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EXAMINATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE TRUST TERRITORY
OF NAURU FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 1961

PART II

Supplementary information submitted by the Administering
Authority on developments in the Territory since
30 June 1961

Note: The attached statement follows the arrangement of the annual report of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia as Administering Authority for the Trust Territory of Nauru and covers topics dealt with in Parts I to VIII of the report. Page references appearing in the statement are to the pages of the 1960-61 annual report.

Part I

Population (page 10)

The Nauruan population has increased from 2,467 at 30 June 1961 to 2,497 at 31 March 1962. These figures include absentee Nauruans. Break-up of the population figures by sex at 31 March 1962, was 1,293 males and 1,204 females.

Part III

International and Regional Relations (page 11)

The Territory's delegation to the Fifth South Pacific Conference in American Samoa in July next will comprise three Nauruans who are members of the Nauru Local Government Council. They are:

A. Bernicke (Council Secretary)

Delegate

J.A. Bop

Alternate delegate

R. Gadabu (Council Treasurer)

Adviser

Matters to be discussed include training in business methods; the improvement of agricultural production; the role of women in the community; ways of obtaining a balance between social and economic development, and adult education schemes and general problems of education in the Territories.

Three Nauruan women represented the Territory at the Women's Interests Training Seminar held at Apia, Western Samoa, between 29 August and 21 September 1961, under the auspices of the South Pacific Commission.

Among the matters considered were social and economic factors affecting family and community life; educational needs within the area, including vocational and technical training; marital, professional and political status of women; facts relating to welfare-promoting agencies and similar available resources; and community and family needs.

A Nauruan woman will represent Nauru at the Sixtieth Anniversary celebrations of the Girls' Life Brigade movement to be held in Britain commencing 16 June 1962.

Part IV

International Peace and Security - Police Force (page 11)

The two first class constables who left Nauru for training at Narsova Police College, Fiji, in May 1961, returned to Nauru on 23 December after satisfactorily completing their six months' course.

During February-March 1962, a police constable undertook a six weeks' training course in police photography in Australia.

Two constables were awarded the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

In October 1961, a weekly class in English was commenced for prison inmates. The classes which have continued to date are attended voluntarily.

Part V

Political advancement

Chapter 2 - Territorial Government (page 12)

The Administrator, Mr. J.P. White, left Nauru on 22 January 1962 on leave prior to the expiration of his appointment. Mr. F.W. McConaghy acted as

Administrator from that date. (Mr. R.S. Leydin, O.B.E., former Administrator of Norfolk Island, took up duty as Administrator on 1 June 1962.)

Chapter 3 - Local Government (page 12)

At a Nauru Local Government Council by-election held on 23 December 1961, Mr. Kennan Adeang Dareragea, a Public Service Works Foreman, was elected as a second councillor for the districts of Baiti, Uaboe, Nibok and Denigomodu. The vacancy occurred when Mr. Buraro Detudamo resigned to take up the position of Nauru Co-operative Society Buying Agent in Melbourne. (See notes on Part VI, Section 4, Chapter 2.)

Ordinances made during the period under review were The Expulsion of Undesirables Ordinance (No. 2) 1961, Dangerous Drugs Ordinance 1961, and Survey Ordinance 1961. The Public Service Ordinance 1962 which is effective from 30 June 1961, was made on 3 April 1962. It amends the principal Ordinance in respect of public holidays to be observed and increases the amount of prescribed recreation leave from twelve to eighteen days.

The Dangerous Drugs Ordinance 1961 effected minor amendments to the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance to bring the definition of dangerous drugs into conformity with the terms of the 1931 International Convention on Narcotic Drugs.

The Survey Ordinance 1961 makes provision for regulating the making of surveys on Nauru. It provides for the registration of surveyors, the licensing of Field Officers and details procedures to be followed in making surveys. The accuracy with which surveys may be made is no longer a matter for the discretion of the individual surveyor, but is now fully governed by law. This will have the benefit of ensuring that a uniform standard in surveys is maintained regardless of when or by whom such surveys are carried out.

Chapter 4 - The Public Service (page 14)

A Nauruan who had been trained on the Island in survey work was licensed as a Field Officer under Section 5 of the Survey Ordinance on 18 November 1961. He is the first Nauruan to have authority to carry out cadastral surveys on Nauru on his own responsibility.

A Nauruan trainee Postmaster commenced under-studying the Australian Postmaster on 10 July 1961. At present his training has progressed to the stage where he is controlling the Post Office under the general supervision of the Postmaster.

Chapter 7 - The Judiciary (page 15)

During the period, one Nauruan and one Australian were commissioned as Magistrates of the Central Court. The composition of magistrates of the Central Court is now three Nauruans and four Australians.

The District Court now consists of two Nauruan and two Australian magistrates. One Australian was appointed as Magistrate of the District Court during the period under review.

Part VI

Economic Advancement

Section I, chapter I - Public Finance

Capital expenditure by the Administration for the nine months under review was as follows:

	£
Hospitals	424
Office fittings and equipment	428
Police and Prisons	574
Radio services	56
Road sealing	2,146
Schools	9,597
Staff housing	3,908
Works Department (improvement to depot and equipment)	1,789
Miscellaneous - minor new works	<u>1,242</u>
Total	<u>£20,164</u>

(The above table does not include expenditure incurred overseas from January to March 1962.)

The following tables show the expenditure and revenue by the Nauru Local Government Council from 1 July 1961 to 31 March 1962:

(a) From the Nauru Royalty Trust Fund

	£
Administrative	10,260
New works	674
New houses	2,121
Repairs and maintenance	2,078
Social and community services	19,527
Miscellaneous	<u>613</u>
Total	<u>£35,273</u>

(b) Credited to the Nauruan Royalty Trust Fund

	£	£
Council Revenue	11,007	11,007
Royalties:		
New houses	13,645	
General purposes	<u>31,839</u>	<u>45,484</u>
Total		<u>£56,491</u>

The balance of the Nauru Royalty Trust Fund Account at 31 March 1961 was £44,396. This was made up of the following:

	£	
Balance of Nauru Royalty Trust Fund Account at 30 June 1961	23,176	
Revenue from 1 July 1961 to 31 March 1962	<u>56,492</u>	
Loss Expenditure	<u>79,668</u>	35,273
Balance	<u>£44,395</u>	

Section 3, chapter I - General (page 17)

The following statements indicate the position of the Nauru Landowners Royalty Trust Fund and Nauru Royalty Community Trust Fund at 31 March 1962:

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(a) Nauru Landowners Royalty Trust Fund

	£
Balance at 1 June 1961	201,405
Royalties and interest	<u>29,281</u>
Balance at 31 March 1962	<u>£230,686</u>

(b) Nauru Royalty Community Trust Fund

Balance at 1 June 1961	515,185
Royalties and interest	<u>50,123</u>
Balance at 31 March 1962	<u>£565,308</u>

Phosphate shipments from 1 July 1961 to 31 March 1962 amounted to 1,148,775 tons. The f.o.b. price of phosphate per ton remained at £2/4/-.

Section 4, chapter 2 - Commerce and Trade (page 19)

Mr. Buraro Detudamo departed from Nauru on 3 November 1961 to take up a position in Melbourne as Buying Agent for the Nauru Co-operative Store. Office space, induction training and initial housing accommodation were arranged for him by the British Phosphate Commissioners. Under this new buying arrangement, Nauru Co-operative Store purchasing in Australia will be carried out by a Nauruan, thus dispensing with the previously used channels of the Administration and an Australian buying agent.

NAURU CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY (Appendix XIV, page 72)

The trading and profit and loss account for the year ended 30 June 1961, which was unavailable at the time of printing of the 1960-1961 report, is given in the following table:

Trading and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 30 June 1961

	£		£
Stock, 1 July 1960	26,645	Sales	125,128
Buying, freight and warehousing	108,307	Profits, other ventures	2,020
Retailing and Administration	14,392	Sundry revenue	184
Losses, other ventures	1,314	Stock, 30 June 1961	26,186
Profit for the year	<u>2,860</u>		
	<u>£153,518</u>		<u>£153,518</u>

Balance Sheet at 30 June 1961

<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
£	£	£	£
Capital Account	56,705	Cash on hand and at bank	7,715
Profit for the year	<u>2,860</u> 59,565	Deposits on orders	14,470
Sundry creditors	10,614	Sundry debtors	4,697
		less reserve	<u>750</u> 3,947
		Stock on hand store	26,186
		Other ventures	<u>815</u> 27,001
		Furniture and equipment	1,233
		Machinery and vehicles	1,411
		Buildings	<u>14,402</u>
	<u>£70,179</u>		<u>£70,179</u>

Section 4, chapter 3 - Land and Agriculture (page 19)

The period allowed for claims for moneys available from the former German wireless station lands closed on 6 November 1961. Seventy-nine claims were registered, one of which was subsequently withdrawn. The committee appointed to determine these claims has held a preliminary meeting and will be sitting in the near future. Hitherto it has not been possible to constitute the committee due to the absence of the government Surveyor on extended leave followed by absences of Head Chief and the Administrative and Nauruan Affairs Officer from the island.

Section 4, chapter 4 - Livestock (page 21)

During February 1962, a project aimed at improving the standard of livestock on the island was commenced. Selected strains of poultry have been imported and are now located in an experimental farm area on administration-leased land where it is planned to establish a hatchery.

A Berkshire boar has been imported for stud purposes for cross-breeding with the White Yorkshire - that is common on Nauru.

In charge of the project is a Nauruan who returned to Nauru in January 1962 after studying agriculture in Australia for three years. During the latter part of his course he specialized in animal husbandry. He now occupies a new temporary position of Inspector (Stock and Agriculture).

Section 4, chapter 9 - Roads (page 24)

Bituminous sealing of the road connecting the Administration Settlement with the Main Island Road was completed in November 1961.

During the nine months ended 31 March 1962, a further one and a half miles of main road encircling the island was sealed. Work is continuing on the remaining section of unsealed road in the Ijuw District.

Section 4, chapter 10 - Public Works (page 25)

In addition to a heavy maintenance programme, the Works Branch completed the following projects in the nine months under review:

- (a) the construction of kindergarten and grade I schools in the Meneng and Anetan districts;
- (b) the building of an extension wing consisting of two classrooms and a storeroom to the secondary school;
- (c) the construction of duplex quarters to provide additional accommodation at the single officers' mess; and
- (d) the erection of the three final bays of a nine-bay bus garage at the Work Depot.

Work is proceeding at present on the construction of a new married officers' quarters to accommodate additional teaching staff, and on an additional five-prison cells.

Part VII

Social Advancement

Chapter I - Non-governmental Organizations

Thirteen Nauruan Rover Scouts travelled from Nauru to attend the Seventh World Rover Moot held in Australia between 27 December and 7 January 1962. The Moot was also attended by other Nauruans who were residing in Australia at the time.

Chapter 6 - Standards of Living (page 29)

There was no movement in the Nauruan basic wage following its review in December 1961. The Nauruan Workers' Organization submitted its views on the structure and extent of the present regimen and on the general principles underlying the current system of determining a basic wage for Nauruans. After considering the relative views of the Nauruan Workers' Organization and the Administration on this matter, the Minister for Territories approved of the appointment of a Commissioner of Enquiry who made an investigation on Nauru of the Nauruans Workers' Organization claims. The Enquiry was concluded on 31 May. (The Commissioner's report is awaited.)

Chapter 7 - Public Health (page 30)

The Nauruan graduate of the Suva Medical School who took up duty as Assistant Dental Officer in April 1961 left Nauru on 18 January 1962 to commence a degree course in dentistry at the University of Queensland. He has been accepted as a second-year student in recognition of his Suva qualifications.

The Nauruan student who commenced his training as an Assistant Medical Practitioner at the Suva Medical School in February 1961, was successful in passing the first year of his course.

A Nauruan Assistant Medical Practitioner undertook a six months' training course in anaesthetics at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. He returned to Nauru in January 1962.

A Nauruan who has been employed as a temporary laboratory assistant at the Administration Hospital, qualified for entrance to the laboratory technicians' training course at the Suva Medical School. He commenced this training in 1962.

A course of first aid lectures held in the latter half of 1961 resulted in eight members of the Police Branch qualifying for the First Aid Badge of the St. John's Ambulance Association. Instruction was given by a Nauruan Medical Practitioner assisted by a Nauruan sergeant of police. The examinations, the first of their kind to be held on Nauru, were conducted by the Government Medical Officer. This year, another course of twenty-two-hour lectures has commenced with an enrolment of twenty-five persons who are employed in the Police Force, the Nauru Administration Hospital, the Nauruan Affairs Section and the Education Branch.

There were 130 births in the period from 1 July 1961 to 31 March 1962. These included 97 Nauruans, 6 Chinese, 17 "Other Pacific Islanders" and 9 Europeans.

There were 13 deaths during the same period; 9 Nauruans, 1 Chinese and 3 "Other Pacific Islanders".

Chapter II - Housing (page 33)

Water Supply

During March 1962, agreement was reached between the Nauru Local Government Council, the British Phosphate Commissioners and the Administration on the type of water storage and reticulation facilities to be installed in type 2 Nauruan houses. The Nauru Manager has been asked by the Administration to commence the installations at the earliest possible date. The necessary materials for this work are on the island.

Electricity Supply

The Nauru Local Government Council has been asked to consider the terms of a draft agreement between the British Phosphate Commissioners and the Nauru Local Government Council for the supply of electricity to Nauruan homes and other approved buildings within the districts.

Part VIII

Educational Advancement

Chapter I - General Education System (page 34)

There were 1,153 children enrolled at island schools at 31 March 1962:

(a) Administrative Schools

(i) Kindergarten and primary	643
(ii) Secondary	<u>173</u>
	<u>816</u>

(b) Mission Schools

(i) Kindergarten and primary	245
(ii) Secondary	<u>92</u>
	<u>337</u>
	<u>1,153</u>

Building Improvements

Building improvements, other than those mentioned under part VI, chapter 10, have included the erection of boundary walls with gates and the development of school gardens.

The Sacred Heart Mission has added one primary grade and two secondary grade classrooms to its school. Two further classrooms for secondary grades are at present in an advanced stage of construction.

Chapter 2 - Primary schools (including kindergarten schools) (page 37)

(a) Kindergarten and grade I schools

Staff turnover has created difficulties in administering the education programme at this level. It was necessary to make seven appointments to replace wastage during the nine months' period. All replacements were untrained.

A vehicle has been allocated to the guidance teacher and this has enabled her to carry out more effective supervision of these schools.

A Mothers' Club has been successfully established at Boe Kindergarten, and attempts are being made to establish similar auxiliaries at other schools.

(b) Consolidated Primary School

An additional fully trained Nauruan teacher joined the staff of the school in 1962 making a total of three trained Nauruan teachers instructing at primary level.

Nauruan kindergarten and primary teachers were given two short refresher courses during the periods of the second term holidays and the Christmas vacation. In addition, primary teachers were given a special series of history lectures in the third term in 1961. The normal weekly lectures on teaching methods continued throughout the period.

A school reading room was established. This will form the nucleus for the development of a full school library.

The issue of Australian School Papers Grades III, IV, V and VI was introduced and the use of the New South Wales Introductory Readers at grade II and III levels was commenced. Other new approaches to improving English fluency, comprehension and vocabulary included picture talks, picture compositions and morning diaries.

A special class for retarded children has been established.

Chapter 3 - Secondary Schools (page 38)

At the beginning of the 1962 school year, six vacancies existed on the school staffing establishment - five new offices and one replacement vacancy. At 31 March these vacancies were filled with two permanent appointees; three Australian temporaries who are married women and are fully qualified teachers; and one Nauruan transferred from the Primary school. Three qualified expatriate teachers have been appointed and took up duty in May 1962.

This year the school curriculum has been expanded to enable students with ability in technical subjects to concentrate on the development of technical skills. Mathematics has been introduced as a new subject for the Intermediate examination. A fully trained art teacher has commenced instructing at the school this year.

Chapter 4 - Overseas and Higher Education (page 39)

Scholarships

The number of Administration Scholarships for secondary schooling in Australia was increased from eight to twelve for the 1962 school year. The increase occurred in the lower age group in which eight scholarships were offered. The scholarship winners, six boys and six girls are now studying in Australia. Before leaving Nauru they were given comprehensive instructions in Australian customs and social deportment. The students and their parents were interviewed with a view to establishing correct attitudes and a favourable motivation towards work in Australian schools. The wishes of the parents were taken fully into account in allocating the students to schools. Four are studying in Victoria and eight in New South Wales.

Fifteen scholarship holders from previous years are still studying in Australia, eight in Victoria and seven in New South Wales.

Results of Australian Public Examinations 1961

Nauruans passed the following Australian public examinations for the 1961 school year:

Matriculation	1
Leaving Certificate	1
New South Wales Intermediate Certificate	5
*Victorian Intermediate Certificate	3
Technical Intermediate	2
*Victorian Junior Certificate	13

Cadetship Results 1961

Of the three Nauruans who were granted cadetships in 1961 for university study, two failed the first year of their courses and are now employed in the Accounts and Public Health sections of the Administration. The third is continuing his course in Civil Engineering at the University of Melbourne.

Of the two other cadets in tertiary study during 1961, one qualified for registration as a teacher and is now teaching on Nauru; the other who was studying agriculture did not complete the 1961 academic year due to a serious illness. He is now employed as an Inspector (Stock and Agriculture) in charge of the livestock improvement programme on Nauru.

One cadet teacher who returned to commence teaching on Nauru in 1961 with one subject of his teaching course to complete, was successful in this subject in the 1961 final examinations.

* Examinations conducted on Nauru.

New Cadetships and Vocational Training Courses awarded for 1962

The new cadetships and vocational training courses awarded to Nauruans for the 1962 Academic year are as follows:

Dentistry (Laboratory Techniques)	2
Teaching	1
Commerce:	
Degree course	1
Technical course	1
Diploma course	1
Nursing	1
Radio Technician	1
Carpentry	1
Shorthand-Typing	2

Chapter 7 - Adults and Community Education (page 41)

Adult Education Classes

Evening classes in English for adults have been expanded into four stages: Aural/Oral English, Stages 1 and 2; Understanding English, Stage 3 and Self-Expression in English, Stage 4. The 1962 enrolment for Adult Education classes in English is approximately eighty.
