



## MIRAGE

On Monday night at the school a meeting was held to discuss the 'Maningrida Mirage' and to work out ideas for it's future.

There were a lot of people at the meeting - but only one of them was an Aboriginal. This was probably because the meeting was not unduly advertised to Aboriginal people - especially those who cannot read, or those who do not get the 'Mirage' at present.

There were many good ideas brought up by the people at the meeting. Here are some of them:-

\* The Mirage should show that it is a paper that comes from the whole community of Maningrida. There are many more Aboriginal people at Maningrida than there are balandas and the people at the meeting wanted to see more stories from Aboriginals, about Aboriginal news and more Aboriginal people working to get the Mirage printed - helping with stories and helping with other Mirage jobs. There are many Aboriginal people at Maningrida who can write stories and the Mirage wants to hear from them especially.

\* There is a lot of work in getting the Mirage out every week and the meeting wanted to make sure that all the work didn't come to one person every week as has happened in the past. Many people said they would help with jobs. Other people will be going around asking people who weren't at the meeting to give a story or some help from time to time.

\* A committee of people will meet every week at Gladys Pascoe's house to talk about Mirage stories and to fix up all the work for the week's Mirage. They are Gladys Pascoe, Peter Cooke, Clive McMahon, Noel Soutter, Dan Gillespie and the two artists for the Mirage, Margaret Neale and Gwen Burchett. They will be asking other people to join them at times and also asking people to do Mirage work.

\* The school will be contributing stories to the Mirage every week and the Headmaster, Brian Deslandes hopes that some senior school children will be able to work on the Mirage.

\* Chris Cox will be doing a lot of the Mirage typing.

\* The meeting talked about some of the things that had happened in the old days when the Government in Canberra and Darwin had tried to stop the Mirage from talking about things in Maningrida. We give warning now that the Government or anyone else will not stop the Mirage from saying what it has to say.

\* People at the meeting felt that it was important that the Mirage went to outside of Maningrida so that other people could know more about our community. We will be happy to have more outside subscribers.



\* The Mirage will only be successful if everybody at Maningrida helps it. We are going to have a subscription drive. People will be going around asking you to pay for your Mirage. For Maningrida people it will cost \$3.00 for one year. For people who wish to have the Mirage posted it will cost \$5.00 for one year.

\* The Mirage is for everyone at Maningrida. If any person, or group or organisation has anything to say to the community, say it in the Mirage. It is Maningrida's newspaper - but it will only work if Maningrida supports it. Let's keep the Mirage going strong.

\* Cost of the Mirage:

For Maningrida people - \$3 for 1 year  
 For people in other places - \$5 for 1 year

\* Stories for the Mirage:

To Clive McMahon, Gladys Pascoe, Noel Soutter, Peter Cooke, Dan Gillespie, Marg Neale, Gwen Burchett.

\* Deadline:

Unless your story is a very very important late one, it must be given to one of these people before lunchtime on Wednesday or it will not go in.

Dan Gillespie.

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 \* CLASSIFIED ADS.  
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 \* The Mirage is happy to print advertisements for no cost - provided there are not three pages of them!  
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 \* If you have something to sell, a meeting or a game to advertise or a lost dog (or barge) to find, give your ad. to one of the committee.  
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OUTSTATIONS story (Cont'd. from page 3)

The painters have stopped using balanda glue which makes barks shiny and are going back to using bush glue (mundaitja) taken from the Native Orchid.

The money from arts and crafts is very important to people living in the bush. From this trip the craftsmen and women will receive \$570.

Dan Gillespie.

Weather

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<u>RAINFALL:</u>	<u>MM</u>	
8/2/74	Nil	4 wet days. 7
9/2/74	3.6	
10/2/74	23.2	
11/2/74	Nil	
12/2/74	Nil	
13/2/74	8.0	
14/2/74	7.8	



Warnings of tropical lows and cyclones will be given to all departments and organizations if they are expected to effect Maningrida.

# MPA NEWS

The supply position is confused and difficult at present. It will be at least 1 to 2 months before normality prevails; three of our containers have been near Oodnadatta for over a month and are not expected to get across the Finke River for a further 5 weeks. In the interim we are buying as best we can and where we can.

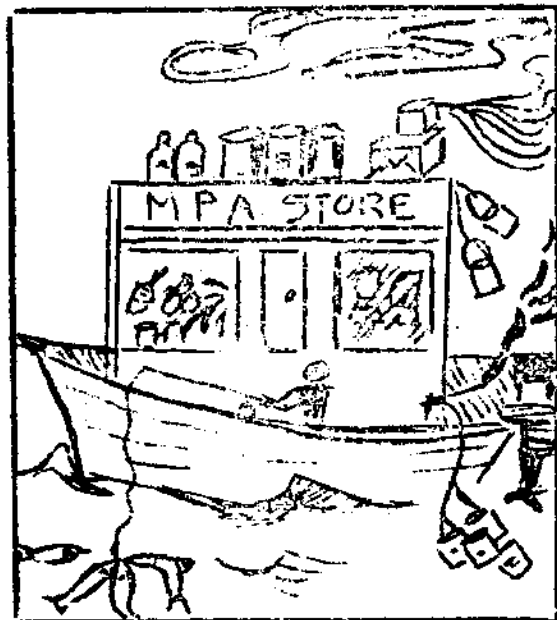
Line shortages will be a feature, but there will be no possibility of our running out of foodstuffs, the "Larripan" brought over 40 tons D.W. of food and when finally the Warrender arrives approx. 17th after 5 week's absence the supply position will be relatively good. Flour and perishables are due on the Warrender providing the consignment per State Ships W.A. arrives in Darwin in time for the connection - at present strikes are delaying this important vessel along the WA coast.

Prices are always higher buying goods from Darwin, but should not be more than marginally higher. Prices will revert to normal once the Adelaide supply line is open.

The Economic forecast for 1974 appears to be: Money will be tight, Interest rates high and prices will continue to rise. The latter seems assured. All canneries have made an across the board application for a 6% rise in the price of all canned goods, which will be a starter to further price rises.

## Fishing:

The 4 vessels had success last week, respective boat earnings for the 7 days were: the O.N.1. \$100; O.Q.1. \$92; O.Q.2. \$87; O.Q.3. \$216. The latter a good income for a week's work. The big diesel the O.H.9 should be back on the job this week after successful trials on the ration run to Madagalidban last Saturday.



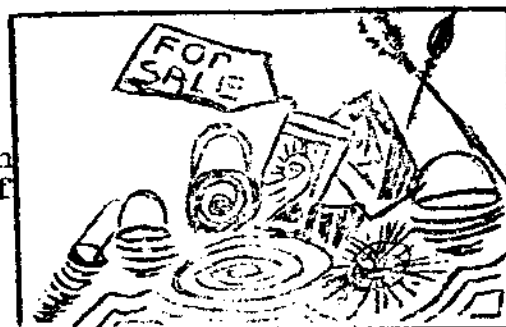
## OUTSTATIONS

Last Saturday I went on the Progress boat with Jim, Christine and her folks, Chris and Henry up the Liverpool River. We were taking the Progress Association travelling shop to the Gunwinggu people who live in their own country. The people who were living at Honega (The Mann Crossing), are now living at Manbulagardi, their landing on the Liverpool River. There were 38 people living there.

Gubargu and Jimmy Nyiminyuna had made some fine paintings. Gubargu's paintings are becoming very interesting for people who are interested in buying good Aboriginal art.

At Midui, which is the river landing for the Madagalidban people, we found 48 people. There we found lots more good paintings and many lovely baskets made by the ladies. I also talked to Curly Kelly - Bardugupu and David Milaybuna, two great painters, who said that they had paintings back at Madagalidban but because the trailer was broken, they could not bring them down to the river.

Some younger men - Stephen Gunjulmu and Jimmy Birriyula have also started to paint and headman Old Peter Maralwanga had also made a good set of six barks.



# Mechanical Movies.

## PICTURES ABOUT CARS AND DRIVING

Last Tuesday night 16 men went to school to see films about cars and driving. Two movies were seen.

1. HOW A CAR WORKS This showed how the petrol gets from the tank to the motor. It showed all the parts of the motor and how they work, how gears are used to turn the tailshaft and how the wheels turn.

2. LOOKING AFTER CAR This one was how to keep a car clean. How to check the oil, the battery, tyres and the water in the radiator before we start the car.

NEXT TUESDAY night these two movies and another one will be shown. Pictures will be shown Tuesday nights until all 13 films on CARS AND DRIVING have been shown.

Out thanks to Mrs. Inglis for operating the projector and the Headmaster for the use of the school.

Harry Cox.



# Seafaring Scouts.

Next Wednesday (20th Feb.) there will be held the first meeting of the new Maningrida Scout Patrol. The three Scoutmasters will be Stephen Joseph, Gary Moriarty and Peter Pinder.

Stephen and Peter have had a lot of experience with scout groups, and they will be teaching the scouts many interesting things. They plan to organise camping trips and expeditions into the Stone Country to give the new scouts as many opportunities as possible to earn merit badges and have fun.

Gary has just come out of the Navy and has a lot of experience in handling boats and sailing. He will be taking the scouts on sailing trips and teaching them about seamanship. We have a couple of small sailing boats already and it is planned that we enlarge our little fleet in the near future.

We will also be doing many things which we not normally associate with the scouts. We will be helping with community projects and it is our aim to foster a community spirit amongst the young people. We will also be contacting other scout groups both in Darwin and down south and attending Scout Jamborees.



The scouts will be learning many things which they must become good at to win merit badges and advance themselves in the troop. Camping and map reading are basic skills which every scout should know. They will also learn to read sea charts, and how to go camping using boats and canoes. Rope work is a part of both sailing and camping, and the scouts will learn how to use ropes to their advantage. As part of a safety program they will learn swimming and rescue techniques including resuscitation and first aid.

The merit badges the scouts can earn are many and varied. There is one for art and I think our aboriginal art will compete favourably against other forms in Jamborees down south. Bushcraft and direction finding is also a badge. The scouts will learn to use maps and com-

## Scouts (cont)

passes, and to find direction using the sun and stars. They will mark out bush tracks and go camping to new country.

Conservation plays a big part in scouting so the scouts will learn about the land around them and how to preserve the life that is there.

Apart from putting up tents, the scouts will learn how to build both temporary and permanent bridges, towers, platforms and camping utensils from the materials around them. They will learn bush first aid and how to take control of emergency situations. Fire fighting and damage control will also be taught.

There are many other subjects; science, citizenship, air activities, fitness and campcraft. When the scout gains the required merit badges he will be promoted to Pioneer Scout, or even higher up to Explorer or Adventurer Scout. The scout movement is very large - over 200,000 members in Australia. Any boys between the ages of 13 and 21 will be eligible to join - but they must be seriously interested because although scouting is interesting some of it is hard work. There are many benefits such as trips and expeditions and even holidays down south, so we hope to make this scout group a success.

Gary Moriarty.

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## People:

John Downey, ex-D.A.A. clerk, left Maningrida on Tuesday. He hopes to drive south in his old VW country buggy, weather and mechanical factors permitting. John is going back to finish his law course at Melbourne University.

Mr. and Mrs. Cruikshank, parents of Christine Brooks from the store, have returned home to Gayndah, Queensland, after a month's holiday here.

Micky Nalaulnan and family have set up camp in Micky's country, across the river. They have built three small houses of tarpaulins and saplings above the beach and Micky has started a garden with sweet potato and yams. Micky's wife, Rosy and son, Solomon Yalbarr, from the bakery have been travelling to work each day by boat. They are very enthusiastic about their new venture but outboard motor troubles have been giving them much humbug this week.

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## Police Story.

### ROADS AND TRAFFIC

Due to the very poor condition of the local roads it is strongly suggested that some members of the Balanda community refrain from exhibiting their driving and riding skills at speeds that show a lack of courtesy towards other members of the public. It is further suggested that vehicles be parked on the correct side of the road.

Top tune this week: "Slow Down. You're Going Too Fast".

### COURT

Next sittings of the Maningrida Court will be Tuesday 12th March, 1974.

Appointments may be made for those who choose to disregard the suggestions under "Roads and Traffic".

Harry Cox.

# Woodchuck Woes.

Stop Press: A mailbox for the Post office is coming on the barge. When it comes the Store Post Box will close. Watch the News for details.

Woodchuck enterprises have suffered some severe blows over the last week. Sabotage is not suspected over the series of mechanical disasters that have brought the forestry organisation to its feet. F.F.W.L. & M.P. regret to announce the following casualties in the battle for production in the past week:

<u>Injured</u>	<u>Dead</u>	<u>Missing</u>
1 timber jack	3 lawn mowers	1 steam cleaner
1 tip truck	2 bulldozers	1 concrete mixer
1 flat top	1 crane	<u>Alive</u>
2 Toyotas	3 trailers	1 Mini Moke
1 Landrover		1 log truck
2 winches		7 shovels
1 fork lift tractor		
1 front end loader		
1 motorbike		



Forestry will overcome such difficulties and doubtless flourish again.

Gudjerama Crossing is still, at the time of writing, closed. Since Forestry has not got a front end loader, it must borrow one when it can to put the gravel top on the corduroy that has been laid. Michael Brown, David Larkin and co. are at present doing this. All being well it should be finished within the next few days.

Obtaining logs for the sawmill has now become a problem due to the timberjack throwing out all sorts of pieces of metal and cogs etc. At present the log truck has to be loaded with the grader which is slower and of course stops any roads being graded.

The sawmill is short of logs and a power supply and production of the amount of timber to full-fill orders is very difficult.

On the brighter side of all the breakdowns, is the amount of exercise our men get returning by foot from bogged and broken down vehicles. Bill Hilligar, Jacky Agarral, Jimmy Galarawura have had a very pleasant stroll through the bush recently and John Coulson's feet are healing.

## Fishes and Fuel.

M.P.A. mechanic Roger Brooks returned from a fishing trip on Saturday with an odd catch - assorted fish and a 44 gallon drum of aviation fuel.

The fuel floated off from the barge landing on one of the very high tides over the past week and when Roger spotted it, the drum was over a mile from the landing.

He tied a rope around it and towed it back to Maningrida. There was, of course, the one that got away. That was last seen heading up river with the tide.

The high tide on Sunday proved very exciting for three boatloads of fishermen (and women) who fished off Entrance Island.

There were many schools of big fish and anglers had no trouble getting them on the lines.

One ill-equipped threesome with no trace wire, no fancy lures and only light hand lines with a bit of plastic tied above the hook came home with five big fish.

As the lines were too short to play the fish, the anglers had to pursue them until they tired them out. They were then coaxed to the surface and the final touch done with a fishwire.

Fishing (cont)

Most of the fish, although large, weren't particularly good tucker fish, but some people landed good-sized trevally, spanish mackerel, rock cod and skinnies.

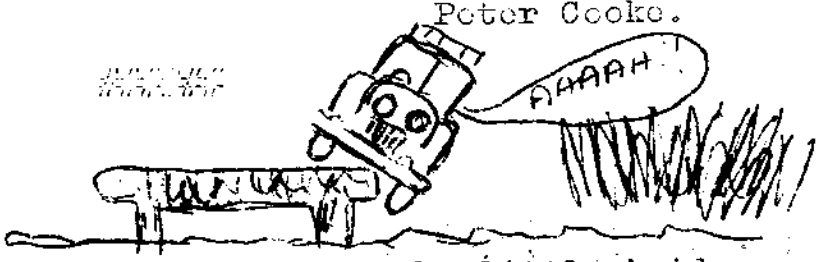
Professional fisherman, John Godowa, in the 'Juda', took five women out to get oysters. They went home with a good haul.

The four fibreglass boats have been going as far as 20 miles out each day to keep up supplies of fish to the store.

Jin Pickersgill has been busy with a spray gun over the past few days and when the big aluminium boat returns to the water, she will be sporting a shiny new green and white paint job.

Peter Cooke.

Incident at Gunwinggu Bridge



On Monday afternoon a small crowd gathered at the little bridge between the workshops and the 'Western suburbs' to watch the removal of the Y.M.C.A. Toyota from a tricky situation.

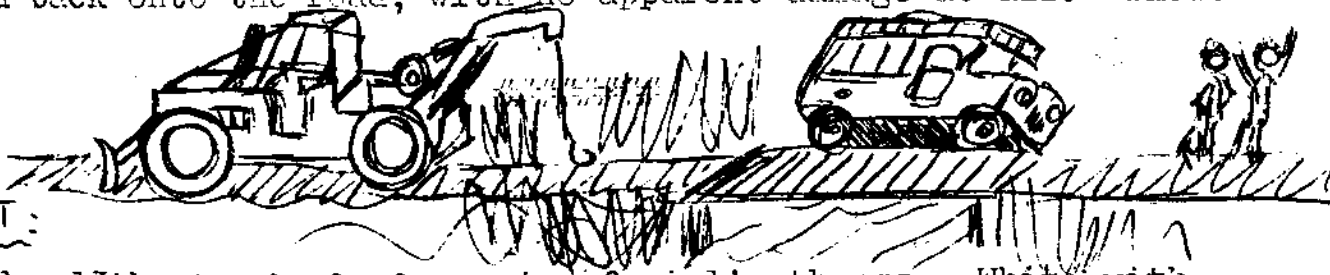
There is a big puddle of water and a nasty bump in the centre of the bridge and the driver had tried to miss the worst of it by keeping to the right.

Unfortunately, one front wheel slipped off the bridge and a back wheel followed close behind.

The vehicle came to rest in a state of near perfect balance at 45 degrees to the bridge decking.

Forestry mechanic Clive McMahon had just finished fixing the timber-jack and it was brought to the rescue.

A rope was tied around the back spring of the Toyota and it was winched back onto the road, with no apparent damage at all. Whew!



LOST:

Wednesday 13th at school. One pair of girl's thongs. White with red and green strawberry design, size 8. See Chris Cox if you find them.

LOST:

Thursday 14th at school. One pair of thongs. Yellow and white. Size 8. See Chris Cox if you find them.

Broga has an unclaimed parcel addressed to D. Price. If its not claimed in a month he's going to claim it - owners form a queue.

WANTED TO BUY:

Large quantity rubber thongs, size 8. See Chris Cox.



Small fish are sweet:

A pasttime that provides hours of educational enjoyment is having a fish tank stocked with several different species. Angel fish are not particularly well named as they devour the fry of other species with delight. Red swordtails and midnight mollies have a rather odd habit of changing their sex. Always from female to male! So if you can't land that elusive barra, try y ur hand with an aquarium.



# Duty Officers

Duty Sister: Mr. Dick  
Duty Officer: Mr. Laddy Grey

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# Star Theatre

Friday:- "THE HOT ROOM"  
Saturday:- "THE BAKER, THE BAKER"  
starring Michael Caine.

# Church Notice

**SUNDAY** 9.30a.m. Sunday School classes  
7.50p.m. Evening Service  
The theme of study "We confess our sin"  
**TUESDAY** 5.00p.m. Prayer meeting  
7.00p.m. Church Fellowship. Both of these meet-  
ings will be held in the Church when  
the bell rings.  
**WEDNESDAY** Bible study at Mr. J. Gardiner's home. All these  
are opened for anyone who would like to have  
fellowship with the Lord and the Christians.

1 Timothy 6: 6-7

"But Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

# Parents and Friends Annual Meeting.

in the Resource Centre on Tuesday 14th February at 7.30 p.m.  
The Agenda for the meeting is to form a new committee and get  
the ball rolling again. Please come and back it all out.

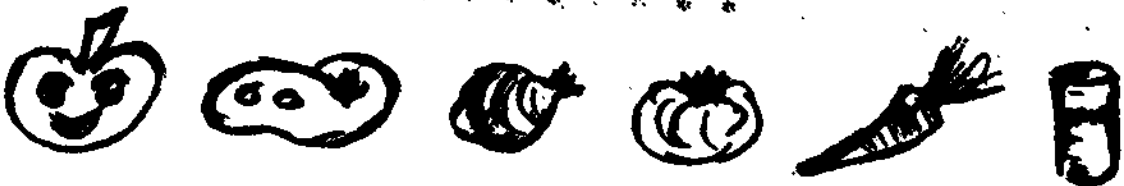
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Don't FORGET Friday night shopping.  
THE STORE WON'T BE OPEN ON SATURDAY.

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Stock up on the shop on Friday. Buy up big.

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