seagulls was one of style, speed and character, compared to the second match between Crocodile and Blue Wren which include those qualities but had more of the latter. It really was a funny game.

SCORES: Wombats 28 defeated Seagulls 16
Blue Wren 14 defeated Crocodile 8

BEST PLAYERS: Renee, Daisybell

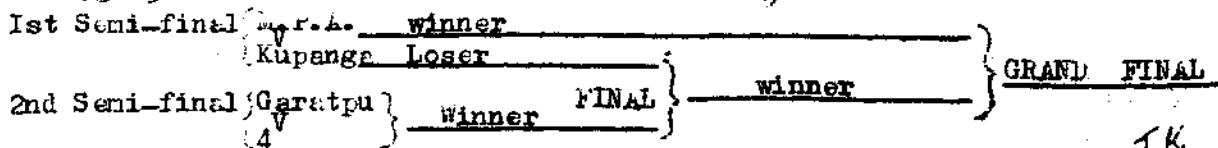
HARDEST TRIERS: Rita, Philippa

NEXT WEEKS DRAW:

1 Wombat vers a Blue Wren

2 Seagulls vers a Crocodile Marg Neale.

How the Basketball Semifinals will be played



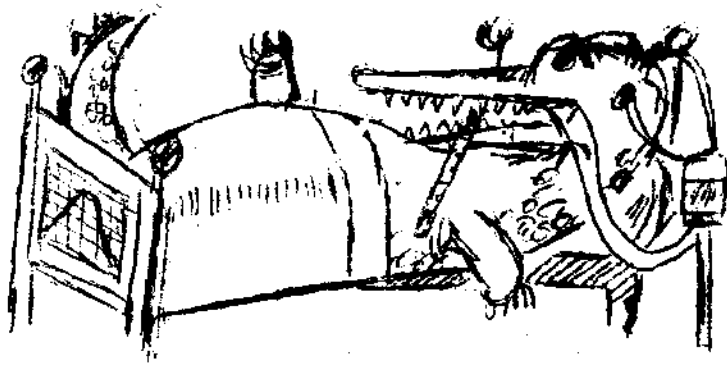
TK

Many thanks

to Mrs. Pauline Hore for a mammoth piece of typing along with our regular typist Mrs. April Elliot, artist, Mrs. Marg. Neale and proof reader-artist's assistant Bruce Neale. Next week Jack Gardiner gives away the carefree holiday life to r join the editorial staff.

Operating on

On Tuesday the 6th. June, the Fisheries vehicle with John Lake (Branch Director), Billy Yirinyin, Ray Muryal, Maurice, Robert and myself set off for Professor Harry Messell's camp on the Goyder River, 10 miles north of the Gove Road Crossing.



A good run down the Bulman Track in the wake of the intrepid road clearing quartet, plenty of wild life and an encounter with a buffalo 12 miles north of the Gove turnoff (might be Jack Gardners friend), made it a reasonable daylight run. Notwithstanding fuel pump, distributor, carburetor malfunctions and a bit of fan belt trouble, a small swamp 4 miles west of the Goyder Crossing was reached at midnight and as it was becoming difficult to pick out some of the track (s) we made camp there.

Prof. Messell's party had been the first vehicles through and 4 toyotas and trailers had blazed most of the run pretty well, except for odd detours around small swamps. Ticket holders had their beer and fish, and your correspondents enjoyed 90% proof skeep.

Prof. Messell's is head of the Physics Department of the University of Sydney. He is working in conjunction with the Dept. of Zoology. The main aims of the expedition were to establish:

- (1) Distribution.
- (2) Behaviour.
- (3) Relationship between salt and fresh water crocodiles and to try and establish demarcation lines between the two species, and where they occur together, find out if the salties are transitions or are permanently based in the billabongs and head waters of the rivers.
- (4) Biology of the species and physiology of main interest being the ability to change the metabolism (pulse rates, temperature, etc.)

Apart from the more formal methods of investigation (toxonony etc.) the Prof. has had a minute radio transmitter developed which can be inserted into the body of the crocodiles to monitor temperature, pulse rate etc. The same transmitter will be used to 'home' on crocodiles by fairly conventional direction finding methods.

The big problem of course, is to capture the crocodiles without doing any physical harm to them. A variety of equipment has been developed for this purpose (too numerous to mention here). It was the first time Billy and Co. (or any of us) had been into that country and Ray had some interesting stories to tell about the old days. The people from that area were Rambaranga (Jimba?) and for many years there had been trouble between the Jinang (ARA PURA Swamp Country), People and the Jimba people. At about that time the first European travelled into the area (Doctor D. Thompson) there was a very big war which according to Ray wiped out the few remaining Jimba people. From that time, there has been no real occupation of the Goyder River area upper reaches.

(An interesting footnote is that Paddy Fordham came to see me and told me that 'that place' is his country, but the ensuing discussion did not reveal any tangible boundaries.)

Billy and Ray were able to tell people at Maningrida about what was going on and they were both happy about what was being done and the way the Prof. and his party are treating the area. As it happens the few 'special' places that Ray knows about were a good way away from where the party is, and will be operating.

The Prof. had 7 in his party including Gordon Grigg (Physiologist) Keith Brocklesby (Communications Expert) Dean Stephens (N.T.A. Wildlife Office) Bob (cook and a very good camp setter uppper) Lyndszay, Mechanic and Instrument maker, and last but not least and attractive female Tech. Assistant to Gordon. Prof. Messel's wife will be joining the party shortly.

Some (albeit short) friendships were established and stories songs and good discussions between Billy and Ray and the party made for a couple of memorable evenings for all. Needless to say the tape recorders worked overtime.

From the Newspapers

Big Visitors.

The Prime Minister Mr. McMahon and many and many important people will go to Yirrkala soon. They will open the big mining business near there and also open Dhupuma College - a new college like Kormilda which has started near Yirrkala. Yirrkala men will dance for the important people and give them bark paintings.



Ron Gallagher Dead.

Last week in his home town at Warrnambool in Victoria, Mr. Gallagher died. He had been sick for a long time. He was the brother of Jim Gallagher, Director of the Welfare Education Branch. He was a teacher in the N.T. for 10 years at Yuendumu, Newcastle Waters, Bagot, Papunya, and last at Kormilda. He was the Headmaster at Kormilda College and many Maningrida people will remember him from their time there. We feel sorry for Ron's wife and son and for Jim and his family.

New Shops at Groote.

A big new shopping building has opened at Angurugu on Groote Eylandt. There is a store, a milk bar and a bakery. The money came from the money the Groote people are given by the mining company which takes minerals from the Island. Next the Angurugu people will build a museum, a room for meetings and a clothes shop.

Cont. from page 5 - Operating on Crocodiles

John Lake, whose special interest is Australian Fresh water fishes was able to obtain some excellent samples and spent much time looking for crocs. at night with his light in the water observing the Saratogas, Cat-fish, and life in the clearest water imaginable.

John Lake was able to fly out in a Cessna on Saturday after some trouble obtaining an aircraft to pick them up.

We received some parts for the land rover on that plane and were able to return to Maningrida the next day.

J. Casper

To Oenpelli

Morning Stars and Bitatja-Maratjuras the feathered pole are nearly completed and are now ready to depart to Oenpelli during the next week if possible. There are 3 feathered poles which are finished and a few more little things to make before going to Oenpelli. One Morning Star is for Murungun men - Charlie Gunbina, Charlie Mirabinyin, Peter Banjuljul, Johnny Aruriya, Peter Gangalara, Michael Buruluna, Jacky Wunuwun.

One Maratjura is for Johnny Mundur Mundur and Jacky Miribanga and is also Morning Star. One is called Bitatja for Charlie Ngilawa and his relatives.

The Five Year Plan

J. Pascoe

By J.H.

The second meeting to discuss the formation of Maningrida's five-year plan was held in the "Orange Room" (Resources Centre) on Wednesday night. The meeting heard reports by the various appointed committees and some interesting comments were forthcoming. As had already been resolved the priorities were considered to be the development of housing for aboriginal people and industry. In this regard it was reported that Maningrida needed something like 120 housing units to 'catch up' and a further 50 over the five year period to keep in front. This would entail a considerable, but rewarding effort, and most certainly would present a challenge to the building organisation. To quote the venerable D.G., however, "man does not live by bread alone" and the most interesting report of the evening concerned the programme which might be mounted to preserve the traditional culture for future generations

Public Notices

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Maningrida Progress Association will take place on Saturday the 22nd of July 1972 at 2p.m. at Gordon Sweeney School, Maningrida.

BUSINESS:

- (1) To elect the Associations Board of Members.
- (2) To elect an Auditor.
- (3) To receive and consider the audited statements and books of account of the Association.
- (4) To receive and consider the Business Managers Annual Report to the Board.
- (5) To receive and consider the Secretary's Annual Report.
- (6) To transact such other business as is placed before the meeting.

D.A. GILLESPIE

Secretary,

Maningrida Progress Association Inc.

Election nominations

Nominations are hereby called for election to the Board of Members of the Maningrida Progress Association Inc. All nominations must be on the prescribed form and must bear the signatures of the nominator and seconder and the signed acceptance of nomination by the nominee. All nominations must be in my hands seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 22nd of July 1972. Nomination forms will be available from the undersigned.

D.A. GILLESPIE

Secretary

Maningrida Progress Association Inc.

P.F. Meeting

At the School,
7.30p.m. Monday Next,
ALL WELCOME.

BBQ

To be held this Saturday Night at the Forestry Beach Flats (Opposite Fisheries) - all invited.

J.R.

A Complaint / Request

The inconsiderate noise from older children at the pictures - "Horseplay" and high volumeshrieking. This continues despite efforts by certain individuals to stop it - merely telling him to "???" is not sufficient. Such aggravating and unnecessary noise occurs not just on the occasional night but every picture night with varying degrees of intensity. What is needed is someone with the authority to do something, like sending the guilty party (or those whom you catch) home. Parents and Friends could possibly delegate such authority to someone. Members of the Village Council present should also assert some authority in this direction.

Marg.M.

Picnic at Juda Point.

On Saturday at 1p.m. we went to Juda Point. First Mr. King told us to have a swim and a few games and then a few exercises. After that we went fishing. My brother Tim Darcy, Raymond, Rex and Myself caught 4 fish in a little creek. I then got my spear and went to the other side where I saw 2 boys and we went back to the camp together and did some exercise. Late in the afternoon we had supper and then singing and dancing - this was fun.

When it was morning we had breakfast, swimming, exercises and a few games, and some fishing. I caught two big fish and came home. This was great fun we had.

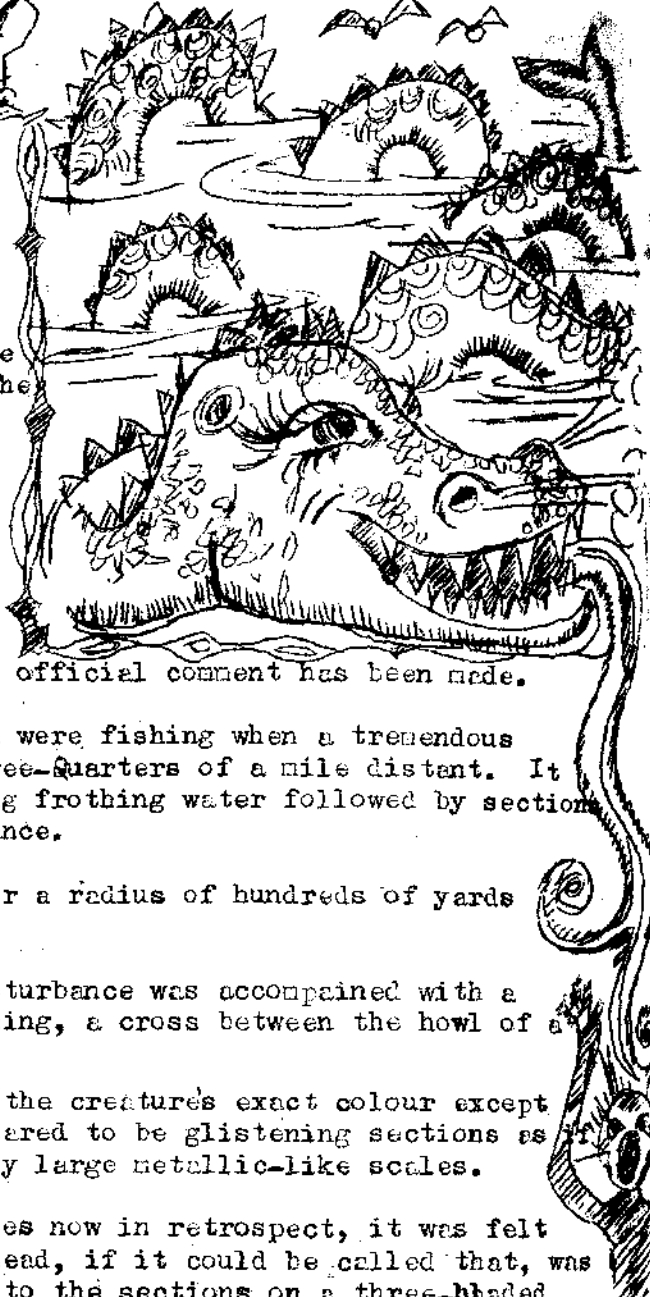
Ted Darcy (Grade 6)



Monster at Maningrida?

An extraordinary report has reached the Mirage of two local Maningrida residents having again sighted the fabled Maningrida monster in the bay near the mouth of the Gudjerana Creek.

This strange sea creature, which to date defies description, has not been seen in the area for a number of years. Positive identification has never yet been made due to the elusive and nocturnal nature of the amphibian. A number of noted marine biologists and other scientists have attempted to sort out the mystery, but as none of them has actually ever seen the creature they are all understandably sceptical about the whole situation and no official comment has been made.



On this present occasion, the two men were fishing when a tremendous disturbance occurred in the area about three-quarters of a mile distant. It was first noticed as a wide area of boiling frothing water followed by sections of the animal appearing above the disturbance.

Egrets, terns and other water birds for a radius of hundreds of yards were frightened into the air.

As in most earlier sightings, the disturbance was accompanied with a characteristic sustained high pitched moaning, a cross between the howl of a dingo and a bellowing elephant.

It was not possible to ascertain the creature's exact colour except that it was generally dark, but there appeared to be glistening sections as the sun was being reflected from incredibly large metallic-like scales.

As fantastic as it seemed then and does now in retrospect, it was felt by the two fishermen, that the creature's head, if it could be called that, was in fact in three sections, almost similar to the sections on a three-bladed propeller with all parts being centrally attached to the body.

It was thought that the length of the serpentine animal could have been in excess of one hundred feet. However, the men felt that due to the amount of disturbance caused by the creature's thrashing about that the length may have been a more conservative fifty to sixty feet. It was not possible to guess the thickness of the body.

This eminently intriguing mystery was evident on this occasion for about 15 to 20 minutes before it finally subsided.

Over the years since the aquatic beast was first sighted by the early settlers, including Manson, Urey, Thonkinson and Turley (who all made reports) much deep conjecture has arisen over the nature of the phenomenon.

Maningrida residents are sincerely urged to continue watching for further sightings and immediately report anything unusual such as the unexplained behaviour as described above. It would be of singular assistance to have clear photographs of any such manifestations.

Meanwhile it is felt that no harm should arise about the matter, as over the years it has become clearly evident that by its behaviour this monstrous living being always remains well away from habitation and immediately takes evasive action when anyone comes in close proximity.

People

CHERYL JOLLEN has written to say that after a pleasant stay at Garden Point and tern holiday in the south she has been relegated to the (no) windy pleasures of Hooker Creek. Cheryl is convinced that Hooker Creek doesn't deserve its bad reputation and she is looking for evidence to support her theory. She is determined to go overseas in February.

Milingimbi - Manungrida Sports Weekend

The Girls are coming -

Milingimbi Girls are coming on Friday about dinner time with Sheppy. At Friday afternoon we are going to play volley ball. In the volley there will be six girls in two teams.

On Friday night we are going to play basketball. Each one of you could come and watch this basketball and could any of you tell your parents and friends to come and watch also. Before the basketball competition we have a barbecue at the school.

On Saturday morning we are going to play softball at the football oval. It will be very interesting to see how Milingimbi girls play against the Manungrida girls. I hope some of you would see all of your people from Milingimbi.

All the Milingimbi girls are going back to Milingimbi after dinner.
"Katy" (Grade 6)

From Sports Master Mr. Trevor King.

Our girls team is: Betty, Mandy, Margaret, Lily, Rosemary, Margaret G. Jeannie, Kim, Juliet, Renee, Dora, Joy G, Katie, Linda, Kim, Nora, Helen, The proposed arrangements for the girls here are:

- Friday Afternoon - volleyball at school 2pm - 3pm.
- Friday night - basketball (NOTE: PICTURES SAT. NIGHT) 3.30 - 6.30 7.30 - 9.30
- Saturday A.M. - softball at the oval. Beginning 9.30 a.m.

Definite arrangements depend on the discussion with Milingimbi when they arrive.

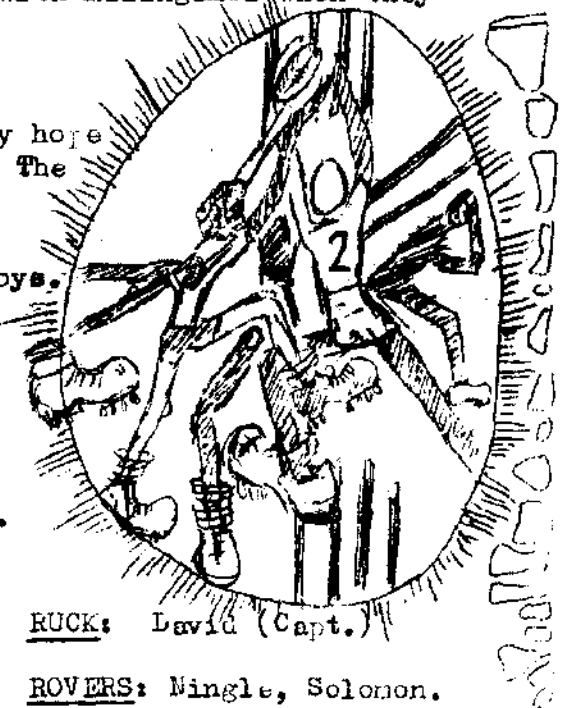
The Boys

The Manungrida boys are going to Milingimbi. They hope to have two games of football and one basketball. The boys team is:

Jimmy Pascoe and Trevor King are going with the boys.

The Eating Arrangements

- BARBECUE TEA - between the domestic science block and M.T. blocks.
- (2) 12.00 - 1.00 Lunch for the girls at the Dom. Science Room.
- (3) 1.00 Officials Lunch at the Single Girls house.
- (4) Drinks will be sold at the basketball.
- (5) All women and little women basketballers come early on Friday night.
- (6) 2.30 - approximate time of departure



RUCK: David (Capt.)

ROVERS: Mingle, Solomon.

M.N. & L.W.

Men's Basketball

Last weeks results:

Thursday M.P.A. 44 D Pioneers 26
Eagles 42 D Kupanga 36
Tuesday M.P.A. 46 D Eagles 40
Cadell 34 D Pioneers 24

FINAL POINTS:

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|-------------|----|--------------|----|
| (1) M.P.A. | 25 | Cape Stewart | 10 |
| (2) Kupanga | 19 | Cadell | 10 |
| (3) Garatpu | 18 | Jinang | 6 |
| (4) Eagles | 12 | | |
| Pioneers | 12 | | |

NOW THE SEMI-FINALS and FINALS between the FIRST FOUR TEAMS.

TUESDAY 27th, JUNE.

7.30 p.m. Eagles V Pioneers (Play-Off)

THURSDAY 29th, JUNE.

2nd. Semi-final 7.00 p.m. Garatpu V Winner of Tuesday Night

1st. " " 8.00 p.m. M.P.A. V Kupanga.

UMPIRES to be picked from: Jimmy pascoe, Jacky Pascoe, Ray Nulla, Ted Larcey, Jimmy Cooper.

SCORER: Trevor King.

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