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Friday 23/3/73

The X-Ray unit will be at Maningrida 22-29th. of May. The x-ray is compulsory for all persons over the age of 14 years.

Times as follows;

Tues. 22/5/73.	11.30- 1200.	1.00 - 4.00
Wed 23/5/73		
to	8.00 - 12.00	1.00- 4.00
Fri 25/5/73		
Mon 23/5/73	8.00 - 12.00	1.00 - 4.00
Tues 29/5/73	8.00 - 11.00	

A venue has not yet been determined and will be notified at a later date.

The Dept. of Health is asking for accommodation, with meals, for the two men who will be operating the unit. Should anyone be able to assist in this regard please contact John Hunter.

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POST OFFICE & MAIL

Susan Malagrid after assisting in the Store is now assisting in the Post Office. She will be empowered to open and seal mailbags and sell postage stamps. This will enable us to make mail available for collection on Wednesday mornings should Connair arrive on time. I am sure you will all extend every courtesy and assistance to her.

The mail position is as stated herein. Connair are the only licensed carriers of mail to Maningrida but are not obligated to give any priority whatever to other than 1st. and 2nd. class mail. This means that 3rd. & 4th. class (parcels etc.) awaits the carriers pleasure. This is not satisfactory and every effort is being made through the Darwin Post Office, District Postal Manager and Post-Master General to have the situation remedied.

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People:

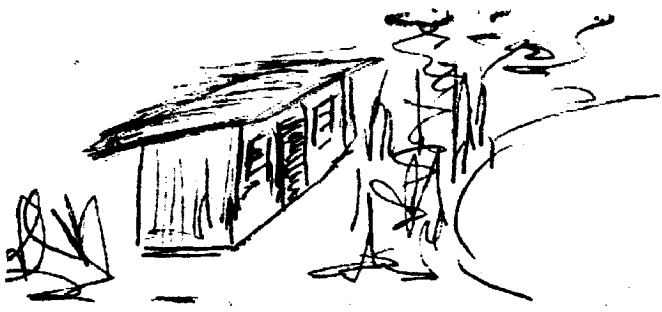
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Congratulations to Brolga Bill and Bernadette on their marriage.

Dennis Strand, former deputy head teacher here called in last Tuesday. He said he was driving down McMillans Rd. toward Berrimah last week when who should step out of the long grass there but the famous Ningle Waramanba with a characteristic "Hi friend". With him was he irrepressible Jacky Dugalana. Ningle's family under the care of his father Peter Gangalara had gone to Darwin & were going to Bathurst for the wedding of Peter Galaluk. However there were some holdups and the wedding is to be held in Darwin soon. Meanwhile Ningle and family have taken up residence at Berrimah.

We hear that Barney Winuwidj is taking a job with the C.S.I.R.O. in town.

David Gulalil passed through on Tuesday headed for Sydney & another dancing



THE TECHNOLOGY OF THE MAGPIE GOOSE

This week at the Craft Shop we have been seeing some interesting things from the old days to do with hunting the magpie goose (manakada).

JACK Wunawun and his brother Charlie Gunbuna first mentioned some 'special' spears for hunting geese some time back. Since then they have been working on making some of these for the shop.

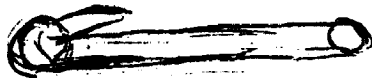
All the things they have made from young stringybark saplings.

1. The goose spear (gal-i-warr in Jinang, mun-gu-ba-kar in Burera) is thrown the wrong way round from most spears. The heavy end is hooked into the woomera - it is cut down so it will fit. When it is thrown the heavy end drops so that the spear moves along but points upward. This means that when geese are flying it might be able to knock down two or three birds and will have a very good chance of hitting one. A spear like a shovel nose would have to be lucky to hit a flying bird or be thrown by a good shot.

2. Jack also made some clubs (wut-a-kumera in Jinang, ngaliambar in Burera) from short thick lengths of stringybark sapling. These were used to simply bash geese when men could sneak up on them.



3. The woomera for the goose spear is the round one called dakara. The peg of the woomera is very long - about 3 inches, and is made of ironwood. It is bound on and cemented with ironwood gum or bees wax.

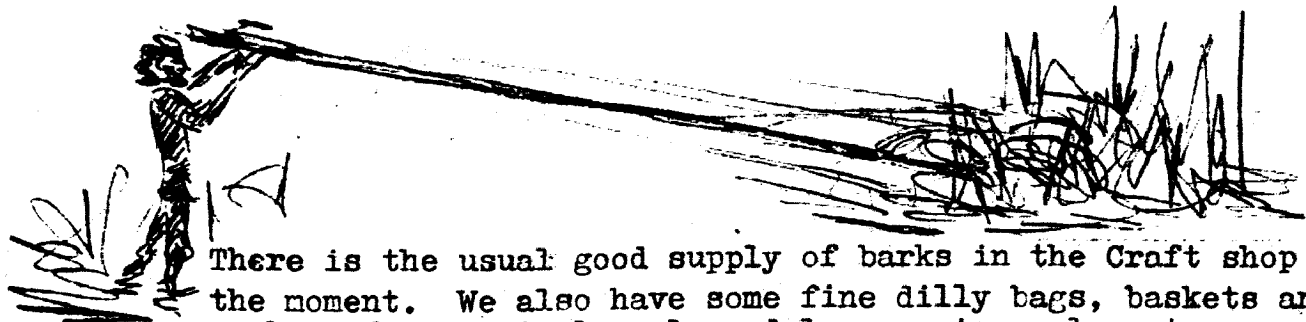


4. The most interesting weapon is a huge stringybark sapling over twenty feet long. It is very whippy at the end. It is called bung-a-maitja. A man would take it up into a tree and whip it around as the geese flew up, or it could be used on the ground. It would have a good chance of doing some damage.

Some talk was also made about a way of tricking geese by building a place they would come near (putting kulaitj bulbs to bring them up) then grabbing them by the legs and we hope to get more stories about this later.

It is interesting to see so many different ways that people have made to catch the geese. In the old times it must have been an important tucker. It is a big bird and gives a lot of good meat.

(Information supplied by Jack Wunawun, Charlie Gunbuna and Peter Bunjurljurl)



There is the usual good supply of barks in the Craft shop at the moment. We also have some fine dilly bags, baskets and a number of very nicely coloured large mats - plus stone spears and the goose spears and woomeras mentioned above. Dan G.

HOSPITAL NEWS :

Lots of Hospital stories this week:

BIRTHS: 24/2/72. Audrey to Mary Nagumiri and Jimmy Biriya.
6/3/73. Kevin to George Fry and Lena Djulgidj
3/3/73 Raymond to Mabel Mornboinga and Don Gundinga.

Some time ago Melanie, who formerly worked in the Bakery, had a very premature baby. (born early) It is waiting in Darwin until it puts on more weight.

That great old hunter Jocky Bunda Bunda has gone to town with some trouble maker teeth. One of the oldest painters at Maningrida Mick Magani has gone to Maningrida to have some glasses arranged and to have a few old fashioned teeth taken out. We hope when Mick comes back we might see some of those old tip top Magani barks again.

Quite a large number of people have been taken to Darwin for medical reasons this week.

WASH YOUR CAR: ///-///

Next Tuesday the Post Primary Club is holding a car wash after 1.30p.m. If you would like your car washed sparkling clean for \$2 see Jeffrey Namangarda the Secretary or enquire at the School

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GORDON SWEENEY SCHOOL NOTES:

We are pleased to see a growing number of Teaching Officers successfully completing their two year training at Kormilda College & taking their place in schools. These people have the position of Assistant, Grade 1, Fourth Division, of the Commonwealth Public Service. Perhaps you may know some of them. Here is a list and where they are teaching;

Mr. Nugget James, Warrabri.	Mr. Nathaniel Maralngura, Oenpelli.
Mr. Moses Mangiru, Oenpelli.	Mr. Jimmy Matjirri, Maningrida.
Miss Mary Yarmirr, Croker Is.	Miss Nancy Lalara, Dhupuma College.
Mrs. Mangawai Manjiridju, Goulburn Is.	
Mr. Ralph Gumudul, Goulburn Is.	Miss Rose Gwianga, Kormilda College.
Miss Happy Cook, Snake Bay.	Miss Jill Dundewai, Yirrkala.
Mr. David Gentian, Banyili.	Mr. Harry Nelson, Yuendumu.

Well done all of you. Teaching is an important vocation & we would like to see more teaching officers at Maningrida.

CHILDREN'S CORNER:

Our Garden.

Last week we talked among ourselves that we could ask Mr. Hassall to let us grow gardens for ourselves. We'll plant it down under the school. When it will grow big we'll dig it out & plant it outside. We will put wire all around it so that no little kids can go inside & damage our gardens.

Basil Anagulmaka.

Girls Basketball

Tomorrow there will be girls basketball. The captains are Joy, Renee & Alice. The first game is Bamboo Ck. & Kopanga, and the second game will be Bamboo Ck. & Guyun.

Audrey Baidjarljarl

The Tuck Shop

All the grade six students and I are starting a tuck shop this year for the school children. We are selling chips for 10¢ each, oranges for 10¢ each apples for 10¢ each, twisties for 10¢ each and fruit juice for 20¢ each.

Irene Lama Lama


OFFICIAL NOTES: This school will be closed from Friday 20th. April until Wednesday 25th. April inclusive. No school on the Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

OUR SCHOOL 10 YEARS AGO: 13/2/63. At 12.30 there was quite a sharp shower & thinking it was setting in I dismissed the children. Actually it turned out to be fine enough for school to continue. However we worked out the laundry situation satisfactorily (washing school clothes)


LĀLA-GAJIRIPA REVISITED



Last Sunday I went with John Hunter and Ad. Borsboom to Lalagajiripa to take the balance of the supplies down. We had good luck with the tides - there was no need to get wet feet at either end of the trip - though because I was the youngest they made me swim out and get the boat at the landing at Anderabaikada. On the way down our steering cable snapped though this only held us up for half an hour. The trip down took 2½ hours sailing time, the trip back only 1 hour.



The Anbara people are still getting lots of tucker from the area. On one occasion last week the men caught 27 lbs. of prawns while another time the ladies gathered 200 lbs. of shellfish. A beautiful traditional fish trap has been constructed. It is about 8 ft. long and about 30 inches wide at the mouth. There is a "dreaming" place for the fish trap under the sea nearby.




Betty and Rhys say that the weather is stinking hot and the mosquitoes are unbelievable.

On the trip back in some people sent presents of shellfish, small fish and the odd large mullet to people at Maningrida.

Dan G.

HUNTING OUTING:



On Saturday morning we all, Teaching Assistants and Teaching Officer and some boys, we went out to Rocky Point and to Crab Creek with Gordon Sweeney truck. At Rocky Point we caught seven fish with fishing line and at Crab Creek we got a turtle's eggs - about one hundred and ninety. When we came back home James Wilson he offering us turtle eggs. I was takes ten eggs to home

Mr. G. Richard-Garawun, Room 2a

FORESTRY NOTES:

Scenic View across the Tomkinson Flats at the 9 mile is approaching completion. Good quality parking spot. Please use bins provided.

SNAKE PIT : Some people seem to be acting on the misconception that the Snake Pit is a public amusement centre. It is not a spear-throwing gallery, simply because we do not have a licence to operate such. So in order to prevent a scandal, we publicly announce the Snake Pit as a Zoological Observation Quarter.

Having gravely considered Gross National Products and "cash flow" and weighing the pros and cons of intrastructural throughputs and having cognisance of the decline of Mercantilism and rise of inter-relational fiscal parity correlations, the O.I.C. of Forestry decided that he would, after all, buy a meat pie.

ANON.

(Can it be that the compulsory English literacy classes for Forestry Maningrida office staff are finally bearing fruit after all these years - ed.)

GRIDIANs - next WEDNESDAY

At the home of Mrs. Vika Latu (the Rectory) at 7.30p.m.

Come and join us at our PANDANUS NIGHT.

Bring a small plate of supper and a tapestry needle for pandanus work.

If you wish to join us, come also on Monday afternoon at 4.30p.m. to collect the necessary pandanus leaves for our weaving experiments on Wednesday evening. Transport will be provided by Dawn Cuthbert, Kaye Seymour and Merrill Hassall. See any of these ladies for details for further details.

Vika Latu.

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ADULT LENDING LIBRARY AT SCHOOL

A vacancy exists for the position of officer-in-charge for controlling the issue and return of these books and to return and receive consignments from the Central Library in Darwin.

The hours of work will be from 7.30p.m. to 8.30p.m. each Thursday evening holidays excepted, and it is a paid position.

Interested residents of Maningrida should enquire from the Headmaster.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

D.H.

Boys. TUESDAY NIGHT

Djunnewunya 36 beat Junction Bay 24. Best Players: Robert, Michael.

Kopanga 34 beat Navy Landing 32. Best Players: Luke, Roger.

GIRLS. THURSDAY NIGHT

Bamboo Creek 28 beat Kopanga 18. Best Players: Joy, Renee.

Guyon 12 beat Entrance Island 10. Best players: Daisybell, Alice.

Senior Boys ANDY'S TEAM 48 beat REXIE'S TEAM 44.

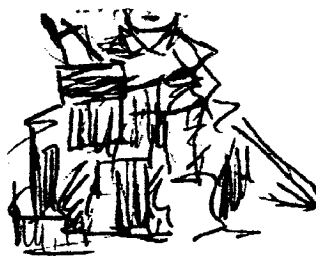
This was an outstanding game, fast and exciting.

* These games are always good to watch, so come along everyone at 7 o'clock on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

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WEATHER :

<u>March</u>	<u>Rain</u>	<u>Max. Temp</u>
16th	0	32.0
17	0	33.0
18	0	33.0
19	26	33.0
20	8	31.5
21	8	29.0
22	13	28.5



PROGRESS NEWS:

Our financial year concludes on the 31st. March at which time our Auditor will be visiting Maningrida for approximately 5 days.

Among the many tasks is that of stocktaking of stock, capital equipment, plant and assets. With the Store, Hasty Tasty, Bakery, Gardens, Fishing, Hall, Staff residences, Craft Centre etc a great deal of work is involved. I therefore make our annual appeal for assistance with stocktaking in the store.

We will be pleased to hear from any person able to assist on either Saturday afternoon of the 31st. from 1.30pm; Sunday April 1st. from 9am and Monday April 2nd. from 9am. The store will be closed from 11am Saturday 31/3/73 until completion of stocktaking which time will be dependent on assistance received.

Please see Mr. Inglis or myself.

G. Bagshaw.

SPORTS CLUB: ///-///

MANINGRIDA SPORTS CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON TUESDAY 27TH. MARCH AT 7.30pm IN RESOURCE CENTRE

You are all invited to attend this meeting, especially if your're interested in or play sport.

History:

In February last year a meeting was held for all people interested in sport at Maningrida. The formation of the Maningrida Sports Club was discussed and a Sports Club Committee was then elected.

Guidlines:

The Club is to be a legally constituted body. It is to be responsible for sporting activities at Maningrida and a co-ordinator for them.

It shall raise funds for sport.

It can act as a disciplinary body when needed.

Composition:

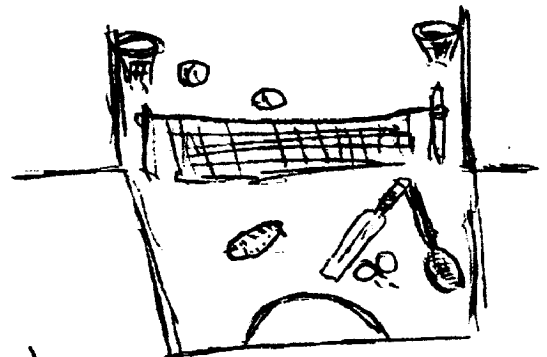
The Committee consists of 11 people holding the following positions

President - Vice President
Treasurer - Assistant Treasurer
Secretary - Assistant Secretary

plus five other Committee Members.

AGENDA FOR A.G.M. this TUESDAY NIGHT

- (1) Election of Office Bearers for the Committee.
- (2) Discussion of plans for incorporation.
- (3) Consideration of proposed activities for 1973
 - (a) lighting of Basketball/Tennis Court
 - (b) development of oval areas (as on Town Plan)
- (4) Any other business.



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PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE
BEFORE THE MEETING

A + the Weekend:

PICTURES:

Friday: "WAR LORD"

Saturday: "YOU GOTTA BE SOKIN!"

CHURCH: Programme as per usual

DUTY OFFICER: Some say Brolga,
some say Ron Berryman.

DUTY SISTER: Sister Mark.

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