

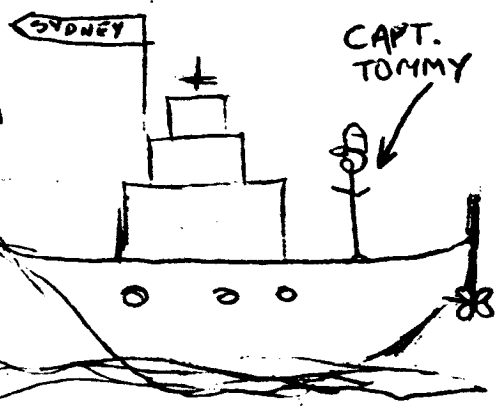
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MANINGRIDA MIRAGE

Volume 186



LAND RIGHTS STORY :

15th May 1973

These notes were made by Silas Roberts at the Goulburn Island Land Rights meeting on 14th May, 1973-ed.

- Those present were from
- Maningrida
- Elcho Island
- Yirrkala
- Oenpelli
- Croker
- Milingimbi
- Canberra
- Darwin

Some visitors were Bill Gray, Jim Grant, Gordon Symons, Charles Perkins John Marriyatie.

The meeting was open by Mr. George Winneniy and he also said we should speak as one voice. All members accepted moved by Daisy and seconded by S. Roberts.

- (1)
- (1) Recognize Arnhem Land as Aboriginal Land.

Daisy suggested that we should join together as one family.

Johnny Marriyatie from Canberra, Aboriginal Affairs agreed to Daisy and George and said the Arnhem Land have almost been destroyed by the mining companys in the N.T. He also felt that people should speak as one voice (Johnny Marriyatie is formerly from Roper-ed.)

Paddy Fordham felt that we should fight very hard to get our land back. He also said that each people group should move into these places as quickly as posaible. He himself would like to move out.

Billy Yiriyin agreed to what Paddy mentioned. He continned people who want to move out to their own land should see the Supcrintendent for help. This was moved by S. Roberts and seconded by some one.

- (2) Form as one people and one culture both west and east.

Big Barney said that all people should join together from all different parts of the N.T. as in the earlier days.

Old Narrathin from Yirrkala agreed...said in earlier time how people would pass invitations like letter stick...to gather men and women to come to the ceremony and also how mining at Gove had distroy where their special main ground was moved by Elcho member.

- (3) All royalties from mining fishing and forestry industries should be put into a trust fund for the use of Aborigine in

Arnhem Land

limit

S. Roberts requested 12 miles should remain as it is to keep other companys out of our way simple because in between mainland and 12 mile limits that is where our fishing ground were best.

We should be allowed to fish in your area and you could fish in our area without fighting each other.

MANINGRIDA HOUSING ASSOCIATION

INCORPORATED

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that a special General Meeting will be held at Maningrida at 7.30 on seventh day of June to consider the following motion:

That the Constitution of the Association be amended as follows:

1. That Clause 1 be amended by deleting therefrom the words " to be financed through the allocation of special Grants from the Aboriginies Benefits Trust Fund and office of Aboriginal Affairs Canberra".
2. That there be added after Clause 1 the following clause:
 - "1A. To supervise and carry out manufacture and repair to all buildings at Maningrida.
 - 1B. To supervise and carry out the construction of any housing or other building at Maningrida whether by tender private contract or otherwise for any Government department or instrumentality, company or person".
3. That Clause 3 be repealed and there be substituted therefore the following Clause 3:
 - "3. (a) All Aboriginal persons over the age of 18 years ordinarily resident at Maningrida shall be eligible for membership of the Association.
 - (b) All applications for membership shall be in writing in the form prescribed by the Executive Committee and submitted to the Secretary. All applications shall be dealt with and determined by the Executive Committee at the meeting next following receipt of the application.
 - (c) The annual subscription for each year shall be an amount determined by the Executive Committee at the meeting next following The Annual General Meeting and shall be paid by members on or before the 31st day of December".
4. That clause 6 of the Constitution berepealed.
5. That Clause 9 (d) be amended by inserting after "re-election" the following :
"The Executive Committee shall comprise the following:"
and by inserting after sub-clause 9.(d) (v) the following sub-clause:
"(vi) Three ex officio members who shall be European adults resident at Maningrida."
6. That Clause 11 be repealed and that the following Clause be substituted therefore
"11. Ten members of whom three shall be office bearers shall constitute a quorum at all general meetings. The quorum at all meetings of the Executive Committee shall be four members of whom at least two shall be Aboriginal Members."

Silas Roberts
(Silas Roberts) President.

LATE STORIES:

Margaret Neale, Charles Prince and Jimmy Pascoe all submitted stories this week --- unfortunately they were after the deadline of Wednesday night as previously advertised. The stories will appear next week.

--ed.

COLD COUNTRY JOB FOR PETER:

Peter Bunjurljurl from the Craft Shop is going to Adelaide for a promotion of the N.T. He will paint in Myer's store in Adelaide where a large display of Maningrida craft will be shown.

D.G.

MANINGRIDA PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION INC.

ANNUAL REPORT Y/E 31.12.72

1. Balance sheet as at 31.12.72

(sumarised)

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Balance at beginning of the year	\$ 2036.
Net surplus for the year	\$ 578.
Total accumulated funds	<u>\$ 2614.</u>

FIXED ASSETS

Datsun truck less provision for depreciation	\$ 2035.
Duplicating machine less provision for depreciation	\$ 587.
Total =	<u>\$ 2622.</u>

CURRENT ASSETS

\$ 995.

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 3617.

Less CURRENT LIABILITIES

\$ 1003.

BALANCE

\$ 2614.

2. Income and Expenditure statement for the period ending 31.12.72 (sumarised)

INCOME

Contributions (Pictures)	\$ 8327.
Fete (less expenses)	\$ 655.
Donations	\$ 50.
Total	<u>\$ 9032.</u>

LESS: EXPENSES

Films	\$ 3153.
Expenditure on school equipment	\$ 2692.
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 430.
Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$ 547.
Eisteddford Expenses	\$ 188.
Audit Fees	\$ 75.
Bank Charges	\$ 9.
Depreciation	\$ 681.
Duplicating Materials	\$ 191.
Excursion Fees	\$ 225.
Magazine subscriptions	\$ 99.
Postage and Stationery	\$ 74.
Donations	\$ 90.
	<u>\$ 8454.</u>

NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR

= \$ 578

3. Schedule of Creditors as at 31.12.72

Maningrida Store (November account)	\$ 52.35
V.B.Perkins	\$ 11.22
Connair	\$ 17.94
Peat., Marwick Mitchell & Co.	\$ 75.00
Educational & Techinal Books	\$ 600.00
16MM Agencies N.T.	\$ 200.00
Harris Scarfe Pty.Ltd.	\$ 10.60
James Wilson	\$ 36.00
	<u>\$ 1003.11</u>

4. Auditors Statement

We report that we have examined the books and accounts of Maningrida Parents & Friends Association for the period 1/7/71 to 31.12.72. In our opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet Receipts and Payments Statement are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Associations affairs at that time.

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

5. Secretary and Presidents Report :

During the year ended 31.12.72 the Association was incorporated with the Registrar of Companies. Film donations started off on the low side but soon increased to a position whereby it was possible to increase the showing from three to four nights a fortnight.

The main single expenditure this year was on the Gestetner Duplicating Machine, and it was decided not to ask for the government subsidy on this in order that it would remain a fixed asset of the Association. We have and will be, receiving considerable \$ for \$ subsidy on such items as books, photo copy machine, a language development lab. and Pre School equipment.

The school fete was held with all the expected fun and enjoyment and was responsible for \$655.00 which, it was decided, would be spent completely on books for the new library. This, with a \$ for \$ of \$655.00 gave us \$1310 to spend in the library. Unfortunately, we must add that a great lack of interest was experienced by the Association, and most of the labour fell on 2 or 3 people with little or no assistance from outside. Some of the monthly meetings were held up while one of the more interested members went around the settlement collecting people to make up the necessary quorum of five members. Rather frightening when you consider that we were responsible for a turnover of nearly \$10,000 of YOUR money.

Particular reference and thanks must be made to Mr Pinks' efforts on the accountancy side of the organisation.

On behalf of the retiring committee we wish the newly elected executive a successful year, and a lot more co-operation from you Maningridians.

Silas Roberts, President

John A Gardiner, A/Sect.

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MANINGRIDA - A LITTER BUGS PARADISE

On visiting many of the scenic spots, some apparently unspoilt, we are often confronted by heaps of drink cans & plastic and paper rubbish. It appears that many people have no regard for those who may visit the place after them.

As there is no rubbish collection at Maningrida beaches, & waterholes, how about taking the junk back home or burying it. Soon some of the litterbugs may even sicken themselves by camping in others rubbish- then move on to litter a fresh place.

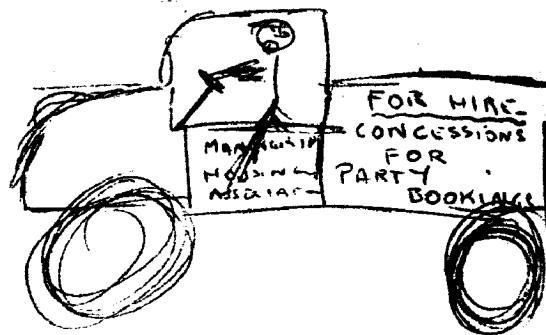
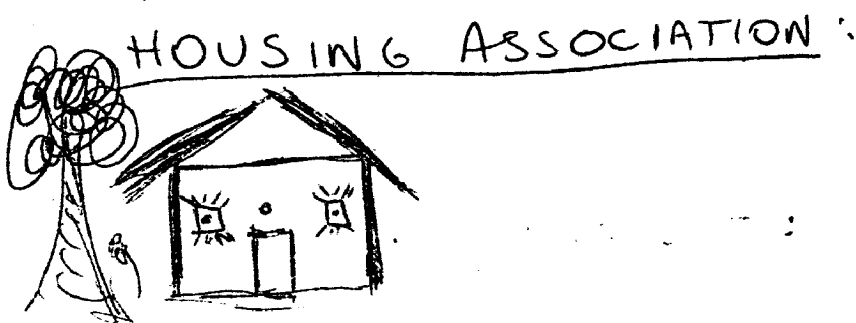
M.U.

SHOW US YOUR CHEST :

THE CHEST XRAY FOR T.B. STARTS NEXT WEEK IN THE MANINGRIDA HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. EVERYBODY OVER 17 MUST HAVE AN XRAY.

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A meeting was held last Saturday to elect a full Aboriginal Committee of office bearers.

<u>President</u>	Silas Roberts
<u>Vice-president</u>	Joe Fry
<u>Secretary</u>	Jim Cooper
<u>Treasurer</u>	Richard Janggarlan
<u>Committee</u>	- Jack Riala , John Baleiya , Nyn Malalbuy

On Thursday our new programme began. 8 Aboriginal men commenced duty. First on our programme is to get the old brickworks operating - so as to stockpile bricks for the 1973-74 building programme. A few alterations have been made at the brickworks

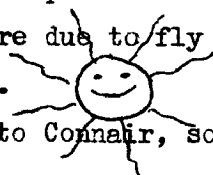
BRICK The Association is purchasing a new power operated machine, this is due to arrive in Maningrida in approximately six weeks. In the meantime, the old hand machines will be used. The new machine has its own mixing apparatus - like our old butter churner and of course its Queensland made.

Our new trucks and backhoe have arrived and Mr John Wright made a visit to Maningrida this week and carried out the delivery services and also instructed our operators, so here's hoping our water divining is not as accurate as our opposition.

We would like it known to various organisations and departments that our Toyota tipper and backhoe is available for hire at competitive rates.

Mr and Mrs Lindsay Phegan and baby son are due to fly into Maningrida next Wednesday from that good old state..... Qld.

They will live in that brick house next to Connair, so hurry up Mr Department of Works and instal that power line.



NOTE:

From next pay day all Housing Association rentals are to be paid at Rod Seymours place.

PEOPLE:

.....Rod Seymour
Mrs. Dee Uibo is spending a weeks holiday with her family at Numbulwar.

Lou Poulter's parents arrived from Melbourne recently for a stay of 10 days.

CRICKET: etc.

PROGRESS versus PROGRESS

Opposing captains Bagshaw v Inglis

Saturday 1.30 at the M.C.G. teams will be selected at the ground.

R.B.

GRIDIAN'S GROUP:

Join us on our Car Trial and Scavenger Hunt. Meet at Dawn Cuthbert's house at 7.30pm on Wednesday May the 23rd.

All ladies welcome.

Merrill Hassall.

THREE STORIES:

What is your real name ?

My first skin is balang dua. Balang is my promise marriage (malg), came to me from my forefathers (wanabillimiringe). Dua is my group nation (mala), came to me from my dreamtime people (mirigunkalange). My name is Jack Mirritji. Jack is my English name, given to me by my brother (wuwe). His name is called Ronnie Barayuwa. Mirritji is my Djinang name, my speaking words are Yan Jinang (language), given to me by my grandfather (marbming). I can't tell my grandfather's name because he passed away long time ago. Our Aboriginal law is when people in the tribes are dead and we are not allowed to say his name, because there is some meaning behind them. I can't see it but I know that we sing and tell the story to the relations in stead of calling straight the dead bodies names.

I have eight other names (mururd): 1) Djawibi (mouthwater). 2) Djipidi (walking stick), 3) Bulambari (darknes night), 4) Dulagan (water) 5) Buwaral (billabong), 6) Malgirinyilli (crossing creek), 7) Minikali (trapnet), 8) Djapiditjabinni (the name of the place where I used to live many times).

For all the times tribal law and the rules made by custom and tradition are formed. Nowadays most of us forget the way we used to help and teach one another, as for our young men (djappi).

My country where I was born.

In a small village (kurrbi) called Warngibimmerri, about ten miles south of Gadji Creek areas on the mainland of the marrangu boundaries (mutjinge). "arrangu is my group of Djinang people. It is a nice country with a lot of stringy bark trees (bam - bulli) and many other kinds of wood (djungi), freshspring water (djuluk) and swamps (kurrbillin) with wild geese (gurumba), brolga's (kurdurki), Jabirus (kantji), turkeys (buarda), tortoises (banda), some sorts of adiginge (name for all animals with a tail), and also mosquitoes (bopene) and sandflies (minka). This was the time of my life in the bush country, when I lived on my tribesmen's land in the camps of the country where I was born.

My father's dream came true.

One day I asked my own father (mallu) to explain to me where I was born. He told me this story:

It happened that on one of my parents hunting and fishing trips that my father killed a small watergoanna (djarrka). That night, back at the camp he had a dream of my : spirit (wigili). I came to him and said: "Mallu, the watergoanna you killed wasn't a watergoanna, it was me (ngare)!"

When he had finished that dream he woke up suddenly and ran to my mother (ngambirri) telling her that she was going to have a baby. She didn't believe him. But my father said: "The watergoanna we ate wasn't a watergoanna, it was our child (djidjipillie). I dreamed it!" My mother said however: "It isn't true, that watergoanna was a monster (milikitji)!"

And they kept arguing again and again. My father said: "You will find out when the time is there!" And after a while, my mother was pregnant. This is the true story my own father told me. It was there, between World War I and World War II that I was born and it was in that area that I didn't know for the first time where my dreamtime people had come from.

At the weekend:

Jack Mirritji

MOVIES: FRIDAY: "Taggart" Good Cowboy and Indian Drama
SATURDAY: "Spencers Mountain" Could be Love Story.

CHURCH: Programme as per usual.

Duty Officer Ron Berryman.

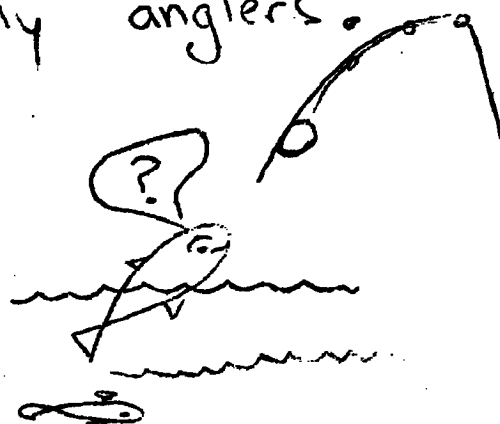
Duty Sister Sr. Maija

Stop the Press.



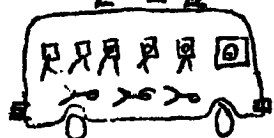
Very important message to all residents
of Maningrida — especially anglers.

Fishing Competition.



Crab Creek — 2nd June, 1973.

Free transportation to location



\$1 through the gate for Adults
40c school aged children.

All funds raised to go towards
subsidizing the air-fares of the Maningrida
Soft Shoe Troupe going to the Eisteddfod.

Excellent food will be available
at very reasonable rates.

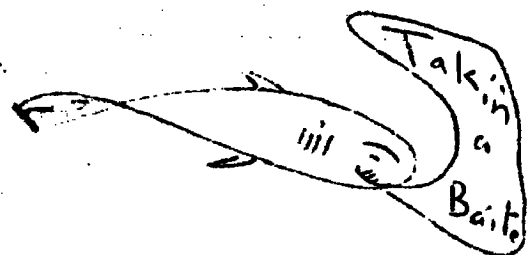
Some specials

Crab Creek Steak Sanger.
Buffalo pieces
Drinks
Watermelon Paw Paw
Bananas.

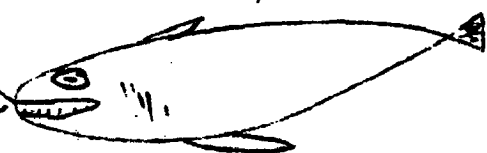
See you there 2nd June,

Good Prizes, Good Ticker,

Good Day Ensured.



What
you
doin'
2nd June



LAND RIGHTS (cont.)

- (4) When the law has been passed each clan can recognize their own tribal land

Charlie Perkins gave a short speech of how people could choose their own man to be sent to Canberra to talk to the Minister to what their plan is for the N.T. and how they might develop the land.

Jim Grant, Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs, Darwin, will be spending a week in the N.T. missions and settlements to help young people from 18 upward to vote and choose the right man. He will come to Maningrida.

Silas Roberts

(minor spelling corrections and alterations to word order by D. Gillespie).

AN OLD BOAT MADE NEW

Ken Trewin tells us that Tommy Ibberal's boat should be ready for action soon. The engine, a twin cylinder Lister diesel, is being packed and should be here any day. This engine should give the boat a top speed of about 10 knots.

Ken also has the ply and other timbers on hand to give the boat a new look above decks. Part of the new superstructure is already completed.

Tommy's boat could prove very useful with so many people moving back to their own countries-- it will probably find many jobs. The boat is a tribute to the long hours that Ken has put into it.



D.G.

JUSTICE COMES TO MANINGRIDA

Maningrida had its first court of summary jurisdiction on 15/5/73. Mr. McCann S.M. presided. Mr. Peter Darwen appeared for the defendants. Thirty two cases were heard. Most were liquor ordinance offences, larceny and receiving. There were 3 cases of aggravated assault. Two cases were dismissed & 5 adjourned. Fines totalled \$300. Barry Gun Gun received a 6 mths. suspended sentence & an 18 months bond. He was placed in the care of the Council President. Michael Brown was convicted of driving without due care after a crash with a light pole last year... fine \$21, inc. costs.

Jim Mason was discharged when police failed to prove a case of aggravated assault against Ray Munyal.

In commenting on some of the liquor offences Mr McCann S.M. said that it was up to the authorities to do something about the anomalous situation with regard to liquor consumption at Maningrida. There should be one rule for all.

J.H.

HOSPITAL STORY:

Sister Betty has gone to Darwin for a week to visit the Dentist and do some shopping. She will return Friday.

Mary Malegleg returned to Maningrida on Wednesday with her new baby girl, Lee-Anne, born 26.4.73. Father is Tom Mangordja.

Agnes Milingir returned on Wednesday with her baby John Hunter, who was sick in hospital in Darwin.

Sr. Lee

NEW WRITERS!

This week we have two new correspondents for the Mirage. One is Sister Lee writing Hospital stories and the other, direct from the Sunshine State is Rod Seymour writing Housing Association stories.

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