

# FOR TOWNSHIP

Moranbah, aboriginal meaning "Native Boy", is the name chosen by the Belyando Shire Council for the new township to serve the Goonyella and Peak Downs coal mines. The Parish and property on which the township will be situated is called by the same name.

Utah recommended Council to make a selection of one of the following names Moranbah, Morambah and Moranba.

## APOLLO OUT

Cr Barrett asked why the name Apollo had not been considered. The Chairman, Cr Bennett replied that interviews with representatives of Utah had proved that they preferred not to have Americanism connected with the naming of the town.

## WHY NOT GOONYELLA?

Cr Turner said he could not see why there should be any change in the name from Goonyella which is the name referred to for the area.

The Chairman said one of the mines was called Goonyella and the town of the same name would be confusing.

Cr Turner pointed out we had the town of Blair Athol and the mine called Blair Athol Coal and Timber Coy.

## LOCAL EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE

The Blair Athol branch of the A.L.P. has requested council to approach Utah Development Coy to give preference of employment to persons who are resident in the Belyando Shire.

## PUBLIC "IN THE DARK"

Cr Barrett told council that the local public were "in the dark" as to Utah's plans for the new township of Moranbah. There was not enough publicity through the media of the local newspaper. Utah should be requested to advertise in this area as well as Mackay area for labour and material for building requirements.

Cr Turner told council it was most important that council pursue this to its fullest as to his knowledge he had already been informed that Utah had made negotiations in Mackay for steel for the construction of buildings. also carpenters from Mackay were forming partnerships in preparation to build homes at Moranbah and it appeared at the moment that the benefit of this development was going to Mackay.

Cr Bennett said he had been advised by Utah that advertisements would be in local paper in the near future catering for the employment of men in the initial construction at the mine.

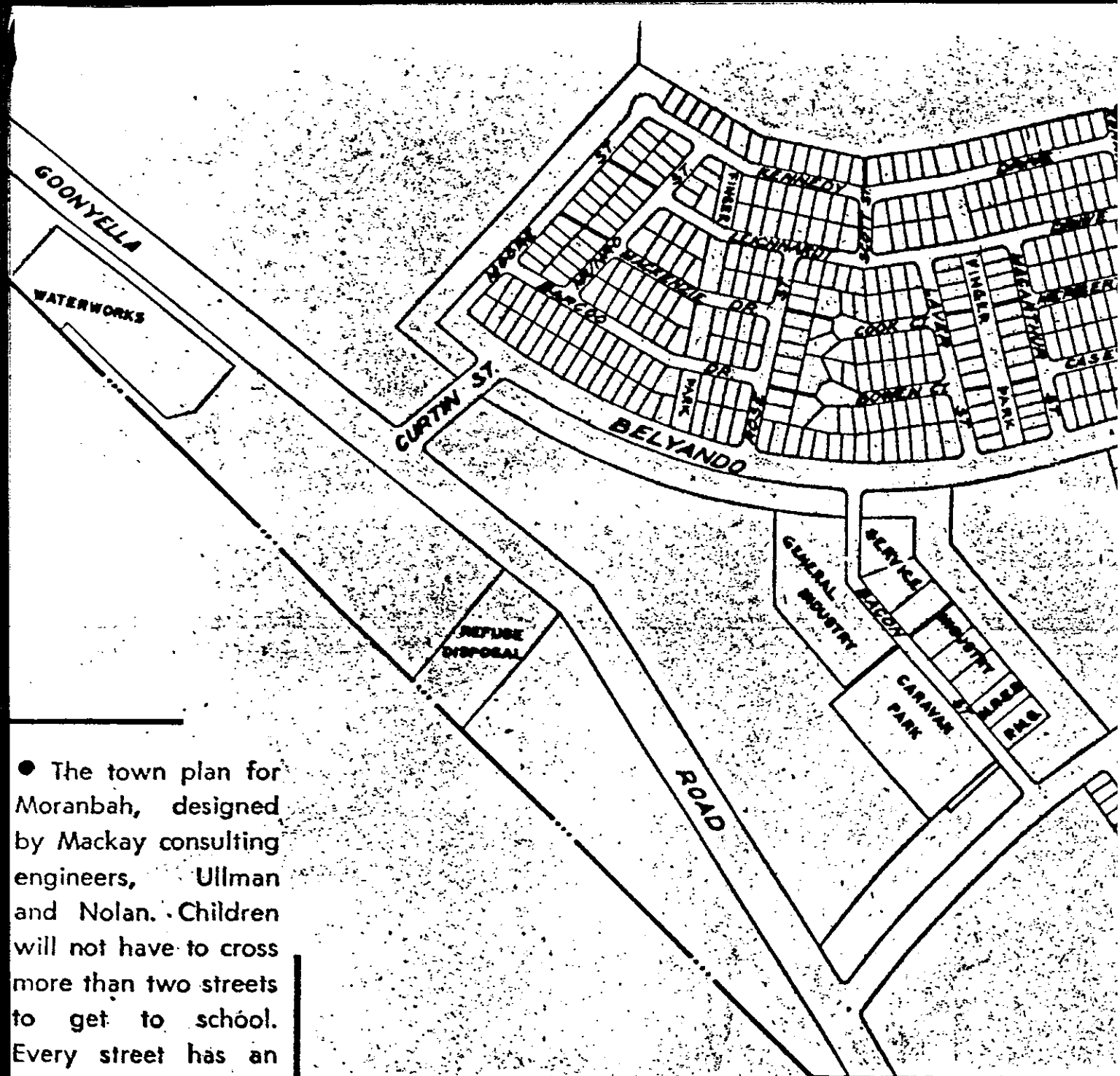
## WATER FOR NEW TOWNSHIP

Utah will draw water for Moranbah township from the Eungella Dam. The company requires a capacity of 4,000 acre feet per year. Supplement water may be obtained from the catchment areas of Isaac and Mackenzie Rivers if a proposed weir is constructed 2½ miles downstream from the Isaac River bridge. The catchment area capacity will be 80,000 acre feet, two-thirds the size of the Fairbairn Dam.

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• The town plan for Moranbah, designed by Mackay consulting engineers, Ullman and Nolan. Children will not have to cross more than two streets to get to school. Every street has an Australian name — some honouring politicians and sportsmen.

**BUT WHERE DID**