



The Easter weekend saw a great many people undertake boating trips. But few sailors were as adventurous as three young Gunavidgi men who travelled 60 miles along the coast to Goulburn Island in a 12 ft. dinghy with a 5 h.p. outboard motor. Here one of the intrepid mariners, Peter Bunda Bunda tells his tale:

ON THURSDAY after work Solomon Yalbarr, Oscar Nalawled and I left for Goulburn. First we took people to otherside, then we went to Goulburn. The sun was getting down and we said to them we will come back on Monday. So we said goodbye to them. On the way we saw lots of lights and people saying goodbye with lights. Half way the sea was getting rough and the wind too. I said to Solomon we stop at Entrance Island and leave very early morning. So we stop at Entrance Island and I made big fire and sat near it. It was very windy and cold. We had no water with us but we had only drinks.

It was getting bit bright and we put out things on the boat again. It was very warm. When Solomon started the boat we had a last glance at Maningrida. When we got at Rolling Bay the sun was getting red. It took us 2½ hours to get to Rolling Bay. The sea was very rough. Between Rolling Bay and Junction Bay the sea was much worse but the little boat was going well. Junction Bay we got there at 10am and went across near to Cuthbert Point. We had our dinner there and had a little sleep. Before making our dinner I saw a turtle track and I walked towards it and there I saw the egg. It was far away from the place where we landed. Solomon started digging and I counted. Inside the turtle nest were 79 eggs. We boiled some for our dinner. When we had our dinner we walked to the point and we found more turtle eggs. But Oscar said we come back later on. When we looked at the sea, it was a bit smooth. We went back to our dinner camp and had little bit sleep. Then I woke up and looked at the sea, and I woke Solomon and Oscar. I said its time that we were going. We pushed the boat, then started the engine and off we went. When we came to the point of Arrla, then we went straight across to Goulburn Island. It was three o'clock and then we saw the last point that's near Goulburn Island and we knew that we were near. When we came to the mouth of King River then we saw Goulburn Island. The tide was going out. The sea was rough. Just about 1 mile away from Goulburn Island the sun was getting down. We were not near Goulburn Island but near the point of Goulburn Island. Then we went straight to Weeigu. We had to follow two points. But we were at Goulburn Island. The tide took us away. We stopped to fill the petrol. And then went on. We saw the light, and we came to the point and went straight to Goulburn Island. We got there 8 o'clock. We unpacked our gear and someone came down with torch and waited for us to go up. When we finished unpacking we went up and they asked us. But three of us didn't answer back. Then I said to Solomon, you answer back. Then Solomon said we from Maningrida. But one of them was my auntie. They took us to her place and had hot tea. Then lot of people came and wondering how we came. I was really very shy, and so was Oscar and Solomon.

Then my cousin Johnny came and people we knew. They said "We will get one each so we can fit them in our accommodation". But we said No, we will sleep three of us together. So we went with cousin Johnny. We had our shower and changed our clothes. We just went straight to bed after the sea.

Morning came. Solomon and I we went to Solomon's uncle's place. We asked people if shop will be open, they said yes. We bought some things we needed, and matches. We saw film there. It was good one too, and they got the serial.

Then we had our last day there and walked around the camp, said goodbye to friends and relations. When it was noon we packed our things and started back to home. It was day when we got near Turner Point. I drove the boat from Goulburn Island to Maningrida. We were heading straight to Arlra. We got there $\frac{1}{4}$ past 1. Solomon started fishing and caught one



When we had our feed we went to bed. It was a very nice place to stay, with lot of fish, turtle and etc. It was morning and we stayed there until 11.00, then we went to Cuthbert Point. Oscar and I we walked along the long beach to Cuthbert Point. On the way I found two turtle nests. Then we went to stop at the water place.

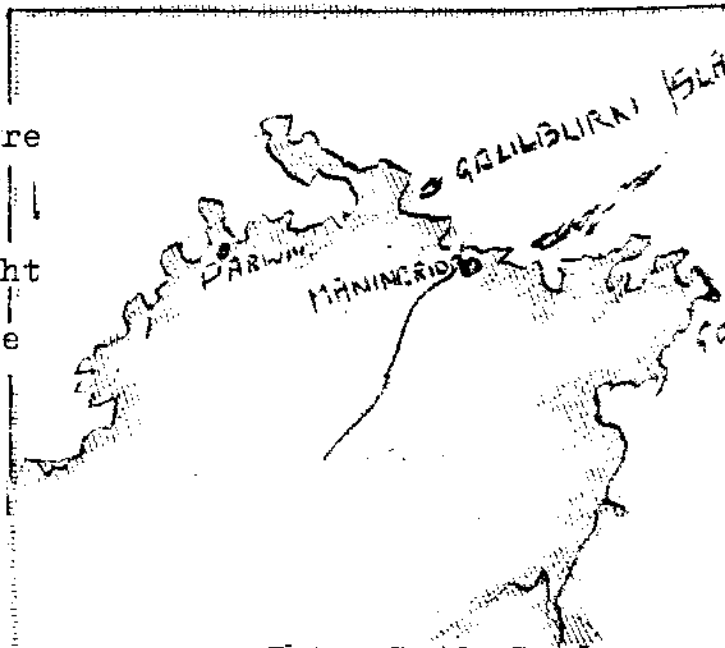
We had a dinner there and then had a last sleep. Then I woke up and boiled the egg. I walked along the beach to find other eggs. Just about 1 mile away I found an egg eaten by goanna. Then I walked closer and I dug in and there I found eggs. Then I went back to the place where we were having dinner.

We waited for the tide to come in. But anywhere the tide was out we care

When we came to Junction Bay, we didn't know which way to go. But we stopped the motor and paddled. Big waves and little bit wind. We paddled and paddled, then we came to a clear patch.

We started the motor when we passed the Junction Bay. We were on the middle of the dangerous reef, then we passed the reef. When we were on our way we had a good look at Cuthbert Point and also Junction Bay. But we had trouble with throttle and spark plug. But we fixed it and it was getting evening. Then we saw Rolling Bay and again we stop, because the spark plug was no good. We changed the other one. We tried to start but it didn't work. I got up and I made it and we were on our way. Then it was dark, and we saw the flash of the light. We came to the last point (Gumeadji). When we got near the point, I got out the match and started giving a signal to people, and only thing we saw was truck. But when we came near the point (Where Gunavidji camp) we saw the light and saw the torch waving. It was $\frac{1}{4}$ past 11 and nobody was at the beach. We unpacked the gear and I said goodnight to them and walked. But we had a good time and we liked staying at the bush.

And how did you have your Easter holiday? And hope that you didn't have any troubles.



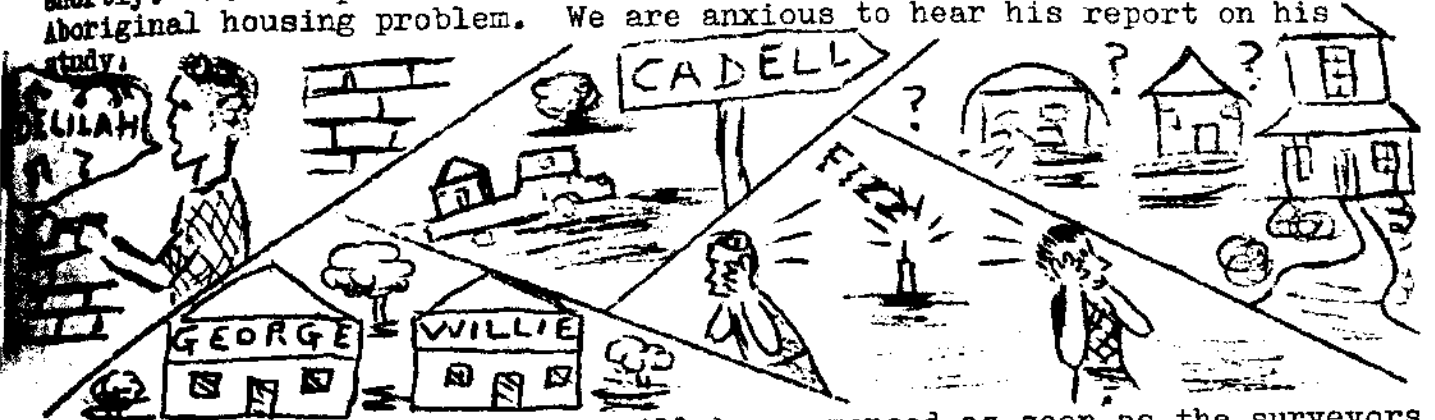
Peter Bunda Bunda.

M. H. A. News

Mr. Gordon Henderson, Mr. Bob Mussic and Sam have arrived at Maningrida to lay bricks for the Housing Association. After they have completed one house, they will be laying bricks on the New Hasty Tasty. Their contract at Maningrida will take them approximately 3 months.

Mr. Colin Cockburn, the boss carpenter, for Cadell had an unlucky start at Maningrida with the cutting of his leg. Fourteen stitches were needed to mend it. Colin will be commencing building at Cadell in May. Colin originally comes from Killarney in Queensland, but has spent the last few years working with aboriginals at Mitchell River Mission in Queensland.

Mr. Peter Meyers and his associates will be making a visit to Maningrida shortly. Peter spent some time at Maningrida over Christmas studying the Aboriginal housing problem. We are anxious to hear his report on his study.



Building in the Gunavidji area will be commenced as soon as the surveyors can be brought from Darwin to re-survey the area. The first two houses will be occupied by George Namarabil and Willie the councillor. In the upper town region, work is progressing on 5 staff houses and 8 Aboriginal houses. Three more fibro houses will be ready for occupancy next week.

During the last fortnight Tony O'Brien and myself participated in an explosives course, run by the Mines Department in Darwin. Spare time in between lectures was taken up with discussions between Housing Association Managers, their consultants and Department of Aboriginal Affairs. Approx. 12 managers attended from various housing associations from the top end.

At the present time the Association is considering the installation of a Ready Mix concrete plant. It has become apparent that the small concrete mixers and helpers are inadequate for the volume of work that is in hand. Such a plant will provide the most economic means of getting concrete and not only to the Housing Association but it will be a useful service to the community.

Rod Seymour.

POSITIONS *** VACANT

ABORIGINAL WORKERS

ABORIGINAL TRUCK DRIVER

SUB-CONTRACT TEAM

PRICES WANTED FOR THE ERECTION OF TIMBER FRAMED HOUSES AND THE ERECTION OF A STEEL FRAME BUILDING 60' x 40', PLENTY OF OTHER WORK TO FOLLOW, IF SUITED.

Apply Rod Seymour.

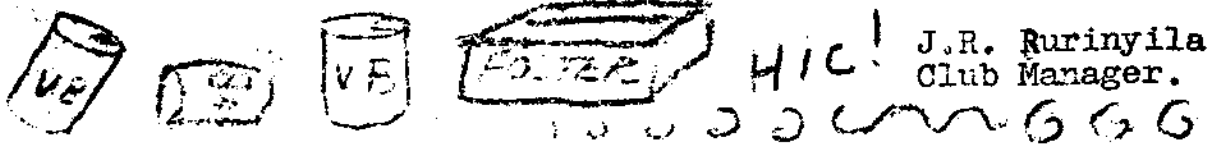
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Remember the School Fete. It'll be great!

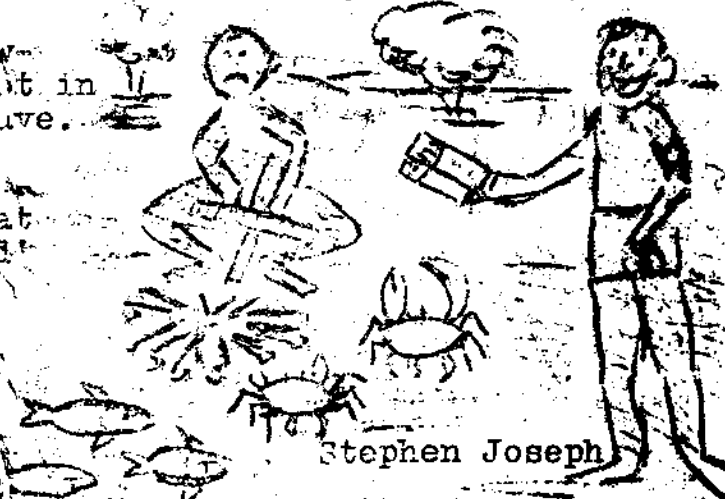
Maningrida Club

The Maningrida Club ran out of beer last Wednesday, 10/4/74. Since then I've ordered 400 cartons from Eyles to come out on the next barge. But Darwin has run out of beer too. So we will have to wait until the beer gets here. Then will be happy for beer again because a lot of beer coming next barge.



Trip to Crab Creek

Fourteen intrepid scouts set off for a three day camp at Crab Creek over Easter equipped with tea, sugar and coffee only. Water was to be found on the site and fire to be started by rubbing two sticks. However, after six hours a fire was not in sight and everyone was ready to leave. Bobby Pascoe had a box of matches which he found just as the sun was setting (I'm sure Baden Powell, that great man who preached 'be prepared' had nothing on Bobby) and so the many crab and fish were able to be consumed. The scouts came home in the YMCA truck late on Sunday.



Holidays

The well known Crocodilus team of Dr. Graeme Webb, Liz Mills and Pearce Dougherty left on Wednesday for southern parts. They'll be doing some work for Sydney University as well as having a well earned holiday after more than six months in the field. Dennis Puffett, STO with the Wildlife section of F.F.W.N.P. branch also went back to Darwin after a few weeks with the project here. Photographer Bill Green will carry on the good work up Fisheries Beach way in their absence.

Leah Pinder also left on Wednesday's plane. Leah will be flying back to her home country in the Philippines for six weeks holiday.

Found

A bunch of 15 assorted keys, including a Toyota key and many Lockwood keys at present residing in Brian Deslandes office at the school want an owner. They were handed in early this week after being found 'somewhere'



Wandering Woodchucks

Raymond Banasyc and Annie Djordjila have spent the last week in Darwin at the summer school of Linguistics.

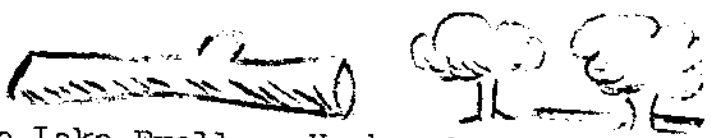
We don't expect them back for another two weeks. Any other woodchucks sneaked into Darwin over Easter leaving very few workers. The result was all the bosses had to go and get dirty.



Aerobats Richard and Charlie have been clambering all over the workshop building for a while now. They should be finished by the end of next week, provided they don't fall.

With the short spell of fine weather, Len and Jerry have started to fix up many of the bush roads. However both D7's have broken down and

their work has had to be stopped.



Chris Haynes is here after a trip to Lake Evella. He has been looking at the planned Forestry project over there. Next week Bill Goodwin will be visiting us to plan a four month survey to the Goyder River. A helicopter will be out here to help with the survey.



Anon.

Horse Sense?

Once spoken, words run faster than horses.




Under-paid Back Bencher

I agree that teachers should be up in arms about back pay if it is owing.

BUT I also say that a big percentage of teachers are being paid or will be paid wages far too high for the years of study and experience that they have for a responsible position.

I can remember a saying once told to me that a good day's work deserves a good day's pay. But I think the day of devotion to duty has gone (even for some school teachers) and the \$ sign is the sign most in their eyes and not the "LUV OF KIDS" as on the placard.

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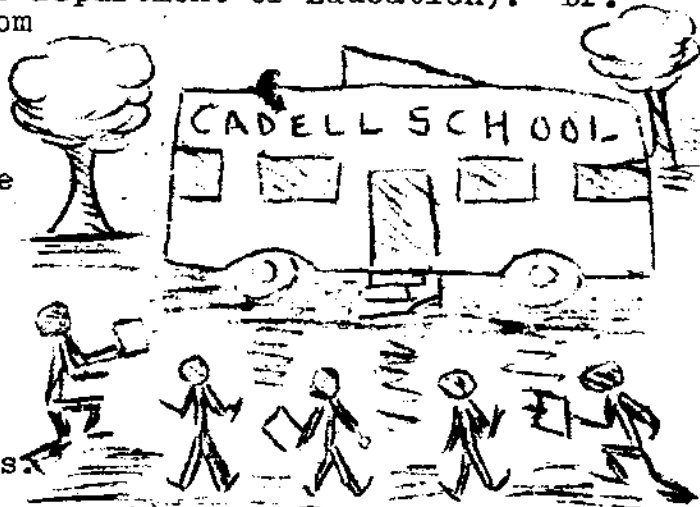
WE LUV THE DOLLAR BUT THE KIDS HELP FILL THE TIME

FROM THE SCHOOL

On Outstations

Maningrida was fortunate to have Dr. Maria Brandl spend a few days talk-to people - both in Maningrida and some of the outstations. (Dr. Brandl is the anthropologist attached to the Department of Education). Dr. Brandl's main purpose was to hear from the people their own school 'story'.

As a result of her visit the people at Cadell have ordered a caravan school. These caravans should arrive during the next 'dry' season. The Gunardba people expressed a desire to have two European Teachers working WITH two teachers from their own people. The Department of Education is hopeful that school will start at Cadell early next term with the teachers asked for by the Gunardba people working in temporary buildings.



Dr. Brandl also visited Mormega, Maragulidban, Botgardi and Kupunga. The people from these places, except for Kupunga, which already has its own school, are still thinking about their school plans.

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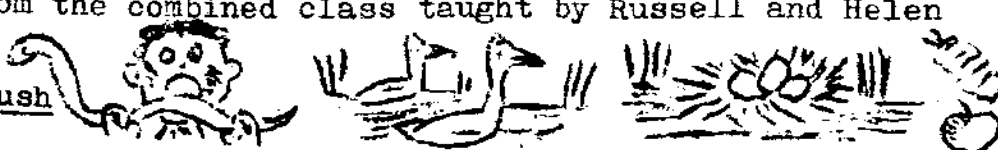
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School Stories

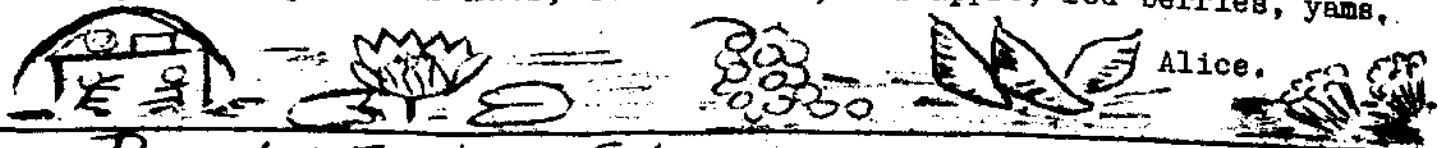
These stories are from the combined class taught by Russell and Helen Watson.

What we eat in the bush

We have too many things at bush.. We have snake, geese and geese egg. There are a lot of bush tucker. But when people live in bush and when they get very sick we give them our own bush medicine, it just make them



better. When we are at bush we didn't use European house, we used our own bush house. We used bark house we used pandanus house. We got lily root, pandanus nuts, cone leaves, red apple, red berries, yams.



Alice.

Bush Tucker Story

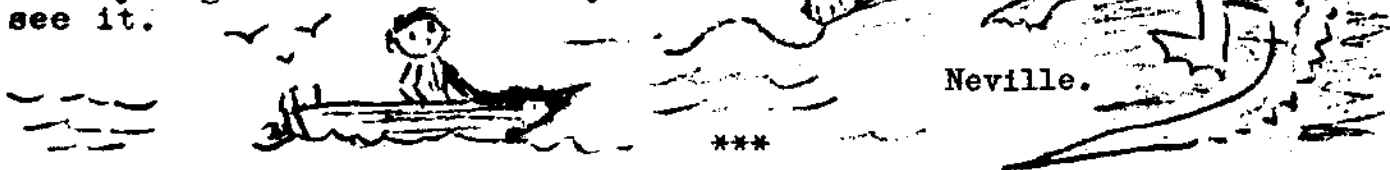
At the outstations we eat lots of bush tucker. We eat sugar bag, yams, lily roots and some fish too. And also all the men go hunting for a buffalo to eat. And every weekend we always go for a swim at the big river. My brother always go hunting for food. We live in houses made of bark and paper bark. I always boiled tea for my mother if she's a sick lady. And I and my brother always go fishing at Manbulugadi. And all the white balandas call that place Cadell crossing. And if the boat comes they had to push it out of the water. We don't go shopping at Maningrida Mr. Bagshaw takes food and clothes to buy it. Some men make bark painting to sell at Maningrida Craft shop to get more money.



Gwennie.

From the children of Infants 2, as told to Miss Chapman:

The crocodile had a wireless on top of his head. When they let the crocodile go they had a string on his nose and then it came off and he took three steps and was in the water. It went around the corner, when you go out in the boat you can see it.



Neville.

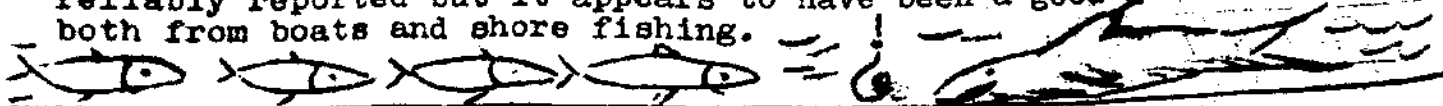
The dugong we saw belongs to some Gunavidji people. Some kids were playing with it. It's a little bit big that dugong. It had some cuts on its back. They just shot him to make him their pet. They put the mark on him so that if he runs away they know he's theirs.



Frederick.

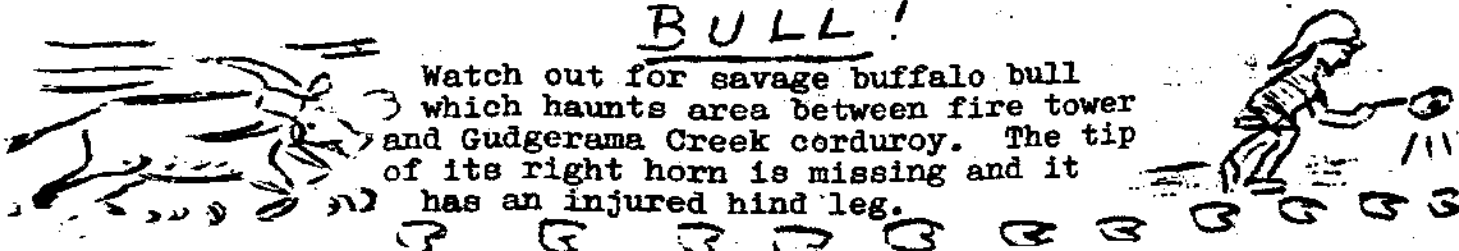
A Bit Fishy

Lots of fish were caught over the Easter weekend. Ken and Valmai undoubtedly took top honours with about 50 nice salmon on Friday and almost as many on Sunday. Jewfish, rockcod and sharks made up the balance of fish caught at the New Barge Landing. Graham Cox landed a nice red bream (or mangrove jack). Other fish catches have not been reliably reported but it appears to have been a good weekend all round both from boats and shore fishing.



BULL!

Watch out for savage buffalo bull which haunts area between fire tower and Gudgerama Creek corduroy. The tip of its right horn is missing and it has an injured hind leg.



YMCA NEWS

Some changes were made in the YMCA Management Committee at its April meeting. Johnny Naliva was elected chairman. He takes the place of Silas Roberts, who resigned in March. Two new committee members were chosen. One is Community Advisor, Andy Hazel and the other, Scout leader Charlie Godjuwa.

CHURCH NOTES

Theme of study for the week is "Studying to tell the news." Turn to these New Testament readings in John 20 : 24 - 31, Matthew 16: 18 - 20; John 14 : 5 - 11.

On Sunday morning at 9.00a.m. the church bell is ringing for all the classes in the church and camps.

The rest of the programme for prayer meetings and church fellowship on Tuesday and Thursday will be on as per usual.

WAIT... AND PONDER

Ecclesiastes 5: 2. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God; for God is in heaven and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

BIRTHS

Sandra to Dell Nguldell born at Maningrida on Good Friday. Father Jacky Yulpirri.

Raslene to Nancy/Josie Guningwanga at Darwin Hospital.

Doctor's visit: Dr G. Blake, paediatrician specialist at Darwin Hospital, coming to Maningrida 25th and 26th April.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Movies: Not here on Thursday. Watch the store notice board.

Duty sister this weekend: Sister Lee McMahon

Duty officer: Mr Brolga Bill Beckett

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