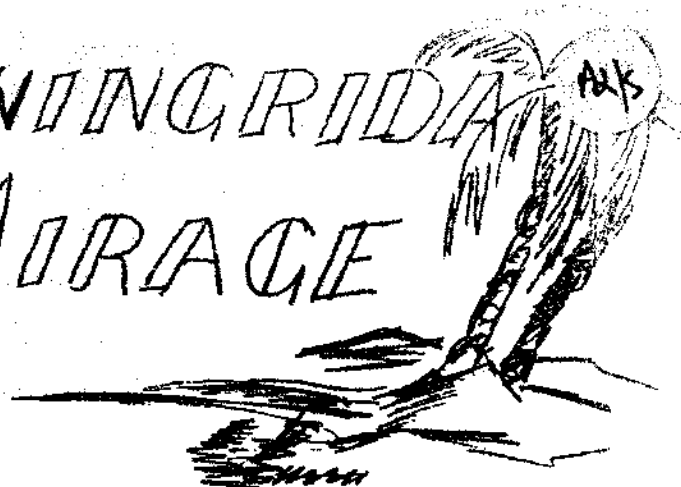


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## MIRAGE



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LEARNING CAN BE FUN.....An interview with Miss Roberta Elliot -

a professional writer who is now a producer with the A.B.C.

"Wherever I've been, on other settlements and missions, I've made a rough survey to see what kind of plays children would like. 95% have favoured the dramatisation of Aboriginal dreamtime legends, and here, to my amazement, almost 100% were in favour of stories concerned with Aborigines successfully employed in cities, city life and that kind of thing. It was the last thing I expected."

Miss Elliott came to Maningrida with Mr Bob Kingsbury (of Comm. Film Unit) to work on part of a weekly radio programme which will both teach and be entertaining. It will be for 'school leavers' and will aim to revise and help them with their English and to further their social education (the importance of such things as 'please' and 'thankyou', 'respect for old people' the 'care of animals' etc.)

The program will include interviews and talks by young people from settlements and missions. There will also be plays, sometimes in serial form, and these will be written in colourful and exciting style to hold the attention of the listeners. The program will incorporate the English grammar to be taught during the week, and in the talks and plays as many examples as possible will be given. Booklets will be available to the post-primary teachers, giving an outline of the material to be presented on the air.

Where young people are at work, tapes will be made available to play as a form of entertainment at such gatherings as pictures etc. The A.B.C. and Welfare Branch have had this project in mind for some time, and now that its off the ground every effort is being made to ensure its chances of success. Miss Mary Durack the well known Australian writer is very interested in the project and will write some episodes for it. Miss Elliott herself has written 6 childrens books. She will come back to Maningrida in the near future with tapes to test the reaction of the young people and find out whether the programs <sup>are</sup> on the right track.

### Open Day Visitors:

Letters have been received from 3 people in Adelaide who wish to see the dancing and displays of Aboriginal "bush tucker on Open Day.

A former resident returns. It ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> 2½ yrs. since MR. Reg Spence (former Forestry Supervisor) last saw Maningrida. He looks well.

His Honour the Administrator, Mr Fred Chaney, his wife,  
and the Directors of Welfare and Forestry will be visit-  
ing Maningrida from 10.15am to 12.40pm to-day, Friday  
10th April 1970. They will visit various centres  
including the Co-op, School, Hospital, Craft Centre  
and Sawmill, and after lunch go on to Milingimbi.

This, incidentally will be the first visit by Mr Chaney  
to a Welfare Branch Settlement.

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#### Village Council Minutes:

The Back To School Movement: The men have taken a lot of children to school  
after the last meeting.

Employment: The Sec of the Council helped 10 men to find work, 6 started a job  
with the Govt. and 4 are fishing at Namangora with Johnny Naliba.

Intoxicated Troubles: It was said that some men have their beer and go home  
and make trouble, especially Jinang, Wulaki and Gunwinggu. Cr. Les Midiguria  
said that trouble makers should not get beer. Cr Jack Mace said if anyone was  
going to make trouble "then just take their name. The Councillors didn't agree to  
either of these proposals.

Work at Gadji: Cr Ray Mnyal spoke about Gadji. He said the women and children  
should go to Milingimbi while the men worked at Gadji. (Gadji is on the Mainland  
almost due South of Milingimbi.

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#### "Baru Dhakal Dhegumirri"

"The 'Warrang' ..... arrived on Saturday afternoon, thus keeping up the  
wonderful traditions of weekend unloading" (Some Maningrida wharfies know a bit  
about this sort of tradition too.)

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Miss Sandra Westman has resigned and has found another job in Geelong.

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Connellan's Heron has been equipped with new engines which can fly 20 knots  
faster than the old ones (Inevitable thought: Allows them to leave late and  
arrive on time!!)

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#### PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Next Monday evening in the School Staff Room at 7.00 o'clock there will be  
a monthly P & F Meeting. We would be very pleased to see someone other than  
teachers attending this meeting and taking an interest in the activities which  
the organization sponsors, to improve the school and the facilities for the children.  
Why not give it a try? You will be most welcome.

BASKETBALL NEWS

In the first game Cadell playing half the game a man short just pipped Kiwis 41-40. The early part of the match saw sloppy play on both sides but some excitement came in the second half. For Kiwis Morris and Kevin had good games while Peter and George G. (well known gourmet) shone for Cadell.

The second game will go down in history as one of the greats. Two giants of the game, Chalkies and Dugongs met in thrilling mortal combat. Both sides were eager to protect their spotless losing records. At the opening whistle it was clear that this was to be no ordinary game.

Instead of employing their usual tactic of the casual shuffle Dugongs surprised the opposition this time by standing still. ZOUNDS!! What strategy. The Chalkies were so befuddled by this master stroke that they quickly scored four goals. It was not until the tenth minute of play that Chalkies inspired leader 'One Stroke - sorry One Shot Strand was able to employ his favourite defensive trick - turning the floodlights off. This put the Chalkies well back in the game. When the lights were restored it was discovered that the Dugongs team now numbered 46 including eleven children below the age of three and the Forestry dog, Lumpy. At the half time break both teams coaches gave them snappy pep talks.

In the second half the wily Dugongs outsmarted the Chalkies in all departments and allowed them to move further ahead. One spectator conservatively estimated that Don W. said 546,297 words in the second half. One Shot Strand was found guilty of a foul when apprehended striking his left eye against an opposition player's elbow.

At close of play Chalkies were 23 Dugongs 18. Dugongs rejoiced in the fact that their record is still untarnished. We may now look forward to another mammoth battle at the close of the season when these two teams meet again in the final of the "Henry Krupp Runners up Cup".

A Betting Note! In a surprise coup a well known Sydney punter lifted at least 20cents from the Playground Betting Ring. Volume of betting has been increasing of late and is expected to reach a peak as the Finals draw near.

<u>WEEKLY:</u>	<u>Tuesday:</u>	Cadell	v	Chalkies
		Crocodiles	v	Demons
	<u>Thursday:</u>	Black Hawks	v	Kiwis
		Dugongs	v	Gorillas.

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STAR THEATRE:

You may not believe this but we really are trying to sort out our film middle. This weekend (being a pay week) there should be two films - one Friday one Saturday. However we are having a few small technical hitches which may mean we have only one film. However, watch that board in the village square and pray to the Gods of Hollywood that all will be well.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION:

The A.B.C. through Mr Bagshaw have made available their film of the opening of the new Copop by Mr Giese. This film will be shown at the weekend in conjunction with usual programmes. It will be shown both Friday and Saturday nights.

D.G.

Wanderers defeated Farap by 16 points last Saturday to win the Aussie Rules Grand Final. Both Wanderers and Farap are fielded by Wanderers Football Club, most of the boys coming from Koruila College. Mentioned among the best players were Gilbert and Lofty, and Bob Anbigora at full back was frequently applauded by the big crowd for his timely high marking when breaking up strong Wanderers attacks.

Peter Bundabunda.

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In the Colts Grand Final Wanderers defeated Waratahs and the Darwin News said that this team was one of the best Colts teams to have played in the N.T.F.L. They also said that the factor that inspired Wanderers to win was the great confidence when going for overhead marks. Many of the marks taken were better than those of the first grade Grand Final. It is believed that four Maningrida boys were in the team and Jacky Pascoe was mentioned among the best players.

George Gaimarani.

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#### LONG VOYAGE.

Two young Englishmen arrived in Darwin last week after having sailed their boat from England. They left Portsmouth on the 27th April last year and after crossing the English Channel they sailed on to the Mediterranean to Turkey. In Turkey they hired a truck to carry their boat and themselves to the headwaters of the Tigris River. They sailed in an 18foot open boat the same as the ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> owned by Jim Pickersgill and Dennis Strand.

Don Weibanunga.

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#### PRAWNING WAR.

The captain and mate of a Papua based prawning trawler this week claimed they had been surrounded by 35 Australian fishing trawlers and fired on when fishing in the Gulf of Carpentaria during Easter. The captain said "There was a shot from one of the trawlers and we heard a bullet viz past our heads on the bridge. There was further firing and another bullet thumped into the outside wall of the bridge."

\*\*\*\*\*Charlie Dordula.

#### TOP SPORTSMEN HERE.

Next Monday the National Aboriginal Sporting Foundation will meet in Darwin and it will bring together ten of Australia's top names in sport. The Foundation was formed last year by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr. Wentworth, and the Darwin meeting will be the third held by the Foundation. The Secretary of the Foundation, Mr. Ted Egan, said that the meeting was being held in Darwin "because we are aware of the amount of participation in sport by Territory Aborigines and the potential they possess."

Tim Darcy.

P.S. John Hunter has written to Darwin inviting members of the Foundation to visit Maningrida.

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BIG STOCKS TO HAND

MEATS

STEAK MINCE DE-HEARTS ROAST B.E.P. CHICKENS

FISH

MOON FISH BREAM DIAMOND SALMIST

(in plentiful supply)



FRUIT

ORANGES APPLES BANANAS WATER MELON PEACHES  
GRAPES LEMON PEARS CUCUMBERS POTATOES

DELICACIES

CHEESE SPREAD SLICED CHEESE MAYONNAISE (bring container)  
VIEA WHEAT BISCUITS COFFEE MARGARINE  
GLADWRAP CANNERS NO. PAPERES CABANOS.

Post Office: All the necessary forms have been completed and forwarded to Postal Authorities. We would hope to hear in regard to a likely starting date in the next few weeks.

Papers: Not all subscribers are picking up their papers at the office on Saturdays, we must charge for same unless otherwise advised.

Mail Orders: Some larger items are not and may not be in stock, as we are concerned that too large a percentage of available income may be spent on non food lines. We will always procure these items if requested to do so, giving quote and time lapse.

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NEW HASTY TASTY MENU



We now provide a wider variety of tasty cooked foods:

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| HAMBURGERS              | BACON & EGG BURGERS     |
| STEAK & ONION BURGERS   | CHEESE & TOMATO BURGERS |
| CHEESE & ONION BURGERS  | STEAK & EGG BURGERS     |
| HAM & PINEAPPLE BURGERS | STEAK SANDWICHES        |

Sandwiches Chickos Pies

This Weeks Special: Fillet Steak, Egg and Salad on a take away plate \$1.

The burgers will be available on most nights during this trial period.

Makara  
Reflections of a Visit to the Barada Camp.

\* Just when the winds were still  
\* And silent trees were paintings  
\* Sounds of bamboo and camp sticks  
\* Invaded the profound silence of the evening.....

Excitement overcame fear of disapproval, and quietly i walked near the Barada camp .....over there, past a few huts and a mob a people, the men dancing were silouetted in the dying light. If only I was brave enough to get a little closer - my eyes were searching the mob of people for a familiar face...where's someone i can walk up and talk to?? Is that Mickey? Is that old Jimmy? Yippee! someone i knew! now i would see the dancing from a front seat maybe... no worries! A delightful woman came over to me and offered a four gallon drum to sit on! Too good! Although i kept thinking that i would feel more at home on the ground with the rest - and after a while i surrendered my seat to an old man and hit the dust myself, Still recovering from the greetings and welcome i was given, my concentration turned excitedly to the dancing.

\* Klack feet pounding the thick sandy ground  
\* A dusty mantle of a dusty land  
\* Thronged with shapes and shadows, dreamtime music,  
\* Chanting of a people native to the place,  
\* Cerrobores and leaping camp fire,  
\* Tilly lamp devouring the darkness.  
\* Glancing around at the older men  
\* One could see a thousand memories linger  
\* on their weathered faces - but  
\* Beneath the frozen stars a million dreams grow dim  
\* The hopes and fears and fancies of a century  
\* Slip wraith-like through the dust haze.  
\* Dancing and singing, part of your rich heritage,  
\* Your future that you will,  
\* You are the cup in which past and future  
\* Mingle and are blended; what may pour  
\* From out that cup when the years spill forth  
\* Is yours alone to say.  
\* Your yesterday was bright ..... so be tomorrow.

Walgett Pullen

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From the European Point of View:

A young Aboriginal Maningrida man was about to leave his friend and relatives for a distant place. He put out his hand on a pay day and many dollar notes even \$10 notes were put into it.

"Sponging" thought the European.

From the Aboriginal View:

Kevin Rrurusbu a young Klothe man who spent 2 or 3 years in a Brisbane College, said in a discussion on the good and bad points in both European and Aboriginal cultures: "If I was going to Darwin I would only have to put out my hand at the airstrip and in no time people would put \$20 in it" "A good custom" said Kevin.

The Moral: People enjoy helping one another.



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