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## BALLAN OPENING CEREMONY: P 12

Closing date for next issue

Closing date for Classies, Divisional Roundabout and articles for the next issue of Interchange is Wednesday, July 26.

### MR DONALDSON TO RETIRE FROM BOARD IN DECEMBER

*The Chairman of the Board, Mr R. E. V. Donaldson, has indicated that he intends to retire from the Board's service on Friday, 8th December, 1978.*

*Mr Donaldson joined the Board's service on 9th September, 1945, and was appointed Board Member on 10th August, 1962, Deputy Chairman on 1st July, 1963, and Chairman on 1st September, 1971.*

## HOSA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT...

The Head Office Social Association has about 750 members, but only a handful of members are supporting regular HOSA functions.

*The lack of interest by members has resulted in the cancellation of the fishing contest (planned for April 22-23) and a poor attendance at the function at Shuffy's restaurant held in March.*

Another function planned for mid-year — the outing to Bullen's Safari Park — was not organised because of lack of initial support by members.

Even the Annual Ball suffered a lower attendance this year.

HOSA president, Joan Gilmer, said: "The committee wants to organise functions which members will attend. It's no use organising something that is going to fail because not enough people want to go."

If members are only interested in attending the three main functions — the Christmas Staff Luncheon, the Children's Christmas Party and the Ball — please let the committee know.

The HOSA committee wants to hear from members — but a survey in the May HOSA

Newsletter to find out what functions members would like the Social Association to organise resulted in a poor response, with only 42 replies from more than 800 newsletters distributed throughout Head Office and annexes.

All members are urged to think about the activities of the Association, discuss proposed functions with a committee member and help to stop HOSA from sliding into the doldrums.

● Full list of committee members and where to contact them — P. 2.



## Metro's new faces

Meet Metropolitan Division's two new faces on the switchboard reception desk . . . Receptionist Cheryl Dusting (left) and relieving switchboard operator, Helen Liddy.

*Both girls started working in Metropolitan when the Division moved to its new office at 700 High Street in mid-April.*

*Cheryl returned to the Board after one year's absence working with TAA in the airline's hostess training department.*

*When the Board advertised for a receptionist for Metropolitan's new office, Cheryl decided it was time to return to the CRB.*

*Metropolitan's move from the MRD building was carried out smoothly over one weekend (April 15-16).*

*A full complement of 73 engineers, administrative and clerical staff made the transfer.*

*The new office is air-conditioned and based on the open plan office. It features a large conference room and table tennis facilities.*

● More pictures, Divisional Roundabout.

## FUNDS FOR 1978-79

### ● Hume Highway

More than \$17 million will be spent next financial year on the Hume as part of the CRB's program to construct a divided highway from Melbourne to Wodonga.

The money will be used mainly for constructing freeway and divided highway facilities on sections of the Hume from Seymour to Avenel, Avenel to Tubbs Hill and the bypass of Violet Town.

Major areas of expenditure will include construction of the Seymour to Avenel section which will absorb more than \$6 million during 1978-79. The Avenel to Tubbs Hill section has been allocated almost \$2 million while the bypass of Violet Town will absorb another \$2.6 million.

A further major item of expenditure will be the completion of the final surfacing of the Wallan to Broadford section (\$3 million).

The 12 kilometres of duplication from Avenel to Tubbs Hill is expected to be completed by the end of 1979 at a total cost of \$6.6 million, while the Violet Town bypass is expected to be completed at the same time at a cost of \$6.5 million.

The Seymour to Avenel section is expected to be completed in 1983 at a total cost of \$40 million.

### ● West Gate Freeway

CRB expenditure on the West Gate Freeway (F9) will be boosted to a total of \$11.02 million for the 1978-79 financial year.

Included in the project budget for next year will be \$6.2 million for land acquisition and \$4.82 million on construction and association work.

While this represents a significant increase in expenditure over the previous financial year the CRB urgently needs additional funds for this and other major projects, such as the Nepean Highway widening.

The \$6.2 million allocated for expenditure on land acquisition for 1978-79 will bring the total allocated so far for land acquisition to \$10.4 million.

To date, 52 of the 113 properties required have been purchased, and negotiations are under way for 54 others.

The \$4.82 million allocated for construction work in 1978-79 will bring the total allocated so far for construction and associated work to \$6.75 million.

### ● Princes Highway East

The CRB has allocated more than \$7 million for construction work on the Princes Highway/Freeway east of Dandenong for 1978-79.

The allocation for Princes Highway work between the outskirts of Melbourne and the NSW border includes work on sections of the Princes Freeway at Moe and Drouin.

Construction work is under way on the Drouin section of the Princes Freeway between Robin Hood and the Princes Highway east of Drouin.

Almost \$3 million has been allocated for this work during 1978-79 with \$2 million of this amount to be spent on road construction and almost \$1 million on bridge construction.

A further \$350,000 will be spent on the construction of a second carriageway on the Moe section of the Princes Freeway, with work on the Watsons Road interchange expected to begin during financial year 1979-80.

On the Princes Highway East between Rankins and Wingan River in the far east of the State, the CRB has allocated \$455,000 for reconstruction work. The four-kilometre project is scheduled to be completed in 1979-80 at a total cost of \$822,500.

In addition, duplication through Trafalgar township at a cost of \$461,000 will be substantially completed.

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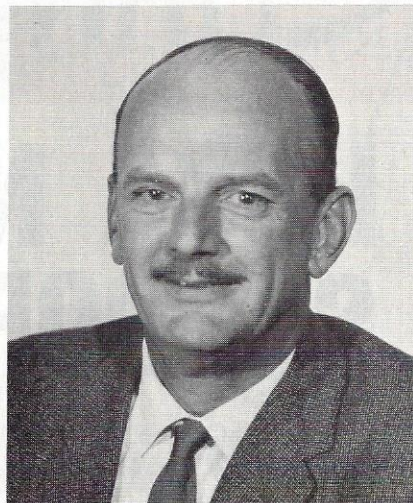
The committee would like more feedback and input from HOSA members. It would also like members to join the committee.

There are 15 members on the committee (see list below) but this number is five below full strength.

NAME	LOCATION	EXT.
Joan Gilmer (President)	1st MRD	2420
Bob Billinge (Vice-President)	2nd HO	2527
Karen Barnfather (Secretary)	2nd HO	2009
John Berends (Treasurer)	2nd HO	2501
Barry Atkinson	1st Princes	2310
Bob Charlesworth	4th HO	2266
Alan Bull	3rd HO	2383
Geoff Craven	4th High	2111
Anne Goodwin	6th HO	2471
Robyn Martin	5th HO	8
Bob Veenendaal	2nd Princes	2236
Patrick Vethecan	6th HO	2264
Cathy Wherry	3rd HO	2447
Bob Francis	2nd HO	2315
Michael Ma	1st MRD	2420

FROM  
THE

# BOARDROOM



## SENIOR APPOINTMENTS

### ● LAURIE JONES, NEW CHIEF WORKS ENGINEER

Laurie was appointed Chief Works Engineer on May 29.

His appointment followed seven years as Divisional Engineer, Metropolitan, after starting with the CRB at Warrnambool in 1950.

He has served as Assistant Divisional Engineer, Ballarat (1956-63), Construction and Maintenance Engineer at Head Office (1963-1969) and Divisional Engineer, Horsham (1969-71).

Bob Handley was appointed Chief Engineer (Special Duties) on May 29.

His role in the new position is to examine the activities involved in the execution of works in order to prevent or discover deficiencies which may lead to unsatisfactory performance of works.

In addition to war service with the Survey Corps and Royal Australian Engineers, he was Resident Engineer on the North Australia Railway for two years. He joined the Board at Bendigo in 1946, was appointed Assistant Highways Engineer in 1956, Road Construction and Maintenance Engineer in 1958 and Senior Divisional Engineer, Ballarat in 1962.

In 1969 he became Chief Works Engineer, a position he held until his recent appointment.

Bob was Commanding Officer of the Board's Army Reserve regiment from 1967 to 1970, and Commander, 6 Construction Group RAE until 1974.

### Womens Training Course

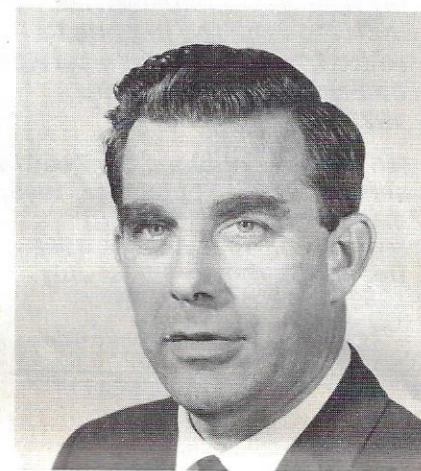
Women members of a trade union can attend a special Trade Union Training Authority course that deals with the problems encountered by women at work and provides an insight into the workings of the union movement.

The Board provides paid leave for women to attend the courses, which are held over periods of up to five days.

The course deals with the history and structure of trade unions, functions of officials, recruiting, interviewing members, meeting procedures, reporting, compensation, conciliation and arbitration and of particular interest to women, occupational health, migrant women, the working women's Charter, women in unions and the Women's Working Centre.

There are visits to the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission and the Women's Working Centre, films and group activities. These are designed to improve the understanding of the role of unions and how they can help women in their work situation.

● For further details, see Personnel Notices No. 400 (April 1977).



## ALEX EVANS WINS AWARD FOR PLANNING

Engineer Alex Evans (Plans and Surveys Division) was a joint winner of the 1978 planning award by the Town and Country Planning Board.

The award — the Frederick C. Cook Memorial Award — is presented annually for high scholastic achievement over the final four years of the RMIT Town Planning course.

Alex was the joint winner with Mr Russell Coster, a town planner with the City of Croydon.

The awards were presented in April at a luncheon at the Town and Country Planning Board.

Alex is currently studying for his Master's Degree in Engineering Science at Monash University.



Alex Evans receives his award from Mr A Kemsley.

# Visiting engineers get a taste of Aussie Rules...



Nineteen African and Asian engineers took time off their CRB training seminar to watch Essendon play Carlton on April 22.

The visit to the match at VFL Park Waverley, was one of many

activities the engineers participated in during their three-month course conducted by the CRB for the Australian Development Assistance Bureau.

The VFL generously provided

honorary membership tickets to the group for the day.

Course chairman Stan Jervis said the visiting engineers quickly combined into a happy and affable working group, which contributed greatly to the success of the course.

He said the course members had returned home in May with fond memories of Australia. They made many friends at the numerous social functions organised and attended by CRB staff.



Mr Brake chats with visiting engineers at a Board farewell dinner.

## ROAD CLOSED (UNLESS YOU ARE IN THE ARMY!)

**It took the Army to explode a ganger's patience during a recent job in the Grampians.**

The gang from Horsham Division had closed off the Mt Victory Road to relay culverts.

At this time the Army was holding a camp in the area for school cadets, and it was not long before a stream of varied Army vehicles ignored the signs on the road and drove up to where the gang worked, to be told that the road was impassable and to turn around.

Soon the temper of the ganger in charge (a husky volatile type) became rather frayed. . . .

Another Army jeep arrived on the scene. A slight figure in uniform with some impressive pips on the shoulders got out and enquired why traffic was unable to pass.

Being well trained in dealing with civilians, the Army type persisted and questioned the ganger in detail as to why trucks could not go through.

The patience of the ganger burst all restraints and he retorted in a very blasphemous manner — "if you don't so and so believe me come and see for yourself", whereupon a joint inspection of the excavation was made.

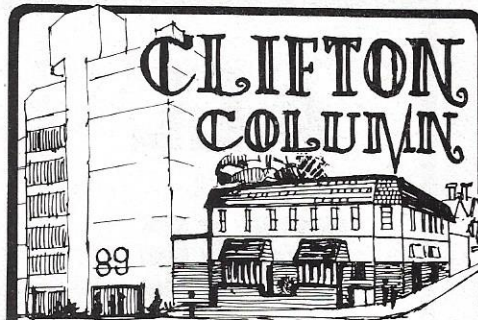
The ganger pointed to a trench on the roadway and asked: "Do you still think that your so and so vehicles can get through this so and so hole."

The Army Officer, suitably subdued, about faced and retreated to the jeep accompanied by unrepeatable remarks about young so and so's in uniforms throwing their weight about.

Meanwhile, the rest of the gang stood around in awe and then burst out laughing.

The irate ganger demanded to know what was so funny and was informed amid delighted gurgles that the Army Officer was a female.

"I wondered why the Army had a boy soprano in the officer corp," remarked the very embarrassed ganger.



### SAFETY JACKETS

Safety jackets are not always safe, as Geoff Spring (Eastern Freeway, seconded to Hume resurfacing) can testify. One sunny morning, wearing his obligatory red safety jacket, Geoff climbed an embankment to get an overall view of the asphalt paving train stretched out along the Hume Freeway (Wallan-Broadford).

While nonchalantly leaning on the boundary fence he heard some rustling and deep breathing behind him.

He turned around — and was confronted with 1500 kg of "El Toro" preparing to charge!

### A LOAD OF COWS

The Wandong site office received a call that a cow was loose on the Hume Freeway. Terry O'Keefe (Bendigo, seconded to the Hume resurfacing) was asked to take it in charge and return it to a nearby paddock.

The cow was extremely upset, having been dumped from an overturned stock transport a few days earlier, and was in no mood to be shooed off the freeway.

Ever resourceful, Terry delegated the task to two members of the Victoria Police highway patrol (first day on the job) who were keen to assist, especially after being told that the beast was a "house" cow, very docile and would follow them anywhere.

Needless to say Terry's road manners are now more impeccable than ever.

### WE WERE WRONG

In our Share a Ride article last issue, Interchange wrongly inferred that Deputy Chief Accountant John Bulman worked a regular nine-day fortnight.

Although not exactly John's words, he indicated that it was more like a nine day week!

Incidentally, the article produced a stunning reaction. Only one person has advertised to share a ride.

### SMALLER CARS

But there was one thoughtful suggestion on how to ease the parking situation:

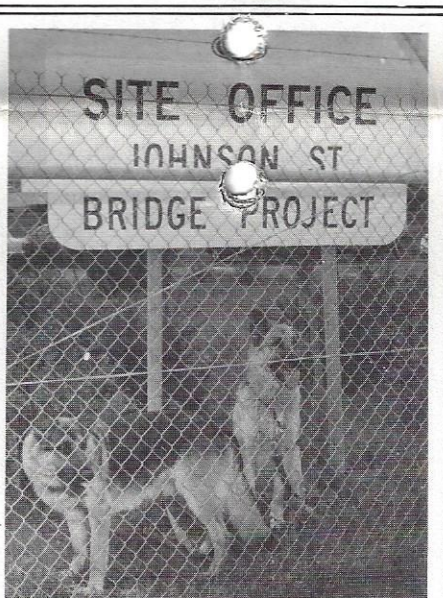
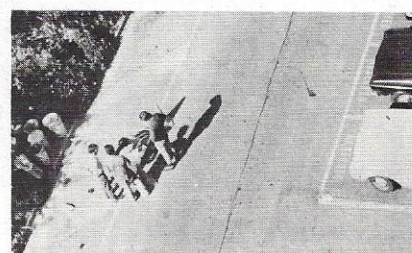
**Why not make the dozen parallel parking spots in the southern car park smaller — thus confining their use to Mini and Honda owners.**

**This would provide extra parallel parking allotments as well as leave more spaces for larger cars in the cutting.**

**The editor thought it was a good idea, although it should be extended to VWs!**

### CRB MEN AT WORK

Clifton Column presents a rare photograph believed to be of men allegedly at work. . . . If you look hard enough you will see one man lying down with a paint brush in his hands, being closely watched by three "supervisors". Sorry our lens wasn't big enough for ready identification.



Does the Johnson Street Bridge Project Office need to be guarded by these two German Shepherds?

Actually, the dogs are show dogs. They are owned by Marilyn O'Connor who works at the Johnson Street Office in South Melbourne.

The dogs 'visit' the office regularly as they attend dog shows after work.

Sam (right), imported from New Zealand two years ago, is known as Excel of Heparu. Since his arrival in Victoria he has won several ribbons and trophies.

Sam's son, Sampson (left), is known as 'Steinmar Candyman', and has an impressive show record with eight consecutive first placings this year;

So, next time you are at Johnson Street Bridge Site Office and you see the dogs, yell from the gate or come in the back door!

# ALL THE FUN OF THE BALL

HOSA's Annual Ball was held on June 2 at the Camberwell Civic Centre. About 500 staff members had an enjoyable night's entertainment, with music provided by the Kay-cees.



● Engineer John Sibthorpe (High Street) and Margaret Thorp enjoy the Ball.



● Board Member Mr Bill Brake dances with Mrs Betty Allanson.



● RIGHT: Ross and Debra Leeson drink a toast.



● They had a ball . . . from left, John Waters (Head Office) and his wife Barbara , Gail and Laurie Carlton (Head Office).

# Book Cookers' golf and picnic day

Fine weather and a relaxed atmosphere marked the inaugural Chief Accountant's Branch Annual Golf Day at the RACV Club, Healesville, on Sunday, 21st May.

First hole honours went to Frank Sandy (Budget Accountant), whose unorthodox swing and somewhat nervous state resulted in a disastrous start of 13 shots.

Not to be outdone, Mike Byrne (Allocations and Expenditure), still slightly "effervescent" from a wine tasting the previous night, set out to amass a cricket-type score of 82 strokes for the first nine holes.

Performances worthy of note included Mike Chavdaroska's (Costing) "professional style" putting in sinking a 5m putt on the 6th green, followed by an over-exuberant wardance not guaranteed to win the plaudits of the greenkeeper.

Central Stores, Syndal, did not go unrepresented as David Wood and Graham Rodgers "ploughed up" the course. There is no truth in the rumour that these two gentlemen are planning a take-over of the golf course for primary production.

The only casualty of the day was Gordon Mills (Assistant Chief Accountant) whose "little slammer" attacked a massive gum tree causing irreparable damage to the club and significant discomfort to the tree. Investigations are continuing to determine the actual cause of the incident.

While on investigations, a cloud still hovers over the results of the day's activities as the winner of the handicap event was one of the organisers in David Nelson (Costing). He also happened to be one of the handicappers!

Thanks go to John Bulman (Deputy Chief Accountant) for his donation of a perpetual shield trophy for the annual handicap event.

A barbecue at Badger's Creek Reserve followed the golf. This was attended by families and friends, and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

## RESULTS

Closest to the Pin No. 1 — John Anderson.

Closest to the Pin No. 2 — David Nelson.

Longest Drive Competition — David Nelson.

Handicap Event — Perpetual Trophy:

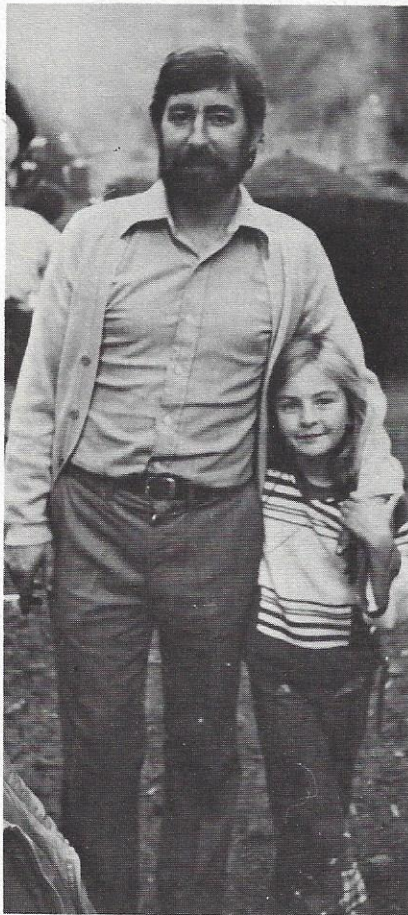
1st — David Nelson (Net 67).

2nd — Graham Rodgers (Net 71).

3rd — Doug Thompson (Net 73).

● **RIGHT: Bill McCormack and his daughter, Melinda, enjoy the barbecue at Badger's Creek Reserve.**

● **BELOW: David Nelson holds the shield trophy he won in the handicap event. Pictured with David, from left, are Mike Byrne and Gordon Mills.**



## BRIGGS' DREGS

Would you believe it? The other day I was reading a Board file relating to the intricate financial dealings of Ballarat Division and, voila, inspiration for this column.

I hope "no-one" minds, but I feel that people like Tom Lazar at the Virgin Hills Vineyard at Kyneton deserve a plug for their efforts. (It also enables me to offer a recommendation from somewhere in deepest Ballarat Division.)

When the earliest Australian winemakers began practising their craft they had to contend with climatic conditions previously unknown to them.

As time passed, many people began drinking wine and groups such as the CRB Wine Club were formed. All such groups have one common objective — the serious contemplation of oenological products.

To satisfy this pseudo-monastic attitude towards the grape, the current crop of winemakers have had to keep on their toes in the pressing problem of producing a better product. Enter two champions.

The first is my mate, Wolf Blass. (We've been formally introduced, I'm not just name dropping.) If Wolf is given credit for nothing else, it will be for his sexy wines.

Wolf's wine is sensuous, hot-blooded stuff, that is so well rounded and balanced that it can't help but come across from the word go. His secret is blending and preparation.

First off, he takes some rich, full-bodied cabernet, and blends it with a sufficiently aggressive shiraz. The whole is then allowed to mature in best quality virgin oak. And then! C'est la vie!

The second is the aforementioned Tom Lazar. His first vintage is very different from other Australian reds, in that he has used a grape called Merlot, as well as the usual cabernet and shiraz. The result is a French-style wine.

I believe his experiments with merlot are worth keeping an eye on as they certainly produce a very seductive suppleness in his wine.

One warning. If you decide to visit his vineyard, watch out for the road. Actually you can't miss the road — it's woeful . . . to my car anyway.

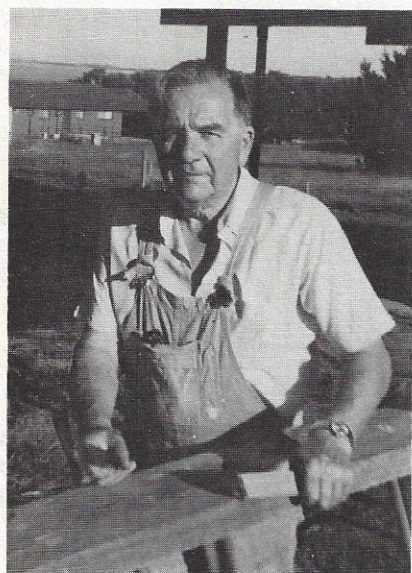
Two recommendations, then, this month — Wolf's from the Barossa Valley, and Tom's from Ballarat's own Virgin Hills Vineyard. (Funny name for a vineyard though.)



Jeff Briggs

## SERVICE MEDAL TO HARRY STAFFORD

Harry Stafford (ex Eastern Freeway) has been awarded an Imperial Service Medal in recognition of 28 years' service with the MMBW and the CRB.



Mr Stafford, who retired in June, 1977, will receive the medal from the Governor, Sir Henry Winneke, at an investiture at Government House later this year.

He is currently enjoying his retirement at his holiday house (pictured).

English-born, Mr Stafford spent 5½ years' service with the RAF in World War 2. In 1949 he migrated to Australia and joined the MMBW as a carpenter and was sent to the Upper Yarra Dam Project. His active participation in returned servicemen's affairs, youth and sport in this rural area played an important part in the day to day lives of all members of this isolated workforce.

His abilities earned him promotion through the ranks to Inspector Class 1 status.

Following the completion of the Upper Yarra Dam Mr Stafford was transferred back to the Melbourne Metropolitan area where he was engaged in the construction of a number of major sewerage and water supply projects.

In 1960, Mr Stafford transferred to the newly-formed Highways Division of the MMBW and was engaged in the supervision of that Board's first major project, the construction of Section 1 of the South Eastern Freeway which was completed and opened during 1962. Since that time he was involved in many major projects including the extension of the South Eastern Freeway and Tullamarine Freeway.

He was the first senior works inspector to take up duties at the commencement of the Eastern Freeway in 1970 and was in 1972 promoted to the position of Works Supervisor, the highest level of status in this field of employment.

During the period of construction of the Eastern Freeway over the last seven years, Mr Stafford has been involved in many aspects of this varied and complicated project.

Mr Stafford has had a fine record of involvement in major projects that have been brought to successful conclusions.



● Asphalt pavers resurface the full width

# ASPH

About 30 men seconded from within the Board's organisation are working with two contractors on the surfacing of the southern part of the Hume Freeway between Wallan and Broadford.

The men are from Mulgrave, Eastern Freeway and Seymour Projects; and Ballarat, Bendigo, Dandenong, Geelong, Metropolitan and Materials Research Division.

The magnitude and urgency of the job has led to a high level of enthusiasm.

Clerk of Works, John Kennedy (Ballarat) said the work provides valuable experience.

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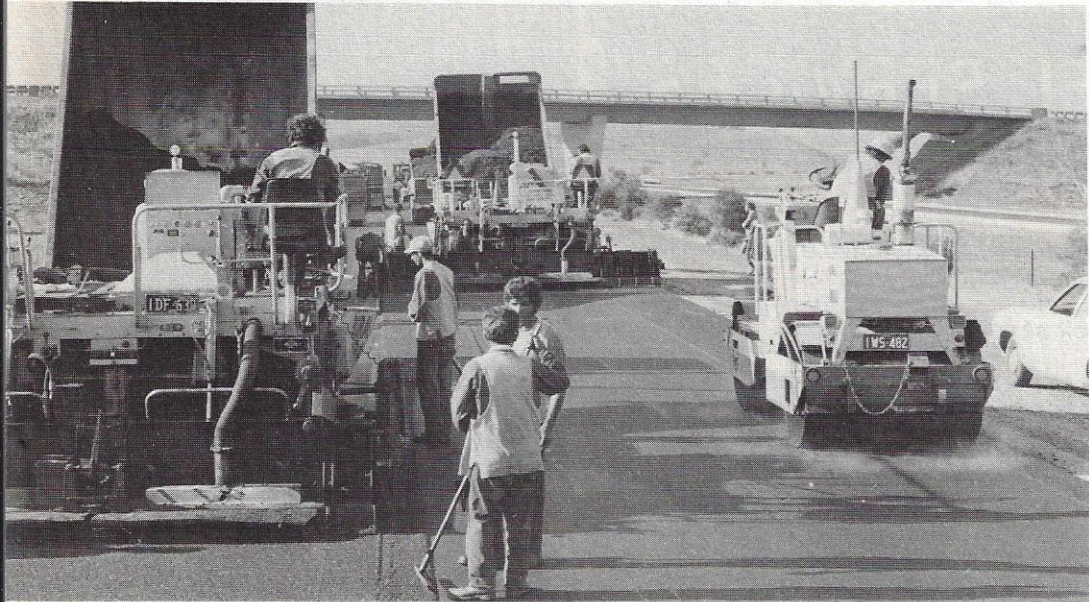
● LEFT: machines East.

● RIGHT: on the em lane.



● Clerks of Works, from left, Col Munday (Geelong), Frank Robinson (Seymour) and Kevin Munro (Eastern Freeway) inspect the asphalt surface before rolling.





width of the freeway lanes in a single pass.



● Clerk of Works Gerry McLean (Metropolitan), right, discusses the asphaltting job with men on the job.

# ASPHALTING THE HUME...

500 to 2000 tonnes a day. In two months I have gained 10 years of experience," said Williams.

There are two contractors doing the work under the control of the Board's chief engineering officers.

Asphaltpaving Group Ltd — a joint venture supervising engineering firm (Ballarat) — has a \$1.366 million contract and resources (Vic) Pty Ltd is supervised by engineer John King (Eastern Freeway Project).

Asphaltpaving Group Ltd — has a \$1.366 million contract.

Contracts are to supply about 50,000 tonnes of asphalt each.

Site supervision is under the control of Peter McKeown (ex-Mulgrave) and the Engineer for

both contracts is the Major Projects Engineer, Mr M. L. Williams.

Base-course paving on the southern part is complete (approximately 71,000 tonnes). Maximum daily output achieved to date with both contractors is 3700 tonnes.

The best daily production by a single contractor (Boral) is 2600 tonnes, which is believed to be an Australian record.

Placing of the Wearing Course on the southern part has commenced, however, it is expected that there will be a short break over winter and this part of the work will be finished next October.

On site MRD staff led by Pat Brown (Head Office) and Zane Streeter (Ballarat) are

testing the asphalt mat for compaction. To date approximately 1000 cores have been cut and tested. By comparison about 200 cores were cut in the Board's total asphalt production for 1976-77.

The site office is located at Wandong, about 54 kilometres north of Melbourne, and for many of the men this means considerable travel to and from work. Others have elected to stay in Bendigo's camp at Wandong.

Two of the men who enjoy the convenience of living near work, at Craigieburn, are Assistant Clerk of Works Bob Bosworth (Seymour Project) and Clerk of Works Kevin Munro (Eastern Freeway Project).



● Lunchtime at Wandong . . . Cook Norm Maher (Bendigo) serves from left, John Kennedy (Ballarat) and Terry O'Keefe (Bendigo).



at the end of the day's work. On the left, Don Ross (Assistant Clerk of Works), and John King (Ballarat) (Eastern Freeway Project).

Trucks and machinery line up at Wallan.

Asphalt is placed on the emergency stopping





Bill Lindstedt

# PERSONNEL SERVICES

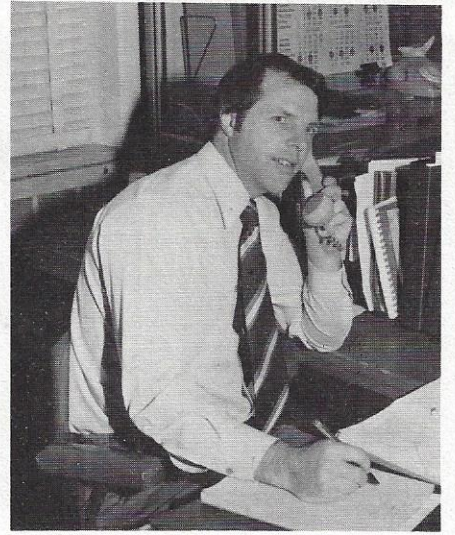
*Who do you see in Personnel Section when you have a query on leave, workers' compensation, superannuation or salaries?*

*Or maybe you want to have a look at your personal file?*

*Interchange provides this guide to personnel administrative services available from the Personnel Services Group.*

Bill Lindstedt, the Personnel Services Officer, assisted by Maurice Langford, is involved with administering conditions of

employment, interpreting awards, wage rates, allowances, occupational health, cafeteria enquiries and general personnel matters.

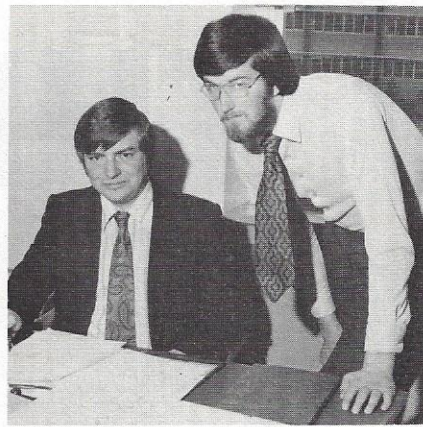


Maurice Langford

## YOUR PERSONAL FILE

Personnel Services has its own registry where personal files are kept. Any staff member has the right to look at his or her personal file, by making an appointment.

You can contact Deva Baigent or Bill Lindstedt, giving your reason for wanting to see your file. Files cannot be removed from the section and must be read in the presence of Deva or Bill.



## WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Many aspects of workers' compensation are often confusing to staff, e.g. what qualifies for compensation, what the entitlements are.

For information, contact Mike Voce or Mike Anderson, who deal with all aspects of workers' compensation claims.

## LEAVE

All leave and flexitime enquiries should be directed to the four members of the group — Steve D'Giacoma, Anthea McTaggart, Ian Hall and Jenny Jones.

If you have a query on how many sick days you have left without a certificate, or if you have just joined the Board and want to know about long service leave, contact any member of the group.



## SALARIES

All inquiries about salaries, e.g. national wage payments, increments, etc., should be directed to Pat Shinkfield, Betty Scane and Ern Derbyshire.

However, if you reckon you are overworked and underpaid, Salaries Section recommend you refer your problems to your boss.



## GENERAL

Innes Russell, affectionately known as the odd job man, is involved in areas including interstate travel, apprentices' records, records of supervisory personnel, circular distribution and lost property.

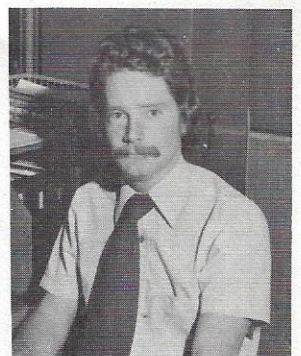


## SUPERANNUATION

There are two types of questions on superannuation — policy or contribution rates.

John Robinson deals with superannuation policy, joining and leaving the fund.

Peter Lindsay handles questions on contribution rates and any variations to the rates.



## UNION NEWS looks at two professional associations . . .

### • AAESDA

**The Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia is the largest Union in Australia representing Draughting, Technical, Supervising and Surveying employees.**

AAESDA's membership is Australia-wide and covers employment in the Australian Public Service, Commonwealth and State Instrumentalities, Universities, Metal, Motor, Ship Building and Aircraft Industries as well as mining areas and other industries.

AAESDA has been established for more than 60 years and has had an area committee established at the CRB since 1962. Elections for the committee are held annually. The membership is entitled to representation on the Victorian Branch Council. Currently Geoff Larkin is a Branch Councillor from the CRB. He is also a Branch Vice-President and Federal Councillor. A former experimental officer with the CRB, Geoff Whitehead, is now an Industrial Officer with the Victorian Branch of the Union.

The Secretary of the CRB Committee is Bill Smith (Plans and Surveys) and the President is Don Meadley (MRD). The Industrial Officer concerned with CRB

matters is Judith Bornstein, who is also on the ACTU women's sub-committee.

AAESDA recently affiliated to the ACTU and is now represented on various committees. We are now represented at discussions between the ACTU and the Australian Government on the future of manufacturing industry in Australia and other issues.

An increasing number of members are availing themselves of the opportunity to discover the role of unions and how they work by participating in training courses run by TUTA (Trade Union Training Authority). AAESDA contributes to the operation of the Working Women's Centre and to the Trade Union program, "Let's Stick Together", heard on 3CR at 7.00-7.30 a.m., Tuesdays to Fridays.

AAESDA is also represented on the Industry Advisory Council of the Victorian Foundation on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Programs in the workplace.

Recently the Victorian Branch affiliated to the Victorian Trades Hall Council. Many improvements in working conditions that are obtained for CRB employees are the result of negotiations between the Victorian Government and the VTHC.

### • APSA

**Here is a guide to the Association of Professional Scientists, Australia. APSA is the only exclusively professional organisation of scientists registered with the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission. Anyone interested in joining should contact the Group Secretary.**

#### FEDERAL

**Federal Management Committee**  
Top policy-making body, meets monthly

**CRB GROUP**  
Meets annually, and as necessary

**GROUP COMMITTEE**  
Runs Group between annual meetings. Members are drawn from the group

#### CRB Staff who are APSA office holders . . .

Federal Management Committee, General Secretary  
**Bob Barron**

CRB Group President  
**Bob Barron**

Secretary  
**John Hart**

Committee  
**Kel York, Barry Bromham**



# DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT



## ● BAIRNSDALE

Interchange rep. — Ian Ellis

### ARRIVALS

Russell Adams, Admin Officer, joined our Divisional staff on March 29th. Russell, originally from this area, has spent the last ten years in sunny Queensland.

Engineering Assistant Brian Sampson transferred to us from Bridge Sub-Branch on May 8th, after hearing that the Gippsland Lakes are great for sailing.

### RETIREMENTS

Eric Watkinson, the lone Patrolman in Charge of the Suggan Buggan Patrol, retired on the 4th April. Eric started part-time with the Board in 1956 after being caught clearing "his" road of rockfalls. He officially started full-time with the Board in 1972. We all wish Eric a long and happy retirement.

### SOCIAL TIT BITS

Our workshop leading hand, Pat Doyle, apparently due to overwork, has been ordering parts from Syndal using telephone numbers.

Elliott Schaeche, Plant Operator, found out that the cost of STD calls from Wigan (PHE 6) to Melbourne was getting too expensive. He took the only alternative and transferred to the F9 project.

### CANOE MARATHON

Canoeing seems to be in the news at the moment and not to be outdone, Garth and Robin Stevens, Brian and Sue Vowles and Neil and Denise King decided to tackle the Snowy River.

The five-day trip was from McKillops Bridge down to the junction of the Murrindal River, a total of 75 km.

With enthusiasm high, the river low and the weather fine they headed off on March 13th loaded to the hilt.

The trip didn't go off without its hitches — lowering canoes over the Snowy River gorge and walking their canoes through and around many of the rapids which, due to the lack of water, were just not negotiable.

By Friday dinner time they reached their destination. Leg-weary and sore they quickly loaded the canoes and raced into the Buchan Hotel for a counter lunch which to them was food from the gods after five days of dehydrated army rations.

Looking back at the photos and their battered one man, one woman home-made Canadian canoes one would have to say that it must have been some trip.

### OVERSEAS TRIP

The ADE, Mr Dyal, has headed off for a warmer climate. In the four months he will be away he hopes to tour New Guinea as well as spend some time in New Ireland. We all hope he brings back some good stories with him.

### DEPARTURES

Peter Wilson, Surveyor, has decided to look for greener pastures and has taken a position with the SEC in Melbourne. Peter transferred to us from Dandenong Division in April, 1976. All the best, Pete.

### JOKE

With more emphasis being placed on road signing, did you hear the one about the ram who fell over the cliff . . . didn't see the "U" turn.

## ● BALLARAT

Interchange reps. — Ron Hrymakowski and Chris Parkin

All those who attended the Dinner Dance on May 5th, which was organised by the Sprayer Social Club, and held at Midlands Golf Club, had a great evening.

A warm welcome back is extended to Ted Coffield on his return from England, where he spent some of his long service leave.

All at Ballan Site Office send get well quick wishes to Henry Boelens who came out of hospital recently.

Best wishes for a good trip also to Andre Agterhuis, who is off to the Northern Territory and Western Australia for a holiday.

### DEATHS

Bill Medwell and Frank Sternberg, retired employees of the Board, each with a long period of service, both passed away recently.

### WOMEN'S LIB

Women nowadays are participating in a variety of sporting activities previously dominated by men. One such sport is

car racing. Champion rally driver, Lee Balducci (Terror of the Outback), accompanied by the ever-reliable Ron Leamon (Mickey Mouse), members of the Light Car Club of Australia, competed in a car rally on Saturday night, 27th May.

Lee, driving an Italian-powered Hillman Hunter, looked anxiously at his navigator, who was frantically trying to unfold a large map. The time clock struck eight and Lee bore down on the accelerator, catching Ron unaware. They were racing.

Midway through the 150km race things looked pretty good. With the car running smoothly, the team were confident of achieving a good place in the field of 33. But to their dismay the pattern of the race began to change rapidly. They were continually being overtaken by other cars.

One car in particular was a Datsun 1600 GT (good and tough) driven by ex-receptionist Glenda McKenzie (Ballarat). Glenda was driving like a demon, passing everything in her sight and handling the car with the utmost precision. We would like to congratulate Glenda on finishing fifth outright and being the first woman driver home.

As for our champions, well, maybe next time. This time they could be excused for not winning. Lee had a very bad cold and it was Ron's first navigating experience. Congratulations just the same. We could see by the outcome of the race that women's superiority is beginning to dominate once again.

## ● BENALLA

Interchange rep. — Mike Farmer

The office staff were very happy to see Bill Stubington back to work after being off for several weeks after a major operation. Bill is looking very well and back to his old self.

Our Divisional Engineer, Reg Patterson, is having a well-earned break away from office work, enjoying a holiday at Port Macquarie.

There is a saying if "Mohammed does not come to the mountain, then the mountain must come to Mohammed". Well this was true a month ago when the Chairman came to Benalla to award Reg Patterson his silver cuff links. Apparently the computer left his name off last year. A beautiful morning tea was prepared by Sophie Sharkie for the occasion.

Farewell to Cost Clerk Tom McCoy who retired in May after eighteen years of service with the Board. Tom has been in poor health recently due partly to war service during World War 2. Workmates gathered at the Victoria Hotel in Benalla to wish Tom well in his retirement.

Welcome to Pat Kolodziejczyk who joins the engineering office staff.

Ivan and Ella Haydon joined the ever-increasing numbers of Australians travelling to New Zealand for their holidays. Believe they had a very interesting fortnight, travelling over both islands by bus.

## ● BENDIGO

Interchange rep. — Reg Marslen

Queensland is the popular spot at the moment for holidays. Just a few to travel north in the late autumn were Don Stratford, Bill Chamberlin and Ted Ricardo. Ted Wren made Sydney his holiday spot for five weeks.

Have heard that Adelaide has been a happy hunting ground for Tom Hughes and the Dogs.

Col Turner's golf received a boost with a magical "hole in one" recently.

Welcome to Renny Duckett who has joined the engineering staff in the division.

Bob Thomas was given a farewell at afternoon tea by the staff on Friday, 26th May. Bob has decided to take twelve months leave of absence and then will decide if he wants to retire permanently. Sincere sympathy to Overseer Jim Walsh on the death of his wife.

## ● DANDENONG

Interchange rep. — Vic Lawther

Welcome to the Division: Alan Turnbull from F9. Happy days, Alan.

Eve Vardis has returned to the Division after leave following the birth of her son, Peter. Welcome back, Eve.

Joyce Naismith — our "Hello Girl", received promotion to Syndal. Joyce was presented with an electronic digital clock/radio from her friends who wish her pleasant working days at Syndal.

Temporarily "holding the fort" at the switchboard is well-known former employee of both Head Office and Dandenong Division, Carolyn Haydon. It's good to have her back with us.

### PATROLMEN'S CONFERENCE

The recent Patrolmen's Conference at Dandenong Division saw many good points raised by the patrolmen in open forum.

The difference in height of the trays of the new trucks versus the old, and their adverse effect on short patrolmen, was well made by Alf Adams.

Alf is a tall man who proceeded to emphasise his point by indicating to all and sundry that he had inches on most of the group — nobody seriously challenged his assertion which could have been better put.

### SOCCER

Dandenong Division played Road Planning Division on May 7th.

Dandenong had first use of the strong wind but despite constant attacking failed to come to terms with the tricky conditions and the strong defence of RPD, led by "Skipper" Anderson, who was using his weight to advantage, and goalie, Neville Schmidt, who displayed a cool head through many crises.

Nearing half-time RPD made a quick thrust forward, Paul Davies managed to bounce one over "Shorty" Cunningham and "Sergeant" Schultz ran in gleefully for an easy goal.

The score at the break was 1-0, with RPD confident of increasing their lead with the wind after half-time.

However such was not to be as superior skill and fitness began to tell in the "Nongs" favour. "Speedy" Pullin shot one through to Velcek and the scores were even. A great pass by "Georgie" Veith found "Twinkletoes" Murphy and the second was on the board for Dandenong. "Twinkletoes" who had obviously been roasted by the coach was now doing plenty of roasting and at one stage upset the opposing "Skipper" with what looked to be a late tackle.

The game now appeared to be in Dandenong's keeping when suddenly "Rough-house" Gil conceded a penalty to RPD with the score still at 2-1. Paul Davies took the penalty but "Shorty" managed a fluke save and the ball was rushed forward where Chris Velcek brought up his second and the "Nongs" third goal.

**Final Score:**  
Dandenong Division . . . . . 3  
Road Planning Division . . . . . 1

## ● GEELONG

Interchange rep. — Colleen Carlon

### GET WELL

To David Banks who is ill at the moment. We extend a warm cheerio and wishes for his swift recovery.

### SOCIALLY

An evening at the Checkmate Restaurant is to be organised for October (this year!) and all personnel are welcome. For information please contact Miss Ann Shaw, Ext. 21, Geelong Divisional Offices, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Our fitness fanatics have swapped from swimming and running to indoor sports during these cold winter days. A Table Tennis Championship has been programmed and already results are showing with the chief organisers, Dennis Lewis and Vin Elliott being eliminated in the first round! Therefore, the remaining rounds have been cancelled!

### QUOTABLE QUOTES

Dennis Lewis, the man with "Foot in Mouth" disease has struck again. He was informing us of his mate's misfortune with a football injury that is so bad he has to undergo surgery. Dennis' explanation as follows: "He is so bad they have to take one of his kidneys. In fact, they're thinking of taking a couple!!"

### BITS AND PIECES

Geoff Zierk continues reading the Obituary Columns to make sure he's still living.

Alastair is still smiling.

Sergio Mezzavia has worn a track up and down Bob Smith's brand new carpet on the stairs due to intestinal encounters of the third kind.

Tom Richmond's new nickname is Humphrey Go-kart due to his trench coat and his constant repetition of "Play it again, Sam".

## ● HEAD OFFICE

Interchange rep. — Dianne Young

Administration Section welcomes Des Packer who started work on 29th March. Traffic Engineering Division has lost John Berends to Materials Research and Ray Sprague who has left for an 18-month training scheme course, but welcome Linda Rodger, clerical assistant, and Graeme Hodge, engineer.

Two new Analyst/Programmers in the Computer Section are Ken Ling, who started on 17th April, and Brian Leak, who started on 1st May. Computer Section also welcome Irene Hawkesworth back after 12 months maternity leave.

New arrival to the Printing Section is Peter Clooney.

Printing say farewell to Ruth Dunbar and Jan Pemberton, who are leaving the Board for an extended overseas trip.

Welcome to Bruce Shrubsole, Title Searcher, and Jeff Smith, Draftsman, in Title Survey Division.

### ON LEAVE

Nich Szwed (Traffic Engineering) left on Saturday, May 13th, for two weeks holiday in The People's Republic of China (and hasn't been sighted since).

Bob Francis (Traffic Engineering) and family spent four weeks holiday in Perth. A well-deserved rest.

Terry Sheldon (Title Survey) has returned after several enjoyable weeks in Greece.

Frank Pearce (Printing) is recuperating after an operation. We wish Frank a speedy recovery.

## ● HORSHAM

Interchange rep. — Betty Sleep

### TRIPS

Doug Nunn, B.S. employee, is leaving on a four weeks tour of America.

### SECONDMENTS

The office has been quiet since Ross Gordon was seconded to Traffic Engineering Section for four weeks. Watch out for the kangaroos on the way home, Ross!!

### LONG SERVICE LEAVE

The Divisional Engineer, Mr Heid, must really be enjoying his long service leave as he has extended it for another month. Obviously the progress on the new house did not quite go according to the bar chart produced for the job.

### LADIES' SOCIAL CLUB

My the CRB Ladies are looking very slim after their last meeting — this meeting took the form of an exercise and sauna night (I think some are very stiff and sore). A hobby-tex night is arranged for the next meeting.

## ● MRD

Interchange rep. — Lee Greatorex

### RESIGNATIONS

Julia Williams married Hans Roglich on March 11. Julia resigned from the Board after six years, her last two years being in MRD as a drafting assistant. Julia and Hans now own the "La Dolce Vita" pizza shop in High Street, Armadale.

Alan Lake left the workshop to take up his new career as a trade teacher.

### WELCOME

Norm Carter began work in the drawing office in April. Norm is a Class 4 Super-Vising Draftsman.

Ilona Sevela replaces Julia as drafting assistant and is another newcomer to the drawing office. Ilona previously worked in P & S.

There are two new fitters in the workshop, Steve Mumford and Sarvo Nozinic. Vin Whittam is the new fitter in the instrumentation lab.

Neal Dwight has left MRD and is now working at Head Office. His replacement is Warren Smith from outside the Board's service.

Other welcome additions to MRD are Geologists Rick Evans and David Tilley in the Foundation and Geology Sections and a number of experimental officers and clerks of work namely Katrina Renic, John Scrivens, Lee Kok, Jorge Krupelka, Michael Ma, Tony Prouse, Greg Sandilands and Ray Petersen.

### WELCOME BACK

Paul Davies left for a cartilage operation in February and has just returned back to the workshop after three months convalescence.

## TRAVELLERS

Cliff Parfitt left for England on May 19 and returns back to work on August 1st. Lee Greatorex and her girl friend, Helen, left for England in June to travel around the Continent for two months. Despite desperate pleas from her workmates to remain there, Lee will be returning but has promised not to bring a Pom back with her.

## GENERAL

After cruising for two weeks on a Russian liner, it's rumoured that Joyce Scott has been seeing a "Volga" boatman.

The MRD barbecues have been a great success and we hope we can have them on a more regular basis when the warmer weather arrives. A special thanks to Eileen for helping with the salads and cups of tea.

Thanks to Alan (and Dorothy) Ratnarajah for loaning their house for a few hectic hours, for the use of Lee's bon voyage party.

## ● METROPOLITAN

Interchange rep. — Ken Mathers

## MARRIAGES

Congratulations to Julie Munro on her marriage to Charles McLaren of Title Survey Division.

Also to Manny Deabe, plant operator on the Burwood Highway tram extension works, who was married in April.

## GENERAL

We all hope Eileen Walsh, our former tea lady, recovers from her recent illness. Some, who should remain nameless, have put it down to drinking too much of her own brew!

In between "flexi" days our Accountant, Les Bull, has had the occasional sickie lately as well. Could it be due to sympathy labour pains? (three in three years!)

All that entertaining with Afro-Asian Engineer Foo has proved to be a bonanza for the local Chinese restaurant, with Engineer Gilpin, Pashula and Kay regularly frequenting the place for the mid-day meal.

Finally, we should record that the shift in office venue was a very smooth operation, but was the latest bout of leave by Office Manager Bill Draper an admission that he had succumbed to the pressure.



● Drafting assistant Karen Palmer in the new office.

## DEPARTURES

Not long after our move to 700 High Street we had to farewell Mrs Beryl Down on her promotion to the Engineer in Chief's Section.

This was soon followed by the move of our Divisional Engineer, Mr Jones, to the position of Chief Works Engineer. Keith Duncan and Jack Fitzgerald represented the field staff at the farewell gathering which presented Mr Jones with a Readers' Digest Atlas of Australia.

In response, Mr Jones, who had joined the Division in 1971, indicated some regret at leaving so soon after shifting to the new office, and also remarked on the growth and changing emphasis within the work performed by the Division.

## TRAVELLERS

Michael Morris leaves us on 2nd July, 1978, for a four and a half month tour of the USSR and Greece, in company with some other CRB staff.

Keith Duncan had to cut short his tour of Europe and the UK due to his wife's illness, but fortunately Fiji has been selected as the ideal place to spend the remaining long service leave.

# DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT



## ● MULGRAVE

Interchange rep. — Ken Vickery

## ARRIVALS

Welcome to Bruce Gidley on temporary secondment from Dandenong.

## DEPARTURES

Farewell to Bridge Engineers Al Winnett and Ian Thiele, both returning to Head Office after completing works at Scotchman's Creek. Trevor Moore also returned to Head Office after completing a two-year stay at the Project.

## TRAVELLERS

Both Superintendent of Works Harry Clark and Roy Smith recently returned from travelling abroad. They were both impressed by "boat life".

Typist Pat Mundie journeyed to Tasmania, then returned to work for a week only to take off on another overseas trip.

Casual Typist Dallas Gould left for a six-weeks holiday, touring through Turkey and surrounding countries.

## SOCIAL

Trophy winners after completion of the Daylight Saving Golf Competition were Ernie Kriesner—most consistent and highest points scorer; Roy Smith—most improved. Joe McLinden received the Golden Club for the worst performance.

A good time was had by all who attended the recent "Gentleman's" evening. Highlight of the night would have to be how the Social Club were able to escape with a profit after being financially embarrassed early in the evening.

## ● PLANS & SURVEYS

Interchange rep. — Gary Battershill

## MOVEMENTS

We welcome Alison McNeel, our new drafting assistant, and David Williams, who has returned from 13 months on the Johnson Street Bridge project.

And say goodbye and good luck to Dick Allmark who is returning from the rat race to the joys of the sun on his boat. Sergio Caneppele, who leaves us as a draftsman to become an engineer with Waverley City Council; Renny Duckett, who has gone to Bendigo to improve their cricket, and Hugh Parker who was seconded to the Joint MMBW Study Group. Jeff Armitage has taken one year's leave to travel Europe.

Jo Braddy, who has just recently joined us, has been swept off her feet and is getting married on the 24th June and going to live on a tobacco farm in New Zealand. We wish her much happiness.

In the sick bay are Joyce Stabler, who believe it or not is suffering from the mumps, and David Hosking, who had his arm burnt while on holidays with the Army—at least it was not his drinking arm. We also wish a speedy recovery to Peter Gange after spending a few weeks in hospital.

The BOSS, Bob Morison, has returned to the old country for two months leave. John Parkinson has taken seven weeks long service leave to finish building his house.

Geoff Elston and Tony Youren are still trying to teach Brian Fitts the art of orientating, but Brian is hours behind. Alan Mackinlay reported in the other morning the victim of a hit and run dog which resulted in a sprained ankle.

*The question of the month: Is Phil Ridgeway getting forced into a corner and how many times will David Keam be asked and is Greg Connell the only one "holding the place together"?*

## TOM WALL RETIRES

Engineering Surveyor, Tom Wall, retired on 21st March. Tom commenced service with the Board as a chainman on 15th September, 1947.

There was a short break in his service in 1950-51, while he took up a post-war rehabilitation training course in French Polishing. This seemed to be long enough to convince Tom that he would shine better in the Board's Engineering Survey service and he resumed duty there in 1952, where he continued to serve until his enforced retirement on health grounds on 21st March.

Tom's first survey on PHE set the pattern which saw him in most parts of Victoria for years to come. Often in difficult terrain, isolated areas and with poor accommodation his ability showed through to achieve the desired result. His work in recent years included Scoresby and Healesville Freeways and extensive aerial Photo Control Surveys.

We wish Tom and his wife, Lillian, a long and happy retirement.

## DEATH OF BRIAN CLEVERSLEY

*The Engineering Survey Section has suffered a tragic loss with the untimely death of young Survey Assistant, Brian Cleversley.*

*Brian died on May 10th as a result of injuries received in a car accident on his way home from work the night before. His wife, Maureen, gave birth to their third child, Kristy, the same night. A more tragic set of circumstances is hard to imagine.*

*A most capable and reliable young officer, whose quiet, happy and always co-operative nature, endeared him to us all, Brian will be greatly missed as a colleague and friend.*

*A collection to ensure some immediate financial assistance for his young family was arranged by Plans and Surveys Division, and his colleagues there, and in other areas, responded magnificently with more than \$800.*

*Our most sincere sympathy has been conveyed to Brian's widow, Maureen, children, Timothy 4, Adam 2 and baby Kristy, and his relatives.*

## ● ROAD PLANNING DIVISION

Interchange rep. — Margo Peacock

## OFFICE MOVEMENT

Sven Eriksson, Senior Planning Engineer, Road Planning Division, has been seconded to the State Co-ordination Council for a period of 12 months. Good wishes go with him from all his friends in RPD.

## GENERAL NEWS

Eileen Osmand, RPD's first Grandma. Grandson, Ben (a bright lad of 14 months) spent the first week of the May school holidays with her. His dad is a schoolteacher at Wauchope, NSW.

## GOLF

The Division's third annual Golf competition was held over the summer period at the Kew nine-hole par 3 course at Studley Park Road. The competition was contested by thirteen players and won convincingly by Gary House (a former Division member). To reach the final Gary had to survive four rounds of stroke play to qualify for semi-finals and final, which were decided by match play. Other semi-finalists were David Ferguson and Hedley Potter and Tony Boyd was Gary's unlucky opponent in the final. Gary has also reached the semi-finals in other years and joins David Oliver and Bob Parr as past winners of the event. (Submitted by D. Farrow, RPD.)

## SURF'S UP

"Surf's up" is a common cry on the third floor north side now that the rainy season has set in. The "Planning Projects Lagoon" has allowed Dick Meloni to demonstrate rare skill on an "Eskey" lid and Graham Foley's experiences in kayaks enable him to safely negotiate the indoor plants.

Neville Schmidt and Charlie Broadhurst have requisitioned gum boots to answer the telephones and Trevor Smith keeps looking over his shoulder for a tidal wave. Bob Parr and Ray Bridger have seen it all before and claim that there's money to be made in mushroom or rice farming.

Warren Duncan is keen to move on in the training scheme so he can trade in his flippers and snorkel and Mrs W. (who shall remain unnamed) says that monsoons in Mackay are no worse. Margo Peacock says it's more fun than "Adventureland" at Disneyland!

And to think that with these water problems we have in the same building Plans and Surveys Division, Methods Section and a contribution of a drainage paper to an engineering conference! (Submitted by Gordon Anderson.)

From G. Foley.—Bob Parr and Graham Foley climbed a few well-trodden routes at Hanging Rock on Sunday, 14th May. No falls were recorded, but Bob managed to lose himself at the top of a 150ft. climb whilst looking for the summit of the "Rock". The climbing was a bit of a "picnic", but even still Bob missed the BBQ due to his late return from the "Bridge of Sighs". Bad luck, Bob, but you'll have to coil your rope a bit faster next time!

Pat Meehan has been nominated by the Board to attend the Traffic Planning and Control Course at the University of NSW in Sydney from 24th July until 3rd November this year.

## ● SYNDAL

Interchange rep. — Tony Anthony

## NEW FACES

We welcome Joyce Naismith, ex-Dandenong, to Stores Office; Betty King, ex-Sigma, as a Machine Operator in Stores; Jan Cahill, Machinist in the Accounts; Bill Thiele, Gardener; Albert Ward, Machinist; Don Powell, Electrical Fitter; Graeme Bailey, Alex Galaino and Ces Preston, Welders; Brian Klippel, Motor Mechanic. Re-engaged: Garry Mieziis, Peter Morris and Stephen Witt.

## MATERNITY LEAVE

Jan Cormack and Pam Beling.

## RETIRED

John Nolan, Driver, on April 13th, after nearly 40 years with the Board. Gentleman Jack was well-known throughout the State, and presentations from his workmates and the Social Club sent Jack on his way to a well-earned rest. We hope the fish start biting for you.

## ILL-HEALTH

Joan Symons, our friend and tea lady, left because of poor health. Arnie Lamberg resigned for health reasons and we believe he suffered a heart attack recently. Geoff Amos, our Accountant, is on sick leave.

## TRANSFERS

H. McL. (Jock) Lyall to Allocations, and David Wood as Assistant Allocations and Expenditure Accountant.

## GLOBE TROTTERS

Jim Horrocks, Stores Office, to the UK in July, and Bernie Kane, our ten-pin bowling expert, is weight watching in preparation for his trip to Japan. Tom Toomey goes on a world trip and hopes to meet up with Col Lindo in London.

## TABLE TENNIS

Mike Summers beat Reg Schlipalius to become our top player in the recent Syndal Tournament. Mike and other Syndalites comprise the Heathmont Table Tennis Club playing in the Crofton District Association with seven teams. Of the seven teams five are in the four and the other two knocking on the door. Table tennis club officials interested in playing during the next season, mid-July on, are invited to contact Mike Summers at Syndal, 6-233.

## STORES BRIDGE DIVISION

Bill Eastmure advises he is 64 years plus and his retirement coming up. They reckon he is being put in the museum beside two other well-known identities, Phar Lap and Carbine.

## ● TRARALGON

Interchange rep. — Ian Collings

We would like to congratulate Peter "The Pom" Simmons on being appointed Instructor Driver to the Division.

Congratulations are also in order to Stephen Rees who is now a qualified tradesman and has just become engaged.

Jill and John Paulet have moved into their new residence, but we hear that Jill needs driving lessons so that she can navigate the drive and entrance to the garage, otherwise a new car may have to be found.

Rumour has it that Engineer Geoff Lawrence has the part of Will Carter (The Singing Cowboy) in the local production of Oklahoma by the Light Opera Company. Isn't this how John Wayne started?

Overseer Fred Selzer is glad he is retiring in July, as he has no real faith in the stabilising of the soft spots on the Foster-Promontary Road. He is certain it will break up by next year.

Hear tell Ray Crisp, Overseer for the Moe duplication, was having trouble finding places to put all the dirt taken from the new roadbed. People were worried when he was seen surrounded by three rather burly local butchers, but as it turns out he was only trying to arrange a bit of filling for some adjoining stock paddocks.

A "bikies" bible has been found by Depot Serviceman Bill Frankland. The word is if he cannot be found at the service bay he will be in his office doing bible study.

On a recent Shire Inspection, Dr Currie, Barry Bickel and the Narracan Shire Engineer decided to take an alternate route up to Tanjil Bren. Unfortunately the Shire Engineer's car could not make the grade; it broke down and all three engineers ended up walking the rest of the way to Tanjil Bren, where they sat eating ice creams until transport arrived from the Shire Offices.

The CRB Mobile Information Van was at the Warragul Show a little while ago, and we hear that Brian Ritchie and Graham Price spent quite a bit of time talking with a local woman without opening their mouths.

We would like to thank Brian, Graham, Wayne Briggs and Barry Bickel for their help in manning this van and dealing with all the enquiries from the public. Construction workers on the Drouin Freeway were mystified by a phenomenon that appeared on their job recently.

Apparently the apparition looked like an engineer on a push bike and scared the hell out of some pipelayers not expecting the "Boss" to appear.

However "Its" usefulness is doubted because of "Its" inability to carry a spirit level.

The apparition has been called the Liddell Comet in honour of the project engineer — John Liddell.

It has now been confirmed that the Balook Patrol has been found and relocated at Traralgon. The Patrol was found after numerous sightings by tourists travelling along the Grand Ridge Road. It was suspected that the Patrol may have still been in existence after a number of cheques had been sent to Patrol personnel over the past five years.

Interest also increased when a new member of the Accounts Section claimed to have been an actual member of this Patrol.

After being resettled, Patrolman George Pattinson rang the Divisional Office to enquire as to where his holiday pay had gone; the Division has now mounted a full-scale search for the missing cheque.

## ● WANDONG PROJECT

Interchange rep. — Peter McCulloch

The following personnel have been seconded to supervise the works on the Hume Freeway (Wallan-Broadford) asphalt surfacing: Engineers Peter McCulloch (Mulgrave), Geoff Spring (Eastern Freeway), John King (Ballarat); Superintendent of Works Don Ross (Dandenong); Overseer Alan Hooker (Seymour Project); Clerks of Works Frank Robinson (Seymour Project), Col Munday (Geelong), Kevin Munro (Eastern Freeway), Gerry McLean (Metropolitan), John Kennedy (Ballarat) and Bob Bosworth (Seymour Project); Experimental Officers Pat Brown (Head Office), Zane Streeter (Ballarat), Malcolm Talbot (Head Office) and Paul Murrighy (Head Office); Ganger Terry O'Keefe (Bendigo) and Cost Clerk Don Ellis (Seymour Project).

## OVER AND OUT

Driving home after a long hot Saturday, Superintendent of Works Don Ross (call sign 108) was deep in thought. The radio was softly broadcasting the football in the background when suddenly Harry Bietzel screamed the scores . . . "109 to 108".

Galvanized into action, Don reached for the "two-way" handpiece and said "108 receiving" and wondered why he didn't get a reply.

## HENPECKED

Gerry McLean, John Kennedy and Col Munday live in a Board caravan at Wandong and generally retire to their "loungeroom" for a few beers after the evening meal.

John's always having a go at Gerry: "Geez you're not going to knock the top off another . . . etc., etc."

Gerry reckons he is going to bring one of his wife's dresses up for John and that way he won't feel so homesick.

## DOWN IN THE VALLEY

We don't have an instructor driver attached to the crew at Wandong, but perhaps we should. First student should be Peter McCulloch, and the subject "The correct and proper use of handbrakes".

Pete stopped at one of the paving sites, sprang out of his car, strode across to where the action was and couldn't figure out why people were yelling at him. (Everyone loves site engineers!) He turned around just in time to see one of the blokes clambering into his car and then apply full emergency brakes. The car was pointed in the direction of down—down an embankment into a gully full of large rocks.

## THE MAGPIE

Allan Hooker loves picking up bright, shiny objects such as keys. At various times the keys to the office, store shed, and petrol bowser have gone missing and when confronted Alan pats his pockets and produces the missing key, usually in the calm after the storm.

One particular crisis involved the key to Gerry McLean's caravan when its loss was discovered as Alan was half-way on the way home to Euroa.

It took a lot of fast talking to convince Alan that he should do the right thing and return to the camp so that Gerry and his mates could sleep under shelter that night.

# INTERCHANGE CLASSIES

## BIRTHS

**CARBARN:** To Russel (Traffic Engineering) and Robyn, a daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth, on May 3rd.

**CAYAS:** To Mary and Basil Cayas (Syndal) a girl, Debbie, born March 21st.

**COOK:** To Norm (Benalla) and Barb, a daughter, Leanne Michelle, on April 27th. Sister for Andrew.

**CORMACK:** To Jan (Syndal) a girl, Megan Elizabeth; both well.

**FAULKNER:** To Malcolm (Traralgon) a son, Benjamin Allan.

**FUGIEL:** To Richard (Ballarat) and Shirley, a daughter, Erica Kim, on May 22nd.

**GARDINER:** To Keith (Traralgon) a son, Isral Paul, on April 27th.

**GERVASONI:** Des and Carolyn (Ballarat) announce the birth of a daughter, Siona, on April 23rd. A sister for Tamara.

**GUPPY:** Ray (Benalla) and Dianne announce the arrival of twin daughters, Amy Louise and Sarah Jane.

**HARRIS:** To Helen and Ian (Geelong) a son, Aaron — their first child.

**JELLIE:** To David (Urban Projects) and Pam, a potential CRB engineer, Hugh, on May 12th.

**JONES:** To David and Nancy (Dandenong) a son, Andrew Richard.

**JONES:** David (Mulgrave) and Mary, a son, Scott David, on April 26th.

**HODGSON:** Mike (Mulgrave) and Sue, a son, Russell, born May 24th.

**LOCKWOOD:** Ken (Benalla) announce the birth of a daughter, Kerryn Louise.

**MORRIS:** To Geoff (Benalla) and Chrissie, a son, Adam Lee.

**NASH:** To Tony (Title Survey) and Toni, a son, Scott. A brother for Kim.

**O'BREE:** To Des (Benalla) and Barbara — twins, Michael and Amanda. Mother and child well, father a wreck.

**PROSE:** Steve (Bairnsdale) and Marlene announce the arrival of Michelle Louise at four o'clock on the fourth day of the fourth month.

**REITER:** To Keith (Urban Projects) and Maria, a daughter, Carly Fiona, born January 20th.

**ROBINSON:** To Nova and Alastair (Geelong) a son, Jared Luke. A brother for Travis.

**RODGERS:** To Graeme (Syndal) and Julie, welcome Natalie Ann.

**ROWE:** Bill (Mail Room) and Delice, a son, Michael John, on May 8th.

**ROWE:** To Lloyd (Advance Planning) and Les, a daughter, Ilsa, born April 10th. A sister for Adam, Vikki and Wayne.

**SANDERS:** To Malcolm (Benalla) and Bernadette, a son, Justin. Brother for Alicia and Georgina.

**SAUNDERS:** Robin (Environmental Studies) and Kate announce the arrival of a daughter, Anne Elizabeth, on April 26th.

**SCHIRATO:** To Tony (Traralgon) a son, Charles Edward, on April 3rd.

**TOWNSEND:** To Peter (Plans and Surveys) and Terry, a healthy 9 lb. 7 oz. daughter, Zoe.

**WHITE:** To Garry (Geelong) and Julie, a son, John Matthew. A brother for Nicola.

**WOODROFFE:** To Bruce and Melba (Ballarat) a son, John Ian, on April 14th.

**YARNTON:** To Warwick (Road Planning) and Margaret, a son, Nigel James, born April 11th. Brother for Robert.

**JACKSON:** To Don (Bendigo) and Marilyn, a daughter, Rebecca.

**MILLAR:** To Peter (Bendigo) and Kathy, a son, Andrew Peter.

**MUDGE:** To Peter (Bendigo) and Tricia, a son, Jacob.

**BRUNS:** To Juris (Metro) a son, Dainis Andrejs, on June 1st.

## RETIRED

**LILLEY:** Ron (MRD) retired in February after more than 25 years with the Board. Ron has begun a full-time career restoring cars.

**McCOY:** Tom (Benalla) Cost Clerk after 18 years service.

**NOLAN:** John (Syndal) on April 13th. See Syndal Divisional Roundabout.

**POLLWARTH:** Bob (Benalla) Storeman at Workshop, retired after ten years with the Board.

## FOR SALE

**ALFA Sud:** 1974-5 model, radial tyres, radio cassette, immaculate condition, 50,000 mls. \$3800 ono, Frank De Napoli, Ext. 2289.

**CALF Skins:** Black and white, brown and white. \$18 each, Danny Gocs, Ext. 2633.

**CANOE:** White water Canadian canoe, C2 super slug. New \$280, Ext. 2112.

**CURTAIN Tracks** — adjustable — 3 x up to 3 ft., 1 x up to 10 ft., 1 x up to 6 ft, plus two sets curtains for 3 ft. x 7 ft. drop. \$20, Dianne, Ext. 2633.

**DRAFTING Equipment Set:** R & G elbow machine, scales, 140 x 83 cm board, timber bench with cupboards. \$130 ono, M. Fantin, Ext. 2386.

**ELECTRIC Blanket:** Hecla double size (dual control), perfect condition. \$15.00, Tina Williams, Ext. 2681.

**LAWN Mower,** electric, as new "Flymor 38". New \$198, sell for \$95, Marianne, Ext. 2444.

**MOTOR Cycle:** RT2 Yamaha, new motor, good condition. Ideal for trail riding. \$330, Terry Kot, Ext. 2579.

**OIL Heater:** Horizontal unit for central heating, return air duct-work, approx. 75,000 BTU output, 250 gall. oil tank, approx. 24 ft. copper oil line, excellent condition. \$290, L. P. Rowe, Ext. 2461.

**TRIUMPH pre-unit frame tank,** rear guard and many other parts. \$50 or best offer, Mike Paradissis, Ext. 1374.

**TV:** HMV 26" B & W, in perfect working order, plus indoor aerial. \$50, Bob Ramage, Ext. 2024.

## WANTED TO BUY

**DRIVER** or workshop manuals for cars prior to 1931, rotax lights, generators, magnetos. Old car club badges, car accessories, 1929 Essex or Dover parts. Lloyd Edwards, Traralgon.

## SHARE A RIDE

**BLACKBURN SOUTH:** Charlie Speirs, Ext. 2288.

## ENGAGED

**BORTKO:** Richard (MRD) has announced his engagement to Rosalie Quaife; the wedding is planned for December.

**MIDDLETON:** Ian (JRP) has announced his engagement to Mary Bartlett.

**O'BRIEN:** Tony (Title Survey) announced his engagement to Helen Lane. Wedding bells in August.

**REES:** Stephen (Traralgon) to Mary Franklin.

**SAYNOR:** Ian (Plans and Surveys) to Heather. They will marry in December.

**WOHLERS:** Leigh (MRD) has announced his engagement to Rhonda.

**STAMP:** Bob (Metro) was engaged to nurse, Ann Miller, on May 27th.

## MARRIED

**FREEMAN:** Dave (Traffic Engineering) tied the knot to Jocelyn on June 10th.

**MUNRO-MCLAREN:** (Metropolitan) and Charles McLaren (Title Survey) were married on April 22nd.

**PRZASTEK:** Congratulations to George (Geelong) and Rashida from all at Geelong Division.

**SHAW:** Wayne (West Freeway) married Jenny Canning on January 20th.

**NIKOLSKY:** George (Benalla). Congratulations to George and Janet Phillips who were married on April 15th.

**RENTON:** Ted (Eastern Freeway) married Sue Zachariah on May 6th. Congratulations.

**ROBINSON:** Bill (Warrnambool) married Annette Kinnear on June 17th.

## DEATHS

**CLEVERSLEY:** Brian (Plans and Surveys) on May 10th. See Plans and Surveys Divisional Roundabout.

**WILSON:** Len (Warrnambool) Traffic Officer, on May 8th.

## ● WARRNAMBOOL

Interchange rep. — Gordon Gunn

### ARRIVALS

Welcome to Phillip Cheslett to the accounts staff — he is now fog-bound in Jim Bathe's room, despite anti-smoking propaganda heaped on Jim.

Alistair Sedgely has settled in the Drawing Office.

Stock Inspector, John Blackmore, started with us on May 15th.

### SICK LIST

Lou Lehmann is recovering from a mild coronary and has a hiatus hernia. Should be back on deck shortly without his cigarettes.

Stuart Porter received a depressed cheek playing football and repairs involve drilling a hole behind his ear to enable the depression to be pushed out.

### TRAVELLERS

Doc Hammond from the depot off to UK/US again? He does bring back wonderful stories.

David Lynton is off to Europe for three months, campervanning. He plans to meet Di Smith in London to clue up. Di has not been able to extend her 12 months leave of absence.

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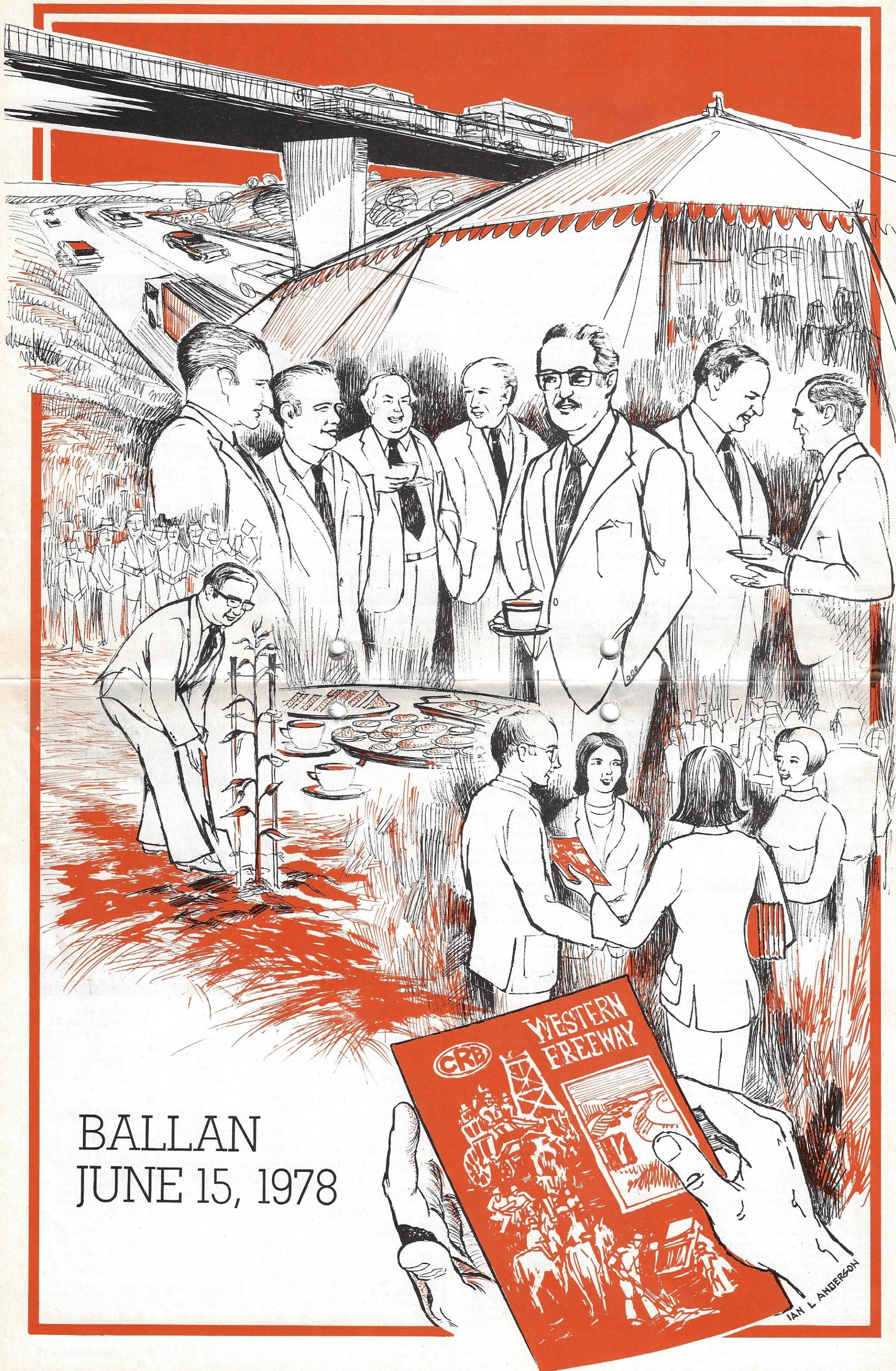
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