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Marradjiri Men Come Home:

On Sunday last, a mystery Connair DC3 dropped in to Maningrida. On board were many of the Djinang men who had gone to Croker Island for a MARRADJIRI ceremony. Ray Munyal gave us this story about how things went at Croker.

All the Djinang people went to Croker on Sheppys plane. It took a few trips. Jimmy Burinyula went to Darwin on the DC3 with the big MARRADJIRI pole because it wouldn't fit on the little plane. He was going to come out from Darwin to Croker on the DC3.

We all got to Croker and we were waiting for Burinyula. I rang up Lance Bennett at the Aboriginal Theatre Foundation. He said Burinyula would come on Saturday. While we were waiting Ad Borsboon (balung) came to Croker from Sydney. He was watching the MARRADJIRI and writing down all about it. We had asked him to come.

On Saturday the Marradjiri pole came with Burinyula. Myself, Ad Borsboon and Lazarus LaniLani we put the pole in the special shade we had built.

We had a couple of weeks dancing for the Marradjiri. Dancing all week but not on Sundays - everybody stopped then for a picnic.

On the last Friday the pole was taken on the big walk around to everybodys house and the Croker people gave presents as we went along - \$150 for shopping, material, blankets, \$60 and half a bullock. Next morning Saturday at 10 o'clock we had the big finishing ceremony and gave the Marradjiri to the Croker people.

We didn't have enough money for the plane back. We stayed there for 1 week trying to raise money. We rang up Lance Bennett again and he helped us to get the DC3 to bring us all home.



as told to Dan Gillespie.

Visit by Drug Squad:

Two detectives from the drug squad in Darwin arrived in Maningrida on last Saturdays businessmen's flight.

In company with Senior Constable Harry Cox, they searched five houses and questioned a number of people. They said they were looking for "dope".

They did not find any and returned to Darwin on the return leg of the businessmen's flight.

NOTE:- "DOPE" is a slang term often used for Marijuana!

# Bush Hospital Visits:

Hospital visits to the outstations are underway. Last Wednesday Sister Ena Pickersgill went to visit Mandarrg and his family at Nanggeled. In future there will be a visit to each outstation approximately once a month.

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from M.M.

## ATTENTION MANINGRIDA RESIDENTS

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL

All persons are reminded that Maningrida is part of an Aboriginal reserve and a permit is required for any non-aboriginal persons not employed by the Government.

All permits are supposed to be shown to the Community Adviser but few have been.

Below is a copy of a letter sent to Connair that is itself explanatory.

Any persons currently at Maningrida without permits are committing an offence. Checks of permits will be carried out and anyone without one may be removed from the reserve.

You are reminded that all applications for permits should be made to the Council President or the Community Adviser.

The Community Adviser is authorised to issue permits but only to persons approved by the Council.



Billy Yiriyin  
Council President.

Maningrida N.T.  
12th. June 1974.

The Manager  
Connair Pty. Ltd.  
P.O. Box 1490  
Darwin N.T.

Dear Sir,

We, the Maningrida Council, are most concerned about the number of unauthorised persons coming to Maningrida.

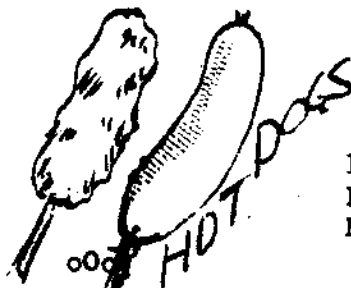
As almost all these arrive per Connair it would be appreciated if an announcement to the effect that; "Maningrida is on an Aboriginal Reserve and unauthorised persons without a permit will not be allowed to disembark" be given when the Maningrida flights are announced.

It is intended to scrutinize all passengers for permits with Police supervision and unauthorised persons be made reboard the aircraft.

Hoping for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Billy Yiriyin  
President  
Maningrida Council



This arvo at the school!  
Monster fete!

Tucker, games, prizes  
Come along and help the school.

## Outstations Survey Continued:

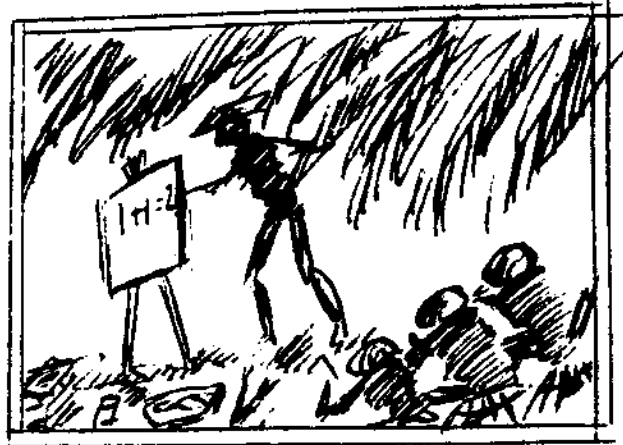
Further extracts from John Hunters journal on the outstations.

Guyun was our next stop and I decided to remain the night here. Guyun is (Gun) Guragoni territory, the senior land owner being Mr. Ron Djanbardi who is represented by his son Terry Waynungga. Most of the residents are however Renbarrnga people, their leaders being Messrs Willy Madangija and Bill Mirritjowie. Guyun is in a most attractive situation overlooking the Tomkinson Plains in particular the important fishing spot MAWURRK.

One of the old important men had died just before Xmas and members of his descent group headed by Mr. Jacky Kala Kala had split off to go and live at Botgardi.

There were 48 people at Guyun. A number of families intend to shift from Mudginberri Station to Guyun in the near future.

They were all fairly relieved that Mr. Kala Kala's group had gone off to live on their own. He had been acting as their spokesman being a good talker and had misrepresented them on at least one occasion. They were concerned to have a good water supply - they agreed that a reasonable water trailer and pump would fill the bill. They had no intention of joining Mr. Kala Kala's group at Botgardi (he wants them to). They had no intention of sending their children to school at Cadell .. but it would be okay for the children to attend school daily at Maningrida. They were concerned at the Forestry survey programme. They were insufficiently informed concerning it, all consultation having been with Mr Jack Kala Kala ... the two old men were still worrying for encroachment of sacred areas perpetrated in the past (specifically the dispoiling of the JALAK dreamings a few years ago).



### 19.5.74 Meeting at Cadell Gardens.

The Gunadbas were expecting a balanda teacher to start a school almost immediately. They had nominated Norman Angelagela as their own teacher.

Several people were going to live at Jibolbol this dry.

They were very happy with the Cadell Garden Project (which looks terrific) and are very happy with Mr. Vainga Veikoso.

Cadell is very much a settled community with over 100 residents.

### Meeting at Botgardi

The group were going to stay there for ever.

They were going to send their children to school at Cadell.

They hope to obtain a windmill to pipe water from the river.

Forestry had consulted Mr Kala Kala re their survey. He had indicated they could go anywhere they liked provided they didn't encroach Renbarrnga territory. (note the Gunadbas - Forestry could do what they like provided they didn't encroach Gunaaba country. It would be of importance to review the entire Forestry operation in the Cadell region in view of this as there are only two land holding groups - Renbarrngs and Gunadbas.

## Darwin Aboriginal Newspaper

BUNJI, the newsletter of the Gwalwa Daraniki organisation has attracted a lot of attention lately, particularly since the publication of an article on how to make a petrol bomb.

The Gwalwa Daraniki group is pressing land claims by a number of Aboriginals living in and around Darwin. Among the places they want declared under Aboriginal Ownership are Kulaluk (behind the Drive-in theatre), Quail Island and the Larrakeyah reserve. The Gwalwa Daraniki says there is a sacred site called Goondal inside the Larrakeyah army barracks. They want this site recognised as Aboriginal

land.

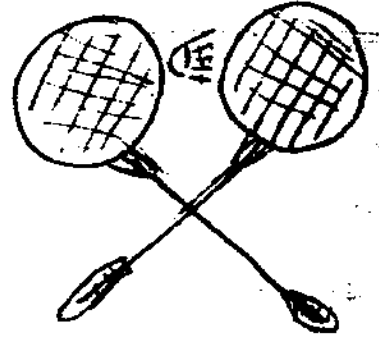
The group also wants land at Railway Dam to be reserved for Aborigines from different places who want to camp there while in Darwin.

If you want to read what Gwalwa Daraniki is saying you can subscribe to Bunji by sending a donation to "Bunji" Box 4751 Darwin. The newsletter is published monthly.

Badminton Anyone:

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Badminton enthusiasts play every Thursday 7.30 - 10.00 at the Town Hall. Preparations are under way for an competition in July. Single and double events will be open to interested parties. Trophies will be awarded to champions. Submit your name, if you are interested to Peter Pinder or to Brian Deslandes.



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Public Notice:

Members are advised of the Annual General Meeting of the Maningrida Progress Association to be held at 2pm on Monday July the 8th in the Community Hall.

BUSINESS

1. Presentation of audited balance sheet.
2. Presentation of Annual Report.
3. Election of Office Bearers.
4. Election of Auditor
5. Other Business .

Inserted by A.G. Bagshaw for the Association.

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CRICKET MATCH

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Monday (Public Holiday) commencing 1pm. Please be there at 1.15pm so teams can be picked. All welcome—everyone who wants a game gets a game. Spectators welcome At the M.C.G. 1.30pm.

B.M.

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At the Weekend:

DUTY OFFICER:

The Broilga

Pictures

Friday

3RD. MAN ON THE MOUNTAIN

Church Notes

DUTY SISTER:

Sr. Mick - Saturday, Sunday

Sr. Lee - Monday.

Saturday.

SONS OF KATIE ELDER

JOHN WAYNE DEAN MARK

We invite all those who would like to come for the open air church service in the camp at 7.30p.m. The Junang camp would provide the big fire and the local church band will lead the music of the service.

Come along and listen to the voice of the prophets, as well as the songs of praises and joys.

Theme of study for this week: "The preaching of the Prophets". It is helpful to read the book of Amos 5:12-27 beforehand.

Sunday School in the morning on Sunday at 9.30a.m.

Prayer meeting and Church Fellowship on Tuesday as per usual.

Bible study and discussion on Thursday night at 8.00p.m. the same place.

# SCHOOL STORIES:

## SCHOOL STORIES FROM GRADE 3

I went to Crab Creek yesterday. Tommy and I went to fish. On Friday we will get some toys.



Dominic.

I went to Darwin and played sport.

Matthew.



I went fishing in my boat. I got seagull eggs yesterday. I went to Entrance Island.

Malcolm.



I went to Crab Creek. I was sleeping there and I went fishing.

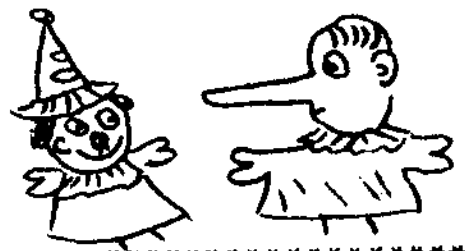
Tommy.

My father went out in a boat. When he came back we saw a rockcod, and then we took it back to the beach. My father got five fish and three crabs at Crab Creek.



Kevin Berryman.

I liked the Puppet Show that Grade 5 did. I liked the names of the puppets, especially Mr. Longnose.



Peter Ivison.

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MANINGRIDA PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOC. WISHES TO ADVISE THAT A LETTER HAS BEEN WRITTEN TO 16MM CANCELLING THE MOVIE SHOW ON SUNDAY EVENINGS.  
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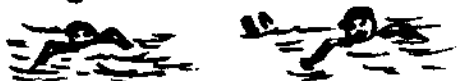
In the school holidays we went to Botgard on Sunday. Then we went to the new barge landing the next Saturday. I had a rest and then I went to play with David. Then it was time school again.



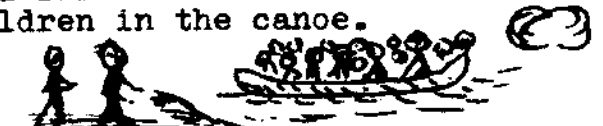
Graham Cox.



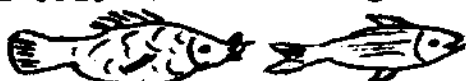
Sometimes we went to the rivers to have a swim or we went for a walk along the beach. We went to see the children in the canoe.



Ali Latu.



We went in a creek and my father caught a barramundi, a salmon and a rock cod. Neville caught a baby rock cod.



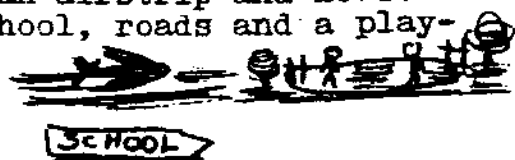
Steven Luff.



There are people, trees, a powerhouse, shops, an airstrip and houses in our neighbourhood. We also have cars, a school, roads and a playing field. Do you have these?



George, Grade 3.



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M I S S I N G ! HAS ANYONE SEEN IT?? - One brown suitcase with a dog chain wrapped around it. Owner is Sister Edith Tilley. Contact hospital staff.  
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## In the Dusty Archives:

We have just spent a few nights wrestling with the Mirage archives. A large part of the archives is simply not there. We are still trying to complete a couple of private sets of Mirages as well as compile a complete archive set for Maningrida to be kept in the school. The issues that are causing most trouble are the following, Volumes 6., 122, 124, 131 (2 copies needed), 139

Volume 3 : Issue : 1 (3 needed)  
" " 2-6 (2 of each needed)  
" " 7 & 8 (3 of each needed)

Volume 217 : 3 copies needed

Volume 3 starts on 28/9/73 and runs through to Volume 217 on 14/12/74. As you will see the numbering system changes just to complicate matters.

We would like to hear from people who have these back numbers with a view to borrowing them for copying. We would also like to hear from people who are prepared to give away or sell any of these back issues.

Dan Gillespie.

## An Honour for Burera Man :

In the 1960's Les Hiatt one of the leading Australian anthropologist worked at Maningrida studying kinship (family & marriage business) of the Gidjingali (Burera) people. The man who gave him a lot of help was Frank Gurumanamana.

In 1972/73 Betty Meehan and Rhys Jones were working at Kopanga studying all about food and hunting. Again the man who gave a lot of help to them was Frank Gurumanamana - this time working with his wife Nancy Banjeiana.

Now people down South have done something to show they see the great work Frank has done. In Canberra there is a building called the Institute of Aboriginal Studies. Here there are all kinds of stories about Aboriginal people from the old days and today. The institute helps anthropologists like Betty & Rhys to come and write down the stories.

Three weeks ago the Institute Committee had voting. Les Hiatt & Rhys Jones had put Frank up for the Committee. All the balandas had voting. They said, "Yes, that old man is a big story man. He knows everything about his culture. We vote for that man."

So Frank Gurumanamana is now a full member of the Institute of Aboriginal Studies and every two years he and other Aboriginal experts from other countries will go to Canberra for big meeting. Les Hiatt wrote Frank a letter in Gidjingali to tell him the Story.

Dan Gillespie.

## Classifieds :

Roger Brooks wants rags to wipe his greasy hands. Old underclothing especially acceptable. Give the mechanic your old rags folks.

1 Mini Moke with roof rack, all side curtains, mini cooper front seats 4 safety belts, good condition. Rust proofed flooring. 1969 model \$700 O.N.O. See Harry Cox.

### Tupperware

Anyone interested in Tupperware then come along to a "Catalogue Tupperware Night" on Wednesday 19th. June at 8pm. Lyn Berryman's Place

### Newspaper

Any to spare? Then please bring them along to the Hasty Tasty. There's a constant demand for them. Thanks.

(Staff) Hasty Tasty

CLASSIFIEDS:

FOR SALE

1 Moke: 12 months registration, spare parts. \$500 or nearest offer.  
1 ironing board and iron \$6.00  
1 mop bucket and mop \$5.00  
1 pedal bin \$1.00  
1 boy's dragster bike \$45.00

see Lee McMahon.

FOR SALE

1 Mini Moke, 1969/70. Roof rack. Mini cooper seats in front.  
Four seat belts fitted. Rust proofed flooring. Good condition.  
Registered for 8 months. \$700 or best offer.

see Harry Cox.

HOUSE WORK GETTING YOU DOWN???

Anyone wishing to have louveres, walls, fans etc. cleaned, and unable to put in the effort, contact Gladys Pascoe. We have girls, very capable of doing these jobs or your washing and ironing! They are saving money towards a trip to Adelaide in September. All you have to be, is willing to pay the girls some money, so that they can save.

If you are at all interested, see me for more details.

Help us to Help you.

Gladys Pascoe.

Silence is golden.

An Aboriginal Community Worker:

I talked with David Mirawana about his work. He is an important man at Kopanga, successfully fulfilling many of the roles commonly in the balanda preserve. He has lost a good deal of his earlier reticence, no doubt as a result of his experience and spoke at length of his work.

He is quite happy with his administrative duties including the preparation of correspondence for various people at Maningrida to keep them informed of events at the Blyth, cataloguing and packing of craft work receipt and distribution of letters and money and general secretarial duties for the community. In this aspect of his work alone he is a greater contributor to a community than many of the balandas at Maningrida.

John Hunter

Scouting Story:

In the new improved scout boat seven intrepid lads braved the elements to reach Haul Around Island last weekend.

Reaching Entrance Island ex-midshipman Moriarty deemed it necessary, due to huge waves and sea serpent stories, to head back, stopping in at Tom's Creek.

Having heard stories of untold numbers of fish from Peter Bunda Bunda we cast lines at the reaches of the creek. A grand total of 17 fish were caught before Mike speared himself with a cat fish. So we decided to have a feed and head home, Terry Pascoe taking the honours for best fisherman. The scout boat is open for hire to all community organisation, but book well ahead. Next expedition is to Kupanga.

..Stephen Joseph

# WRITING COMPETITION

## VICTORIAN FELLOWSHIP OF AUSTRALIAN WRITERS

### NORTHERN TERRITORY REGIONAL BRANCH

All correspondence  
to  
The Secretary  
P.O.Box 1867  
Darwin 5794.

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of British Settlement in Nth. Australia (only 36-years after the arrival of the first fleet) the N.T.R.B. is sponsoring the following literary competitions to be judged in September, 1974:

SHORT STORY AWARD up to 3000 words:  
City of Darwin literary award— 1st prize... \$250.00  
2nd prize.....\$150.00  
3rd.prize.....\$100.00

POETRY AWARD at least 14 lines .... \$100.00

ONE-ACT PLAY up to one hour's duration... \$200.00

SPECIAL STUDENT AWARD for a manuscript in any of the  
above categories ..... \$50.00

Prize money has been made available through the generosity of Sir Thomas Wattle The Australian for the Arts and the Corporation of the City of Darwin. Return airfares will be provided for the winners of the first prize in the Short Story and One Act Play sections to Darwin by courtesy of Ansett Airlines and in addition a six day safari into Arnhem Land with White Hunter Safaris.

#### RULES OF THE COMPETITION

- .The basis theme of the short story, play and poem is to be Aboriginal/European relationships, the aim being greater understanding between the two cultures.
  - .The Fellowship reserves the right to publish the winning entries once in the N.T. News and in Parade
  - . No application form required. Any number of Mss. can be submitted.
  - .No names shall appear on the Ms. Author must state name & address, age if under 18 and declare that the Ms. is the author's original work (unpublished)
  - .If Mss. are to be returned include a stamped addressed envelope.
  - .Judges decision final. No correspondence entered into.
  - .Envelopes should be marked Competition and mailed to Secretary, address above.
- Closing date 16th. August, 1974. Winners announced 26th. September, 1974/

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#### Barge rumour:

Latest rumour for the barge arrival date is this Sunday 16/6/74.

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TODAY AT THE SCHOOL  
MONSTER FETE

Come along and spend a few coins  
to help the school



**Maningrida Mirage**

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