



# Doug Down's Darwin Ditty

(to be sung to the tune of Galway Bay)

Have you ever been up north as far as Darwin,  
And in that city's gardens, staked your claim —  
Seen the cream of Territory and profession,  
All introduced by friggin' What's-Is'-Name?

You could tell that our Ron Davis is a trouper,  
And keeps his feet some distance from his mouth;  
Whilst his boss suggests we spend our tourist dollar,  
Ron maintains there are no sights to see down south.

If you have a need for storing stacks of pictures,  
Or movies bearing quadrasonic sound,  
You may have the script in one or other language  
If a videodisc provider can be found.

For we've seen the way to browse a large collection  
In seconds flat, see all that there's to see.  
Now we've come to terms with VDU's in lib'ries,  
Will we all be trying hard to get VD!?

Did you check to find that treasure of the morning —  
(The one stuck to the seat on which you sat)?  
What magnificent incentive was that gesture?  
Why can't my boss be a little dick like that?



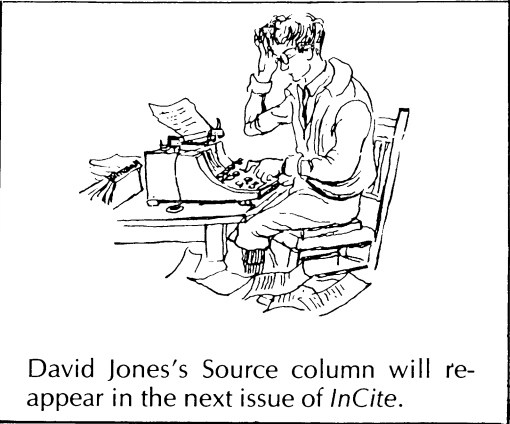
Tom Keneally's origins of Aussie culture  
Had bottles measure stature, so you see  
That one cannot but concede a slip in standards,  
For one pot of whisky makes a mess of me!

So you've learnt that nerve cells have these long projections  
And have a current pass along them too;  
When you tell your supervisor — she will ponder  
Why she paid to be misinformed by you!

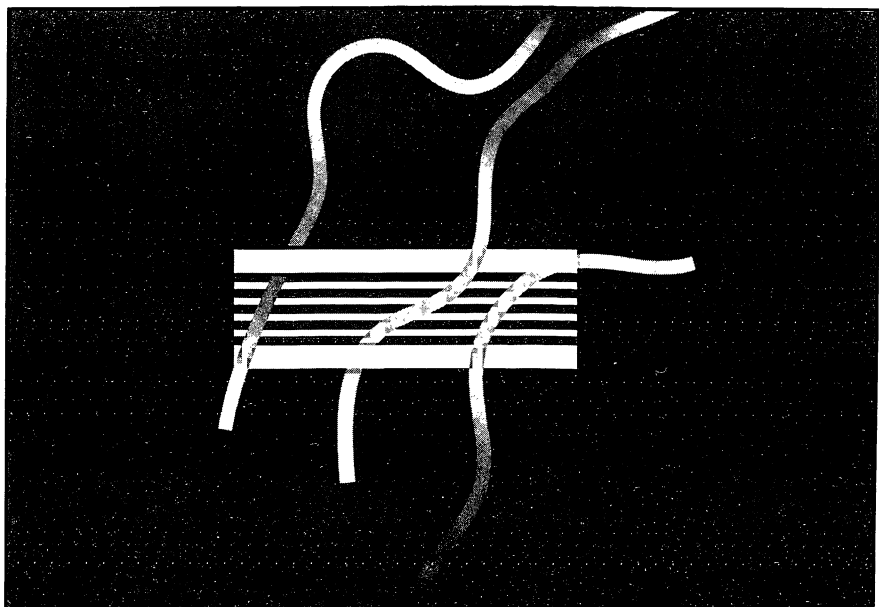
We've been out and looking westward ev'ry evening;  
We've cast our cam'ra lenses at the sky;  
But from sev'ral days intensive observation,  
I can vouch there is no sun o'er Fanny Bay!

With our data bases read by compact laser,  
And micro-literate users on the way —  
We will all have time to come back north to Darwin  
And see the sun go down on Fanny Bay.

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