

A.I.A.S.  
LIBRARY

3 JUL 1972

# MANINGRIDA

7/11/5  
11/11/5

# MIRAGE

VOLUME VI OCTOBER 31st 1968

## THE ART WORLD

On Tuesday, Mr John Baily, director of the Adelaide Art Gallery, came to see the work of Maningrida artists and select some. He chose seven (7) large barks and bought two (2) others.

He made some interesting suggestions for the sculpting of carved birds:

E.G.



a wire leg rather than the usual block of wood.



He painted the foreshore in evening light, and regretted that he did not have 3 or 4 days to sketch and paint people. It is likely that he will return next year.

The exhibition of Maningrida Bark paintings at the Rigby Gallery is now to take place during the week beginning November 10th, It will be opened by Mr C.P. Mountford, the well known ethnologist whose new book on bark paintings will be off the Rigby press and on sale that day.

The work of 17 artists will be represented in the 54 barks sent from here. It is anticipated that prices will be rather higher than usual and the work on the whole, is very good, some of it outstanding.

The Arts and Crafts have been paid the usual selling price by Rigby's and where a \$20 bark may sell for \$60 a cheque will come back to the artist himself.

Opal have advised the Co-op that for various reasons they are not printing a christmas card for 1969. So Maganis prize winning entry will not appear.

From Perth, that city which some think is the best in Australia, came the Director of the Art Gallery, Mr Frank Norton in 1967-68 on two visits collecting for a display of Aboriginal Art. This display is now complete and Frank sent a booklet giving an illustrated account of each of the 109 items. There are 13 items collected from Maningrida, 2 hollow log coffins, carvings of various types and 3 bark paintings.

\*\*\*\*\*

Now that the wet is starting I'd prefer to see people putting all rubbish into the metal rubbish bins rather than into cardboard boxes alongside the bins. During the last couple of rainy days the bottoms dropped out of some.

Aboriginal people in the laundries are asked to keep things tidier. Blankets, clothes, firewood, plus one pig and several other things are often left there. This makes cleaning difficult. And no camping in conveniences!! This has happened quite a lot.



The Yarra River drain (behind the hasty tasty) is a bad diarrhoea area. People swim there and do all sorts of things there. At low tide it is full of everything. Can anyone suggest what could be done with it.

Persons owning old toilets, please forward them to the Sanitary Engineering Depot as new ones are being constructed.

With the coming of the wet, the fly population is likely to increase and will be visiting from house to house. So BEWARE!!

\*\*\*\*\*

KUNAPPPI CEREMONY. The final part of the Kunappipi ceremony at Balpanarra, close to the Cadell River has attracted almost 50 workers and similar number of children. Kunappipi is a secret and sacred ceremony. This particular one belongs to Peter Gangalarra.

\*\*\*\*\*

BASKETBALL: The results of the basketball were as follows, Demons played Dugong and won 23:24 Hawks played Chalkies and won 43:12 Kiwis played Gorillas and won 40:52.

The Premiership table reads

- Hawks
- Demons
- Gorillas
- Dugong

Fixtures for next week:

Gorillas	v	Chalkies	7 o'clock
Kiwis	v	Dugong	8 o'clock
Demons	v	Hawks	9 o'clock

\*\*\*\*\*

New Personnel at Maningrida

We would like to extend our greetings to Mr John Stevens who has joined the school staff to make up for staff shortages.

John from Brisbane, assures us that he's not another "bush Queenslander", and that his interests are music, football, tennis, cricket and Ornithology (bird watching).

A point of interest is that his flight from Yirrikala was at the expense of Sam Calder, who kindly offered John a seat in his election plane. John's first impressions of Maningrida "It's quiet but relaxing."

All copyrights the property of the "Batch".

\*\*\*\*\*

Hasty Tasty: Mrs Lyn Watson is taking over as from Monday as Manageress of the Hasty Tasty. The tea and coffee cafe bar (ready mixed) is proving very successful, and there is a big demand for coffee.

\*\*\*\*\*

Privately owned trucks: The Gunwinggu land rover which had seen many better days before it hit the trail from Darwin to Maningrida is very sick. If its owners are unable or lack the inspiration to raise the considerable sum needed to repair it, it might be "finished up".

Undeterred by such a happening and by "Balanda" advice to wait until they could buy a better type vehicle. Some men of the Jinang company led by Jack Meritja set off for Darwin to invest their \$900 in a 4 wheel drive vehicle.

Several people have remarked on the lack of training in motor mechanics. ie. the mechanical supervisors have their hands full with mechanical maintenance work and as yet, the settlement does not provide a full-time teacher in mechanical training.

\*\*\*\*\*

A WORD FROM THE SUPT. The Barge will not be able to arrive at Maningrida for at least another fortnight. \*\*\*\*\*

GEORGE NULUMBA. Many people have remarked on the strange behaviour of George Nulumba this week, on the oval in the rain with clap sticks, and around the church etc. George believes that he has been "sung" following a quarrel and some fighting. Usually when people are "sung" they have "short wind" or become bed ridden. George has been very active, performing all kinds of ritual motions. His relatives and friends worry for him and so do we.

\*\*\*\*\*

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION: At a recent meeting of the Progress Association it was decided to approach appropriate authorities that be, for a grant of \$100,000 to launch a program of Aboriginal house building.

The President Mr John Hunter calculated that the Govt. had averaged 2.6 Aboriginal houses a year and 2.5 European houses a year have been built.

\*\*\*\*\*

Welfare Clerical Assistant to speak to nine men on the radio, send telegrams, and receptionists to people coming to the office with queries - while April enjoys a holiday from 17/11/69 to 2/1/70.

Applicants apply to Supt.

BIRTHS

- Oct. 10th. To Bridget Jirkkade and Dick Saith (Jinang) a daughter ROSEMARY ROBERTS.
- Oct. 18th. To Margaret Lankala and Larry Barjabula (Burada Jinang) a son ANDRE.
- Oct. 14th. To Mary Ngalsilanga and Harry Magarbi (burada) a daughter JENNIFER.

DEATH:

JABIRU aged 25 years - son of Peter Ngalsilanga and Maisie Ngalsimba (Cunwingu). He went into East Arm in August 1958 and apart from holidays at Maningrida has spent most of his time in the hospital there.

\*\*\*\*\*

AT THE MUSEUM THIS EVENING Escape from St. Quentin

CHURCH NOTICES: Sat. 7.30pm - Sat. Fellowship at Sister Mairi's flat.  
Sunday 9.30 All age Sunday School.  
7.50 All Saints Day Service - Sydney Excursion (next Sun)  
Choir will sing "Whispering Hope" Movie Film on "Ruth" to follow.

\*\*\*\*\*

*Eat well!! Dress Well!!*

*Available now  
Dried frozen foods, Dried fruits  
A wide variety of... shorts  
at the Co-op.*

Glen Jean and Mark Magarbi are now familiar figures. Next week we hope to have a story about their S.A. days as a... of business.

Another Sth. Aussie to arrive at Sister Mairi's... a Survey among mothers and young babies for the Dept. of Health.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Maningrida Mirage**

AIATSIS Library, RS 29.7/2

"Maningrida Mirage Volume 6" October 31st, 1969.

Maningrida Mirage NT Maningrida Community

(r000005900888\_v6\_a.pdf)

To cite this file use:

[http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/lbry/dig\\_prgm/indigenousnewsletters/maningrida/pdf/69-70/r000005900888\\_v6\\_a.pdf](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/lbry/dig_prgm/indigenousnewsletters/maningrida/pdf/69-70/r000005900888_v6_a.pdf)

© Maningrida Mirage NT Maningrida Community