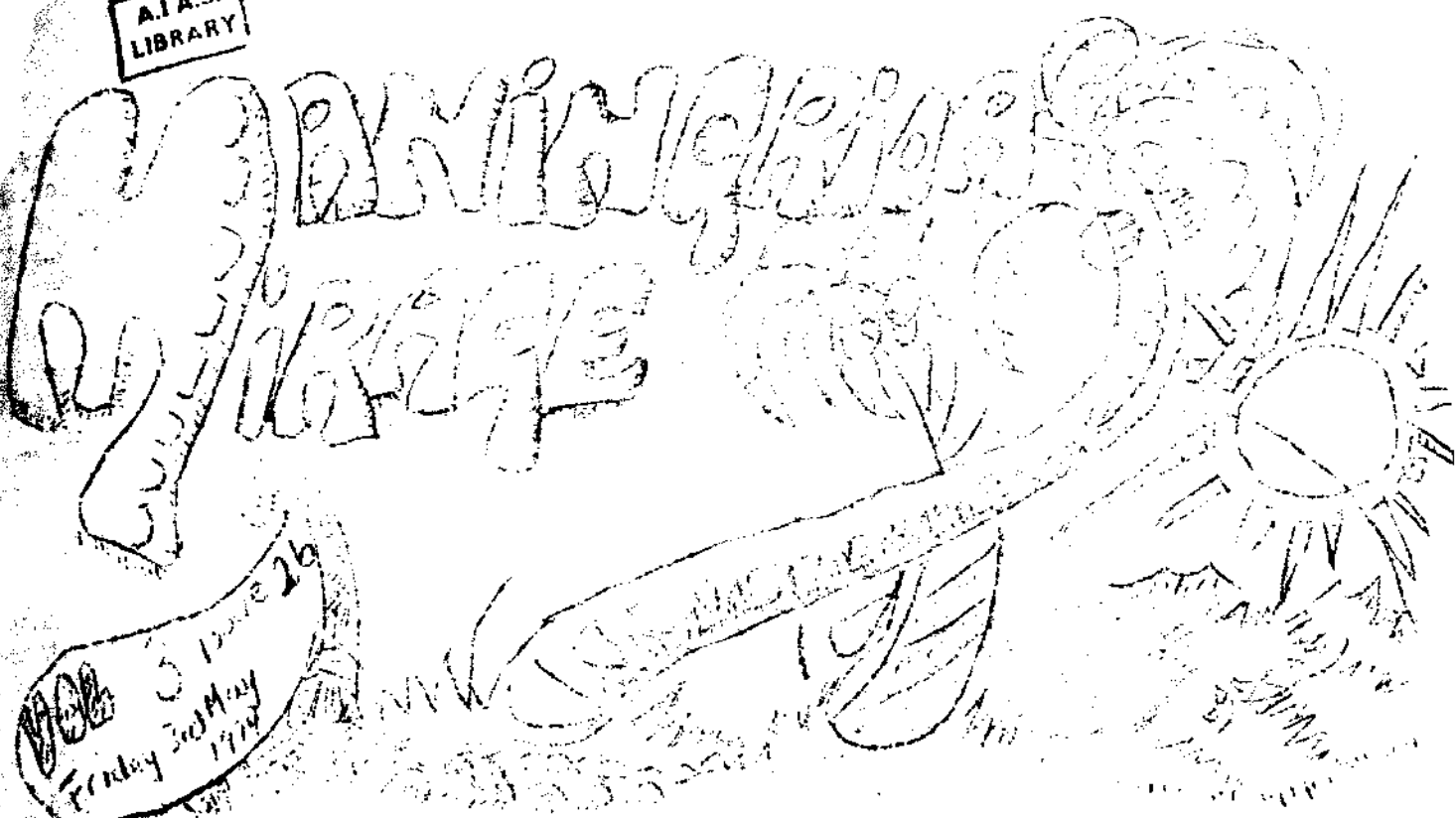


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PRESERVATION OF SAND HILLS AND MIDDENS

At Rocky Point (Nakalamandjina) there is a potentially serious problem resulting from sand dune and midden erosion.

The Nakara people, to whom this area is of great cultural significance, may then find themselves in a depleted and unusable environment if the practice of driving cars onto the beach continues. Motor car tracks have seriously scarred the huft midden behind the present site and the adjacent dune system has been breached so that weekend motorists from Maningrida can get vehicle access to the beach proper.

Experience elsewhere e.g. Avalon in Sydney, Casuarine in Darwin, has shown that this sort of activity eventually weakens the dune system which in time will structurally collapse during a monsoonal storm. The consequences would be disastrous for the coastal environment between Rocky Point and Navy Landing - this area would be flooded, the dunes broken down and the coastal ecology devastated.

Can we afford to allow this careless use of vehicles to threaten one of the few remaining maritime wilderness areas left on the Australian continent - After all, this is the Nakara's own country.

Peter Myers, Architect.

Calling all Jockys!

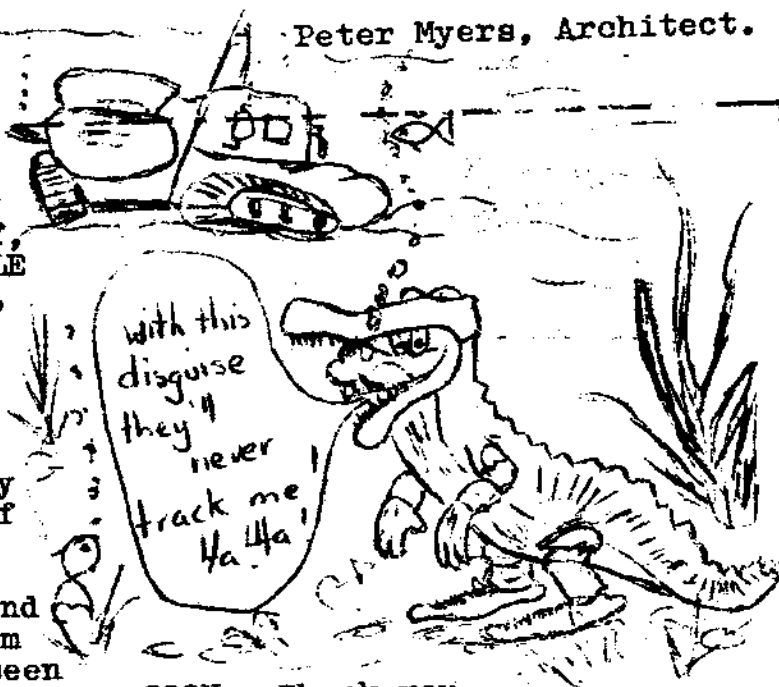
ANYONE knowing the whereabouts of, or anyone who has seen a CROCODILE answering to the name of "Jocky", please contact Bill Green at the CROCODILUS camp near Fisheries Beach.

This crocodile can be easily distinguished from other crocs by the little hat he wears on top of his head.

CROCODILUS is most anxious to find this crocodile, so if you see him or hear of anyone else who has seen him, we would like you to let us know, SOON. Thank you.

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Bill Green.



# JACK SPEAKS OUT...

Something more to think about!

I agree with Rosemary Walter's article and her questions in the Mirage of last 1973. It is true that balanda sometimes use bad words for us and have bad opinions about Aborigines (yoll). The reason that is often that Europeans (monanga) have not very much knowledge (kungi) about our way of living. Our way is very much different from the monanga way.

We have moieties (bundurr), skin groups (malg), promised mariages (bamburr), dreamings (milikidji) and so on. White people don't have that and that's why it is sometimes hard to understand what these things mean to us.

Why do you criticize us for not living in the European way? Taps, bathrooms, stoves, toilets, lights, houses laundries, kitchen etc.

When you like us to live in the balanda way we have to get all these things, but we do not have the money to buy that. We need assistance of the Government (bunggawa) because we had to change to a money (rupia) life and that means that we have to get jobs (djama) to get that rupia. We didn't need that in our way.

It is not easy at all to live in two ways, the Aboriginal way and the balanda way. You are telling us to combine the two ways, but that is not easy because on the one hand we depend on money (rupia) and jobs (djama) and on the other hand we cannot live without our moieties, skin groups, dreamings, animals, country, totems, marriages and so on.

They say we are "full citizen" but we do not know what this really means, some of us think it means that you can drink as much grog as you like. As citizen we live in the balanda law, but we have our own law too. For dealing with the balanda society we need assistance to learn to read and write and to fight for our own rights and to be able to explain our ways ourselves. We are waiting for younger people, who have had school for long time and know how to read and write. We need our own educated people, to explain our way to the balanda, but also to explain the monanga way to our older people.

Here is only one Yiritja young boy, Jimmy Pascoe (Matjirri), who has been educated in many things, so he can tell balanda people many things about our ways and also to tell Aboriginal ways too. This is my mind and thoughts. Especially I am answering about Rosemary Walter article and her questions in the Maningrida Mirage of last year 1973.



J. Mirritji.

## Housing & Chit-Chat...

Mr. Bruce Clarke architect from Gutteridge, Haskins and Davey spent the weekend at Maningrida, investigating housing designs for the Aboriginal.

Mr. Roger Windon, also spent 2 days assisting the H.A. with their technical problems. He also took some notes on the great wash-aways.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ball had a flying visit to Maningrida on Sunday. John is going to be the Association's new electrician, and will be

taking up residence on the weekend. John has spent the last 6 months working in Darwin. His wife and 2 children will follow in 2 weeks.

Mr. Bruce Peden, the Association's accountant, will make a visit to Maningrida today.

Mr. Tony O'Brien, has left the employ of the M.H.A. and has returned to Rockhampton in the good old state?

A meeting was held at Cadell on Monday afternoon. A lengthy discussion on the housing problems and the siting of the new houses was determined. Work on 2 houses will commence in May.

Work in the Gunavidji area will commence very shortly. At present the association is advertising for more builders and when these positions are filled work will commence in this area.

Mr. Charlie Darbyina, Fred and Nancy Clark, and Winnie Wangarra are waiting to move into their new houses beside the forestry quarters.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Phegan and Warwick have left for the cold country for holidays - a day later than expected, due to the wet weather.

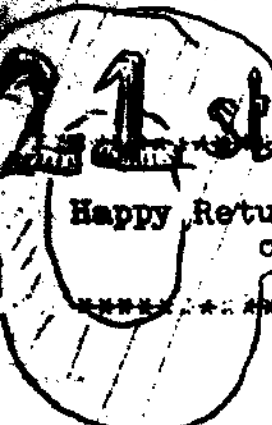
Mr. Peter Cooke has joined the staff of the M.H.A. for a few weeks and is joining in okay.

R. Seymour.

Public notices!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

7.30p.m. Resources Centre  
Tuesday 7th May



Happy Returns to Dodie Cash. She reached the old fashioned age of 21 on Wednesday 1st May, 1974.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

POST OFFICE HOURS:

COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY THE POST OFFICE WILL CLOSE DAILY FROM 11.00A.M. TO 11.30A.M. FOR SORTING AND STAMPING OF MAIL FOR DISPATCH. NO POST OFFICE OR BANK BUSINESS DURING THIS TIME.

POSTMISTRESS.

Late notice:  
All Health officers will be on duty on Monday 6th - a public holiday - routine medical day

(Right-o folks, give Elva a go! The population of Maningrida is growing almost daily and it's jolly hard for one person to cope with the terrific volume of work involved in mail etc. and banking).

Voting time again!

On the 18th May, 2 week's after tomorrow, it will be voting time. Everyone whose name is on the voting rolls must vote.

VOTING DAY SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OF MAY

# POLITICIANS TAKE NOTE - - -

The Mirage next week will make space available for anyone who wishes to write stories on behalf of any candidate for the coming elections.

Editors.

## Fishing Competition



We hope to have another fishing competition this year - with a difference

Instead of Crab Creek, the comp. will be based at Maningrida so that folk without transport can fish from the shore, those with boats can go out trolling or reef fishing and cars and trucks can travel near or far so everyone can participate.

Tickets will be on sale at the Barge Landing from 6a.m. and the final weigh in will be 6p.m. ON THE DOCK! So don't leave your trip home too late.

There will be 9 prizes.

- BIGGEST AND HEAVIEST FISH (men)
- " " " " (women)
- " " " " (13 to 25 age group)
- " " " " (Under 13 year olds) male & female
- MOST FISH - 1 prize
- BONUS PRIZE - Most unusual fish } ALL SECTIONS
- NO FISH - All sections } 1 prize

Prizes include: FISHING LINES, BOOKS, TRACERS, FLOATS, LURES, SCALING KNIVES, OYSTER KNIVES, SINKERS, FISHING BAGS AND TACKLE BOXES.

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Refreshments will be available over the lunch break.

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The proposed date: SUNDAY 19th MAY.

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ENTRY FEES: \$1.00 for adults. 40c for school children.

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Proceeds of the fishing competition are for the Mirage in an attempt to keep subscriptions down.

*more fish* after the comp, try these with your catch

Keeping fish in mind, here are a couple of recipes for those people who haul 'em in and get a bit tired of the old fish and chip routine....

### NUMMICE or pickled fish

Soak bite sized pieces of filleted mackerel, skinny or trevally in vinegar (white) in the fridge for 48 hours, covered well with gladwrap.

Blend the following ingredients (to suit your taste) and add to fish/vinegar mixture: Chopped limes or lemons & juice (approx. 1 per lb. of nummice), chopped white onion, garlic salt, freshly crushed garlic or granulated garlic, finely chopped chilli or a tiny bit of chilli powder, salt and pepper. When all blended, cover and store in fridge for a further 24 hours. Serve as a savoury with cracker biscuits.

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### RED COOKED FISH:

1 whole fish about 3lb, 5 tablespoons soy sauce, 3 tablespoons brandy or dry sherry, 1 desertspoon sugar,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt, 6 slices green ginger (or a pinch of ground ginger), 2 shallots (or tablespoon of dried chives),  $\frac{3}{4}$  pint water, flour, and cooking oil.

Make slashes crosswise in back of fish, rub over with a little flour. Put into a pan with hot oil, lin. deep, and fry over high heat for 1 minute on each side. Turn head down to medium and fry 3 minutes on each side. Pour off lard until about 1 tablespoon remains. Add soy sauce, brandy or sherry, sugar, salt, very finely chopped ginger, shallots cut into tiny pieces and the water. Put lid on pan and cook over high heat for 10 minutes. Serve sprinkled with chopped green ends of shallots. Fried rice makes a good side dish.

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### PARROT FISH IN PAWPAW LEAVES:

1 parrot fish (or similar white fleshed fish), about 3 lb. Three or four pawpaw leaves.

( (Make sure fish for all recipes for whole fish are gutted!)

Wrap fish well with pawpaw leaves. Place in a baking dish and bake fish in a 450° oven for about 20 minutes. Serve with hot veges. or salad.

### *Forestry Reports....*



Russel Ainley has left N.T. Forestry Dept. to take up a job at Coffs Harbour as offsider to Toby who will supervise sawmills tec. Russel arrived here in January and is the only person known to have crossed the Cadell River this year. He reports that all the roads on the other side are covered in grass but have not eroded. This is possibly an indication of the destruction of roads by some forestry vehicles caused north of Botgard Crossing.

Due to a university crpp failure Russel will not be replaced by a Forestry Officer and Fred Luff has been presented with the keys to the Kingdom.

In spite of heavy showers of rain, the grass is beginning to dry out in places and members of the public are asked to be careful with fires.

### *Stack Exchange...*

Woodchuck Travel Pty. Ltd. declared an inheran dividend of 38%. The high dividend reflects the even increasing voyaging of Woodchucks.

On the last frontier, the logging gang still batters on to supply the voracious sawmill with prime timber. The workshop extension is nearly finished and planting of seeds in the nursery is well in hand.

This week we welcome a new recruit Herbert Gestetner who takes over as assistant trouble shotter at Forestry Manningrids.

Forestry is booming to even greater heights. Their two bulldozers are working again after a repair job costing several thousands of dollars.

### *STOP Press*

Jocky's disguise failed him!!! He has been located near the Gudgerama tip.

\* Church notes - - -

Theme of study for this week "The Gospel and Mark". The reading is Mark 10: 17-31.

On Sunday morning Sunday School classes in the Church and in the camp at 9.30a.m.

The evening service at 7.30p.m. also in the Church.

Prayer meeting and church Fellowship on Tuesday as usual.

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting on Thursday evening at the usual place.

When Jesus went into the Garden of Gethsemane with his disciples, a young man followed, wearing, just a linen cloth around him. He wanted to be near Jesus and his friends, and he saw what happened in the Garden. When the Soldiers came, they grabbed him and he ran away naked leaving the cloth in a Soldier's hand.

You can read it in Mark.

\* Star Theatre

FRIDAY: "SEPPELIN"

SATURDAY: "FUNERAL IN BERLIN"

\* On Duty this week - - -

DUTY OFFICER: Ron Berryman

DUTY SISEER: Sr. Ena.



DON'T FORGET THE MICKAGE FISHING COMPETITION!!  
Sunday 19th May - any where you like

School children  
adults

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