



# MANINGRIDA MIRAGE

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High Seas

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In the early hours of Sunday morning Jimmy Cooper and crew left Maningrida in one of the seventeen foot "Sea Master" fishing boats. Joe Fry, George Zolambala, and Allan Malinga went with him, and there was still no sign of them by Monday morning. On Tuesday morning Jacky Stewart set out in another "Sea Master" to look for them but he had not returned by Tuesday night.

By Wednesday people started to become worried for both the boats and crews and vehicles were sent in all directions to try and find them.

Roger Brooks eventually found both the boats at Navy Landing, one of which was on its side in the creek, and the other with a broken motor.

However the seas were <sup>too</sup> rough to retrieve either people or boats, and it was not until Thursday afternoon till both boats and crews were back in Maningrida.

## Gone Fishing

One day this last week a certain fishing boat, the skipper of which shall be nameless, took fishing with him 17 others which he considered necessary for the task. The total fish caught for the day were 4lb oysters, 4 kangaroos, and one turtle. It could only happen at Maningrida

## Football in Darwin

Ray Mullar went to Darwin last week, and while in there went to football training with the "wanderers", later to be in their firsts in a battle against St Marys. "Wanderers" were beaten by a few points in a close game. Normally there are quite a handful of Maningrida players in the "Wanderers", but Ray reported that except for himself there was no one else, although Albert Dudunga went in last Tuesday and was to start training this week.

Meanwhile back at Maningrida we have the possibility of a combined team being picked from the Maningrida "Tigers" and "Magpies" to go to Milingimbi later in the year and play in a football carnival. This carnival at the moment is far from being organised, but if it comes about it will involve Eicho, Milingimbi, ~~Wanderers~~, Yirkala, Goulburn and Bathurst.

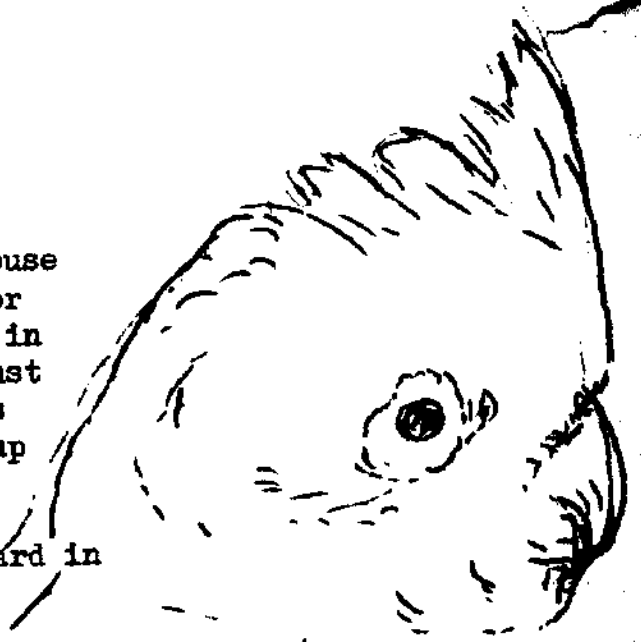
## Old Friends

Well known personalities Dave and Kathy Glasgow are coming back out to Maningrida to look up old friends and do some more work on the Burerda language. Kathy will be out tomorrow (Saturday) and will bring four friends with her. Dave will be out on the following Tuesday (just as Kathy leaves to go elsewhere) with another four friends, and they will be staying till Friday.



## Feathers

The big dead tree at the back of Brolga's house near the sewer pumps has become a nursery for a family of Corellas. These birds have been in the area for a few months now, and it was just on Christmas time when I watched the parents flying in and out of a hole about half way up the tree. Last weekend I saw one of the parents with two young birds, both almost as large as the parent, but still very awkward in their flight.



The species we have at Maningrida is the Little Corella (as distinct from a similar southern species), and although it is a cockatoo, it has only a very short crest which is near-impossible to see at a distance. It is interesting that this bird was probably the first Australian parrot to be observed and then reported by a European. This was by William Dampier, in August 1699; he was an English adventurer who landed on one of the small islands which now bear his name in the North West of Australia. The birds, which he called "White Parrots" are still common on the islands.

## Rainfall

Thursday 10th	187	obs
Friday 11th	12	
Saturday 12th	271	
Sunday 13th	132	
Monday 14th	30	
Tuesday 15th	18	
Wednesday 16th	86	



## Works Notice

Forestry has at present no plans for the bridging of Gardiner's Creek which runs <sup>through</sup> the settlement but hopes to establish a set of signals in anticipation of flood waters cutting the Aboriginal Affairs office from the rest of the town.

Also Works Department are conducting a feasibility study on the possibility of beginning a hydro-electric scheme.

C.P.

## Death

The funeral will be held today of Paddy Marlugg who died after a long time of bad health on Wednesday night. He is survived by his young wife, Margaret Dawamal and children.

## Back for Good

Chris and Gwen Burbett arrived at Maningrida from Sydney on Saturday. They had driven all the way, and had more than their share of bad roads. They became badly bogged on one of the roads in Central Queensland but were fortunate enough to be towed to the next town by a grader that was passing through.

Chris has finished his A.S.O.P.A. course, and now hopes to be able to settle down at Maningrida for some years. Gwen will take up one of the teaching positions when school starts.

# See Those Roads.

By the time of this Mirage comes out, my stay as a temporary citizen of Maningrida will be over and I can usually say I am sorry to have to go back to my paper warfare in Darwin. Our normally quiet month of January at Maningrida has been livened up by the breakdown of almost all our battered Toyotas and Land Rovers. Clive has been on his toes throughout. The roads have given us some excitement too, although most are not standing up too badly so far this wet.

Perhaps not everyone at Maningrida is aware of the reasons for all these Forestry roads. There are now about 800km (500 miles) of these roads between Maningrida and the Blyth River, enclosing about 80,000 Hectares (200,000 Ac) of forest. Everyone would realise that the main Forestry roads have made travel very much easier and faster. For example, when I came to Maningrida for the first time in 1968 it took about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours to get to Botgardie, whereas now the more adventurous drivers can do the trip in  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour.

Another reason for road construction is log extraction, but the main purpose of all these roads is to break up the cypress pine country for fire protection. As the years have gone by areas burnt by fire are diminishing. This is partly because people are lighting fires less and partly because the fires which do start can be reached quickly on the road system which has been built up. Because less country is now burnt, it is possible to see some good areas of pine regeneration close to Maningrida and in other places, and these should expand as long as the fire sensitive seedlings can be protected.



The Forestry programme has expanded from Gunividji country, through Gungoni, to Renbarnanga and Gunardba areas, and in the last two years we have consulted representatives of all these groups about where new roads can go. John Hunter and all the members of the Maningrida Council have helped these talks to take place.

Although a number of new bodies, through which Aboriginal people will be heard with real authority (e.g. N.A.C.C. and the Land Councils), are being developed by the Government, I hope that these local talks can continue. However informal, they have been a start to providing real involvement in the running of the forests by Aboriginal people.

Chris Haynes.

## *Weekend Duties*

Duty Sister: Sister Betty

Duty Officer: ~~Mr~~ Bert Ryan.

## *Star Theatre*



Friday "4 Horseran of The Apocalypse"

Saturday "Kidnapped" from the Novel by R.L.S.

Also showing will be a picture of the Royal Wedding.

## *Church*

### *"Sharing a Life"*

Sunday 9.30 am Sunday School classes.  
Theme of Study: "The Shared life of Members"

7.30 pm Evening Service in the church. It would be helpful for you to read these three Bible texts before Sunday night:

Acts 10:32-35

Romans 12:3-8

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

An invitation is open to all who would like to worship and have fellowship with the people of faith.

Tuesday and Thursday night fellowship. We hope that the rain will ease and let us resume our fellowships during the week. Tuesday night fellowship will be in the Church, while Thursday's Bible Study and discussion will be at John Gardiner's house.

## *Wait and Ponder*

Lamentations 3; 24&25 "The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore I will hope in Him. The LORD is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him.

## *Visitors.*

Folks and close friends of Christene Brooks, Frank, Moya, Alan, and Vera (Where did she put them all?) have come up for a short stay with Ch. Chris. and Roger. Frank is the Ambulance Superintendent for Gaynday (Qld.) and Alan manages a cordial factory. We hope they have a happy stay with us.

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