

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The grand standard of basketball lately is attracting many spectators to the game and gaining an ardent team of followers

Last Monday night saw a tight game between the Gunavidgi ladies (yellow) and the Barada (pink) ladies. It resulted in the close score of 22 baskets to 17 with Gunavidgi just maintaining a lead. Once again Helen Williams starred making a deadly twosome with Rose - a new player. Connie was the highest scorer.

The second match between Gunavidgi (yellow) and the Red Baronesses (red) was another very fast and tight game. The Red Baronesses managed to double Gunavidgi's score after a very hard fight (40 to 20). The highest scorer for Red was Mandy and for yellow, Rose.

A big thanks to the umpires who were the big and little Jimmy Pascoes, Ray Hulla and Bobby Smith. It is good to see the umpires showing such a keen interest in the rules of the game.

Also a pat on the back for the Messrs. Cuthbert and Soutter for their spot-on scoring. Stirling job there.

A COACHING AND RULES MEETING : will be held this Friday evening after the store closes. All the big women, little women and non interested in umpiring please come.

It is a good opportunity for those who want to make a start in learning the rules, as soon there may be big moves for graded umpires tests and certificates.

Jimmy Matjirra and Jimmy Glulina will run the show on Friday night.

#### NEXT WEEK'S DRAW :-

- Match (1) Red Baronesses play Barada (pink)  
 (2) Barada (pink) play Gunavidgi (yellow)

SCORERS - Noel Soutter and Ian Cuthbert

TIMEKEEPER - one of the above

UMPIRES -

Match (1) Tim Darcy and J. Pascoe

(2) Gladys Pascoe and J. Pascoe (Glulina)

MEN'S BASKETBALL COMPETITION  
TUESDAY 19/6/73

7 p.m. - Nakara vs. Caterpillar and Nakara won by 52 points beat a Caterpillar 50 points and also the Umpires were Raymond Nulla and Jimmy Cooper and scorer, B. Smith.

SECOND MATCH

8 p.m. - Chalkies vs. Pioneers. Chalkies beat Pioneers; the Chalkies' score was 58 points and Pioneers was 23 points. Second umpires were T. Darcy and J. Pascoc. I hope that is a very good and that the real game.

Remember all your players - don't forget just get your basketball uniforms to be like real teams.

J. Gluhina

# Public Holidays

FRIDAY, 27th July, 1973 - Darwin Show

MONDAY, 6th August, 1973 - N.T. Picnic Day

**HELP!** Find the lost and Missing



Lost - Approximately 2 weeks ago, between Sam Hill and Firetower Tail light lens for motor bike. Finder, please return to Forestry Office.



MISSING

One Stout Gooseberry on 22nd June.

ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND:

Duty Officer: Mr. GAWY

Duty Sister: Sister LEE

WOODLAND

JOTTINGS

The roads to Blyth Crossing and Stone Country are very wet after last weeks rain, and any travellers should take care.

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Construction on the new Fire Tower between the Cadell River and Bamboo Creek should commence this month; when completed it will be a great asset to us for location of fires in that area.

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Merv Mason is recovering from an operation on his legs. When fit he is being sent to Murganella to run their sawmill as they have some really good cypress over there.

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Would the boys who are stealing our tubes of soil from the nursery please stop or you will be reported to the police.

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Alf Dickfoss and John Reister had a very eventful trip down the Bulman track on the long weekend. Mechanical troubles and dirty fuel delayed their return until Monday night; they reported that the track was dry and traffickable though parts had been badly chopped up by buffalo. This weeks rain may make the road impassable for a couple of weeks.

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We hired Housing Associations backhoe last week for a small gravelling job and hope that we gain approval for a much larger contract that has been submitted to Forestry in Darwin. Many sections of road close to Maningrida are in poor condition and if this large contract is approved we will be gravelling all these trouble spots before next wet season.

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The Gudjerana crossing will be completely rebuilt this year to avoid the bad washaway as experienced last wet season; the crossing will be closed for about two weeks whilst reconstruction takes place but the alternative crossing at Goodwins bridge will be signposted to redirect four wheel drive traffic. Conventional drive vehicles will have to detour down to the 10 mile mark on the Cadell River road to travel through the fire break that goes to the North Takala Adorna Road.

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The Forestry Literary Circle did not receive any entries for the limerick competition so closing date has been extended to 30/6/73.

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RAMBLINGS

Senior Woodchuck Bill Hilliger returned to Darwin on 22/6/73.

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Junior Woodchuck "Thomo" had a flying visit on 12/6/73

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Junior Woodchuck Lance Webber has gone to Murganella for three weeks.

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Senior Woodchuck "Steady Eddy" walked back from Blyth River after getting bogged.

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Junior Woodchuck Frank Phillips is working in our workshop under Senior Woodchuck "Mr. Mac". We hope another "Steptoe" does not develop.

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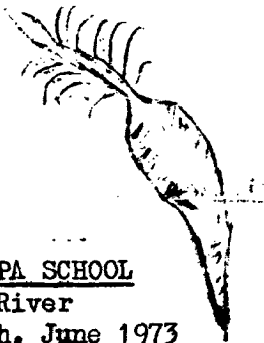
Senior Woodchuck Charles has won this weeks honour award. Charles received a gold badge and certificate as first prize in a rambling competition. Charles gained full marks as the Judges did not understand anything of what he said

## A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

We are helping all problems, stories, men and women. This would be the last couple of weeks ago, that the Editor of Maningrida Mirage wanted to finish and give up the collecting of stories etc. I wonder why he had to stop doing the job of this, and someone else could take his place if they are interested. Is it because of my story writing and not doing things? He said the Mirage is important Man's Community. That Friday night I was offered to read the article and it was very sad way of saying these words.

Then I went to the Editor to see if I could work and gather the Mirage and somebody will help me doing and arranging the printing etc. And after that, I went to Gladys Pascoe and she agreed to work with me together for a couple of months, But now please, anyone wanting to ask questions, you are welcome to ask the Editor.

Thank you to Noel and Shirley Scutter, Pat Christopher, Ian and Dawn Cuthbert, Clive and Lee McMahon and Charles Prince for helping us.



...Editor

LALARGIJIRRIIPA SCHOOL

via Blyth River

Tuesday 12th. June 1973

I will tell you a story about hunting that we went on Monday to Ngalpri-yinyera with my first mother and second mother and my families and two dogs named Anderabula and Mandjapana.

Anderabula was champion dog and good hunting for goanna. She caught 6 goannas. Before she caught 6 goannas I burnt a brown grass. My first mother Mary Dadbarlag digs some yukuda (bush potatoe) and goanna egg and yams and some dungonbara (grub) in the garmananal tree with an axes.

Some children Irene, Horace, Bruce, Cindy and I and some of the children were getting some bush greenfruit (nidjербulbalna) and after when we had finish our hunting we went back to cook near the road. Before we had cooked I counted all the foods and goanna meat. Bush potato was 14 and bush fruit was 101 and goanna was 6 and goanna eggs was 13 and dungonbara was 504 and we all had very good fun and happy.

Thats all I can say to you

- from Jeannie Gadumbura

## WUINING THE ECOWOGICAL BAWANCE

One bwright and thunny dawn  
while taking in thone air,  
I thpied a wittle birdy  
a hopping on my wawn.  
Twath thearching for thome thwap of food  
but the thearching theemed in vain,  
tho taking pity on the bird  
upon the thill I put thome bwead  
to feed the poor wee nite,  
and ath he came to have hith fiwl  
I thquashed hith pwetty head.



Bob Fisher

## DREAMMIN TURTLE STORIES AT WARGO

(1) In the early eternal dreamtime, turtle he came from long way back and then he made a big river all long around the north way. then he stop half way and he made big hole when wires come rough then water gose round and round then we called name of the place wargo. that my third name too. but my name little bit diffreent. they always call me wargowilli that my really name from my father. when women want to get some turtles. they say to devil spirit when long time ago they died our grandfather and grandmother, grandba, cusion, well, they always look after my country at wargo creek. when they go down there in the water. say bowi Im coming you people will give me some turtles I m angry. so they always get lots of the turtles.

These stories will go to legend books or Resource Centre.

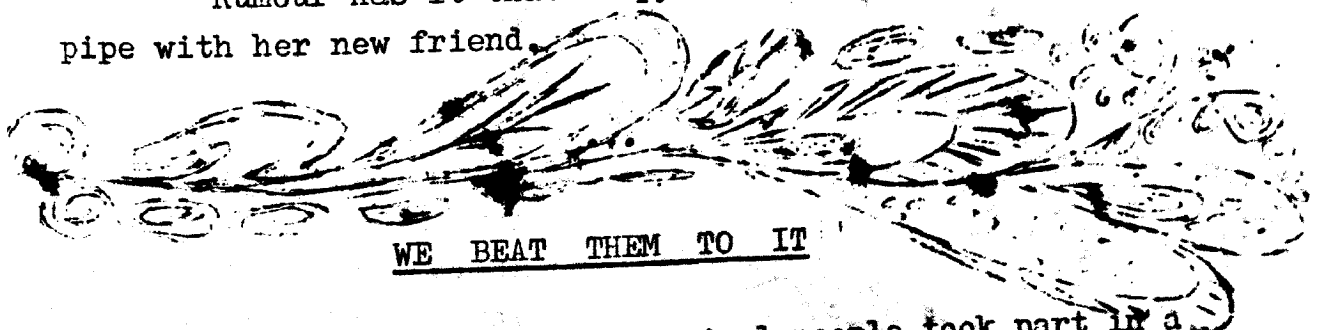


by Mr.G.R.Garawun.

### "TOPSY IN SYDNEY"

Topsy Marinya, a Burera lady from Cape Stewart, is a patient in the Prince Alfred Hospital Sydney. Topsy, an old lady, is the mother of Charlie Mulumbuk and Mary Girwara, mother of Terry Darwin, Betty Mandy Luke etc. Charlie and Mary went to Darwin with their mother and the doctors there told them that it would be best for Topsy to go to Sydney. At first Topsy was very sad in Sydney but after teaming up with the intrepid social worker, Mrs Helen Stutchbury, life is much happier.

Rumour has it that Tospay even offered to share her own pipe with her new friend.



### WE BEAT THEM TO IT

Eleven young Aboriginal people took part in a fashion parade during the recent Darwin Festival. The young people, most of them students at Kormilda, are from Bathurst Island, Wave Hill, Groote Eylandt, Santa Theresa Mission, Pine Creek and Elcho Island. They wore all kinds of clothes in front of the big crowds.

This parade was billed as "Australia's first all-aboriginal fashion parade" an incorrect billing if the fashion parade at our 1972 school fete is remembered, also the opening of our M.P.A. store.

.... Bob Stutchbury.

HOSPITAL NEWS

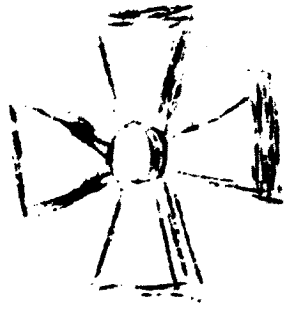
Baby, Emma, mother Agnes Waranbala was sent in to Darwin on Monday with her mother.

Fred Clark and Harry Marambuma to Darwin for check-ups.

Elsa, mother Agnes Waranbala followed her mother into Darwin today, fell and hurt her leg yesterday.

Mr. Mark got soaked at the Stone Country on Saturday. Very disappointed at missing out on a trip to Bulman.

Dr. Don Jacobs spent an enjoyable weekend at Kupunga



MANINGRIDA

CEREMONIES



Africa  
Alice Springs  
Papua  
Katherine  
Rum Jungle  
Macassar  
pacific

snakes  
trees  
frogs  
crocodiles  
turtles  
tortoises  
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London  
Tasmania  
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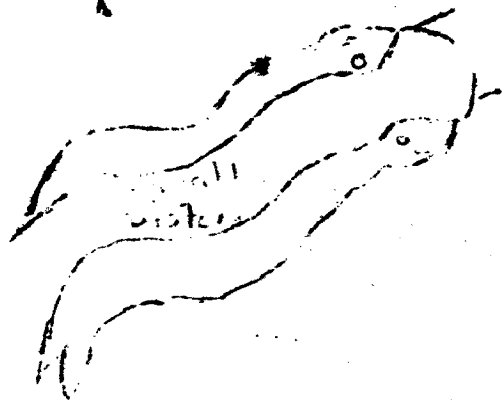


Initiation

Around the missions and settlements

Hornets

In this group(malla) as well as myself(I was only about 16 years old) there was a qupapinqu man (yol) called Wulula and the people of four different tribal languages(yan) 16 of us altogether. One of the malla was yiritja man Burinyila(skin bangodi malg now called Jimmy Burinyila who was my very best friend(wagal). We walking all the way so we know it would take a long time. We passed through at many different tribal countries (mulkuru).



First we came to the barada and marday country called Mallawurrba(the mainland Ngalitjipama people) now called Cape Stewart area. We saw only a few people living there and they showed us the way to go west(bara) following the beach(monatja) along the coastline to the timber country called Gumurrguyirri, which belongs to the Mardarra and Wellemenge people.



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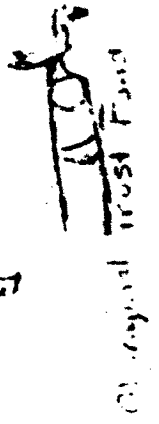
CEREMONIES



India  
 Holland  
 Mallaya  
 England  
 Singapore  
 Canada  
 Victoria

Mosquitoes  
 Sandflies  
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 Crabs  
 birds  
 fish

Sydney  
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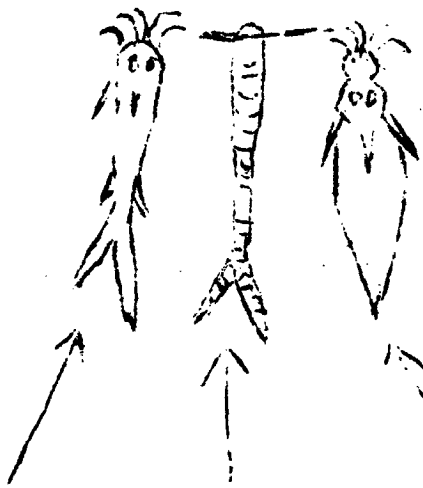


Bad

The Macassanis in Arnhem Land

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One year (Kunmal) my relatives(burrmenge) and I went out from Gadji Creek (manee) to Milingimbi mission (Kardubu). It was about Christmas time(djawal), although we didn't have anything like that (bellabellange), only the missionaries(monanga) at Milingimbi did that for their religion(manakay). While we were at mission (yantjarra), some of my countrymen (Kuriti) Jinang, Jinba, Wulaki, Militjinge, Dabi, Yarrme Gupapinga, Ganalpingu and a few other tribal languages(yan) were talking about going to Darwin. We called that place where Darwin is burrunga in Jinang name.



I decided that I would like to go with them but my mother(namberre) would not let me because it was too far away(bellay) so we set off after Christmas for Gadji Creek (Kandaburabura), but after going a little way, I sneaked away from camp(Kurrbi) and joined the people(malla) who were going to Darwin.

yiritjamoiety hollow log.

Dua totem Bone Pole

Both fresh and saltwater Catfish bark paintings

...JackMirritji

SAWMILL MIX-UP

Last month ago I gave it Clive McMahon the forestry mechanic to fixed my taperecorder so he knew the man who always fixed was Steve. Then the weeks past later Clive McMahon came passed my camp, I stopped there and asked him for my tape and he told me it ready fixed. So off we went to sawmill on last Saturday night.

We saw Johnny Balayia and Steve only two people and they gave us few drinks of beers but there are more people came from camp most of them councillors and some are ordinary men. They had stole from the clubs beers and the others were stealing from the sawmill. It was everybody all drunks and was fighting among themselves or tricking

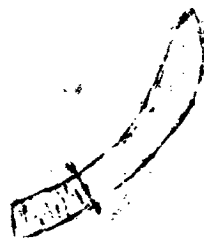
each other.

I was one of them and a man live there near the sawmill he had got knocked from me and Johnny Baliaya because I was not to fight or help the old man. While we fighting and the other men are stealing from back ground nobody was helped him that old man. I should tell these more story about that day we had done but maybe people will get shy or angry on me.

I apologies for my house and a truck, but what happened at the sawmill on last Saturday night? It was everybody all drunks and was fighting among themselves or stealing grog. I was one of them and a man live there, he had got knocked over his grog. I can only explain about myself that what I had done both wrong and right. He was fixed my taperecorder and I had to pay him the bark painting for his work he had done for me.

Now this is a true story. It happened to me at the sawmill and one boy took my knife away because I was afraid. I don't know why but I know that man took my knife and the trouble is not born to man.

..Jack Miritji



Village Council  
\* report

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MANINGRIDA ON 18/6/73 6pm

Cr Manyal say that all the children used shanghai its too dangerous for children.

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Cr Reila say that they get motor bike or tyre and bycle tube.

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Cr Manyal say that mother and father should look after they kids. He think they too lazy to look after they kids.

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Cr Reila ask President how any we can charge the children and he said only 50c if the next thing they do its \$1.00

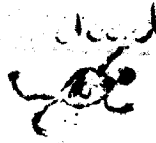
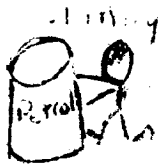
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President say like Silas wants to go Darwin if he comes back Police he wont open his case because he don't drink.  
President say some children been drawing around school and kitchen and hospital. If you do it again he will give you job to wash the walls.

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Cr Mulumuk say at Kuponga noone go in only A'original alowed to go but not white people.

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Cr Mangguja say last Friday he was taken by the Police but he was stopping the trouble. Next time Police you must ask the people who ever makes trouble and then you can take him away. Don't come and get him without ask you must ask question first before you take him.  
If you do it again we will send you back.

THIS LETTER FROM MAVIS MAWIRIJA - MEETING IS CLOSED 8.40PM





OUR SCHOOL 10 YEARS AGO

"Mr Doug Allom discussed school attendance with me, advising me to submit daily a list of children who are truants. Also the school playground was inspected with a view to determining the lines for a school fence. "

FOR THE MIRAGE

WARNING

In Maningrida some boys do smell patrol. I know some of the boy but I wont tell them. Its up to you. The patrol is stronger than anything else. When you smell patrol the patrol you smell will go inside then it will go inside it will burn your lungs then the blood will come out then in 2 hours or 1 hour then you will die. Its up to you go ahead smell it.

From Ben Pascoe Marrtjarra  
Grade six.

JEDDA G. SMITH

PATROL

SNIFFING

GRADE SIX

Last night some of the boys and girls were sniffing patrol. Daphne and her girls were sniffing patrol around school area. These boys were sniffing patrol in Mrs. Neales class and some in Mr. Stutchbury's class too. Some boys are very nice for patrol also girls too. I'm not very pleased with the patrol sniffing. I don't know how to sniff patrol. sorry everybody so dont tell on me. I am very stupid. Daphne was very silly with the boys and the boys were silly too. I don't like sniffing patrol.

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FROM RONNIE RANKIE BARAMALA - GRADE SIX

On Tuesday night Rexie and Stevon played for the chalkies. they played very hard even Mr. R. Pink was trying very hard and they beat the eagle. And the best player from chalkies were Mr Pink, Bobby, Jimmy and Steven and from eagle was Raymond Charlie and Jimmy Mason.

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PATROL SNIFFING

Yesterday I heard some boys sniffing patrol. Patrol is very bad if you sniff patrol you will burn your lungs and then blood would come out and you would die. I heard one story about patrol sniffing at Banyili, first the boy was sniffing in the bushes and then burnt his lungs and the blood came out and he died. please do not sniff patrol. If you sniff more you kill your self? - Bob Ninbahli

FOR THE BRIDGE.

Name: Audrey Said Jurl Jurl Caves

Grade 6.

In the afternoon some of the boys and girls are sniffling patrol. The boy name is Henry and the girl that I don't know her. And all so some of the boys cruel bird with bow arrow and some of the things. One boy who always had are trouble is Ross and Alan. Those children red well be in trouble with the police. The boys broke a light under are school building. I am tired of the boys and girls are sniffing patrol.

For the Mira e.

TRUCKS AND BUSES.

Grade six.

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Some men at Manin ride are stealers. When they go to the club they give their beer to their friends. Then he causes big trouble. When he get drunk a get very angry. At the weekends they go to Mr. Fonters house and down in the cellar they get two or three cartons of beer. Then they take it down the beach out in the bush. I think that men loves beer. I hated beer. When they steal and Mr. Cox find's out they pay \$20, \$40 or \$10, I heard that many times. I get sick and tired about men who steals beer. If I drink beer my custard brain light get red.

Name: Joy H. Mason.

Grade 6.

Friday, the 15th of June, 1973.

Last night soccer played with Caratu team and Mar t a won the game. Caratu 62 points and Lionsers 50 points. The good player was Terry, captain in Caratu team. The other good player was Ray Hallur in Lionsers team. Their was close game.

and last Monday I'a played with pink team and fog won the game. It was very good to see Monday night.

G ARMSTRONG TELLS

This afternoon I went out to Lawton, just north of Brisbane to visit Mr. Syd Kyle-Little who est blis'ed the trading post at Manin, side in 1949 and wrote the book "Whispering Wind".

Straight away I asked about his old friends Goodabond (Jocky Dundas Dundas) and Kaelibar (Johnny Maliba). Then his mind began to turn back across the 20 years in which he served as a Colonel in the British Army in Siam (fight a gainst the communists) and then in other S.E. Asian countries including Thailand, Vietnam and Hong Kong - to the Manin side of 24 years ago.

In a big photograph album there were photos of the trading post, men in boats, crocodiles (Jimbulla was the longest man) and patrols across the island. One photo showed a big fight up near the Blith River in which 3 men were killed. Syd Kyle-Little tried to stop the fight but the men would not listen until he fired his gun into the air several times. He learned of Last Round Island and how the party once dragged its anchor, and how he and Jocky had to swim after it (the anchor was on Last Round Island), and it was some time before they at last caught it and climbed aboard. By this time it was dark and that they had to find Johnny and Jimbulla who had been following them in the water some distance behind!

G.I. cont.

There was a hole too of men cutting down the trees for the first airstrip and when completed Shipley was the first to come in and land on it.

He believes that there were a good way one crocodile about in the waters of the Blith and Liverpool rivers in those days (when croc shooters did not come along the coast).

Syd has four boys - two older than school boys, another about 11 and the fourth is baby Benica (strangely the same name as baby's grandson). He would very much like to see Benica again as it is today and bring his two older boys to visit his friends and the country he once knew so well. He said,

"I went through some pretty memorable times in Malaya and got close to her there.... but there's been no one quite like Coombes..... we went through so much together."

G.I.

# READERS!

COME DOWN TO ENJOY - An hours reading in the library each Thursday from 7 to 8pm. Good books and magazines with plenty of pictures. Join the library and then you can take some books home with you to read at home too.

P.C.

**Maningrida Mirage**

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