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SPEARING

On Sunday afternoon Mrs Marie Jinguwaramba received a spear wound in the leg in the course of a ceremony for the late George Buleila.

Police came to investigate on Tuesday. After interviewing witnesses they arrested Andrew Madaduba, who accompanied them to Darwin on Wednesday for trial.

VISIT BY SENATE COMMITTEE

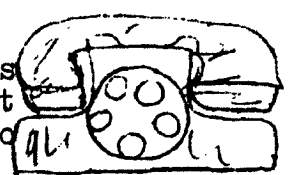
On Tuesday afternoon members of the Committee on Social Environment visited Maningrida for an inspection of various areas and discussions with the Maningrida Council.

The party, comprising Senators Laucke (Chairman), Little, Keith and Mulverhill, also Phillip Roberts and some Government men toured the Village area, school, hospital, fisheries and sawmill, before sitting down to talks with the Councillors and President of the Progress Association, Mr. Silas Roberts. Talks ranged around housing, the discontinuation of the self-help housing scheme, Cadell Garden, the timber problems. Council had tried hard to get timber; it had failed so far in its approaches to the Government. Sacred sites were also discussed.

TELEPHONE

The telephone at Maningrida has now been operating for 12 months, and the first account has been paid. As a matter of interest, the hire of the telephone for a 6 month period is \$142., and it is the Progress Association who pays this as a service to the community.

We naturally expect that people ringing up will take the utmost care to see that they pay for their calls promptly, and in the case of "reverse charge" calls, that care is taken to say to the Katherine operator "I wish to place a reversed charge call to number....."



G.B.

MINING

It is 12 months since the ORMAC agreement was signed pertaining to mining exploration areas.

As part of that agreement, 160,000 10c par shares have been given to the Progress Association. A meeting of the MPA committee yesterday, decided to retain 80,000 of the initial 10c shares in cash, i.e. \$8,000. The other 80,000 shares it has opted to reinvest at 10c par each. On the Stock Exchange these shares now sell at 20c each. By a rule of the Stock Exchange these gift (vendor) shares cannot be traded for 12 months.

As a further part of the agreement, another issue of free shares are due, totalling 90,000 in number.

G.B.

The geologists will be here late in May.

SELF SERVICE

Everyone is very pleased with the way in which the people have quickly adapted to self service in the shop. It is hoped customers will not hesitate to contact the shop staff if in difficulties.

GORDON SWEENEY SCHOOL NOTES

First term school vacation commences next Monday 8th May. Classes start again for all children on Monday 22nd May.

We welcome back to Maningrida the twelve pupils who have been studying at Kormilla College this term. It is pleasant to see the smiling faces of relatives as the children return home for the holidays.

Arrangements are being made for reciprocal visits between pupils from Milingimbi and Maningrida schools to play basketball and football matches on Friday and Saturday 26th and 27th May. We look forward to the arrival of the Milingimbi teams and wish our teams an enjoyable time over there.

I have appreciated some parents accepting the invitation to visit the school for talks on the progress of their boys and girls and other related matters. We have even had one mother in the classroom at the receiving end of lessons and assisting in managing the children. We thank the lady concerned for her time and patience. We are planning to extend this 'worms eye' view of classroom activities in the future. Some of the ideas behind this venture include:- not understanding school can lead to unhealthy misunderstanding; letting you see the levels of work and variety of work being undertaken — acquainting you with the school of today (in contrast with the school of yesterday which you and I experienced) — times, curricula, methods, do change you know!; sharing the joys, educational awakenings and experiences of the children; catching a breath of the joys, problems, patience and understanding required by professional teachers, particularly in the specialised work undertaken in our Aboriginal schools; to help you to understand your child in relation to the school — if you know the school (not the outside — but the inside) and the activities there you may be better able to understand your child's needs and so/better equipped to assist him (or her) progress and adjust at school.

The invitation is given — do come.

For our Aboriginal friends who may not understand the big words written above — I am sorry — but come along to school sometime and ask me what I am talking about! Stop me in the Village and talk to me, or any of the teachers.

The Resource Centre will be finished next week. Thank you for a good job well done Eagle Constructions! I hope you will be delighted to hear that this Centre will eventually not only be a valuable asset to the school, but its use will be extended to the whole Maningrida community and even further. Surprised? — then more about this later. Are any of you Maningrida residents interested in collecting shells? Do you have a stuffed crocodile in the bathroom cabinet? Is there a preserved sea wasp — with 30' tentacles — hidden in the pantry? Is there a lump of uranium buried in the backyard? Is there a significant bark painting, or a special carving that should be on display for everyone to admire and understand? These are just a few of the varied items we are hoping to put into the museum section of the Resource Centre from which all may gain benefit. We can arrange transport for these hidden treasures.

Many thanks for the patience and co-operation given by the shop management during the visits of school pupils aged from 3 years upwards and for the lessons given on buying in the new self-service style. We hope the children will help you in turn.

(D. H.)

CONNOR PROCEDURES

1. All outgoing passengers must check their tickets and baggage to the government store at least a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour prior to the scheduled E.T.A. of the aircraft. This includes freight as well; freight will not be accepted at the airstrip.
2. Disembarking passengers may collect their luggage at the airstrip vehicle park. Uncollected luggage, and all freight will be taken by the duty vehicle to the Government store where it will be available for collection.
3. Perishables will be delivered in the normal manner.

Superintendent

AN AFTERNOON AT THE DARWIN RACES

Going to the Darwin "Races" is like having a swim in an empty swimming pool. You arrive to the accompaniment of the betting ring roar but .. no horses, very disconcerting to the horse-lover. When you walk around the betting ring, you see many familiar permanent fixtures. One well-known character opens his mouth to place a bet and you are surprised when he says something other than "5-Y-0 to V-I-D".



After about 3 hours the few horses arrive, carried on stretchers by St John's Ambulance men.

They go onto the track for the 1st race and one noble steed decides to duck out onto Bagot Road while his jockey is not watching. Much to his trainer's amazement the horse is booked for speeding and improper use of the Ludmilla Overpass. The trainer later commented "Gee, he wasn't supposed to be going today; I'll have to race him on Bagot Road more often."

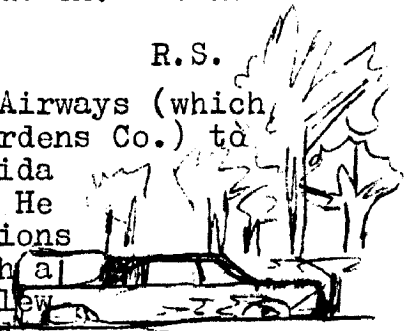
The last race is run, horses go everywhere. The rider of the 3rd horse protests against the 1st and 2nd horses on the grounds of interference at the home turn. The protest is dismissed but the rider of the 3rd horse is suspended for 1 month for causing interference 4 furlongs before the home turn. That will teach him to keep his mouth shut. One ex-Maningrida identity, also a permanent fixture, was displeased with one jockey and decided to throw a few choice bricks.

This enjoyable afternoon was concluded with that traditional Anzac Day money game in which many ex-locals were extremely prominent. Darwin Races is an experience you should not miss out on. It is entertaining almost to the point of being farcical.

OLD MANINGRIDIAN'S REVISITED

On Sunday last we flew with John Carpenter Airways (which recently survived a takeover bid by the Gunardpa Gardens Co.) to Murganella. There we met former well known Maningrida scrub basher Alan Brady. Alan is very much alive. He took us "wading" in a Toyota and showed us two sections of the coast near Murganella - one of which had such a surf as to gladden Surfer Stutchbury's heart. We flew over the plain country which was full of buffalo and wild poxies - John flew the plane, Bob thought about Timor poxies' blood lines, Pink and Green exposed film and Adam ate the lunch.

R.S.



In the afternoon we flew across to Goulburn and met Robyn and John Stevens. They are fit and well and have a very nice little school in the pleasant farmlike surroundings of the Mission. We gave John the groceries he had been waiting for and toured the village. We saw Betty and her various children of whom the latter seemed to have sworn off bathing. We did not see Don Weibananga though John told us that he is now a genuine bushman complete with Afro hairstyle. He spends a lot of time on the mainland at the "business" run by the Gunwinggu people and visits intermittently. Bob claims he saw Frank Gnananamana (Garti-Garti), Crusoe's old dancing partner, but this was an unconfirmed sighting.

After selecting a few samples of Goulburn flora we returned home tired but happy.

Roger Pink.

AIRSTRIP SAFETY

All persons are notified that the movement of unauthorised vehicles and people into the aircraft parking area is absolutely prohibited. A vehicle parking area has been constructed and all vehicles and people must remain within this area. This includes passengers, who will be called to board the aircraft when it is ready to depart. Disembarking passengers will be asked to move directly to the vehicle park. No persons, other than the Connair agent and the personnel manning the duty vehicle may remain within the aircraft parking bay.

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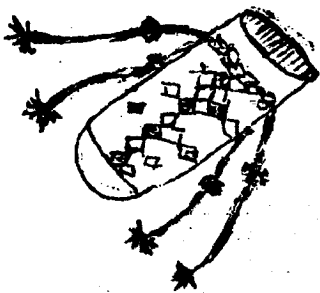
How the Aborigines have changed.

As we all know, the Aborigines are working for their freedom and aiming to earn their living in peace - under the regulations of the Europeans.

It is time to look back to see how the Aboriginal people used to live in peace and hunted for their living. Their culture and customs had not changed. Wherever you go - to Settlements, Missions, Cattle stations etc. you can find different customs and ritual ceremonies, but they all have the same Madayan.

As the years went by, the Aborigine started to learn to work but he still didn't know what he was doing. He understood the white man's language, bit by bit, but he didn't know what he was saying and what the words meant. He used things he had never used before and didn't know what they were for. He used the gun, to hunt instead of spears. He ate food that he had never eaten before, food tasting different from our bush food.. As the years went on and on he started to understand and know about the things he'd never used or worn before.

Now the Government is making laws for Aboriginal people to change their old way of living into a new and modern way of life. But I tell you this If you go to one or two old people and ask them to change their way, they only say "Yes." but deep inside there are feelings you dont know about. The old people of the old generation who can not understand the European way of life find it difficult to change their ways and to leave the Madayan, customs, ceremonies, and culture and live another life.



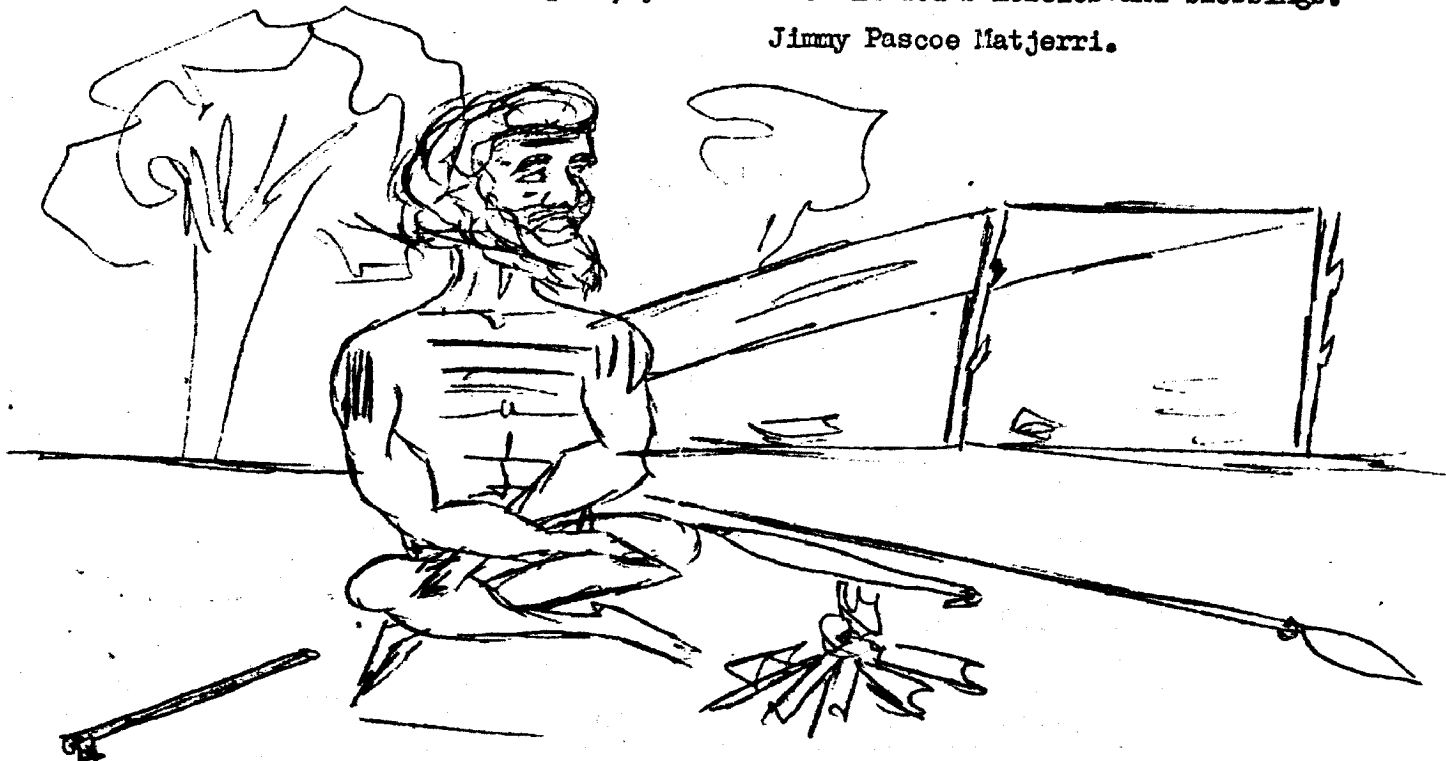
In America where the Negroes are, they are finding it hard to find their old way of life. They haven't any idea where to start, where their forefathers, and great, great, great grand-fathers used to live.

The laws are still being made to help Aboriginal people to change their way and live in better conditions. One thing is sure - you cant ever change the old people. They'd rather be as they are.

In today's new world, some of the Aborigines are serious about getting new things and working for their own goods, but they dont care about their lives, which is more important to them. And this is the problem - they want to get things from the white man as trucks, boats, motor-bikes, radios etc. - to feel in themselves how proud they are, so that the people in the village will respect them and see how rich they are.

But if you are poor, you are rich in God's mercies and blessings.

Jimmy Pascoe Matjerri.



Concert Coming.

June 12th at 7.30pm.

The concert will be given by Alex Hood, who is "one of our most dedicated performers and collectors of Australian folk songs." He plays the mandolin, guitar, tea chest bass and largerphone. He has made several records "The first Hundred Years", "Songs while the billy boils" etc.

Mens Basketball

Last Tuesday was the end of the first round. Points so far are

M.P.A.	12
Kupanga, Cape Stewart	10
Garatpu	7
Pioneer	6
Cadell Brothers	4
Eagles	4
Jinang	3

Top Goal Scorers in the seven games:-

Tim Darcey (M.P.A.)	98	196	points
Jackie Pascoe (Cape S.)	57	114	"
Jimmy Galulmulla (C.S.)	53	106	"
Larry Weipa (Kupanga)	51	102	"
James Ngungu (Jinang)	47	94	"
Jimmy Cooper (Pioneer)	45	90	"
Jim Walbaraka (Garatpu)	45	90	"

Tim Darcey's effort gives him a fantastic average of 14 goals per game

Results of last week's games;

<u>Tuesday</u>		<u>Thursday</u>	
M.P.A.	49 d Pioneers 36	M.P.A.	34 d Eagles 32
Kupanga	58 d Eagles 30	Cadell	50 d Pioneers 38

Next Week's Games:-

<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>THURSDAY</u>	
7.00pm	M.P.A. Vs Cadell (Results last game 66-32)	7.00pm	Pioneers Vs Garatpu (Results last game 28-38)
8.00pm	Eagles Vs Jinang (Results last game 46-42)	8.00pm	Kupanga Vs Cape Stewart (Results last game 64-78)

T.K.

Results of Monday 1st May:

Dots'n'Dashes 60 defeated Albatrosses 20

Marrijalas 34 defeated Cobras 28

Best Scorers

Joy (Albatrosses)	8 points
Margaret (Dots'n'Dashes)	24 points
Betty (Marrijalas)	16 points
Nancy (Cobras)	20 points

Competition Point Score

Dots'n'Dashes	17
Marrijalas	13
Albatrosses	6
Cobras	0

Draw for Monday 8th May Semi Finals

7.00pm Dots'n'Dashes Vs Marrijalas

8.00pm Albatrosses Vs Cobras

Umpires Fred Luff and Jimmy Pascoe

The winner from the first match next Monday (8th) goes straight into the Grand Final. The loser of the first match plays the winner of the second match in the final of the 15th May, and the winner of that match contests the Grand Final of Monday 22nd May. The loser of the second match next Monday is eliminated. Got that ??? Good!

B.N.

Nature Strip.



PSYCHEDELIC DROPPINGS

A new box of paints was received as a Christmas present. A few days ago a boy went to use them. But alas; the cockroaches had found them first. Some blocks of coloured paints had been eaten altogether. Everywhere there were bright coloured psychedelic droppings

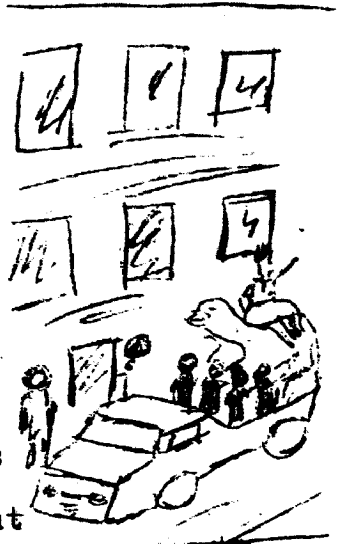
CHEEKY CATERPILLAR

Fred Luff felt an intense burning sensation on his arm for two hours. Someone's cigarette butt? No. A mysterious something. An eager search of a nearby bush revealed a bright green coloured caterpillar with blue lines between its hairy legs. Well known as "a cheeky caterpillar" who appears on the bark paintings of the Wawila people, and tucker of the blanket (Frill-necked) lizard.

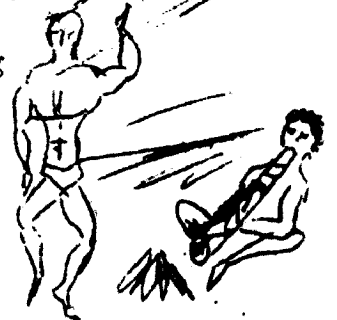
From the Newspapers.

MAY DAY MARCH:

In Darwin, on the holiday last Monday, there was a big parade through the streets. People had trucks with actors and signs on them all about the things the Government was doing which made them angry. This happens every year. This year two of the trucks had aboriginal people on them and they were telling everyone that they were angry with things that are happening to aboriginal people. Some people were from V.R.D. Station, where all the aboriginal stockmen have walked off their jobs. The others were from Melville Island and they said they didn't want their island used for chopping down trees for wood chips. More than 100 aboriginal people were in the march and afterwards people were speaking about giving aboriginal people their land back.



BIG SHOW: The government will give \$5000 for a big festival for aboriginal people later this year. It will be held in the centre, perhaps at Alice Springs. Aboriginal people will come together there from many parts for singing, dancing and other things.

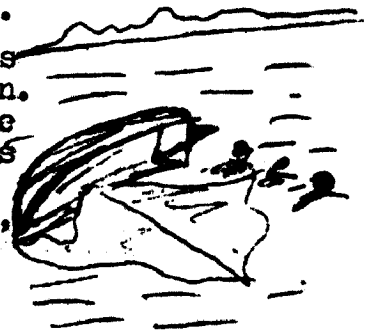


Overboard!

During ANZAC day morning, the four scouts Roly, Finity, Richard and Tom went sailing and fishing to the other side of the river. The first thing we did was to put the sails up, then we went off; and suddenly the big wind came, and we tipped over in the shallow water.

Then after we tipped over we all said: "Let's try once more"; then we tried and we went off again. While we were sailing, we came to the middle of the coast, and suddenly the big wind came and pushed us away to the other side. Then we saw Barry Gon-Gon with a canoe with sails on and he tipped over, too, and swam towards the boys who were fishing. And they were laughing at him as he was swimming towards them. But he tried to save us, and suddenly we heard a noise, a fishery boat was coming, and took us back home.

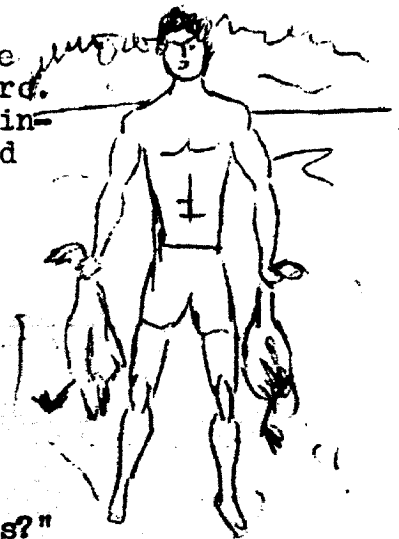
Story by Mr. Wudjal.



Young Men in the Bush

During the holidays, Peter B., Wayne W., Gerald J. and I ran away into the bush. We left here Maningrida about 6 o'clock in the morning. We got there about 4 o'clock in the evening. Wayne and I went hunting and Peter and Gerald made a fire. We got two Ibis. It was dark, but the moon was shining clearly. Then we started our journey again and travelled all through the night. We slept next to Nangark. When it was morning, Peter went to get water. We only drank water, but had no food. We rolled our swags up and off we went. We climbed up into the rocky place. My foot was hurting.. When we got near I saw some green plums. We got them for our dinner. It was 12 o'clock midday, some boys got hungry. Wayne saw 2 Kangaroos, he shot at one of them, but they ran away. We heard two trucks going past and I said: "Come on, boys, let's go". Suddenly I saw the Bedford; they gave us a lift. They said: "Where are you heading, boys?" We said we were heading to Maningrida.

Dean Yibarbak.



Griidian Group

The meeting will be held at the home of Shirley Armstrong on Tuesday (not Wed.). It is hoped that Mrs. J Ethel Jewell J.P. will speak about "A woman on the Bench" or "Cases I have heard."

WEEKEND DUTIES

Duty Officer: Mr Brolga Beckett

Duty Sister: Str. Bernadette

STAR THEATRE

Friday: "Guns for San Sebastian" Anthony Quinn, Charles Bronson, Anjanette Corner.

Anthony Quinn as the devil - may - care bandit leader is forced, through circumstances, to team up with an old priest. The story that unfolds amidst fearsome fighting, humour and peril, is both heart-warming and exciting.

Saturday: "Two for The Road" Audrey Hepburn, Albert Finney.

Exquisitely funny, refreshingly spontaneous, poignantly serious, "Two for The Road" is a comedy - drama about modern marriage, manners, and morals.

Sunday: Fifth Sunday After Easter

9.30 am Sunday Schools

7.00 pm Evening Service

Wednesday: Crusaders' Fellowship

"A Christian lives not in himself but in Christ and his neighbour.

He lives in Christ by faith, and in his neighbour through love."

Martin Luther

CHURCH

PEOPLE

Mr & Mrs Dave Glasgow and family are due to leave Sydney for a holiday in U.S.A. this week.

Matron Helen Miller of Theodore, Qld., has postponed her holiday to England for the time being.

Mr & Mrs Reg Fuller (formerly Forestry Clerk at Maningrida) is now at Bayswater in W.A. "We've got a nice house and are keeping some chooks."

Mr. Terry (darwin) Balmagadjila has gone into Darwin to do a course in furniture making. His brother, Adrian, broke his arm on Tuesday night and he is also in Darwin.

Wednesday's plane brought home well-known Carlton barracker, Mr. Eddy Carey, looking very fit and well and at least another 2-or 3" in diameter.

Coming on the jet tomorrow - Mr. Bob Stutchbury's mother and sister. A great spring clean was reported to be taking place in a certain pink house and the evening meal last night was being eaten at the Hasty Tasty. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jewell, their daughter Ruth and fiance Tregor are due at the Armstrongs. They hail from Port Augusta S.A.

Mr. Trev Tonkin, another P.O.I.T. arrived at Maningrida this week to further his experiences. We welcome him.

Mr. Eric Quick took a sickie after being bitten by some unknown monster in the mulga. He claims it was a ten foot long Tiger Snake but the Editorial Committee of "The Mirage" is not prepared to accept this statement. Maybe an insect.

A large company of people at Milinginbi had heard via some bush telegraph this week, that a young Maningrida relative had been killed, and were on the point of coming over to mourn or 'blame' someone. Enquiries at Maningrida revealed that he was being held 'on remand' at Her Majesty's residence, in her special motel at Fanny Bay. You could say that the young man was about as safe as anyone could hope to be. The young man in question - Michael Stewart Balarka.

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