

THE BLATCHFORD COLLECTION - 1946

For 1946 information concerning the Sogeri Education Centre refer to 'R. C. Ralph, The Development of the Sogeri Education Centre As a Teacher Training Institution' located under '1944 Pre and Post-War Summaries

Trusteeship Council, Questionnaire, undated. Part I Introductory Descriptive Section, Part II Status of the Territory and Its Inhabitants.

JK Murray, Administration Policy, 25 January 1946. Script for New Guinea film. Quotes Mandate. Education and language important.

Department of External Territories, Native Education Papua-New Guinea, 14 February 1946. £31,497 spent on Native Education to year ending 30/6/41. Gives history of approach to education. Teach English. Current plans.

United Church, Draft of Report to Government on Education, Medical etc, 22 February 1946. 5 pages. Vernacular. Assisted Primary Schools. Curriculum. Boarding Schools. Printing. Medical. Transport. Mails. Radio. Flying Doctor.

JK Murray to WC Groves, 6 March 1946. Telegram to Groves: 'Am very glad to know of your appointment, which will assist the Administration very greatly in realising its objectives.'

JR Halligan to WC Groves, 6 March 1946. Halligan informs Groves that his application for Director of Education successful.

Methodist Mission, Suggestions for Consideration of Matters Affecting Missions and Government in Eastern Papua, April 1946. 4 pages. Vernacular. Assisted Primary Schools. Curriculum. Boarding Schools. Technical Subjects. Printing. Mission Trainees and Outside Employment. Suggestions re Government Aid to Schools.

AH Buckland, Papuan Central Training School Report January – March 1946, 3 April 1946. Staff (European and Native), Enrolments, Organization, Royal Papuan Constabulary (classes for them), Agriculture, Medical and Hygiene, Sports and Amenities, Religions, Supplies and Transport, General.

AH Buckland, Papuan Central Training School Report April 1946, 5 May 1946. Same structure as above.

Groves Collection Box 5 file 28, 5 - 20 May 1946. Groves received LWOP from Victorian Education Department to go to PNG from 7 - 20 May, 'in connection with establishing the Department of Education and preparation of financial estimates.'

WC Groves, Proposed Organisation and Functions of the Department of Education, 16 May 1946. Groves consulted Government Secretariat and Heads of Departments on 'broad policy.' A 12-page paper was submitted to Administrator for his consideration with copies to Heads. Paper went to meeting between Minister and Missionary reps in Sydney 1 July. Groves won't be avail to take up appoint until June. He wants more money and a couple of Education Officers to assist him.

ASOPA, Syllabus of the Short Course, June 1946. 4 pages detailing content and number of lectures in the following areas: Comparative Colonial Education, Anthropology, Geography, Tropical Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Scientific Method, Elementary Medicine, Practical Admin, Law and Government, Machinery of Administration, Pidgin English and Papuan Languages.

June 1946. Note: The Australian Government established a Provisional Civil Administration which took control of the whole of Papua and a portion of New Guinea in October 1945, the remainder being taken over in June 1946.

AH Buckland, Papuan Central Training School Report April 1946, 5 June 1946. Same structure as 5 May.

JR Kerr to JK Murray, 6 June 1946. Mills has suggested a School (ASOPA) Journal. Wants 400 words from Murray and list of people to receive Journal.

JK Murray to JR Kerr, 25 June 1946. Murray forwards his Journal article. 'The almost universal acceptance of the idea that the interests of the natives are paramount...is found to be lip service.' ASOPA prepares and orients people for PNG. 'There has been no development of greater consequence in the history of the Territory (to meet this need) than the formation of ASOPA.' Mentions the South Seas Regional Commission, Australian Medical School, agriculture, need for English, exploration, and dovetailing the NG economy into the Australian economy.

Commonwealth of Australia, Territory of Papua. Annual Report for the Period 1 July 1946 to 30 June 1947. Commonwealth of Australia, Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on the Administration of the Territory of New Guinea from 1 July 1946 - 30 June 1947.

Commonwealth of Australia, Discussions with Representatives of Mission Organisations, Sydney, 1 July 1946. Minister Ward, PNG Director of Education Groves, PNG Director of Health Gunther, and J Brack (Department of External Territories) met with 22 mission representatives in Sydney for a preliminary discussion of plans prepared by the Director of Education. Further discussions to be held in the Territory. 6 page summary of plan and discussion. Plan approved in principle.

AH Buckland, Papuan Central Training School Report June 1946, 5 July 1946. Same structure as 5 May.

AP Elkin, General Notes as a Result of My Recent Visit to Papua, New Guinea, 13 July 1946. Was encouraged by the outline of policy and the present degree of its implementation. Almost total neglect of Education by the previous Administrator. Essential to set up some Administration schools asap. Desire of natives to be taught English.

AH Buckland, Papuan Central Training School Report July 1946, 5 August 1946. Same structure as 5 May.

JK Murray to JE Jones, 24 August 1946. Director of Education expected to arrive today. Housing shortage in Port Moresby.

JK Murray to Chairman Methodist Overseas Mission Papua, 31 August 1946. Camilla Wedgwood a lecturer at ASOPA undertaking a survey of education activities in Papua with approval of Minister.

Staff Conference of Heads of Departments on Occasion of the Visit of Mr JR Kerr Principal of ASOPA, 5 September 1946. Subject was ASOPA and its relationship with PNG. School would be associated with the School of Pacific Studies in the National University. Gives history of school. Established by Cabinet decision. At Duntroon by Army Directorate of Research with intention to convert to civilian school. JK Murray was first Chief Instructor. Gives history and proposed developments. Lists members of the interim Council. 6 pages.

CH Wedgwood, Papua: Reports on the Mission Schools – Anglican Mission, Visited August/September 1946. 16 pages.

WC Groves to All District Officers, Native Education, 26 September 1946. No comprehensive plan for education yet. Meanwhile Groves proposes to appoint an Area Education Officer to each District. A conference to be held with Missions in

October. Groves proposes, in 1947, to establish Area schools enrolling up to 100 students at each at Rabaul, Morobe, Wewak, Madang and possibly New Ireland. Two European teachers at each. Also Technical Training Centres at Lae, Rabaul, Port Moresby and Madang or Wewak. Three European staff for each. Asks District Officers to find buildings for the schools and houses for the staff, desks, etc.

WC Groves, Organisation and Functions: Department of Education, 4 October 1946. 23 pages. Approved in principal by Administrator and Minister. Nucleus of a departmental HQ organisation has been established. Teaching staff being sought by advertisements. Start made on drafting legislation and curricula. Outlines: A. General Matters. B. Organisation and Administration: 1. Divisions of Educational Organisation: General Division, Technical Training, Special Services, and Female Education. 2. Standards of Education and Types of Institutions: Native (Sub-Primary, Village, Area), European, Chinese. C. Relations Between Government and Missions in Education: The Area Ed Officer, Curriculum and Research, Broadcasting, Publications. Appendix lists rates of pay, HQ Structure, Estimates for 1946-47.

Administration Missions Conference, Record of Proceedings, 10-12 October 1946. Lists all participants. Murray said 'to lay the foundations of co-operation and give the Missions an opportunity to learn the Administration policy and proposals for development. In the fields of education, health and agriculture. Education was main subject of the conference. Wealth of information on education available overseas. Intended to set up an Education Advisory Committee which would include Missions, women and later natives. Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme. Missions to be given copies of syllabus for various schools. Much disagreement concerning Government to train teachers. Catholics against. Others want a period of theological training. Education of girls discussed. Instruction to be in vernacular in village schools and English in higher schools. Bishop Strong moved a message to the Prime Minister and Minister for External Territories 'expressing its sincere appreciation of the policy for Education, Health, Agriculture and Rehabilitation as outlined to it.'

Administration Missions Conference, Draft Agenda - Education, 10-11 October 1946. Includes background papers from the 4 October Organisation and Functions paper.

JK Murray to All Members of the Public Service, The Organisation of the Administration in Papua-New Guinea with Special Reference to the Powers, Functions and Responsibilities of District Officers in Relation to the Various Technical Officers Posted to District Staffs, 11 October 1946. Outlines the pecking order. Mainly focused on duties of District Officers. 7 pages.

JK Murray to The Secretary Department of External Territories, Courses at the Australian School of Pacific Administration, 11 October 1946. All officers need at least 4 months at ASOPA or Sydney University. Murray needs another 100 patrol officers as new areas being opened. E.g. Central Highlands.

JH Jones, Circular Instruction CA 7. 14 October 1946. Says Commissioners and District Officers are in charge of all Government activities in their respective spheres.

WR Humphries to JK Murray, 5 November 1946. Murray in Canberra. Humphries wants Murray to ask Minister to appoint Humphries as Director of District Services. He is now Director of Native Labour.

JK Murray to WR Humphries, 11 November 1946. From Canberra Murray informs Humphries that Minister has approved appoint of Jones as acting Director of District Services.

JK Murray to C Wedgwood, 11 November 1946. Murray in Canberra, Wedgwood in Papua. Murray looking forward to Wedgwood's report. Murray hoping to go to Tasmania for a break.

Note: An information paper was sent Tasmanian newspapers on 18 November informing them Murray there. Gives some PNG background.

Examination of the Organisation of the Australian School of Pacific Administration, 23 December 1946. Examines the history, present position and future needs and makes suggestion concerning relationship between the School and the National University, the academic program for next 5 years, and necessary financial arrangements. Lists staff. 13 pages.