

Annual Report 1963-64

6 European staff J. N. Dunkerley ADO
 5 Native including Benson Gegeyo Assistant Clerical 11/7/63 - 20/12/63

In year collection of £990 made at Uiahu towards setting up of cooperative store.

- Mr Wiseman P.M. } in supervisory
 Mr Sherman Pess } position in country.

Cape Nelson L.C. in place, ~~then~~ - same projects e.g. Tufi Market. Aid Post building

12 European licences to trade; 17 native.

CN L.C. - still only one - survey to be carried out to incorporate the rest of the sub district.

* Village committees (e.g. Agricultural committees) being encouraged. ???

Wanigela land block scheme starting - great interest.

Great interest in cooperative stores.

Advancement of Native Women:

- women's club formed at Uiahu, Tufi & Sefoa

Miss D. Rylah (Welfare Off.) gave course at Tufi in 1963 Dec

1962-63 (Supplementary)

T.P. Bergin ADO to 29 April 1963

Considerable pressure from village people for cooperatives:

"In particular, two men, Mervyn and Nigel from Uiahu village, who recently attended a Storeman and secretary's course in Port Moresby have been rather adamant in their demands" - told that coop's office 1st has to be posted to Popondetta - Jan. 1964

- trying to arrange for them to collect shares.

L.C. - ~~only~~ selling copra bags & 9 works programme

- apparently Collingwood Bay against the idea in 1962

1962-63

ADO → 1962 DR Hosking

Cape Nelson L.C. established 1962 (?)

1963; 1961-62

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cocoa beans taken to secretory at Monigela
Whole area 7,061 lbs wet beans
of Collingwood almost no coffee
Body 6½ - 7 tons copra

Alienated lands 46,369 whole area

Village Agricultural committees act as work party organisers

Mentions that there are particularly difficult problems related to village hygiene, roads & bridges in Monigela-Uiatue - people fail to help patrols except those with punitive powers. Believes this is because the mission provides so much in the area "consequently native thought is orientated to the mission."

- people expect more from Gov. than they give while they are willing to give to the Mission gratis what the Government must pay for.

Still reliant on canoes for patrols!!

"The status of women is low and changes but slowly. They are still the real workers in the village but the menfolk are very reluctant to admit it - if at all. They are kept down by the men and consequently appear backward." Girls often held back from going to school to help at home and garden.

"In all coastal areas the women have, through the years, achieved a say in marriage matters and marriage is, in many cases, a matter of individual choice. In their own unobtrusive way the women get things done in the way they want it."

Teachers at mission schools referred to as "semi-litvati"

1961-62

Little copra being produced - but desire for cooperatives. Felt that the reason Collingwood Bay so negative to L6C idea was because they regard themselves as superior to Cape Nelson - a blow to their prestige to be #2

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Cape Nelson LGC established by proclamation Dec. 6 1961
- includes all of Koroaf & Miniafi (including Collingwood Bay)

Agricultural committees organized and controlled by D.A.S.F. Pop.

1960-61 ✓ T.R. Bergin a ADO.

1959-60

RAJ Bentinck Oct 58 →

Show for cooperatives to be £5 - beginning survey in future
- spreading propaganda about LGC. 15

Copra sold to Criddleland @ 6d 16 deon i 5d. second
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Ganjiga and Urahu planted 1000 trees bringing total to 7000 cocoa
- but made no copra "Apparently they find it hard to concern themselves with more than one cash crop."
sell to Uton @ 2d a pod (unwillingly)

Uwe plantation - used to produce rubber for Criddleland, but abandoned years ago

1958-59 Esdale act. ADO 6 Europeans 7 native staff
19 Police, 5 teachers, 37 Public Health

- Unhappy about pod prices for cocoa and wanted to make own fermentaries and sell to better markets.

Mr. Inlay at Uton, run by Eriama Estates

Mission Councils: "Very rarely do these people sit as a council to discuss even mission matters."

Trouble with carriers - rate 2/- a day to ration
Village officials said rate in N.L.O was 6/-
"The ADO is at a loss to work out here the natives do any work at all for the Missions for nothing while they expect such a lot from the government for very small tasks" People told that Safia airstrip will soon open as

encouragement.

- complain (1) not paid enough

(2) people treated too poorly when visit Government Station.

"The people seem to demonstrate a mendicant attitude. The quicker they learn to get a pride in looking after themselves the better it will be for everyone concerned. After 50 years of contact with a Christian Mission it is a shame to notice what a perverse and stiff necked lot they are. They have drunk from the well of knowledge but alas not deeply."

Mission -

"The people seem to do the following without remuneration - build schools, bring foodstuff to the Mission station, help the missionary on his patrol etc. It seems very much like the mysticism taught in Christianity that puts the missionary in the same category as the indigenous medicine man. As the only sanction the Mission applies to the natives is excommunication, the relationship between native and mission is naturally very friendly. The native usually looks upon the Mission as a club and the missionary, a champion, who will fight his case (however wrong he may be) against the Administration. It is marvellous to see that about £4000 was collected just recently by the Anglican Mission from the natives in about two administrative districts."

- look upon Europeans as objects for own bitterness
- try to sell food at fantastically high prices'

- by RAJ Bentinck?

1955-56

RS Bell

Had been suggestion to move to Wanigela in 1951 - but problems of inaccessibility there as well as Tafi

Road development btw Uliahu and Sapia via the Uwo Gap

- military road inland from Wanigela to airstrip and further to land of Kingsford Smith Ltd.

- road inland from Sonupa started until Land's Department said land there no good for agricultural development,

Mentions the 'hungry' period of 3 months

- people still not educated enough to all year farming

Great desire for cooperative trading at the villages - extension work.

Maisin show some ~~anti~~ antagonism to the Government: "This has always been their attitude and it has been found that they only endorsed a strong hand."

- give little back to the Mission for all it gives

- suspicion of the trader's prices by locals

Agricultural extension of cocoa & clearing of old pre-war coconuts going on

- trouble with cooperative system is the people eventually get bored and all of the work falls to a few

"The women continue to say that since a woman is the Ruler of Great Britain's hence in Papua, the woman is boss. This theory is not very acceptable to the males."

Outbreak of whooping cough in northern part.

Administration prestige enhanced by schools at Tufi & Sinei.

Few signing on at Tufi since War - believes recruits trying to beat laws.

- most now coming from Managalase & Musa - recently reopened.

VC Oreregen(?) Uiake from 21/11/46

Oreregen

Orobel at Upoya 1/11/46.

1954-55

Aug 31, 1982
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U. PNG.

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DR. Marsh → Oct 1954; Q Anthony (P.O) - Feb. 1955

Up to this time, one patrol a year ^(Abouhagen) - not enough to manage the economic activities of Cocoa, coffee & Copra

Encouraging cultivation of rice - hulled at Tufi

- lecturing that rice would tie them over the lean periods

Except upper Musa & Maragalase, there is certain dependence on European goods.

Education: children coming to Tufi to get in Tufi, Pops or PM. School
- others after CRTS training and Agricultural training

Problem of village concillors thinking that they are also assistant village constables - step into uniform of VC if he dies.

"The S.D.A. Mission commenced operation last year, opening a number of Posts in the Lower Musa. Immediately war was declared by the Anglican Mission and a number of unpleasant incidents happened last year. This year however, nothing has been heard of the fight going on, but going on it is judging by remarks passed by Bishop Hand."

- 9 Europeans at Wanigela - marks for stealing

"Talks have been given to all and sundry but all plantings are still done by "Companies" on land owned, not individually but by clans". Worried that enthusiasm may wane

- some marked by village to apply to go to Co-operative School P.M.
- others selected for AWALA & Pops to learn coffee & cocoa.

Final war damage in 1953-54 £ 4850/5/0 for 891 claims

Sinei school a new one.

A cabin fence at Tufi.

Kingsford-Smith Coc planting cocoa at Utan.

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"There has been a marked improvement in the outlook of the Uiahu and Woniwela people who, in the past, have caused some concern".

Trying to ultimately develop a vehicular road to Safia via Uwowo Gap from Uiahu.

Mr. C.P.O. Grafton collecting vocabularies and myths (Safia?)

Rice

Councillors becoming village spokesmen. Mix up of duties.

Attitude to admin. very good; no trouble getting carriers.

A.E. Cridland - natives resent his high prices and he resents lack of cooperation; only trader in area.

Influenza swept district at Christmas 1953.

Bid Posts in place

Tufi School - 2 teachers

Anglicans moved into Momiwela

- time ripe for administration school either at Banjiga or Sinei (!)

Airstrip at Woniwela maintained for emergency - seldom used.
Copra 80 bags / mo

Labour: only 50 natives engaged at Tufi since War & mainly so they can get to Moresby
- pay own way to Samarai to get work of own choosing

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Pop of Lower Musa 750

SDA at Embessa and Momiwela - schools

Anglicans extended into other parts of Musa to install.

Tufi - 2 teachers.

Timber sawed at Uiahu with pit saws and used for station buildings

Unofficial cooperative at Uiahu and elsewhere investigated at the end of the year - disbanded; Money still held for them.

Rice harvested at Uiahu - issued hand hiller.

Aid Post established at Simipara, Uiahu & Kewonsasap.

Crown land examined for tea & rejected.

- no plantations in the District.

100 tons of copra 4d per lb.

Yuya growing grain sorghum and feeding to fowl and pigs

Cases found where deceased heathens buried outside ^{cemetery} ~~mission~~ grounds as a result of mission influence

50 acres purchased by SPA at Nambadi, but Anglicans squatting on it and may not be used.

- 257 Councillors to act only as spokesmen - no legislative or judicial functions.

Anglicans: 4 European staff 2 stations
- 20 stations manned by ~~to~~ nationals.

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3 cooperative societies: Cape Nelson, Wanigela, Maisin
- sell staple foods & trade goods, & buy copra

Agricultural Extension workers based at Wanigela

- 4 pat stores contribute nothing to local development.

- some antagonism with co-op's which are undercutting the 4 pat's prices.

Council 'multi-racial' though hardly political - little awareness.

Sarad - 10[♂] / 1[♀] European teachers.

Women's club still at Uiahu.

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- Coop stores - supplies from Steamships & BP Pop.
 - buy copra at 4d. per lb. - weak because of poor supervision.
 Mainin joined Milne Bay Association.
 - some friction btw LBC and coops - see each other as rivals
 - 31 licences to indigenes.
 - Mr Cold's business with copra dropping 'cause of coop competition.

Utun in liquidation and using Highlanders.

LBC at Cape Nelson decided to expand to Collingwood Bays
 Dyke Auckland Bays & Lower Mase.

- Council to be 'multi-racial'
- councillor seen as VC - situation expected to change when they represent words, not villages.

"The committee system is not working as planned. Committee men appear to have authority in the villages but seem to dabble in matters outside the planned scope i.e. big meetings to discuss concery etc. So far no Committee men have attended Council meetings."

Tufi school - now 2 European teachers (Primary '7')
 (- Sinei closed?)

ADC - H. G. de C. Milne.

1963/64

Mr. Wiseman & Mr. Sherwin (Asst. Registrar of Cooperatives & Co-operative Office) set up the 3 coops in May 1964.

Half-Yearly Reports

April - Sept. 1963

Coops - money collecting & meetings going on about sites & activities

Suspects that money being hoarded in village instead of banked & wishes to break down this system.
 Elementary at Urahu *

② April - Nov. 1962. ✓

③ April - Sept. 1961

Keeping Combs as Clerical Assist.

No documents ~~that~~ exist for land donations at UIAHU 320 &
SINAPA - 14,980

④ April - Sept. 1960 ✓

Welfare Officer Miss Jefferson
- Welfare Patrols

Letter about Rebecca being employed as Welfare assistant 31/3/67

Letter from The Gallop, Lae asking about ~~topa~~ for Women's Clubs
13/12/66

Single Girls Course at Higatara July/Aug. 1966
- attended by Temuniah, Rose & Mary Rose Uiahu

Women's Club Leaders Course - Tufi
- Bridget Sari very noticeable.
also Agnes Dabako, Rose Singpa
Hygiene, nutrition, cooking, sewing

Land Purchases

Bought land behind Urayue and Wanigela at 3d. an acre
(Hampshire) - A. J. Thompson who banked the money complained
that it was an absurd price. Replied that he had paid more
than customary, the Government had little money & locals were
satisfied.

- area of 20,000 acres inland from Wanigela

& split into 4 sections of 5,000 acres leased ~~to~~ (requested)

Dr. David Guthrie Hunter of Eastwood NSW 6/3/30

Mrs. M. McGown of Elizabeth Bay NSW 7/2/31

J. L. Finegan esq Macartha Inst., Sydney 7/2/31

- for sugar plantation.

Sugarlands Ltd.