

## MANINGRIDA

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*The Fishing Competition*

What a boomer! Namingoirra echoed to the sounds of Creedence Clearwater Revival, watermelon snaffling, steak chomping and crab crueLLing last Saturday as the first MGD fishing competition got under way.

Everyone had a good time, spent money and filled their bellies. The crabs got a thrashing they won't forget for months. Some fish were caught.

Some people didn't quite get the message on the rules and ate their evidence before we could weight it.

RESULTS:

<u>Senior</u>		<u>Junior</u>	
<u>Most fish (Weight)</u>		<u>Most fish (Weight)</u>	
Bronwyn Perkins	10½ lb	Charlie Dungurawada	3½ lb
<u>Most fish (number)</u>		<u>Most fish (number)</u>	
Bronwyn Perkins	11 fish	Charlie Dungurawada	4 fish
<u>Biggest fish</u>		<u>Biggest fish</u>	
Horace Minnilla	3½ lb turrum	Joy Mason	2½ lb mangrove jack.

Most strange fish - Karl Dickfoss - Small stonefish.

Profits from the day amounted to \$240 which is exactly what was needed for the dancing team's expenses. On behalf of the dancing team, thanks to all who helped, organizers, the Store, contributors, competitors and watermelon eaters.

There are plans afoot to hold more of this type of rort - watch the classifieds.

*A Good Suggestion.*

Following on a letter to the Editor from C.C. last week, we are going to print an information leaflet with meeting times, opening hours, charges etc. for as many things as we can think of on the settlement. These we will leave at a couple of strategic points (e.g. Post Office, settlement office) for distribution to new arrivals. We think C.C.'s point is a good one and we hope to print the leaflet as soon as our convalescent Gestetner returns.

*School Notes*

Ted Robinson, Inspector of Schools was here on Monday and Tuesday.

Two students are here for a prac. teaching round- Jeremy Pearce from the College of Advanced Education in Canberra and Susan Wissell from the Wattle Park Teacher's College in S.A.

Thanks to all those people who came along to Open Day at school on Friday morning. We hope that you enjoyed the displays and gained a better understanding of what is happening at the school.

Please come and talk with the teachers and Mr. Hassall at other times also.

Professor.

# The Council Minutes.

At the Council Meeting on Monday night 11 Councillors were present and Mr. Jimmy Pascoe Matjiri was elected Secretary.

Cemetery. Councillor Jack John said that his tribe had met and agreed not to remove the bones.

Cr. Munyal = The Jinang people have a lot of dead there but they haven't taken the bones.

Other Councillors hadn't received an answer from their people.

House. Cr. Riala - Kitty Walamba has asked about her house now that her husband is dead. She has T.B. and will not be back from hospital for a couple of months.

President - She is a widow and has children, so she will be able to stay in the same house.

Cr. Riala asked about the building of more houses (self help)

Supt. - Timber should be available from the sawmill soon and building would begin in August.

Working time. Cr. Riala said that a number of people did not work their full hours in a day, at their job. They should.

Uniforms. Cr. Munyal - Council uniforms are 2 years old and are wearing out. If any Councillor wants a new one, see me at the office.

Office jobs. Cr. Riala - Why aren't Aboriginal people working in the office?

Supt - We are waiting for some one to come from High School.

Company Boat. Cr. Riala said that he had been stopped from using his boat last Saturday. He did not think that anyone could be stopped from using his own boat.

Supt. - Fair enough, but there is more than that to the story. Every person is responsible for the safety of others. If a man is going to use his boat, it's his responsibility to see that it is not overloaded. This was the trouble on Saturday.

Lands Board. The Supt. read a letter to Council asking for the opinion of Maningrida people about the Gunavidji application for a lease at Juda Point. Did anyone object to the application and if so, what were their reasons. Had all the Gunavidji people put their names on the list or had some been left off? He suggested that Councillors meet with the Gunavidji people before the next Lands Board meeting. Have the Council considered that Juda Point is a popular picnic spot? Do some Gunavidji people intend to live at Juda Point and look after their country? Are the Gunavidji intending to press on with their idea of running a fishing and trepang business there? He asked the Council to nominate two members for the Lands Board hearing of the Gunavidji application.

Jim Pascoe and Cr. Riala were appointed.

Adult Literacy. The Superintendent said that a meeting to start an Adult Literacy class would be held in the Library after the Council meeting. Applications from four Councillors to join the class would be accepted.

Councillors applying were Jack John, Jack Riala, John Balaiya and George Gunjibala.

*To have a look.*

Three Aboriginal people from Numbulwar Claude India, Mamarika, and another person, are due to arrive soon to look at our canteen. They are travelling to several places.

The Gestetner is still in the hands of the doctor, and this issue is being printed in Darwin. Dr. John Grant or Mr. Keith Keith Theile are doing the good 'g deed and we say a big "Thank you" to them.

# Friendly Flatfooted Forestry Footloggers.

Everybody has been walking for the last week, the reason being nearly all our vehicles have been in the workshop, enabling our expert team of drivers to have a week of luxury. Our new mechanic is really pleased with our driving experts.



Merv Ryder really got stuck into the fishing last Saturday; at 8.30 when everybody was assembling for a party it was discovered that Merv hadn't returned from fishing with the other competitors at Namingoirra. Theories that were floating around included that he had been attacked by Mannie, our very own lovable monster.

The search party took off at about 9.30, and they discovered Merv by the fire tower.

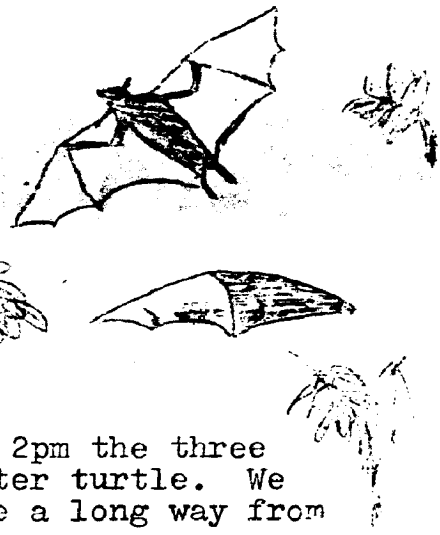
Andy Cannell and Randall Scott are going to Darwin for the weekend. Andy is going in for relaxation whereas Randall is going in for dubious purposes.

Bob Fisher decided to take two days leave this week, to play host to his brother-in-law and sister. G.O'D.

## Hunting in Flying Fox country.

On Sunday the Gunwinggu tractor took us to Waragala-gonora. When we got there, we saw a bush fire - Wayne's father had made a big fire to hunt a kangaroo. Then the tractor stopped and the three boys jumped off the tractor and they went walking to Nangark. They were three Gongorogonie boys, Dean, Gerard and Wayne.

Then we went close up to the little river covered by the thick trees where the flying foxes were. When we got off the tractor we saw thousands of flying foxes flying everywhere, because the flying foxes heard the noise of the tractor engine and started to fly around us and back to their place.



Some men took their shot guns and bags ready. They went into the river to shoot a flying fox down. We made a big fire for them. At 2pm the three boys came back with a leg of kangaroo and fresh water turtle. We gave them some water to drink because they had come a long way from Nangark. We gave them some flying fox and sugar bag.

At 3pm all the men came out of the thick trees with bags of flying foxes. We cooked and ate some, and we took some back home for people at the Settlement. At 4pm we started to come back to settlement, and somebody said to Solomon, "There's no room here!" Then he jumped off the tractor and went walking. His father jumped off and went walking with Solomon. Some of the children were calling out to Mickey (Solomon's father) "Come on Mickey, Solomon is beating you." He tried hard to walk, but his legs were stiff. So he walked slowly and he got on to the tractor, but his son came first up to the hill and waited for a lift back on the tractor. It was getting dark, half way between Waragala-gonora and Nabolojda, and we arrived at the settlement at 6pm.

*In the Dental clinic.* Story told by Rita Djitmu.

Dr. Joseph Lee the dentist has been filling teeth and pulling them out in many places in the N.T. He has worked in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Katherine, and on several outback stations. Sometimes they had to call at two or three stations in one day. Just before coming out here, he was at the Nightcliff Clinic where his nurse was former Maningridian, Mrs Heather Mason.

His nurse here is Mrs Jan Falvey. Her husband works with Primary Industries Branch.

Somehow or other the dentists' chair wasn't sent with the equipment, so they have had to use a kind of psychiatrist's couch/hospital bed. Its quite relaxing for the patients!

## *From the Newspapers.*

### TOWN COUNCILS:

"We all live in a democratic town  
And everyone can vote  
For black or white or brown.  
We all live in a democratic town  
We call our leaders up  
And we can call them down." (Tune Yellow Submarine)

Gatjil from Yirrkala and Jack Goodluck have written songs like this to help people at Yirrkala, Galiwinku, Milingimbi, Goulburn Is. and Croker Is. understand how to vote for people to go on to the Town Council. The Town Council will be boss for each place.

### STOCKMEN RETURN:

Eleven stockmen and their families walked off Montejinni Station near Wave Hill last week after some arguing. They went to sit down at Wattie Creek. Now they have changed their minds. They are going back to Montejinni. Some friends are going back with them.



### "NO MARCHING" FOR KORMILDA STUDENTS:

Some Kormilda students would like to have marched in Darwin with many other aboriginal people on Friday. They said "We are black, we are aboriginals, we wanted to have some part in it."

### "MENTOR" BECOMES BUSINESS BACKER.

Mrs Sandra Holmes says that Gunwinggu people led by the artist Yirawala are applying for a lease over 500 square miles.

She said that 19 tribal leaders had asked for the lease. They would also ask for a lot of money. They would buy good cattle, have a fishing boat and freezer.

350 people from Oenpelli, Maningrida and Croker Island might live at Maragalidban!!

### *Parents and Friends*

The July Meeting of the Maningrida Parents & Friends Assoc will be held on Monday evening at 7.30pm. All are invited to attend.

J.G.

### *Birth*

Emanuel was born to Nancy and Paddy Fordham.

### *Library*

The Darwin Library is on the ball. Books for the new Deposit Library have arrived and will be housed in the new School Library. We expect that hours for borrowing etc. will be announced soon.

### *Little Womens League*

For this year the girls have made good efforts of playing Basketball each Monday Night, and their playing and teamwork has improved. Specially Renee, Dora and Doreen of the Wombat team, and a few other girls from Blue Wren, Crocodile and Seagull. These girls showed us interesting and sensational games, reinforcing their learning in dribbling, passing in defence etc. No matter how small they are, they can still play well. In the past three or four weeks they have been playing much better

The results from the 3rd July are:-

Wombat 24 d Seagulls 8

Blue Wren 40 d Crocodile 28 (A hard and tight game)

Wombat 36 d Crocodile 10

Blue Wren 12 d Seagull 8

Jimmy Pascoe

## Weekend Duties

Duty Officer: Mr Barry Tuite  
Duty Sister Saturday Sister Val.  
Sunday Sister Val  
Fire-watch Duty Saturday Mr. Fred Luff  
Sunday Mr. Fred Luff

## Star Theatre

Friday Night. Film to be advised

## Church

Sunday: 9.30am Sunday Schools  
7.15pm Evening Service. Baptism of Phillip  
Cross.  
Tuesday: 7.30pm Church Council

Within the next few days, the result of the vote for or against the proposed union of the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches in Australia will be announced. Present indications, there will be a strong "Yes" vote in W.A. and S.A. by all three churches, but in the Eastern States there is some strong opposition to union in congregations.

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## People

Miss CAROL DAVIES writes from her new teaching job in Darwin, and says that compared with Darwin schools, Maningrida is very well off in as far as equipment, organisation and educational standard goes. "I reckon you do more with the kids out there than they do in here. Very little in actual formal English and Maths." She spends her weekends fishing and skiing.

Burada people were very happy to see Betty Meehan drive into the settlement on Monday. Mr Philp Jones is another archeologist (digs down into old camping places to find old time weapons, bones etc.) and will help her to put up a camp in a good place, and then return to work elsewhere. We will look forward to hearing progress reports from Betty.

Dr. IES HIATT another Maningrida old timer arrived on Thursday with Professor , his son, and a photographer Herr Heunman. The Professor is from Germany. He is hoping to study the ways in which people show that they are happy, worried, sad etc. He is especially interested in mothers and small children.

Mrs. GIL AMIES hopes to begin her well-earned holidays soon, and we wish her a happy and restful break.

Mr. BRYAN NASON, a freelance play producer who produced a successful play in Darwin and is putting on another at the end of August, came to the settlement for a few days. He spent some time talking with Aboriginal men.

Its good to see ROSS and ANDY, those friendly Wolppers & Law electricians on deck again. The installing of power and two fans in the Craft Room could be among their projects.

Messrs Bob and Heather Cross, Mr and Mrs Jackson, Jack Gardiner and Jackie Newman hope to make a flying visit to Yirrkala and Galiwinku on Saturday. Bob has helped to put up buildings in both places before coming to Maningrida.

Horace, Valerie and Joyce returned from "Business" in the bush at the weekend. Asked which was better, the bush or the school, Joyce voted for the bush.

On Saturday, Dr. Houston from the Camberra Advanced College of Education arrived to spend a short time at Maningrida with his student teacher Mr. Jeremy Pearce.

Baby Greg was born to Betty Wanjug in Darwin on the 4th July, and Kitty Walumba also gave birth to a baby boy in Darwin on the 12 July.

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