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## Where the bananas grow.

Some work has commenced to rejuvenate the Cadell Gardens and to prepare for the coming season. As you will have seen, the input of bananas to the shop has been fairly consistent of late and it is now planned to extend the plantation. About 1/4 acre cleared last year, has been rotary hoed and this is to be put down to bananas next week. A new consignment of pawpaw seedlings has arrived; these will be planted on Saturday in the place formerly occupied by the old trees which are past the bearing stage. The remainder of the gardenbays have been ploughed, preparatory to extending the sweet potato plantation.

That celebrated entrepreneur, Mr. England Banggala, has taken up residence at Cadell to preside over these developments and should shortly be followed by others.

## Sleepers Beware!!

Adherents to that venerable Maningrida custom of reposing (sleeping in the daytime), despite everything else, had better start undergoing some culture changes. As from this week, those who are not able to make it to work with reasonable punctuality will find that their positions have become redundant (finished up). This may not worry some unduly, but they should be aware that the chances of re-engagement will be very slim indeed.

Some others should also know that this will directly affect their eligibility to belong to that famous institution, 'The Happy Club'.

In brief, No work - No Job - No Club.

## WOLPERS & LAW.

The Contractors, Wolpers & Law have sent an advance party to erect accomodation, near the sawmill. Barge watchers will have seen sundry items of equipment and materials coming forth in the last couple of weeks. There are two jobs to be undertaken.

- (a) To construct a sewerage line through the middle of the settlement and to instal a sewerage pump to speed the merry mess on its way to a series of treatment ponds (good news for the junior swimmers & ) across the other side of the airstrip, and
- (b) To equip and hook up two of the bores near the fire tower.

J. H.

## Perishables Service

Please do not rely on this avenue of supply, as opposed to your normal services as it has been entirely experimental, and whilst offering potential it has yet to prove its value.

It is fair to say that the quality has dropped appreciably since its beginning, prices have been more erratic than was anticipated, reliability of arrival only fair, and at this point of time, the operators require a firmer assurance of continued trade than we are prepared to give. Some settlements have given such assurances, perhaps we are being more conservative, but value is essential.

Prize of \$10 - for a design for the wrappings on Maningrida Bread. Hand in your design at the shop.

MANINGRIDA LOAF  
GOOD TUCKER  
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# Progress Association.

Some of the items dealt with at the Progress Association meeting held on Wednesday 5th May:

BAKERY: Three bakers, so far, have applied to be the new Maningrida baker. The opening date is expected to be July 1st.



MINING: An application for an A.P. (Authority to Prospect) for the Bulman area has been made. The Association will also apply for the Mt. Lean area (east of Bulman) when it becomes available in September.

FISHING: Mr. Carpenter outlined the results of his talks with officers in Darwin last week. The meeting approved a new proposal in which - 1. the Government will raise the operational and health standards of the Fisheries plant and maintain a supervisor for 2 years and  
a. employ a fitter and Aboriginal industrial workers (like Silas and Billy Y.)  
2. When standard of the plant is raised, the Progress Association will apply for a grant to operate Fisheries for 1 year trial period.

In Darwin there is a ready market for fish.

## EISTEDDFOD:

The Progress Association voted \$144.00 to be made available to take 3 adult dancers to the Eisteddfod (if the money is needed).

## SPORTING COMMITTEE:

Mr. Gillespie said that an order had been sent for cement to cover the old tennis court. This will cost over \$1,000.

The new court will be for basketball, tennis and volleyball.

## MANAGER:

The President said that the Progress Association was now engaged in so many activities that it was too much for one man to manage. The Meeting proposed that Mr. Bagshaw be the overall Manager of the Progress Association's business activities and that a store manager be appointed when a house becomes available for him.

## HOUSING:

Mr. Tom Yibberal asked who would live in the new Housing Association houses, and the President replied that the Housing Committee would decide.

There would be a house for a police tracker at the new Police Station to be built.

## FINANCE:

	<u>Store</u>	<u>Hasty Tasty</u>	<u>Bark Room</u>
Income	\$25,000	\$5,500	\$2,646
Expenditure	\$23,300	\$4,850	\$1,962

The Stocktake of the Arts and Crafts showed that \$4,128 worth of items were in stock.

Eight members and nine visitors were present at the meeting.

## Tuesday's Basketball<sup>+++++</sup>

Kupanga just managed to get 2 points in the last few minutes to win their game against Arnhemland 44/42. Arnhemland scored 25 great baskets and kept Kupanga standing. Score at half time was 20/20.

George Putti came on for Arnhemland and scored well. This spurred Larry into scoring and pulled Kupanga out of the fire and gave them the win.

Cadell River defeated Cape Stewart in a slow and untidy match 38/30. Cape Stewart were not on key and played all over the court. had lots of shots but failed to net them. Cadell had a very shaky start and were trailing at half time 12/18. They got with it in thesecond half and started to fire well, and put shots in to catch up and go on to win.

# Salubrious Setting for Archer's Antics

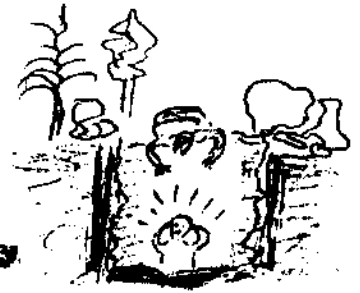
Last Anzac long weekend was the "Royal Maningrida Archery Assoc. Incorporated's first official outing. The setting for this historic event was the balmy (and How) South Pacific Paradise Entrance Island.

It was pleasing to note that the entire club turned out. Those present were: The President and Vice President and the club's official mascot "Horace" who also doubles as "official Mobile Garbage Disposal Unit" (Alas the treasurer has not made contact since '49 when last heard from was in South America).

At Dawn on Saturday feverish preparations for departure were being made. Eventual arrival at the Island was approx 1300 hrs (same day too.)

It is to be noted that this would have all been impossible were it not for the courtesy of "The Harbour and Marine Board Trust" (J.C.) and Vice Rear Admiral Brady R.A.N. (Better known as "Bring 'em Back Alive, Brady").

We arrived on one lung and a boat half full of water, thereby attesting to the inveterate skill involved in navigating such a treacherous expanse of water. Immediately ~~on~~ arrival we began establishing H.Q.; this task was completed exactly 2hrs before leaving the Island, Monday evening.

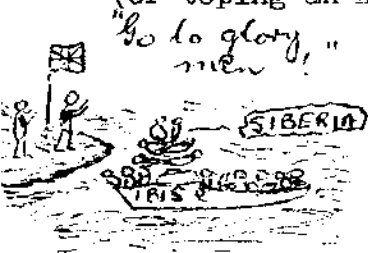


(getting to the bottom of things)

The President (an intrepid explorer) discovered an ancient Maccassan well. This resulted in slight concussion, abrasions and possible suffocation in mud. For this, he received a putty medal and a mention in the advertisements of the National Geographic Magazine. Vast quantities of Snake bite serum were required to bring him to his senses.

A flag raising ceremony to annex the I.S. from Maningrida was accomplished by the President, who, set the standard of club and mast in 5' of water, whilst dutching open Port Bottle (no mean feat-P.S.) Port was still uncontaminated by sea water at the end of the ceremony.

Many age old sports were indulged in including Tippling (or toping an Ancient and English custom) Splicing the Main Brace (traditional nautical custom) and "Hauling 'em Down" (an ancient army custom). These sports helped immensely in giving the whole affair a gala atmosphere.



Overtime will be claimed from the Harbours and Marine Board for coast watching activities, which included plans for the complete evacuation of all Maningrida population via Her Majesty's Maningrida Ship "Ibis", to Siberia in one trip. These plans were made in case of sneak attack by Red

China.

Aquatic sports involved a display of running dives by the Vice President. The first attempt ended in near catastrophe when he finished in wet sand up to his ears, 20 yards from nearest water. The second attempt however was more of a success and he nearly arrived back in Maningrida due to momentum. He was eventually revived with copious draughts of "Nelson's Blood" which was made readily available. Although "bush tucker" was readily available, the staple diet for the last day or so was "Pratics a la Green hide" (usually called potatoes) without salt owing to a mishap in drying salt (in a plastic container) by fire after its immersion in sea water. Monday at sundown, saw the return of all members at Maningrida garbed in gaily striped nagas, bolts and hats (bolts optional but necessary, hats optional).

Unfortunately as a direct result of the trip a rare form of malaria struck all members except the Mascot. As there were no mosquitos or sandflies, World Health Org. together with C.U.B. will conduct an official investigation and findings will be made public in the proposed club magazine (if and when they find the treasurer!!).

B (brolga) and B (Bill).

# FROM THE NEWSPAPERS.

A lot of children from settlements in Arnhemland have gastritis. There are sick children from Maningrida, Oenpelli, Yirrkala, Bathurst Island, Elcho and Groote Island. Two young children have died from the sickness. Doctors in Darwin say the sickness comes from people living in dirty places.

## To see the Prime Minister

Roy Maraka, Daymbalipu Munungurr and Wally Walaynbuma, three Yirrkala men, are going to fly to Canberra in New South Wales. They are going to speak with Mr McMahon, the Prime Minister of Australia. He is the most powerful government man in Australia. They will ask him to change the law so that Aboriginal people can own the land that they call their "country".

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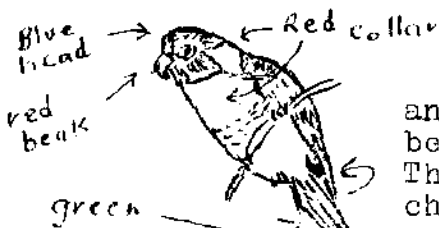
The arrival of the school's first pair of dilla-dilla's in the school yard on Wednesday prompted some very interesting information for amateur birdwatchers from the two General Stream classes - though not all of it seems to agree. Here are samples of the more important pieces:

- 1) They have no beef
- 2) They are good to eat
- 3) If you eat them you will die
- 4) They live in a sand bank at Kupunga only.
- 5) They live everywhere but have a rest in the Wet Season
- 6) Nobody sings a song about them
- 7) Raymond's father sings a song about them
- 8) Some boys "cruel" them with shanghais
- 9) They come straight from the devilman
- 10) Some people call them "my mother".

Who needs the Gould Bird League?

D.G.

## BIRDWATCHER



### Red Collared Lorikeet.

Since a lot of trees and shrubs in the bush have come out in flower, these beautiful birds have been chattering in the branches. They have a red beak, blue head, a red collar and chest, and a greenish back and tail. Its colours are very similar to the Rainbow Lorikeet which is seen in Stn. states but the latter doesn't have a 'red collar'. These birds fly about in flocks. A lot of feathered work is now being done by the women. A coincidence?

## BASKETBALL

Round 2 Week 5:

<u>Tuesday 11th May:</u>	7 p.m. Cadell River	v	Arnhemland
	8 p.m. Cape Stuart	v	Kupunga.
<u>Thursday 13th May:</u>	7 p.m. Entrance Island	v	Eagles
	8 p.m. Chalkies	v	Dolphins

Dolphins after matching point for point with Eagles were able to score a few easy shots in the last few minutes to defeat 46/42. Eagles looked set for a win out pointing Dolphins in the first half but the Dolphins speed and passing got the better of them.

Chalkies played an entertaining game against Entrance Island. Entrance ran out the easy winners 52/36. Chalkies had lots of shots but couldn't score. Alfie had a field day for Entrance scoring 24 points.

## FOOTBALL

No game was played on Saturday and there is a general feeling that the "fooly" season is finished. In Darwin the season begins in October.

WEEKEND DUTIES: Duty Officer : Mr Bill Beckett  
Duty Sister : Sister Cec Carey  
Nightwatchman: Mr. Michael Ngulabiya.

STAR THEATRE: Friday: Watch the notice board.  
Saturday: Films should arrive today.

CHURCH: Fourth Sunday after Easter.  
9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools "Christ the Prophet."  
7.00 p.m. Holy Communion.  
Note the change in time for the evening services.  
Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship.

A man paddles his canoe. It is easy sometimes when the sea is calm and there is no wind. Other times it is hard - the wind and tide are against us, but we have to keep on going even when we get tired. In our life we sometimes have an evil spirit against us, trying to stop us. It's no good giving up. We have to keep going. God's Spirit strengthens us - (from talk by George Winanguj).

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BIRTHS:

Allan England - son for Mary Galbera and England Banggala on Friday 30th April. Allan is No. 8 in the family.

April - daughter for Mary Maninga and Jacky Buduraga on Tuesday 4th May. Sixth child.

Moses - on Monday 3rd May at the little creek to Nita Jibarwala and Tom Werdidi.

Roger - on Thursday 6th May son to Rosie Jinbi Jinggu and Micky Jurapa, their sixth child.

RAINFALL:

The dry season is here. The bush is ablaze with white and yellow flowers, the trees are alive with birds and honey-eaters.

PEOPLE:

Mr Jim McInerney has been having a busy time, putting ~~in~~ a new motor into his car "Whilst working on the car a while back I did something to my back and spent a week stretched out on a board. Am able to walk around o.k. now but cannot lift anything yet." Mr McInerney is hoping to teach in South Australia.

Julie and Phyllis arrived back from Elcho on Wednesday.

Sister Joan Fong arrived last week to help the sisters look after the babies with diarrhea. Sister Fong used to be the survey sister at Milingimbi about the same time as Sister Sandra was here. She is a kind of "mobile works force" sister with Dept. of Health, travelling from place to place, to help when there is a time of need.

Juliet has had pains in her back for some days and yesterday went in on the medical plane with a suspected slipped disc. Also on the plane was Mr John Phomister with a possible broken arm. On Wednesday Mr Phomister was riding on his motor bike and had to swerve into the bank on the side of the road to miss a motor vehicle.

Mrs Barbara Quick travelled to Elcho on the mission plane yesterday morning for a holiday. Barbara has been one of the typists of the Mirage.

Mr George Winanguj has been teaching some of the young people to dance in the Aboriginal way, some of the bible stories, at Thurs. Fellowship.

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