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# Maningrida Magazine

The abundance of fresh local vegetables in the Store has prompted us to run a small story on the Gunadba Gardens Company's garden at Lotlandjindjerra on the Cadell River. We asked MPA General Manager Glen Bagshaw to give us an account of the history and future of the Gardens.

The project was commenced in mid 1971 at Cadell River 32 miles from Maningrida where the Water Resources Branch undertook a survey which indicated more than adequate permanent water availability. The garden is established within the Gunadba Tribal Lands and this group comprise 130 persons of whom 100 live permanently at Cadell. The garden is owned totally by the Gunadbas and when viable, will be a tax paying enterprise. During the initial five years, the group at their own request signed an agreement whereby the M.P.A. undertook to provide

- (a) the finance to establish the initial project - \$30,000.
- (b) provide the services of a qualified horticulturist
- (c) marketing and accounting.

During the first two years an area of 75 acres was cleared of which 40 acres are presently under cultivation, pumping plant and irrigation installed, equipment purchased e.g. tractor, plough, disc harrows, vehicle, slasher, rotary hoe etc., the garden laid out and experimentation in cropping undertaken, soil test, fertilizer tests and insecticides tests.

In this the third year, production has commenced wherein bananas, pineapples, pawpaws, watermelon, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, capsicum etc. are being grown. At present the enterprise is marketing \$1100.00 per month through the Association's store at Maningrida. The enclosed table of proposed production will outline the production and income over the next twelve months. Additionally, the Gunadba people are showing, perhaps for the first time anywhere, a deep interest in becoming agriculturalist, indicated by the continuing interest over a period now approaching three years. The socio-economic aspect is of the utmost importance as the income provides the major source of money to the tribal group, other income provided by social service. We contend that the project given support over the next two years will be completely viable and able to exist

"without subsidation. Indirectly, the project will provide wider employment (a) through packaging for the general store at Maningrida (b) to export to Darwin where proven markets exist (c) through the ancillary projects e.g. poultry and piggery.

Over the next twelve months it is proposed to employ 16 Gunardbas at \$68.10 per week, which equals \$3,541.20 per annum per person, a total of \$56,659.00 per annum. Other costs e.g. supervisors salary, fuel, fertilizer, seed, maintenance, will approximate \$20,000 per annum, a net cost of \$77,000 approx. which will be offset by an achieved sale of produce of \$30,000 in the first year and \$45,000 in the second year plus support by the M.P.A. of \$10,000 per annum in each year which means that in the first year to June 1975 expenses will exceed income and support \$37,000, which sum we require in the form of wage support, and the second year short by \$22,000.

### PRODUCTION TABLE.

You should note, this table is based on available sales in Maningrida with resourse to export ( readily available).

<u>Weekly Production.</u>			
Bananas	1500lb	at 17c	\$255.00
Pawpaws	100 only	at 35c each	35.00
Watermelon	600lb	at 6c	36.00
Sweet potato	1250lb	at 10c	125.00
Tomatoes	300lb	at 30c	90.00
Capsicum, pineapples, carrots & other crops			40.00
			\$581.00/\$31,000p.a.

- regarding the table above -

- (a) Bananas. We already have 2,000 palms growing of which half are in production yeilding 800lb per week and within five months all trees will be in production and will be self regenerating.
- (b) Pawpaws. The first grove is now completed and the second grove will be in production within two months, to easily achieve our objective.
- (c) Watermelon. This is consistently being produced and sold at the above level.
- (d) Sweet Potatol Production and sales are being achieved at the above level.
- (e) Tomatoes. Present sales 250lbs per week, is increasing but limited to 6 months of the year.
- (f) Capsicum. \$15 per week at present, increasing.
- (g) Pineapples. Have marketed 2,000 pineapples, have 5,000 under cultivation, require another year to achieve real income.
- (h) Other crops. Developing satisfactorily. Frlowers have a potential, we have firm orders for gladioli etc. (which we have grown successfully) to the order of \$100 per week from Darwin

businesses. Experimentally we grew and marketed 14,000 blooms last year. This could develop into a significant outlet in the future.

ability to exceed the table figure is only dependant on improved irrigation and storage sheds."

I feel that we should emphasize that the Gunardba Gardens Company is totally owned by the Gudardba people and that they are very much aware of this and take a strong interest in the Company's affairs. Interest is greater now than it has ever been and there is a real and genuine effort from the workers.

Glen Bagshaw.

**FOOTNOTE:** School has started at the Gardens. The school has about 50 children and teachers are Roger Elliott and Norman Maningrida. The Gunardba people have requested the assistance of another balanda teacher when available.

Some people, when attempting to visit the Gardens without permission or asking first, have been turned away by the Gunardba people.

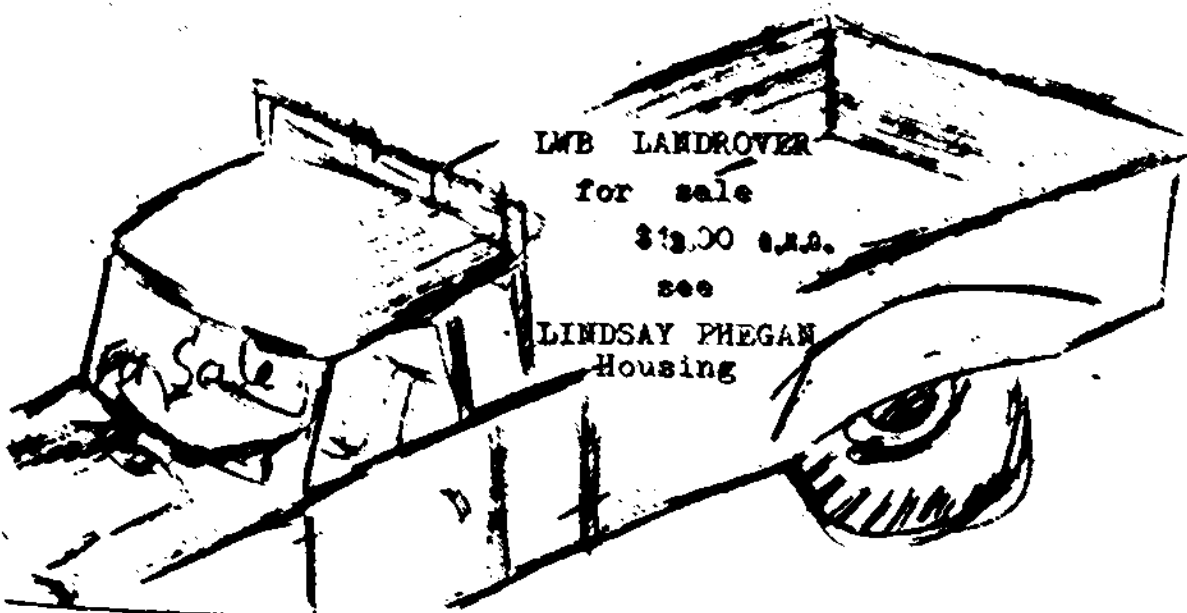
If people wish to see the Gardens or visit the area, we refer them to points 9 to 12 in the story on permits in this week's Mirage.

D.G.

A number of new vehicles are expected at Maningrida. The Arts/Craft and the Gunavidji people are waiting for a Toyota each, the Council is waiting for its bus, two outstations are waiting for tractors and the M.P.A. is waiting for a fork lift.

Supply problems and the unusual methods in which Darwin businessmen conduct their affairs have meant a lot of delays - and there seems no end in sight for the moment.

D.G.



# IMPORTANT NOTICE ON PERMITS.

The Mirage prints this information at the request of the Dept of Aboriginal Affairs, Maningrida.

We urge you to read and understand it, particularly points 9 to 12.

We also print the circular which is being or has been forwarded to all Departments, groups etc at Maningrida.

D.G.

## ENTRY PERMITS

- 1) All non-aboriginal personnel (and their dependants) and visitors are required by law to have a permit to enter the reserve and to be at Maningrida.
- 2) Applications for permits may be lodged at the community office (by the beach) or the Dept Aboriginal Affairs Darwin.
- 3) The following are exempted from permitting, by law:-
  - 1) Gazetted Welfare Officers
  - 2) Police Officers
  - 3) Health Officers engaged in the performance of their official duties.
- 4) Government workers, otherwise, are covered on permits sought and issued to their employer e.g. Dept Aboriginal Affairs, Dept of the N.T., Dept of Health, Dept of Education. The employer is therefore responsible to see that the employee is permitted to be upon the Reserve and to remain at ~~an~~ Maningrida (this includes the employee's dependants).
- 5) Community Organisations and contractors etc may apply for bulk permits covering named staff, on an annual basis, e.g. Maningrida Housing Association to employ:-  
Joe Smith (and dependants), Bill Brown etc for the period 1/7/73 - 30/6/74
- 6) All persons wishing to remain longer than 3 weeks in one period must submit themselves (and dependants) for a chest x-ray and lodge evidence of same with the permit application. Permits must be obtained prior to the visitor taking up of duty.
- 7) Maningrida Council (or outstation groups) will be the controlling body for issue and revocation of permits but the paperwork will be administered by the Community Adviser or his delegate.
- 8) Permits will be checked at the airport, commencing at a date to be advised. Organisations (including govt), please make sure your personnel are covered and that the Community Adviser holds copies of their permits (your responsibility). These copies will be indexed for airport checking purposes - other visitors must be able to present their permits at the airport.
- 9) Please note that your permits (unless otherwise endorsed) are valid only for the township of Maningrida. You are not entitled to travel outside the town limits (as defined by the Town Plan) unless you have a permit to do so.
- 10) Organisations (including govt) are responsible to see that their personnel who are so required to leave the town in the course of their duties have the necessary endorsements.
- 11) Endorsements and applications for permit to visit country areas may be lodged with the Community Adviser, who will pass them on to the appropriate body for consideration.
- 12) It is intended to enter into discussions with land owning groups re the setting aside of public recreation areas. This is not yet done. Country permitting requirements will not generally be enforced until these consultations are concluded but for the time being you are notified that you may not visit, or remain at the following places unless you hold a permit to do so:-

Hangark, Guyun, Botgadi, Cadell Gardens, Navy Landing,  
 Kopanga, Manrakadokajiripa, Dugalajarin, (Cadell Stone Country),  
 Hanggolod, Momega, Maragalidban  
 all being outstation communities.

J. Hunter. 23/6/74

CIRCULAR

1. As it is intended to enforce entry permitting provisions at Maningrida you are advised to see that all your personnel (and their dependants) have a current permit to be at Maningrida.
2. I admit that our records are incomplete but we do not appear to have permits for personnel in your employ as listed on the attachment.
3. Would you please attend to this matter at your earliest convenience.
4. If any of your personnel (and I include Govt Departments) are required by the nature of their duties, to leave the town limits of Maningrida, please request, through me, appropriate endorsements to their permits and I will consult the groups and land-owners concerned.

J. Hunter 24/6/74.

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BARADA CLASSES:

Any Aboriginal people who can already speak Barada, and would like to read and write Barada, are invited to join an afternoon class on Monday each week at 4.30 p.m. - 5.30pm.

A class for European people who would like to learn Barada is also available on Wednesday afternoons at 4.30 - 5.30pm.

These classes will be taken by Jimmy Matjirri.

Would all interested people please contact Marg Inglis as soon as possible.

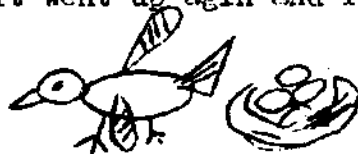


KIDS STORIES:



Yesterday we saw an army plane flying over our school. It came back again and it tried to land at the airstrip. But it went up again and flew away back to Darwin.

John Grade 5



My Goulburn Trip

My father and my brother and I were travelling by boat. Then we went fishing at the Rocky Rock and my father got three big lobsters and one big cray-fish. We got on the boat and it was afternoon. We travelled when it was dusk we were at Goulburn. Then my brother and I went for a walk and my brother said, "Hey climb up and get a coconut for us." So I climbed the coconut tree and dropped two coconuts one for my brother and one for myself.

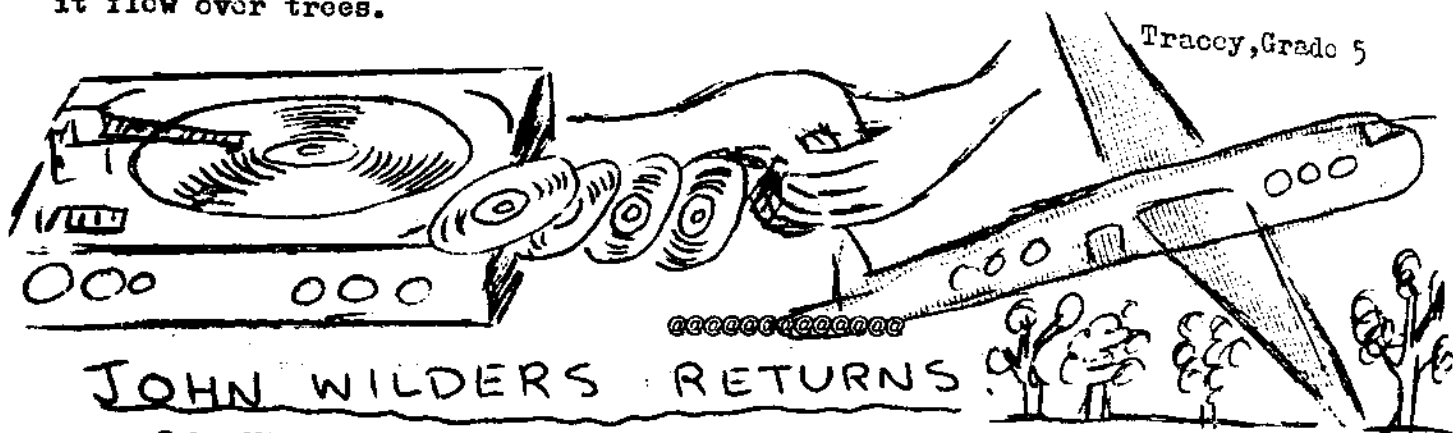


Stanley Grade 5



Yesterday my uncle gave me records about "Put your hand in my hand and another" song is called "Hey Jude". I turned it over and I saw "In the early morning rain".

It is by Elvis Presley. Yesterday we saw a big plane and it flew over houses and it flew over trees.



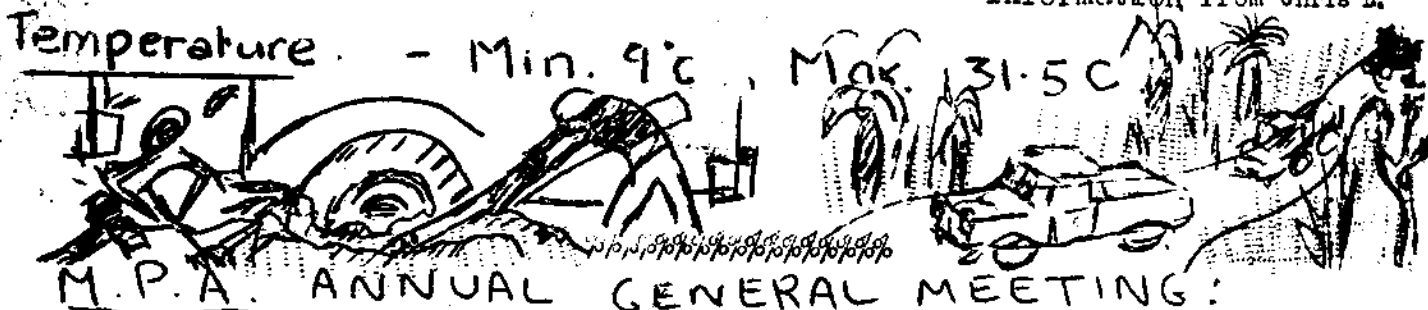
John Wilders the new Community Advisor, has reached Maningrida. Welcome back to John. He arrived on Wednesday morning. John and two other DAA employees were bringing his Toyota and two new DAA Toyotas to Maningrida. There was no winch among the three vehicles.

Chris Burchett left Maningrida at 11pm on Monday night last to rendezvous with the party at the crossing of the Wilton River which is steep and difficult. The party didn't turn up so Chris rigged a winch for them and returned to Maningrida (in what must be a DAA land speed record of 7½ hours.)

On Wednesday morning (4am) one of the party's vehicles arrived at Maningrida. The other two vehicles were beached at the Stone Country crossing of the Cadell.

After various relief exercises the two stranded vehicles were brought into Maningrida.

information from Chris B.



The new committee of the M.P.A. has been elected ----- there are three interesting points:-

- Three women have been elected, two in executive positions.
- Some young men have been elected.
- Representatives from three outstations have been elected.

Here is Glen Bagshaw's report of the meeting....

The Annual General Meeting of the association was held in the Community Hall at 3pm on Monday July 8th. with approximately 100 in attendance. The financial statement and balance sheet were presented, also the manager's report.

Election of officer's resulted in the following persons being elected -:

President: Silas Roberts  
Secretary: Laurie Magaldagi

Vice President: Don Weibananga  
Treasurer: Lena Jabiba

Committee Members: Tommy Ibberrara, Billy Yiriyin, Nancy Clarke, David Mirawana (Kopanga), Terry Weimangga (Guyun), Gilbert Wumulu, Charlie Fry, Jack John (Cadell).

Mr. Peter O'Connor was introduced to the meeting. He will take up residence at Meningrida in mid-August and will assume the responsibilities of management of the I.P.A. on the 30th. September 1974.

Messrs. Peat, Marwick and Mitchell were appointed auditors to the Association.

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## EDITORIAL:

In the life of all great newspapers there are milestones ... and the Mirage is no different.

This week we present the Mirage to you in glorious, radiant quarto size paper. You will find that it is perhaps lighter to carry, less likely to be caught in the South-Easterly breezes and that it fits much more easily into your pocket or the glovebox of your car.

Although you the readers are always uppermost in our considerations, it is also a good way to use up the enormous quantities of quarto size paper which were foisted upon us by a wily Darwin paper merchant.

It doesn't really matter what size the Mirage is as long as it keeps going, bringing a bit of news for today and getting down a bit of history for tomorrow.

And to that end we would like to make one of our recurrent appeals for material for the Mirage ... material is always welcome and necessary.

We print 99% of the things that come our way ... if you have a story that you think is of interest give it a try in the Mirage.

Dan Gillespie.

At the Weekend:

Duty Sister:

BEV. CADDIES

The weekend Duty Officer Roster is terminated.

Pictures: Friday

"THE SUNDOWNERS"

Saturday:

"THE GREAT WHITE HOPE"

# Church Notes

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONVENTION INTERNATIONAL - INTERDENOMINATIONAL WILL VISIT MANNINGRIDA NEXT WEEK.

The team consists of chairman, Mrs. Marie Lawrence (S.A.), Speaker Mrs. Jean Francis (Qld.), and Mrs. Pat Player (N.S.W.) and a full blood aboriginal woman from Queensland, Miss Rachel Lacey. They will conduct meetings here in Manningrida for the women. For those interested; a meeting will be held in the Church at 4 o'clock Wednesday 17/7/74. A cup of tea follows and at 8 o'clock at the Parsonage same day.

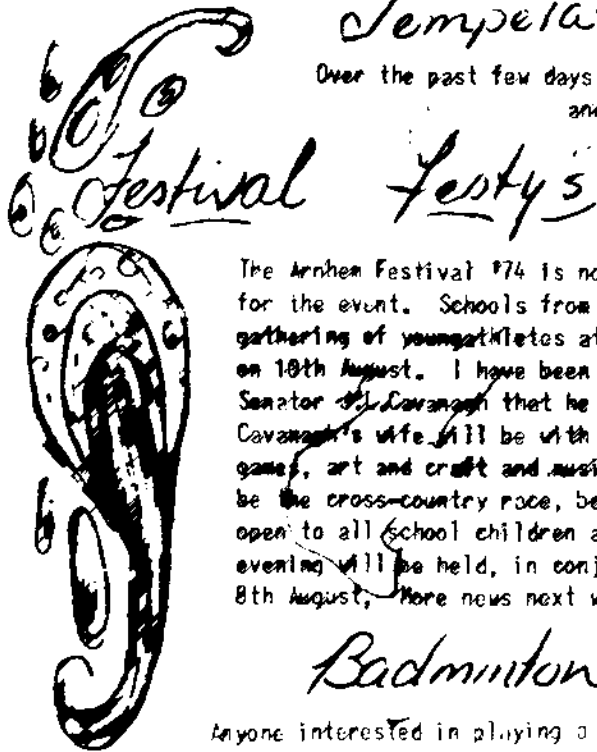
For more information, contact Mrs. V. Latu. The Executive Officer of our United Church in North Australia, Rev. Gordon Synons will have a short visit on tomorrow until Saturday.

THESE OF STUDY FOR THIS WEEK. "Set free from the Law." Bible reference - Galatians 3:23-29 and 5: 13-24

Sunday School classes in the Church and camp at 9.30a.m. Church visit to Guyun also in the morning. The evening Church service at 7.30p.m. in the Church.

## Temperatures

Over the past few days the Minimum temperature has been 9°C  
and Maximum 31°C



## Festival Festy's

The Arnhem Festival 1974 is now only three weeks away. Already plans are well in hand for the event. Schools from many parts of Arnhem Land will be represented at the gathering of young athletes at Manningrida. The Games open on 5th August and will conclude on 10th August. I have been advised by the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Senator J. Cavanagh that he is coming to Manningrida to open the Festival. Senator Cavanagh's wife will be with him. Athletics, softball, basketball, swimming, team games, art and craft and music are all on the programme. A feature of the Festival will be the cross-country race, being organized by Marg Inglis. This race will be open to all school children and will be about 4 to 5 miles in length. A musical evening will be held, in conjunction with a barbecue on the night of Thursday 8th August. More news next week.

## Badminton

Anyone interested in playing a real Badminton competition, come along to the Hall on Monday evening at 7.30p.m.



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