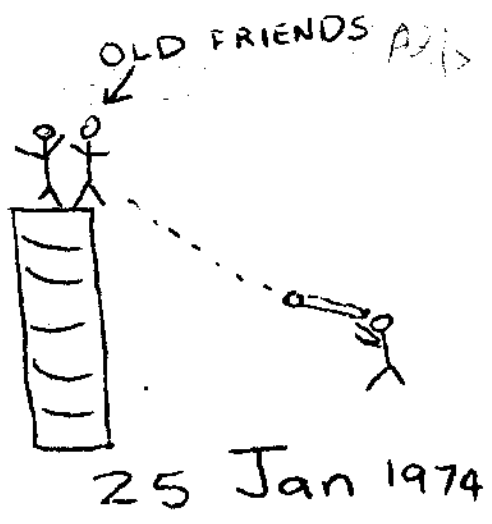


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# MANINGRIDA MIRAGE



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## Looking Up Friends

While I was in the South I went to Canberra for a week. I went to the university there and saw Rhys Jones and Betty Meehan. Rhys and Betty were living with the Anbara people at Kopanga and Lalagadjirripa for one year and they have many friends amongst the Burera people. Betty and Rhys were learning about the way the people were living, the kind of tucker they were living on and the ways they used to get their tucker. Two people who helped them a lot in their learning were Frank Guramanamana and Nancy Bundiana - they knew so much about their country and about the animals and plants that live there.

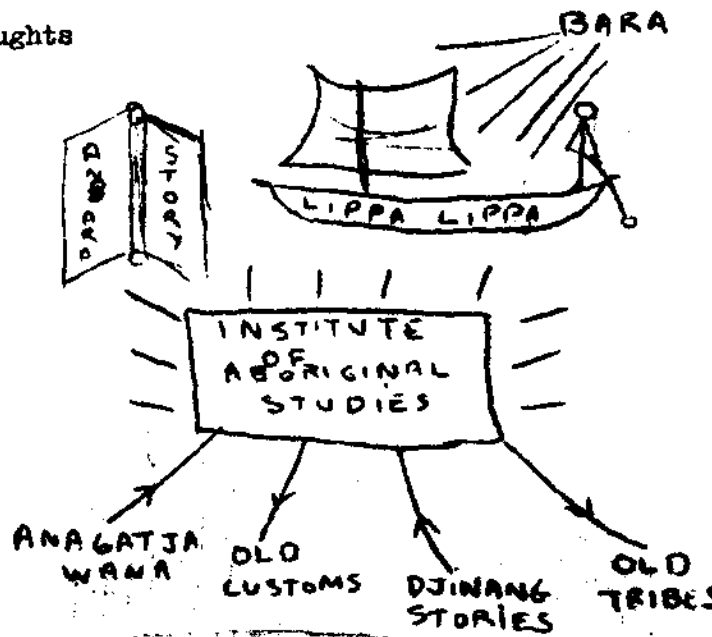
Betty and Rhys are now writing down everything they learned into a big story which will help everyone know about the way the saltwater people from the Blyth River live. The story will make sure that the great hunters, huntresses and canoe makers and spearmakers are not forgotten. The story will also tell something about the thoughts of Aboriginal people who don't want to live on a settlement but want to go back to their own country.

Many people in the South are very interested in what the story will have to say. There are many other places in the story - Manakodok, Adjirripa, Maganara, Ngaldjibama, Djanawunja, Irangandua.

Another place I went to while I was in Canberra was the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies. This is a place that gathers together all kinds of stories and information about Aboriginal people. They give money to people like Betty and Rhys and Ad Borsboom (balung) who was learning about the Djirang people, so they can do their work. They also have a big collection of tools, dillybags, canoes, paintings and all kinds of things that Aboriginal people from all over Australia make and use. They want these things to be kept forever so that they are not lost. Some of the things are very old and belonged to tribes that have been wiped out - in many cases by the Belanda.

Like many people I hope that the Institute will not just keep these things to remember Aboriginals by, but will use them to teach European people and to help Aboriginal people pass their culture on to their children.

One very good book that the Institute has just put out has many pictures and stories about Mandarrg and his family and their rock paintings on the Cadell River - Dugaladjarrin and other places. Bob Edwards, who is the second boss of the Institute, has given a copy of the book to be put in the school library at Maningrida and people will be able to have a look at it there.



Dan Gillespie.

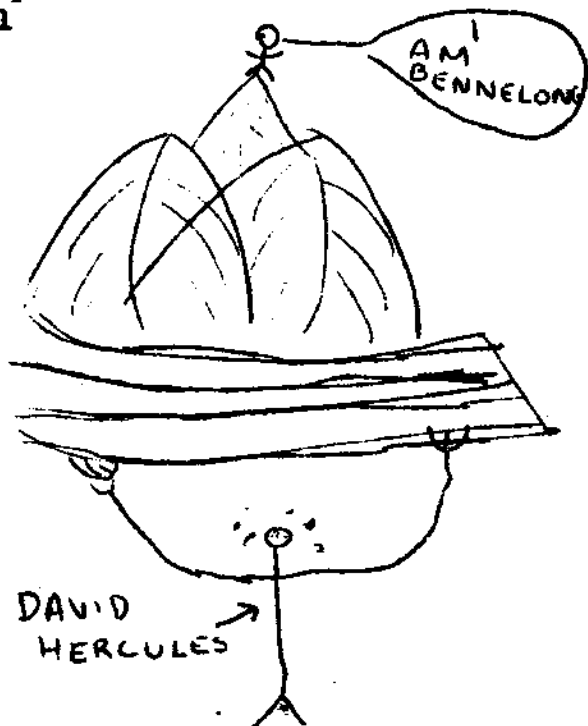
# Man about Town.

David Gulpilil has returned home to Maningrida for the Christmas holidays, but left again on Wednesday for Sydney. He is to continue working and studying with the Aboriginal Arts Council, specialising in film making and lending a helping hand to make an Aboriginal life story on film.

He spent some of his time in Maningrida in collecting written stories on aboriginal family life and relations and also to try and encourage an aboriginal interest in the work going on in Sydney, and generally in publishing and filming such things.

Immediately upon his arrival in Sydney David will start rehearsals on the "Bennelong Story" which will be a live show performed at the Sydney Opera House, and it is a story about how aboriginals lived before the Balandas came. Among other things, David will be singing and dancing a Bennelong. David had not seen the strip when we talked, so he was not able to say any more about the story.

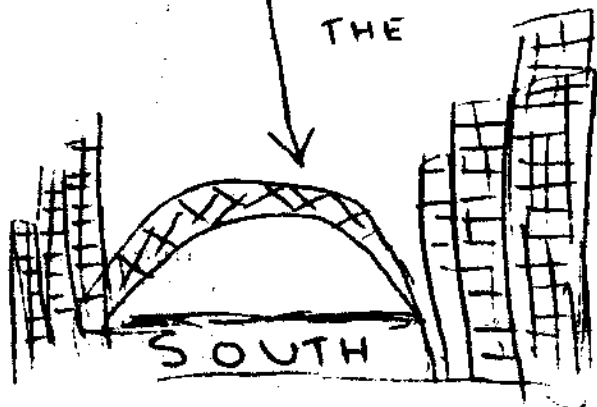
After this ?? David has been offered positions as actor and choreography assistant to an Opera House production called "Hercules" early this year. If he takes this position it could be a big step for David, for he would be assistant in choreography to Carol Johnson, who has had very extensive experience in America with the National Black Theatre.



J. Downey.

DAVID GULPALIL  
TAKES UNGAGULIA STORIES  
FROM MANINGRIDA

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## DEATHS

Djungabulbul (Gunwinggu) at  
last Saturday (12th)

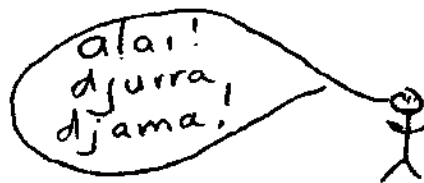
Baby Josephine of mother  
Lena Djanaraigu and father Billy  
Marangiya died at Gulyun last Friday (11th)  
night.

Junbo Wonggi died also on Saturday  
at Cadell and was buried in his country on  
Monday morning. Junbo was a well known  
figure and painted the occasional bark  
painting. Before he moved out to Cadell he  
was quite active in the Church, and at  
Cadell was always a supporting figure at the  
"bush services". It was fitting that  
Kathy Glasgow was at his funeral,  
because she and Junbo had done much work  
together and had become close friends.  
Junbo is survived by his wife Beryl Biman

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FUNERAL AT GOTJANDJINDJER

# Writer-Training Workshop



Can you read and write? (If you cannot, don't read any more of this! But are your parents literate? And all your relatives? Do they think it is a pity for anyone to be illiterate?)

Your answers to these questions will depend on what society you belong to and whether or not that society places value on literacy.

Because Aboriginal societies have not had any form of writing they have not readily given community value to literacy when it has been introduced. One of the best things we can do for them therefore is to help them develop a good attitude to it.

As a step in this direction the Summer Institute of Linguistics will be running a workshop for training Aborigines as authors next April and May, at its headquarters at Berrimah. Kathy Glasgow is arranging for Raymond Banticleu and Charlie Jartula to attend, and she will work with them under the guidance of consultant Jean Shand. The aim is to produce literature from within the culture - written by members of that culture about things that interest Aborigines, in a style that is their own. The writing will be in the vernacular (Dorada).

If this workshop is successful not only will these two flourish as authors but others will get the bug too, and with the advance of vernacular literacy through bilingual education, the community's respect for the printed page will greatly increase.

.... Dave Glasgow.

## Council

### COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting on the 22 January. Resolutions passed were:

1. That Town expansion plans be put off until the Land Rights commission was completed.
2. That the entry of Balandas be controlled by the council. Members expressed concern that people such as contractors and tourists were often arriving at Maningrida without any consultation with the council. The Community Advisor said he would take up the matter with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, The companies concerned and Connair. He said the council should be the only authority that should issue permits, and obviously this ruling was not being complied with.
3. That light and water be immediately installed in the new aboriginal houses which are being occupied without these facilities. The Community Advisor said he would look into the matter.
4. That the Housing Association be approached regarding the construction of houses for the Gunavidjis.

MADDER KARRAK BALANDA

The Administrative Officer later advised the council that plans had been passed at the Housing Association meeting on the 4th September 1973 for Gunavidjis. The supply of services to the particular locality had been a considerable problem, but not an unassumable one.


## This Weeks Rain

17th	187mm
18th	063mm
19th	223mm
20th	840mm
21th	NIL
22nd	514mm
23rd	045mm



## Weekend Duties

Duty Sister: Sunday & Saturday: Sister Heather  
Monday: Sister Sherry

Duty Officer: Mr Brolga Bill Esq. 

## Star Theatre

Friday Night: "Crenlin Letter" (Does he mean Kremlin folks)

Saturday Night: "Duel in Diablo"

## Church

Sunday: 9.30am Sunday Schools

7.30pm Evening Service

Theme of Study: "The Inside Life of The Church"

Bible References: Nehemiah 12;27,42-43.

Mark 1:21-28

Acts 2:44-47.

You will be cordially welcome to these meetings

Tuesday 5.30pm Prayer meeting in the church.

7.30pm Church Fellowship in the church

Thursday 8.00pm Bible Study and prayer meeting at John Gardiner's home.

## Wait and Ponder

(2Chron. 2:12) Huran said more over, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel that made Heaven and Earth that has given to David the king a wise son, endured with prudence and understanding, that might build a house for the Lord, and a house for His kingdom."

## People in Places

Bob and Heather Cross left for their spell of leave on Tuesday with their children, just in time to see Dan and Libby Gillespie and children arrive back home from their's. The Cross family will first travel across to Dampier (W.A.) and then to Victoria.

Ces and Eddy Carey, along with Margaret and Graham Inglis should arrive back from their overseas trips on tomorrow's plane (Provided they didn't lose their passports in one of their care-free moments.

Gladys Pascoe showed remarkable and commendable enthusiasm to get straight down to the school work again by being the first teacher to arrive back this year. Gwen Burchett (at present on a last minute shopping trip in Darwin) will also be teaching this year when she can spare the time from drawing for "The Mirage". Its expected that all the other teachers will arrive on Tuesday or Wednesday. At the moment our teachers make up a staggering list of 27, headed by Margaret Inglis. Among this 27 will be 16 new faces

Marc (or Sister Marc, if you like) writes from Henley Beach (S.A.) and says he expects to be working at the Royal Adelaide Hospital this year, and then hopes to do "Middy" next year. Like the burchetts he nearly got stuck in the floods down that way. Unfortunately he doesn't say anything about his new found romance.

Overheard from "Glasgow Mansions" on Monday evening when Kathy and her four young lady assistants were entertaining a certain young senior officer of Maningrida's Aboriginal Affairs to dinner, "What are we all sitting in the dining room for? Shall we move into the Lounge?"

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(public)

Welfare Clerk John Downey will soon be leaving our shores for brighter horizons. He hopes to be able to finish his law degree at Monash University Melbourne but does not yet know the result of his application. If he does not quite make the grade he has a builder's labourer position lined up at Coff's Harbour (N.S.W.). We will miss him, but it is felt that it may not be too long before he comes to his senses and is back with us.

Rumour has it that John Hunter is back in Darwin. but we know no more.

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