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Closing date for next issue

Closing date for *Classies*, *Divisional Roundabout* and contributions for the December edition of *Interchange IS* **NEXT WEEK**. Please send them to your representative now.

HOSA'S NEW LOOK FOR 1979

Meet HOSA's new president . . .
Robyn Martin

Robyn (5th Floor, Head Office) was elected at the Association's Annual Meeting in August. She took over as president from Joan Gilmer.

On taking up her new position, Robyn promised that HOSA members would get more value for their money in the next year.

She announced plans for the HOSA discount book, which will list almost 100 firms that will provide members with discounts on goods ranging from camping equipment, electrical appliances, sporting goods, clothing, gifts, etc.

Discounts will range from trade prices to 45 per cent off listed price.

The firms will only provide the discount to members on presentation of a current HOSA membership card.

New membership cards—and the Discount Book—are expected to be available from the first week of December.

Robyn said another measure that HOSA was investigating to help members get more value for their membership, was to see if barbecue facilities could be installed at Head Office.

"We want to get people more involved in their social association," she said.

The committee also wants to receive any new or different suggestions members may have for functions.

However, the rest of this year will feature the Children's Christmas Party and the Christmas Staff Luncheon.

Sport will feature prominently in the HOSA calendar for 1979.

Robyn said: "We want to make the Inter-Divisional Sports Day in March a major event where people can get together and enjoy sporting activities."



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FROM
THE



BOARDROOM

Reg Patterson leaves Benalla for Metro Div.

● A tribute from Benalla Division

Reg Patterson, Divisional Engineer, Benalla Division for the past eight years, has been appointed Metropolitan Divisional Engineer.

Reg has worked very hard during this period and the congratulations and best wishes of the staff go with him as we feel Benalla's loss will be Metro's gain.

During the 1970s work on duplication of the Hume Freeway received added impetus through Federal funds, and this is reflected in the 50 per cent increase in the number of engineers. In fact, two thirds of the 60 or more members of the Benalla staff have commenced work in the division since Reg "took over the helm" in 1970.

Besides normal engineering work, the planning associated with the twin cities, Albury-Wodonga and the many committees Reg was on, have kept him very busy. During the

winter season a portion of his time was spent in keeping the snow fraternity happy, as a member of the several Alpine Resort Committees.

Despite his busy schedules, his door was always open to listen and give advice to young engineers, clerks and outdoor personnel on problems big or small, whether they dealt with business or personal matters. The tears of many a typist were quickly dried by a word of encouragement or help.

Benalla will also feel the loss of Reg, as besides being in Rotary (serving as President for a time), he was also on the TAFE Committee (Technical and Further Education), and as mentioned on page 4 of this issue of Interchange, he was also coach of an under-14 football team. His wife Myrtle's happy smile and cheerful disposition will be missed around the local Golf Course and at Little Athletics.

Benalla Division wishes Reg and family best wishes for a successful and happy new venture.

Mulgrave, South Gippsland get emergency telephones

A \$312,000 emergency telephone system for the Mulgrave and South Gippsland Freeways came into operation in August.

The new system of 40 telephones installed at 1.5 km to 2 km intervals, covers the two freeways from Forster Road, Mount Waverley to Somerville Road, Hampton Park.

Each telephone is linked to the CRB Emergency Services Centre, which is manned 24 hours a day.

Other major traffic routes already covered by the service are the Eastern, Tullamarine, South Eastern and West Gate Freeways, and King Street Bridge.

CRB Chairman, Mr R E V Donaldson, said the role of the emergency service was to assist in clearing major routes of stranded vehicles, so that traffic flow can be maintained and the possibility of accidents involving the stranded vehicles minimised.

"To the motorist in trouble, this means that he will be towed clear of the freeway, minor repairs effected on the spot, or sold petrol or oil to enable him to get started again," Mr Donaldson said.

Mr Donaldson said that requests for petrol still amounted to about 25 per cent of the breakdown calls received.

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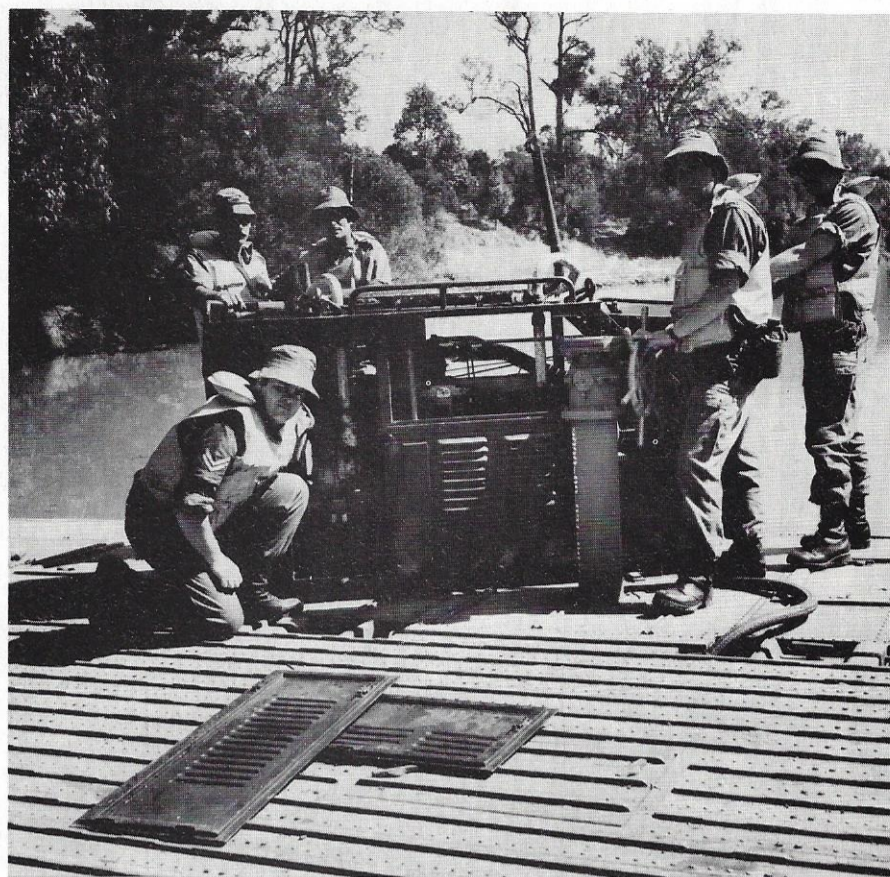
"We hope to again organise bus tours and plan visits to wineries over the Sports Day weekend."

Robyn has worked with the Board for almost three years, and has been on the HOSA committee for almost as long.

The full committee is published below. New members for 1978-79 include Treasurer, Frank Verduci (who replaced John Berends), John Bethune, Julie King (back on the committee), Sue Longmire, Michael Ma and Wally Neander.

	Name	Location	Ext.
President	Robyn Martin	5th HO	8
Vice-President	Bob Billinge	2nd HO	2527
Secretary	Karen Barnfather	2nd HO	2009
Treasurer	Frank Verduci	6th HO	2429
	Barry Atkinson	1st Princess	2310
	John Bethune	3rd Lab	2318
	Alan Bull	3rd HO	2383
	Bob Charlesworth	4th HO	2266
	Bob Francis	2nd HO	2315
	Joan Gilmer	MRD	2227
	Julie King	5th HO	2369
	Sue Longmire	5th HO	2707
	Michael Ma	1st MRD	2420
	Wally Neander	LG HO	2000
	Bob Veenendaal	2nd Princess	2236
	Patrick Vethecan	6th HO	2264

CRB men train at NSW camp



The annual camp for members of 22 Construction Regiment was held in Sydney during October.

About 85 CRB personnel attended the camp at the School of Military Engineering at Liverpool, NSW. The camp was held in two sessions.

The men were flown to the camp by RAAF Hercules transport aircraft.

The School of Military Engineering was established in September 1939. Its primary function is to train members of the Corps of Royal Australian Engineers in military engineering.

Among the facilities at the SME are modern barrack blocks, lecture rooms, office buildings, assembly hall, mess hall and kitchen.

The School also has a chapel, museum and several memorials.

During each two-week camp the men from the regiment received specialist training mainly in equipment bridging, ferrying and watermanship.

Officers and senior NCOs also underwent advanced supplementary training.

● Preparing a heavy ferry for operationfrom left, Cpl. Greg Newland (Ballarat), Cpl. John Williams (Bairnsdale), Cpl. Peter Velcek (Dandenong) and Cpl. Dave Reid (P&S). Kneeling is Cpl. Bruce Hope (Benalla).

Much of the assembly and operation of bridging equipment was carried out on the Georges River, which borders the natural, treed setting of the SME.

The Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Geoff Hunt (Eastern Freeway Project Engineer) said the annual camp provided valuable specialist training for the members of the regiment.

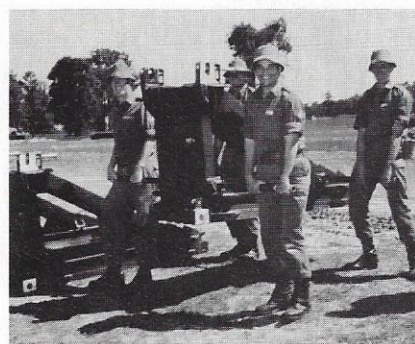
The regiment's annual camps are usually held in Victoria, although previous camps have been held at SME in 1964 and 1974.

The CRB sponsors the Headquarters 22 Construction Regiment and 107 Plant Squadron (Heavy), which are part of the Royal Engineers Supplementary Reserve units in the Australian Army Reserve.

The next recruiting campaign for these units will be carried out early in 1979. Anyone interested in joining, or wanting more information about the units, should contact Major Peter Hosking at Head Office.



● Members of the regiment operate a light tactical raft on the Georges River.



● Assembling a medium girder from left, Cpl. Geoff Clemence (Bendigo) Cpl. Bruce McClure (Bairnsdale), Cpl. Lov Pecora (Road Planning) and Cpl. Steve Shelton (MRD).

ONE FOR THE GIRLS: A CHANCE TO BECOME MISS AUSTRALIA...

The glamour and bright lights at the crowning of Miss Victoria are a far cry from day to day work.

But this prospect is open to all girls working in the CRB.

The CRB has been approached to participate in the Miss Australia Quest.

Miss Judith Heard, Administrator of the Quest in Victoria, outlined how judging for Miss Government Service operated.

"Both Miss Government Service and Miss Government Service Charity Queen are chosen," she said.

"The judging takes almost a full day, followed by the presentation, usually at a Government House Reception/Ball."

The reception is open to about 40 guests of the entrant (at a charge, of course).

Miss Government Service goes into the final judging for Miss Victoria, against the other country and metropolitan finalists at the Miss Victoria Presentation Ball. In addition every girl who raises more than a set amount is presented at the ball, as part of the announcement of Miss Charity Queen for Victoria.

This year Miss Victoria was announced at the Presentation Ball held on October 16, and Miss Australia was announced on October 27.

The last CRB entrant in the Quest was Metropolitan Division receptionist, Cheryl Dusting.

Cheryl summed up her experience in the Quest: "You meet a lot of people, get a lot of satisfaction and it is good experience."

"However, it is hard work and the most important thing to remember is that it is a must to have a good committee behind you," she said.

Cheryl and Public Relations Officer, David Webb, are the first volunteers for a committee to help any girl from head office or divisions who is interested in entering the Quest.

Any girl interested, or any person interested in joining the committee, should contact David on extension 2762.

The CRB on show...

Thousands of people visited the CRB display at the Royal Show this year.

The display — part of the Transport Ministry's display — featured the West Gate Freeway, an animated film of how the elevated freeway will be constructed, a TV film and the push-button Light Up Melbourne's New Roads.

The full display can be seen in the Head Office display room.

The Driver's Guide to Victoria was distributed in the Ministry's free showbags, which had to be rationed because of the great demand.



● The Chairman, Mr Donaldson shows schoolboys from Bendigo the Driver's Guide to Victoria brochure, which was included in the Ministry's showbag.

● Right: Kareen Wealands (Estates) hands out a showbag.



The unmentioned specifications of a typist...

A position for a typist in a country office is advertised. The eager applicant has visions of herself filling the vacancy with little trouble, as she has the necessary qualifications: "The ability to type". It's as simple as that, but those few words are the understatement of the year.

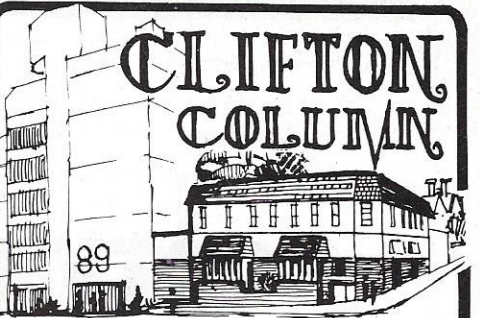
The qualifications the typist needs to perform her daily tasks, official and unofficial, are to have a sound knowledge of typing and general office procedure.

But she must also be the telephonist, receptionist, filing clerk, tea-maker, telex operator and a dictionary.

She must possess a sense of humour to tide her over the days when everyone else is cranky; the memory of an elephant to recall the contents of a memo typed three months previously; the tenacity of Sherlock Holmes to find a file which 'no one' has taken out, but inevitably turns up in 'someones' brief case; and the patience of Job when someone decides he wants to alter a 15 page report 10 minutes before knockoff time.

She must have a sympathetic ear to listen to the problems of her fellow male workers; be able to offer advice at the appropriate time; and must be able to share the failure and the triumph of her fellow workers.

The typist must be prepared to share the eager anticipation of an expected baby, the anxiety for a sick child or wife. With experience she develops a sixth sense and instinctively knows when the boss is in the 'dog house' at home or when a cherished hope or plan has gone awry. She must keep well out of the way until the cloud has passed and when the sun shines once more.



THE following is an excerpt from "The East Gippsland News".

"The Country Roads Board has allocated more than \$7 for construction work on the Princes Highway/Freeway east of Dandenong for 1978/79"

Of course the passage should have read \$7 million, but it prompted Bryan James of Bairnsdale to write to Head Office: "If we had known the financial situation was this bad I am sure we could have taken the hat around our office and raised the seven bucks."

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A well known Superintendent of Works took 20 photographs of the Mulgrave Freeway recently and then complained that the film was stuck in the camera. So that the film would not be damaged, he sent the camera unopened, to the Photographic Section. It was returned with the comment that the reason the film would not come out was because it was not in the camera in the first place.

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THIS column has done some knocking of the Office Services Section in the past. Just to set the record straight, the Office Services Section should be congratulated on the service it provides in advising Head Office staff who have left their car lights on.

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THE staff census that was taken during the year provided some interesting results. Under the section on Army Service, one staff member listed National Service in Vietnam: "Position Occupied — crouched low."

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THE diversion of freeway traffic onto one carriageway near Frankston recently went with military-like precision. The only snag of the operation came when an old lady stopped her car near the policeman on traffic duty. As she waved enthusiastically to the constable, cars banked up behind her. The red-faced policeman was heard to scream: "Would you please move on, Mum, you're holding up traffic". Ah yes, how many mothers drive out to a job site to see their sons at work.

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A story has come to us from an outback shire in Queensland. It seems they had a problem with an unusually rough river bed on one of their tracks, so the river bed was graded and a 12-ft. seal was placed. As a matter of course a white line was painted down the centre of the seal.

Because it was a narrow seal and traffic volume was only about two vehicles a day, the white line seemed unnecessary and was covered over with black paint. At the next Council meeting a letter from one of the local "cow-cockies" was read, protesting that the white paint should be replaced on the roadway as it's a lot easier to see white lines than black lines.

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FOOTY HITS THE MARK IN BENALLA



When it comes to football, the country towns are not far behind the VFL for club support and enthusiasm.

The Benalla Division has been well represented on the football field for many years. Administrative Officers Robbie Allen and Vic Christou, together with Gary Levy, built up a total of 400 games with the local Benalla "Demons".

Robbie, shown at right in a recent game, is a rover for the Demons and has played 185 games, and although picking up his share of injuries on the way, is still fit and keen to keep going.

Benalla in the Ovens and Murray League finished the season top of the ladder and are favourites for the 1978 flag.

Robbie was a member of the last Benalla premiers team in 1973 and Vic Christou missed this game through a bereavement in the family.

Gary Levy who retired last year after several years with the CRB has recently hung up his boots because of a knee injury. Gary was the Benalla Club's best and fairest player in 1974 and the club's leading goalkicker in 1974 and 1977.

Draftsman Ian Saunders has also played with Benalla in both the firsts and seconds. Retired accountant Jim Farrish was at his wits end trying to run the accounts section when three of his staff applied for leave to go on the annual football trip to the Gold Coast.

During the late 1960s and early 1970s, Engineers Gary Edwards and Bob Solly (Bob is now with West

Gate Freeway) played with the Demons and later with Gooramab in the Benalla District League. Gary has also lined up for the Engineers in their social matches with the "Admin." boys in past years.

Experimental officer Leon Shanks who plays for Devenish (Benalla and District League) and has also coached them, hopes to reach 150 games with the team before departing soon to Traralgon Division. Leon has also played a similar number of games with other local teams.

Depot Foreman Max Carson and Admin. Officer Kevin Morrison were members of an earlier Benalla premiers team in 1962 and a framed picture of the successful side hangs in the Depot office.

Engineer John Moylan spent several months at Benalla on the training

scheme before moving to Head Office and Ron Barassi's Roos.

John has had a mixed season with North this year but managed to get his share of games in the first eighteen.

Mention can also be made of Patrol assistant Bill Guppy, who is captain-coach of Tatong Football Club. His brother Ray and Don Robertson, also members of the Benalla Patrol, team up for the Benalla first eighteen.

Further afield, tractor driver Greg Wood plays for Wodonga (Bulldogs) in the Ovens and Murray League, while plant operators Ritchie Fraser and Daryl Riddington are members of the Tallangatta Valley football team.

Despite his busy schedule, DE Reg Patterson finds time to coach the "Magpies", a local under-14 team, ably assisted by "team manager" Des Hare, Administrative Officer. Reg's training techniques have been likened to those of the coach of the Kangaroos in the VFL competition, and in local circles he is known as Benalla's Barassi.

Not to be outdone, Administrative Officer Richard Ashton, ex-Estates Section, is one of the runners for the Hawks (Wangaratta Rovers) and keeps in shape by regular runs around Benalla during lunch break and after work.

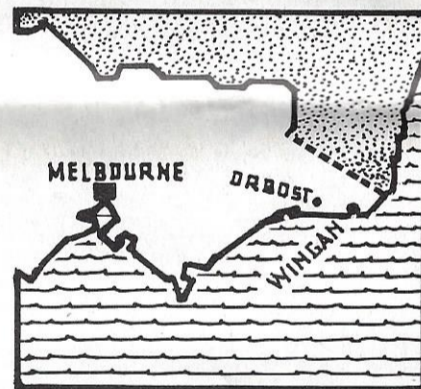
Recently retired Cost Clerk Tom McCoy, is on the committee of the Violet Town football club and has also been their secretary.

The North Melbourne football club draws on the Benalla area for recruiting. With the obvious enthusiasm for the game up in Benalla, it's no wonder North Melbourne finished top of the VFL ladder.

The Ballad of the Wingan

**There's a CRB construction job
Way down Wingan way
The Cost Clerk's name is Fleischer
And he makes up the pay
The cook they've got is Johnny Reid
He's been a while at Wingan**

**He's pretty handy with a word
But horrible at singin'
The boys down there don't know their luck
They're not a real bad lot
With words and rhymes and jokes like these
They'll never be forgot.**



To Bairnsdale castle I was called
To see Kevin I went
"We want a cook out on the job"
To the Wingan I was sent

Was Summertime and hot as hell
As eastward I did travel
The place is miles from anywhere
I think, as I hit the gravel

Arrived for lunch that fateful day
To a lovely Shepherd's Pie
I couldn't eat! It's not the food
The cook had took my eye

Why want me, when they have her?
I found her name was Pam
But Hook had brought his wife along
To help out in a jam

They were a mighty bunch of guys
To share my two month stretch
So I thought as four months slipped
away

Of each I'd do a sketch
Now Kelly was our Foreman sound
He'd never rant or shout
Now he is around Australia bound
He knew when to get out

Down to the river Jimmy stole
To where a line he's set
"Where are the bloody fish this year"
But there's a big hole in his net

A sudden hush engulfed the camp
Has Serg Basso gone away?
No! He has Fleischer in the office
"You mucker-up my pay"

He went to Orbost every night
Why I did not know
But Ron he was a newlywed
His oats he had to sow

It poured and poured for 3 whole days
The road became a slosh
But things were worse for Jock and I
The cookhouse was awash

From morn to night and in between
He'd always jog or trot
I'll bet that Elliot's slowed down now
That he has tied the knot

Bill is another local man
Who in one day did lob
And just like all the cockey's
Is a good bloke on the job

Now Ken who yearned to travel
Has gone to Bali on a trip
The mushrooms wouldn't take him
there

He had to go by ship
When the boys go to the pub
To have a few quiet pots
It's Reg who slips around their huts
And ties the sheets in knots

Les is our other surfer
And though we give him lunch for two
He is impossible to fatten
Still looks like a Pullthru

From the backblocks on his fordson
Peter came down with his hoe
He finished up here for 2 months
They didn't want to see him go.

A Jag is coming in the gate
For cars he has a fad
lan has a future in this world
He is a likely lad

Was the night of Kelly's party
The window tinkled in the dark
A furtive figure stole away
It looked like our Cost Clerk

"Good" said Jack "That's very good"
He had become our master
He would always compliment the food
But I wish he'd eat it faster

"I'm off the grog I'm off the grog"
Groaned Soul early each morn
But a couple of tinnies after work
Put him back to his old form

When we kick the footy after lunch
Young Jock is hard to beat
He runs around and leaps for marks
Even does drop kicks bare feet

While Pete was on the watercart
You couldn't see the camp for dust
To set the foreman's place for tea
For him it was a must

He was the Negri scraper driver
And about his son he'd brag
George was also a keen fisherman
He always got his bag

Now Max who was a surfer keen
Did not front up one day
He was hanging five and wiping out
Up on salt water bay

Big Stalky tried to keep in cool
While he drank with the hobgoblin
He couldn't stand the yap no more
And sent the "Mushroom" wobblin

If any burglars try to break
Our fortress on the hill
The new camp watch will get them
quick
If John can't smokey will

All stops were out after the wet
On Saturday the road turns black
But all's the same on Monday morn
The spray gang must be slack

Now we're all in mighty trouble
The road is made too high
"I'm going back to 'Sunny Hills' "
Jack says with a sigh

They've taken all our gear away
Because the boys were going with a
burst
But we think it's all political
Seems reedbed must be finished first

Because some names I can't recall
I must now end this fable
For now to while the hours away
We have us a pool table

Be careful though the word is out
For Kevin has told Jack
That if you play in working hours
It is the instant sack

About the author of 'The Ballad'

**John Reid of course is the author
And also Cook and Bookies Clerk
His job is to fill our tummies
And do the mopping and washing work
He starts his task at five o'clock
And finishes about eight
And the only time he complains
Is if any one is late
His food is of surprises
Either French, Italian or Dutch
But if there is one complaint
It's usually "Too bloody much"**

**Now that the gang is expanding
With the incoming Halls Creek mob
He's requisitioned for an offside
To help him with the job**

**When the weekend is upon him
He sneaks to New South Wales
And to play the one armed bandit
And to lose—he never fails**

**His scones of course are his special
Always fresh and very hot
And if any one calls his a bad cook
Tell them "The Wingan Gang Knows
He's Not"**

ADVISORY TRUCK ROUTE: DIVIDENDS BY TEAMWORK

The opening of the Johnson Street Bridge in August also heralded the introduction of Victoria's first Advisory Truck Route through Melbourne's southern inner suburbs.

The route is significant in itself but just as significant was the work over many months that led to its creation.

It started with the Board's extensive traffic and environmental study in relation to the Eastern approaches to the West Gate Bridge, with that study leading to the creation of the co-ordinating committee that adopted the development of the advisory truck route as one of its major recommendations for solving short term traffic problems in that area.

Bill Thomas, the Board's Assistant Chief Planning Engineer, was well qualified to lead the Board's team involved in the study and represent the Board on the co-ordinating committee because of his knowledge of the area gained in his previous position as Project Engineer at F9, or as it is known, the West Gate Freeway.

Bill says that while the co-ordinating committee involvement of the Board may have been more extensive than had previously been entered into, it produced big dividends,

"The work and effort put in by the three councillors on the committee — Noel Turnbull (Port Melbourne), Helen Halliday (St.Kilda) and Reg Macey (South Melbourne)—led to the situation where everyone gained better understanding of all the issues involved, the Board was prepared to compromise on some of the earlier proposals, and from this came valid and mutually acceptable solutions," Bill said.

Bill added that working out solutions in this manner may not apply to all situations,"but it certainly helps when the parties concerned have a



● Pictured during truck route inspection are (from left) Cr Noel Turnbull (Port Melbourne), Bill Thomas, Bill Thackray (City Engineer, Port Melbourne), Bill Adamas (South Melbourne City Engineer), Cr Helen Halliday (St Kilda), David James, Cr Reg Macey (Mayor of South Melbourne), Don Howie (Chief Engineer, RoSTA, hidden), Ken Mathers, Jack Barnes (Deputy Chief Engineer, St Kilda) and Max Crellin, MP (Member for Sandringham).

● The Advisory Truck Route sign.

genuine concern for the welfare of the local community and are prepared to co-operate in examining all aspects in an effort to arrive at a solution which goes some way to meeting the various objectives",



Up your jumper, Karl!



What is a nice fellow like Clive Banfield doing up Karl Stadelmann's jumper?

No, they are not having a punch up. Clive, freelance cameraman, is adjusting a pin microphone, in preparation for more filming at Falls Creek.

Karl has been with the Board for more than 20 years and is Benalla Division's Driving Instructor. He was the star of the CRB's latest film on snow driving.

Karl is well qualified for the role. Apart from being a keen skier, one of his major tasks involves the plant and men that carry out the Board's snow clearing operations.

Being in the snowfields almost constantly for his work and recreation, Karl is well qualified as an expert in snow driving techniques, and in fact authored the Board's very popular brochure, "Snow Driving . . . It's An Art".

BRIGGS' DREGS

You may have read in the other enlightened journalistic endeavours that there is a surplus of red wine grapes.

This has led to either the grapes being left on vines to rot or being turned into muffins (the next step will surely be Big M Shiraz).

However, the Budget has come to the aid of the wine industry, probably without even realising it.

The new price for the brown bubbly monopoly will be in excess of eighty cents per bottle which makes it more expensive than some plonk already on the market.

Consequently, wine makers have an opportunity to promote their stuff as an alternative low price alcoholic drink. Of course they will also have to resist raising their prices or they will stuff up my theory.

Therefore, if you want to save money, despite the Budget, start drinking wine. Furthermore (but only if you feel so inclined), you can register a protest against the Budget by boycotting the brown stuff and thereby reducing the receipts from excise duty.

Then, while you're saving money, you'll also be doing a world of good for your health and I've got this in writing.

The well known homeopath, Dr E A Maury, in his very enlightened book "Wine Is The Best Medicine" (Corgi Books 1978), gives pages and pages of cures for common complaints such as aerophagia, colitis, dyspepsia, hyperchlorhydria and other hideous diseases.

A few cures taken at random which may be suitable for CRB personnel are:

CONSTIPATION: two glasses per meal (probably also means breakfast) of low alcohol, lightly sweetened white wine.

DIARRHOEA: one glass before and after meals of a wine containing tannin. (Tannin is also found in tea but it's not much fun to drink. If you think it is, there's no cure for you.)

FATIGUE: one glass before and after meals of a rich red restorative wine.

FEVER: one bottle per day of champagne taken as one glass every hour (two bottles does not necessarily cure you quicker).

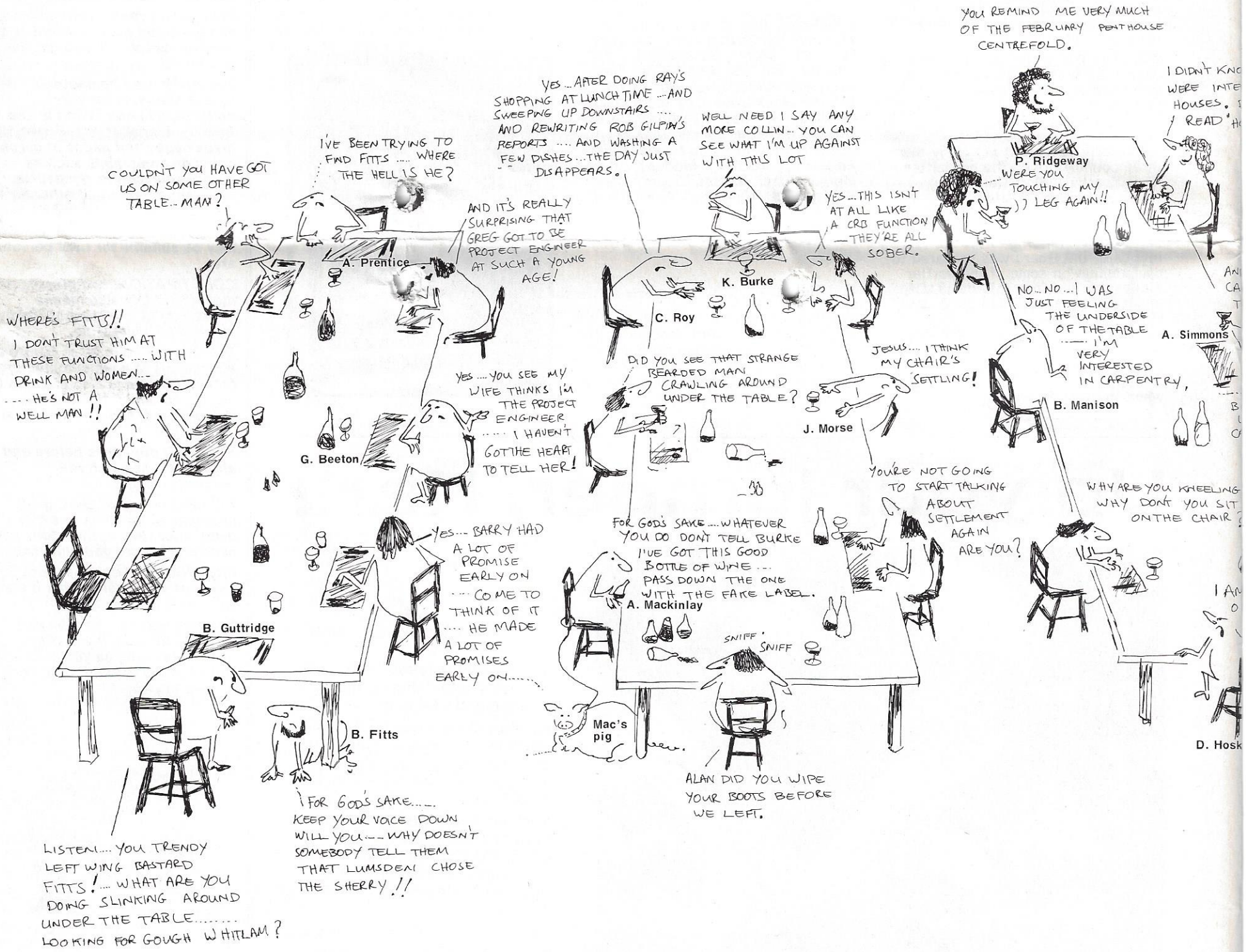
PREGNANCY: two glasses of light red wine per meal (I think it's an aid, not really a cure).

So there we are—healthy and wealthy. At least, if you drink enough (as long as you stop at .05) you're usually too numb to hurt, or care anyway.

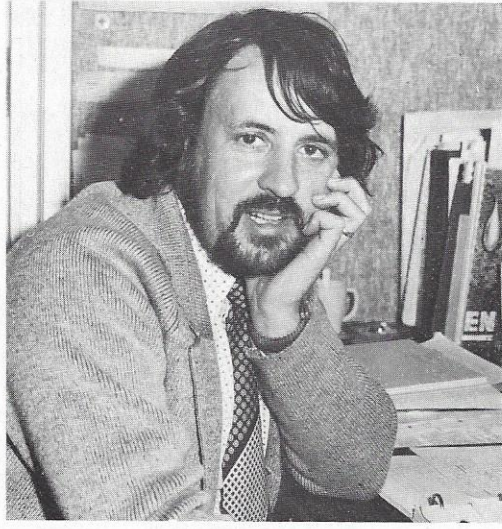


Jeff Briggs

WEST GATE FREEWAY.....



David Lumsden, the cartoonist



● David Lumsden during one of his more inspired moments.

While 'Interchange' can't claim to have a resident cartoonist, David Lumsden, an engineer in Plans & Surveys is close to it.

The cartoons on these pages is of an evening spent at Donlevy's Restaurant in South Melbourne. It was attended by West Gate Freeway staff and the Plans & Surveys groups who are working on that project. All those who attended appear in the cartoon.

David has contributed many cartoons to both Roadlines and Interchange over the last few years.

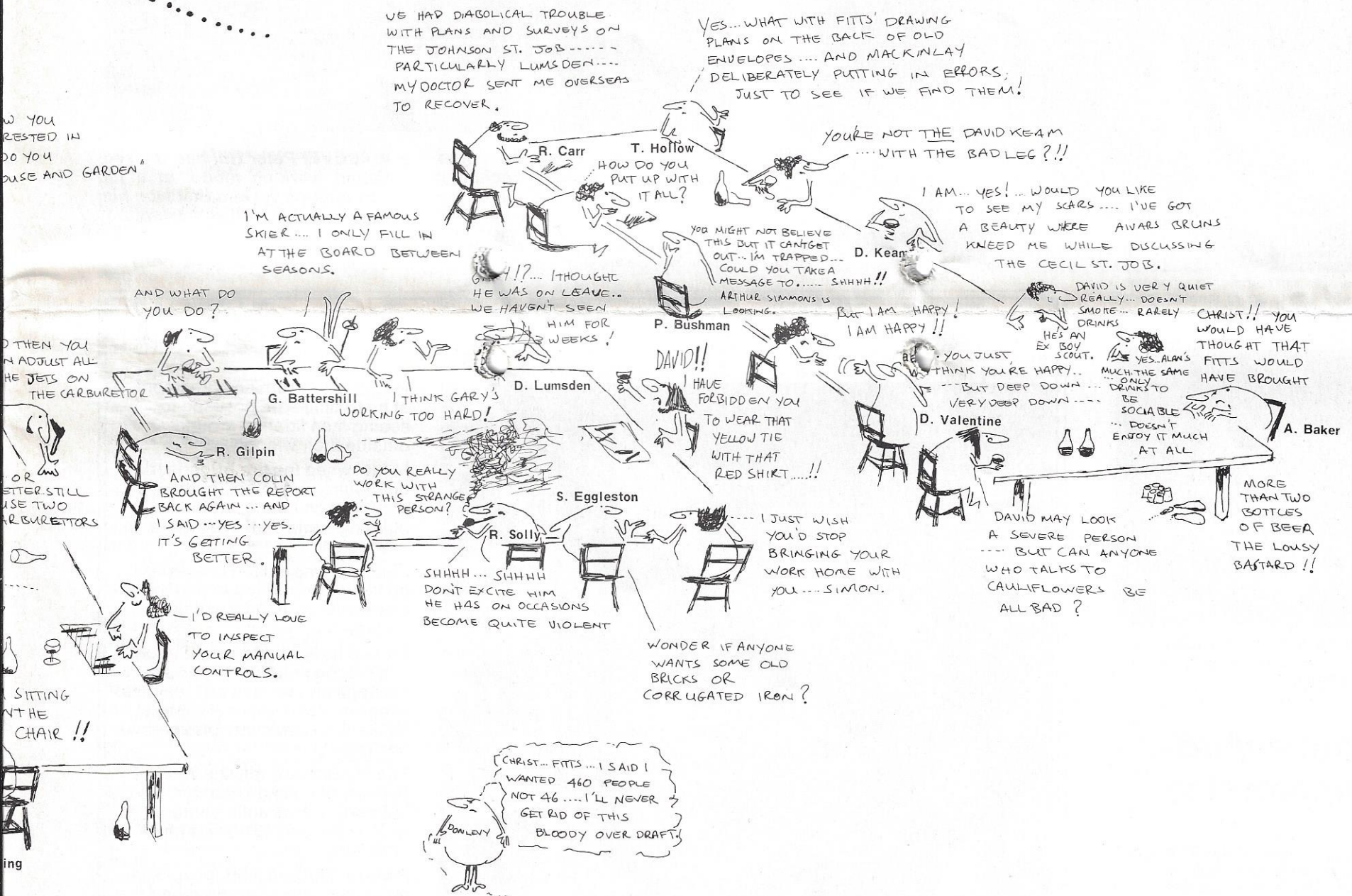
David explains part of his success with the drawing pen is the result of having good comic subject matter to deal with.

"Anyone could draw funny cartoons with people like Noel Anderson and Peter Gange to inspire them. You could fill a book with the antics of those two", he said.

David has been drawing for as long as he can remember. He drew for his school magazine and started cartoons when he worked for the MMBW. He moved to the CRB in 1974 when the MMBW relinquished its road building responsibilities.

David also turns his hand to poetry (most of which cannot be published in this newspaper).

We look forward to more of his inspired wit with the pen.



Co-ordination meeting at Donlevy's

SYNDAL APPRENTICES WIN SCHOOL AWARDS

Syndal apprentices featured prominently in the annual apprenticeship awards from Richmond Technical School.

Among the award winners was Peter Hill, who won the first prize for craftsmanship for first-year apprentice mechanics. His submission was a sectioned working model of a full coil ignition system. Even though it was sectioned, it was fully operational.

He used a windscreen-wiper motor in its construction.

David Gammon won first prize for the best first-year mechanical apprentice at the school.

A certificate for second prize went to Algis Tamasouskas, and third prize awards went to Glen Rodwell, Andrew Reid, Greg Miles and Gerrard Love.

Two third year apprentices also won awards. David Hopes won RACV and VACC prizes, while Ian Dubignon won a VACC prize.

CRB apprentices won the most awards of any organisation with apprentices attending the school.

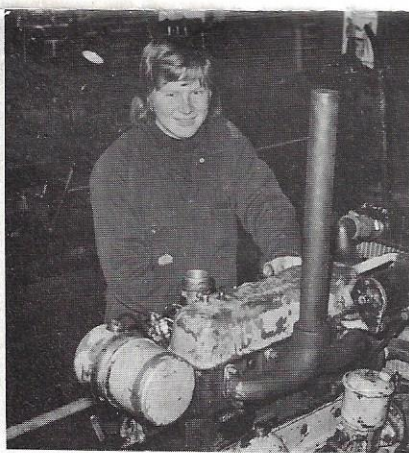


● LEFT: Syndal apprentices who attend Richmond Technical School.

● ABOVE: Peter Hill and the sectioned working model of a full coil ignition system that won him first prize for craftsmanship.



From left, Greg Miles, Paul Tamasouskas, Gerrard Love, Ian Dubignon, David Hopes, David Gammon and Glen Rodwell.



● Peter Reynolds on the job in the Syndal workshop trying to revive an old engine.

Scout award to apprentice

Syndal apprentice Peter Reynolds, 16, was recently awarded the 'Medal of Meritorious Service'.

Peter is a member of the 3rd West Waverley Venturer Scout Unit and received the medal for emergency service after a sporting accident.

He was at a cycle race meeting at Sandown race track when one of the contestants fell heavily and lay unconscious on the track suffering a broken arm and a fractured skull.

As spectators stood watching, Peter stepped forward and applied external cardiac massage and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

He kept up the treatment until the ambulance arrived, even though several spectators became hysterical.

Peter's award read: "Awards for meritorious service are given in cases which may not have involved risk of life but which have displayed courage, endurance, initiative, devotion to duty, often under suffering".

Those magnificent men in their fire machine



People on the 5th and 6th floors at head office are not used to seeing men floating around outside their windows.

In fact when the fire brigade tried out "Simon" Snorkel (hydraulic platform) on the head office building some staff even woke up to watch it.

"Simon" was invited to exercise on the main building to find the best strategy in the event of an emergency.

As well as fighting fires, "Simon" can rescue people trapped on rooftops and windows. It reaches a maximum height of 26 metres (85 feet) and can carry 4-5 people on the platform.

The fire brigade will shortly take delivery of a big brother for "Simon", a hydraulic platform which can reach 31.5 metres (103 feet).

Picture: The two men responsible for emergency co-ordination at head office are (from right) Ray Smith (3rd Floor) and Geoff Parker (1st Floor).



TWO OF A KIND . . .

BENALLA—Some time ago, office typist Pam Maple commented on the exceptional number of twins born in the Benalla area in recent months.

Two of the Benalla employees, Cost Clerk Des O'Bree and Plant

Operator Ray Guppy and their wives were both blessed with twins, Pam told us. Little notice was taken of the remark at the time however, a few weeks later Technical Assistant Daryl Lindsay made the proud

announcement that his wife had presented him with twins.

For the new parents of twins, helpful advice can be obtained from Project Engineer Bill Peyton and his wife Phil who started the fashion five years ago when their twin daughters were born.

DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT



● BAIRNSDALE

Interchange rep.—Jan Ellis

DEPARTURES

David Fisher, motor mechanic at the Depot, left the Board on the 14th July after 11 years service.

SOCIAL

Keith McLeod hit a cow at Blue Nose, PHE 5, much to the disgust of the new nose of his new you beaut ute.

Have you heard of the upgrading of the Bonang Highway? — now 'Kings' Highway — definitely one upmanship over the Princes Highway.

Security is so good at the moment that depot foreman Paddy Burne is getting himself locked inside.

The A.D.E., Mr Dyall, engineer Ron Glasser and overseer Kelly Waites have been elevated to the ranks of prophets. No one else had the foresight to take L.S.L. during the biggest floods in East Gippsland since 1890.

The Big "C" is coming. Traralgon Division beware.

STOP BAT

Truckies, it seems, don't take too kindly to being stopped on rather steep inclines. One such incident occurred in the Division recently. When this particular truck was stopped, heated words were heard coming from within the cabin. The person holding the stop-bat didn't know whether to run or apologise.

It was hard to distinguish the colour difference between his face and the safety vest.

Ex-Bairnsdale engineer Russell Clarke emerged on the scene one Monday morning. Everyone thought he must be on holidays but if you think assessing municipal flood damage as being on holidays you must have water on the brain.

Ex-design engineer looking over a set of plans: "I've applied a lot of MENTAL THOUGHT to this problem".

Remember the Children's Christmas Party on 10th December.

● BALLARAT

Interchange reps.—Ron Hymakowski and Chris Perkin

GOODBYE COL

On 27 July, Colin Hengston resigned from the Board's service to move to Perth. Col joined the CRB in October 1966 as a cleaner-gardener at the new offices in Sturt Street.

His dedication to his work was seen in the care of the gardens and the building itself.

Col's favourite pastime while working outdoors was climbing ladders and hoisting the office flag. He believed that the scenery from the top compared favourably with that from the bottom.

Col was well known for his humour and had always found time during his activities to have a quiet chat and joke with his friends. Col was farewellled by his workmates at a function held in the divisional office on 28th July.

THE EXPERTS

John Kennedy, Zane Streeter and John King, who were absent from the Ballarat Division for 12 weeks, have returned to us after displaying their expertise in asphalt work on the Wallan-Broadford Freeway.

FREEWAY FESTIVITIES

On the afternoon of 15 June, 1978, Lyn, Joy and Bev were invited to attend the opening of the Ballan section of the Western Freeway by serving tea and biscuits to the guests in the heated marquee.

The opening was attended by the Minister of Transport, CRB Board Members, engineers and overseers, Shire Engineers and members of the public. The girls were kept busy in their role as hostesses for the many present. After the formalities, refreshments were served at Hudson's Hotel where a great time was had by all.

The girls came home eagerly looking forward to the next opening, wherever it may be.

CHARLIE BUTTERWORTH RETIRES

On the 7th August, Charlie Butterworth retired from the Board's service. Charlie commenced with the Board in 1952 at which time he was employed in building the Divisional Depot at Sebastopol.

Charlie was one of the 'originals' devoting 26 years of loyal and conscientious service to the Board in various capacities. Charlie was given a retiring farewell by his workmates and friends at the Divisional Depot on 11th August.

ALL SMILES

Undoubtedly the happiest person in the office on the 24th July was Christine Parkin. Congratulations on getting your licence and we hope that you have many happy years of motoring.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Joy Molan and Margaret Conroy. Margaret who was previously employed under the Youth Employment Training Scheme, was successful in gaining the position as Typist in Accounts. Margaret has settled in very well and even the boys think that the change is as good as a holiday.

On the other hand, Joy who was previously employed in the Accounts section as Typist, was welcomed with 'open arms' to her new position as Clerical Assistant in the Drafting Section. We wish both girls success in their new environment.

MRS CLEARY RETIRES

Mrs Cleary retired on 30 June after 12 years service, and would, by now be settling into retired life. Mrs Cleary commenced with the Board as a tea attendant in 1966. She was well known and liked throughout the Division and her character and happy face will be missed by those who worked with her.

On her departure, Mrs Cleary was presented with a silver bracelet by Mr Oppy and staff. To Mrs and Mr Cleary we wish you both health and happiness during your retirement from all your friends at work.

A warm welcome is extended to our new recruit, Mrs Gullock. We trust she will enjoy her work in the office as our new tea attendant.

Farewell also to Ron Leamon (Divisional Office) who left us on 21st July after 18 months service. Ron was well liked and respected by staff members and we sincerely wish him all the best in his new job with the Shire of Daylesford.

SICK PARADE

We extend our commiserations to Mrs Jacks, Max Glasson, Laurie Clarke, Charlie Butterworth, Kevin Atkins, Merv Gregg, Kenneth Leverett and Tony Hymakowski. All have had brief trips to hospital. We wish all of them a speedy recovery.

WEDDING BELLS

As was reported last issue, Graeme Day and Carmel O'Toole were to be married. Well, they tied the knot at St Alipius Church, Ballarat. Graeme and Carmel spent their week's honeymoon at Surfers' Paradise and shall no doubt be resting on their return after their exhaustive trip.

● BENALLA

Interchange rep.—Mike Farmer

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Diane Meadows who joins the typing ranks. Marj Jones (Griffiths) also returned to the office to fill in for one of the girls who was on leave. Marj was a member of the typing pool in Benalla Divisional Office from 1960 to 1973.

GENERAL NEWS

Cost clerk Hans Wittwer returned from yet another visit to Germany, while fellow Cost Clerk Max Proksch enjoyed a conducted tour through South-East Asia. Max has recently had surgery on a knee injury.

July and August is the time to escape the chills of winter. Traffic Officer Roger Powell was off to Cairns and Guy Quantrell, administrative officer, is spending part of his long service leave in the sunny north, whilst Mike Farmer, Divisional Engineer's Clerk, was off again to the Solomon Islands.

Assistant Divisional Engineer, Arthur Ford, is spending his long service leave building a new home on the outskirts of Benalla.

FAREWELL

Farewell to Leon Shanks, Experimental Officer, who was successful in getting the Class II position at Traralgon.

Patrolman Keith Fowler, Tallangatta Patrol, retired after twenty-nine years of service, mostly spent in the Tallangatta area. Best wishes from all at Benalla Division for a very happy retirement Keith.

APPRENTICES

Board apprentices fared very well in the annual awards given in the "Apprentice of the Year" night at Benalla recently.

Apprentices Graeme Caccianiga, Dene Townsend and Malcolm Deacon, all received V.A.C.C. Motor Mechanic Awards and congratulations to all three.

● BENDIGO

Interchange rep.—Reg Marslen

New faces in the office and at the depot are typist Jenny Bridges, Clerks Stephen Avery and Max Pfitzner—all temporary staff to fill in while Mrs Roslyn Lourie is on maternity leave, Bob Thomas on extended leave and until a replacement is found for Bob Morton who has left.

Bob Morton left the Board's service on 28th July, 1978, after 10 years in the accounts section. He intends to devote himself full time to his horse training and farming activities. Just prior to his leaving, Bob had several successes with his trotters. One office punter in the know did quite well.

Rick Hattam and his wife Min enjoyed a two-month break from the Australian winter visiting Scotland with stopovers in Italy and England.

China last year, Canada this year, Peter Ryall certainly uses his recreation leave well. Understand he spent the time on a camping trip in the Rockies.

Joe Goossens has been on long service leave. A camping trip to the Cooktown/Cairns area of Queensland occupied most of the time.

Graham Hill is spending his long service leave on an outback safari through Central Australia to the North West Coast. Former Board employee, now retired, Norm Clarkson went with him. Graham's place in the drafting section has been temporarily filled by Graeme Johnson from Head Office.

Depot Carpenter, Neil Innes, is touring North Queensland to absorb his long service leave.

Football final time is on and the office is well represented. Ken Rusbridge, Renny Duckett and Geoff Clemence are involved with Bridgewater and Bernie Jones with Kangaroo Flat.

● DANDENONG

Interchange rep.—Lawther

We welcome to the Division:

Richard Lipianin (on the Engineers' Training Scheme),ainer Rentz (on the Draftsmen's Rotax Scheme), Kay Chittick — our new 'Hello' girl — from outside the Board, Marilyn Cohen from Bairnsdale Division to the position of Clerical Assistant/Receptionist in the Annex, Jim Brownlie — our new 'Keeper of Files' — from outside the Board.

Unfortunately we had two resignations during this time — both to part time positions. Rae Larkins from the Annex and Dick Prideaux who had been with us for more than 7 years, and felt that the time had come to take life a little easier. Dick is combining his hobby of landscape painting with that of the position of Verger at St Mark's, Camberwell. Dick was held in high esteem by his fellow workers as was evidenced by the speeches at his farewell.

RETIREMENT—IVOR COVENTRY

Wednesday, the 6th September, 1978, saw a farewell at the Tooradin Depot to Ivor Coventry at the age of 65 years. Born in Tassie, Ivor was a Tobruk Rat, married a Scots-born girl and has 6 children. He joined the Board in 1947, had 31 years service, with 1 broken year in 1952. Overseers George Keating and Len Smith attended as former associates in construction before Ivor commenced in 1963 on patrol work. Ivor and his wife will be journeying to Scotland next year. A very happy retirement is our wish for Ivor and Johan.

DANDENONG v ROAD PLANNING, FOOTBALL MATCH, SUNDAY, 27th AUGUST, 1978

Dandenong 8.8-56
Road Planning 6.9-45

A huge crowd journeyed to the Ross Gregory Oval at Albert Park on Sunday, 27th August, to witness the clash between these two traditional sporting rivals.

Neville Schmidt, captain of the RPD team, having won the toss and decided to kick with the aid of the 2-3 goal wind, was quickly in the play booting a goal which must have rolled 30 metres to record the first score of the match.

The Nongs were getting drive around the packs where Pullin and Bittner were sharking many of the knockouts from the redheaded Thorpe in the ruck. However, they were failing up forward where the Pixies' Bob Pearson was keeping a tight control over spearhead Bruce Gidley. At the other end of the ground full forward for RPD, Alan Prentice, believing his portly frame, broke away from David Vimpani to snap a brilliant left foot goal.

Minutes later Pou Pecora was felled on the RPD forward line but, despite his protests about a truck being on the field, there were enough witnesses to testify that it was the bulky frame of one of his own men that chipped his front tooth.

The Nongs were lifted late in the quarter by a fine goal from Richard Murphy who flew high above a crowded goal square to bring the ball down at his third attempt.

The second quarter was a very even affair with the Nongs gradually pegging back the RPD lead due to goals from Gidley and O'Brien, to go in only one point down at half time.

A few ugly incidents began to creep into the game in the third quarter and again it was the Pixies' Pecora, in his first game against his old team mates, who was in the thick of things. The two full forwards goaled again in this quarter, Gidley after receiving a heavy knock and Prentice sneaking one through from the boundary that had many of the Nongs' players aghast with disbelief.

Geoff Miller at centre half back was now holding Schmidt and, with Murphy dominating over arch rival Gordon Anderson at centre half forward, the third quarter against the wind was a good one for the Nongs as they held RPD to a point lead.

The final term was all Dandenong Division and, with team mates Pullin and O'Brien creating the loose man to perfection, they coasted to a comfortable win despite the pleas of "next time we'll bring our own umpire" from a few of the Pixies.

BEST PLAYERS

Dandenong: G. Miller, G. Pullin, R. Murphy, R. Bittner, G. Gibbs, D. Vimpani.

Road Planning: N. Schmidt, A. Collins, C. Broadhurst, D. Farrow, J. Thorpe, J. Farthing.

● GEELONG

Interchange rep.—Colleen Carlon

NEWCOMERS

Geelong staff would like to welcome Robert Gardner to the drafting office and wish him luck with that mad crew.

RETIREMENTS

Miss Nell Horan retired on the 14th July after 30 years service in Geelong Division. One of the foundation members of our Division, Nell's influence was felt in many areas over the years. A personality who shall be sadly missed. Her friends in Geelong would like to wish Nell a long and happy retirement.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Peter Dabrowski (a regular to this column) was enquiring about his sick leave to Mike Hoare who told him he had 58 days to his credit, to which Peter replied: "But I had three weeks off one day . . ."

Colleen looked up from her work in disgust and said, "Oh, I've just remembered what I forgot".

Denis Daly: "Say, ah, I got the reflexes of a black panther".

Mrs Marshallsea asked three times of our slightly deaf Geoff Zierk: "Is Mr Marshallsea in?" Geoff eventually answered by looking out the window saying, "I don't think we will get much more".

GENERAL

Jack Hettick was on hot coals recently when, after his Tattsлото syndicate won third Division, he discovered he'd forgotten to put in the ticket.

Colleen was most disgusted with the Census form recently circulated as she was marked as widowed. What bugs her most is that she did not get to meet the guy she was supposedly married to.

● HEAD OFFICE

Interchange rep. — Dianne Young

CREDITS

Registry welcomes three more ladies to its ranks: Sue Longmire and Kay Lindley (both new to the Board) and Lois Lee, previously of Metro fame.

Jennifer Smith commenced in July as Clerical Assistant in Admin.

Chief Accountants Branch welcome Alf Panozzo (ex-Metro).

Printing Section welcome Donna Phillips (Vartypist), Anthony Ashly-Brown (Printing Supervisor), Don Watkins (Printing Assistant), Brian Cranwell (Plan Printing Supervisor).

Personnel Section's new arrivals are Denise Hall, Stenographer in the staff section and Peter Salway, Assistant Personnel Officer. Title Survey Division welcomes Bruce Wood.

DEBITS

Computer Section farewell: Caspert Griek and Meredith Bayly who resigned to go overseas; Chris Byrne who is joining another computer organisation; Irene Hawkesworth who resigned in July to join HBA's computer section and Cheryl Ling who is joining the Commonwealth.

Robin McLaren (Library) left the Board in July. She and her husband have gone overseas on a working holiday for about 18 months. Their first stop is London.

With the opening of the Johnson Street Bridge, staff members are being transferred to other areas of the Board. Two movements to Bridge Sub-Branch are Marilyn O'Connor and Jeff Dalman.

Departures from Personnel Section are David Utting (Assistant Industrial Relations Officer) who left in June to join the SEC in Morwell, and Anthea McTaggart who has decided to marry, work and reside in Geelong.

LEAVE

Glenda Mevel, Title Survey, is away on Maternity Leave.

Frank Pearce (Printing) is back on deck after being on the sick list.

GENERAL

Congratulations to Gary McCormack (Printing) on getting his driving licence back for the fourth (or thereabouts) time.

Does Peter Lindsay (Personnel) attract trouble? He has just returned from two weeks in Hawaii and tells of the drama that occurred in the hotel in which he stayed. Murder, heart attacks and OD's not to mention that he had a large sum of money stolen from his 'purse' whilst on "wreck" leave.

● HORSHAM

Interchange rep.—Betty Sleep

TOURS

Ivan Pallot, BS, left for a six weeks sightseeing trip to Japan, Russia, England and Singapore.

Our Tea Lady, Ann Reinsma, left for six weeks to visit her elderly father in Holland.

Our ADE has just set off for four weeks touring holiday to Alice Springs and Central Australia.

FAREWELL

A farewell was given at the home of Peter and Glenda Hassett, to say goodbye to Ross and Dawn Gordon. We wish Ross the best in his new promotion to Engineer Class 3, Road Planning Division. A presentation of a coffee percolator was given to Ross at a staff farewell.

DEATH

We were sorry to hear of the death of former Roadmaster Frank Rauert's wife, Olive. Our deepest sympathy to Frank and family.

LADIES' SOCIAL CLUB

The last meeting of the Ladies' Social Club was the annual meeting held at the 'Ole Horsham' and proved to be a very enjoyable evening. The new committee consists of K. Lane, President; L. Harry, Vice-President; Secretary K. Dack, Treasurer L. Donald, Committee K. Fernandes, T. Parker and E. Lawes.

'TO PAY OR NOT TO PAY'

We won't mention any names but a certain lass was busy making out accounts recently where the wording should have read 'account now due'. Owing to an error it read 'account NOT due'. Needless to say the person who received the account refused to pay.

SITTING OR STANDING

We now have a rival for Ken, a lad called Tony — Ken only manages to go to sleep sitting down but Tony manages to go to sleep standing up — who and what next.

COMING AND GONE

It is understood that our even-tempered friend (the most even-tempered man in the Board so he says) made a request to the A.D.E. for six months Long Service Leave to get married after 50 years. This obviously was too much for the A.D.E. who immediately left for Central Australia.

● MRD

Anne Mathews is visiting her family in Papua New Guinea for six weeks. Joe Schaerf is off to Germany for six weeks. Also visiting Germany is Emil Horbelt, who is on long service leave.

RETURNING TRAVELLERS

John Erswell (3rd Floor) has just returned from a trip to Hawaii. Cliff Parfitt is back from his U.K. holiday and so, much to everyone's surprise, is Lee.

DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT



FAREWELL

Philip Read and Will Humphrys, both from the Soils Section, left in June and Sarvo Noznic, from the workshop, has left for Queensland.

GENERAL

Our sincere apologies to Jean Spencer from HO cafeteria, who was very upset because she had not been named as the person responsible for making the salads for the MRD barbecues. Thanks Jean, but could you slice the tomatoes a bit thicker next time please?

MRD has been quiet recently, with Graeme Briant (lovingly known as the Warbling Whistler) down at South Melbourne working on the Lateral Pile Loading Project for the next few months.

● METROPOLITAN

Interchange rep.—Ken Mathers

As rumoured in the last edition, Bill Draper finally succumbed to the pressure of being Office Manager and has been relieved of the arduous duties by DE's Clark, Michael North-Coombs. Incidentally Michael took to the job with such gusto that he included our table tennis bats in his round up of office rubbish.

Messrs Gilpin, Draper and Mathers agreed to provide some instruction in the finer points of snooker to Les Bull. Les said he'd never played before, but when he arrived complete with eyeshade his own split cue in a travelling case, his own chalk and a long roll of notes, the others refused to play unless he allowed them three "gotchas" each.

The renovating and building bug has caught several in the Division recently. Bill Kay is showing the locals at Phillip Island just what someone handy with money can do if they really try. Charlie Pashula is adding to his mansion in the trendies part of South Melbourne, Garry Little is trying his hand at renovating his recent purchase in Hawthorn. Garry has just had the plaster removed from his arm after 12 weeks, so what better way is there to try it out.

Charles Rodger seeing the need to match the trendy image being set at 700 High Street is now the owner of a Eureka sports car. Only problem is that since the lift up door keeps sticking, Charles isn't game to drive it anywhere in case he can't get out again.

Some months ago, Gernot Schubert was on a "talk back" radio session, and recently followed up by featuring in a movie being prepared by Public Relations on landscaping.

WHAT NEXT? "CLEO" CENTREFOLD!

Bruce Young has recently bought a three-bedroom house in Ringwood. Everyone is now keeping an eye on Interchange "Classies" just in case he advertises for "birds to share".

● MULGRAVE

Interchange rep.—Ken Vickery

ARRIVALS

The project welcomes Draftsman Warren Duncan and Engineer Michael Butler — both seconded under their respective training schemes.

Farewell to 'Bomber' Gidley, returning to his home at Dandenong Division.

ROGER NO DODGER

Accounts Clerk Roger Cross has certainly lived up to his reputation of being accident prone. In the six months since arriving at the Project Office, Roger has met with two mishaps.

On the first occasion he fell off his bicycle on his way to work and lacerated his leg which subsequently became infected and more recently a pole ran into his car and Roger finished with a fractured kneecap.

One consolation for Roger is that he is breaking all records for the highest darts score by a person on crutches.

HARRY HARASSED

Superintendent of Works, Harry Clark, received more than an exchange of names and addresses when involved in a minor car accident on the way home from work. The other driver took a dislike to Harry who collected a fractured jaw for his troubles — an interesting claim for the workers compensation section.

In future Harry will be 'turning the other cheek' when confronting irate drivers.

● PLANS & SURVEYS

Interchange rep.—Gary Battershill

ARRIVALS

Welcome to Martin Rhodes, our new Print Operator, Phillip Ashton and Manuel Pape from Road Planning Division, Frank Rapattoni and Rob Jory from Bridge Division, and Julie Goode, our new typist, from Personnel. Mick O'Brien has returned from his stint at Mulgrave.

GENERAL

Howard Ellis has moved into his lovely new house at Eltham, but finds the mountains a little chilly. Peter Gange's recovery rate has improved with the aid of sunshine, blue skies and bikinis.

Peter Satchell is on his three months long service leave in Queensland.

A great night of feasting was held in June at Donlevy's in South Melbourne for Alan Mackinlay's design team and members of West Gate Freeway Project Office, thanks to Brian Fitts and David Lumsden, but — was it really fog we drove home in?

The prediction in the last issue was 'right-on' when Phil Ridgeway announced his engagement to Gabrielle Linke. Congratulations to them both.

A ski-ing weekend was held in July at Gary Battershill's and Ken Williamson's Ski-Lodge 'Tallawarra' at Mt Hotham, with Alan Baker, David Hosking, Brian Fitts, David Lumsden, David Keam, Bruce Grayling and a host of beautiful women hitting the slopes and enjoying the apres ski scene — it looks like the start of an annual affair.

The current library bulletin caused a great deal of ordering for No. 56 CRB Colouring Book which was appropriately listed under 'Roads, Road Design, Construction and Management'.

The quote of the month came from a visiting girl (come Xerox Operator) from the Training Section, who was ^{Hoer} on the 2nd Floor doing some Xeroxing when she commented about High Street air conditioning: "I'd like to take my dress off, but I would embarrass everybody".

We would also like to welcome back our boss, Bob Morison, back from his overseas trip, broke but happy.

● ROAD PLANNING

Interchange rep.—Margo Peacock

GENERAL NEWS

John Thorpe, engineer in George Giumarra's group, is right on the ball. John plays Australian Rules with the Highfield team.

Jim Jude (Class 4 Draftsman), at present on long service leave, is having a red-hot time in the Centre. Also on long service leave, overseas, are Drafting Assistants Lea Lengyel and Suzanne Tollmar, both visiting Hungary.

Seen in the area, jogging, Warwick Yarn-ton, Bruce Grayling and Lou Pecora looking very tense.

MISCELLANEOUS

Elaine Herbert, Planning Analyst, is excited about the prospect of moving to her new house in South Yarra — purchased after a long and exhausting search (is there any truth in the rumour that road widening operations are to begin in the area shortly?).

With his initials, Charles R Broadhurst of Ross Gordon's group, is assured of success in his career with the Board.

At a cheerful gathering of friends at the 'Clifton' last Friday, Pat Meehan was farewelled prior to commencing a 14 week Traffic course at the University of NSW. Guess Pat will be sampling the highlights of the "Cross" on his free weekends!

Ray Malins scuba dives wherever there is water. Russell Brown specialises in canine capers and ornithology.

A man worth watching — Gordon Anderson (Class 3 Engineer) who plays Pennant Squash for Ringwood.

Trevor Smith has a passion for models — particularly the Hornby variety.

Speedy recovery to Ray Bridger's wife, Ingrid, who has recently had a spell in hospital. Ray seems to be losing weight — he must be doing his own cooking.

● SYNDAL

Interchange rep.—Tony Anthony

DEPARTURES

The following have left for greener pastures: Motor mechanics Ron Atkins and Brian Klippel, electrician Don Powell, apprentices P J Sayers and Peter Doyle, storeman Jerry Ferry and Driver J A Bayliss.

GENERAL

Ray Menielly has completed his motor mechanics apprenticeship, Ken Whitney, Col Lindo, Bob Smith and Ralph Prideaux are all on long service leave and Doug Watts will be going soon.

Geoff Amos, Tony Anthony, Harr Dixon and Dave Proudfoot, will all retire shortly.

SOCIALLY

The CRB Syndal Veterans' Club held its quarterly luncheon at the local RSL on Thursday, 29th June and the 50 or so attending continued and re-serviced hundreds of plant items with the usual anecdotes. The numbers were cut again, this time with the deaths of Stan Jaskiewicz and Peter Slee.

On Saturday, 8th July, the apprentices held their annual dance in the canteen. The first year lads organised the show and decorated the canteen with streamers, balloons and enough coloured lights to light up a small village.

First year apprentice Peter Hill presented a fully sectioned working coil ignition system to the Richmond Technical School. The system, mounted on a board, is driven by a windscreen wiper motor and will be displayed during Apprenticeship Awards Week. Peter is \$10 better off for his efforts.

SICK LIST

Sam DeBona and Bernie Boxshall are still off with back trouble. Len Brooks and Tony Anthony are still suffering with back problems but are at work.

TABLE TENNIS

The Syndal Table Tennis Club completed a successful winter season with a family night at the Heathmont Hall on 23 July.

The statistics included one premiership, numerous individual trophies, with the two teams out of the finals wooden spooners.

On Tuesday, 25th July, a good night was had playing members from the Blind Association.

SOCIAL GOLF CLUB

A number of social golf days in 77-78 resulted in the formation of the Syndal CRB Social Golf Club under the leadership of: Jack Bailey (Bottles), President; Graham Williamson (Snoopy), Secretary-Handicapper; Phil Bouilly (Bandit), Treasurer.

The first game, Sunday, 9th July (Rosebud Public), was an outstanding success despite a bitterly cold wind particularly at the 1st tee which was probably the reason for "Fool" Pratt having "5 aries". Cheered on by 31 spectators he got off the 1st for 7, and recovered well to finish the hole (Par 5) with 13.

"Bluey" Wilson after breaking his club handicap the day before had a great round of 82 (nett 70).

Allan Jones playing well up to the 8th — 3 pars and 1 birdie — was joined by his "caddy" who kept saying 'gimme a hit — gimme a hit' which put an end to all concentration finishing with 91 (nett 71). "Brownie" wrenched his back at the 6th tee, but the way he was assisting his "caddy" around after raised rumours about it happening elsewhere.

"T L" Taylor playing his first game claimed a 40 handicap then handed in a false card which almost caused "Orange Juice" to become "Bottles" again.

"Soup" Walklate (visitor) had a new course record, 150.

The barbeque after was enjoyed by all and brought out the usual array of "near misses", "did you see that", "if only it", etc.

Results: A Grade: Peter Davies 92 (nett 67), 1; Brian Youdan 94 (nett 70), 2. B Grade: Allan Taylor (visitor) 99 (nett 69), 1; Ken Varney 103 (nett 75), 2.

Nearest Pin: Brian Youdan, 1; John Stratton 2. Next games: Lang Lang Golf Club, 19 November, 10.15 a.m.

BIRTHS

BELING: Pam (Syndal) twin daughters, Rebecca Kathleen and Sarah Louise.

BILLS: Beverley (Registry) and Bob announce the arrival of their son, Nathan Robert, born May 22nd.

BROADHURST: To Charles (RPD) and Maryrose, a son Michael Joseph.

COSENS: Ian (MRD) and Sandra, a daughter, Raegan Anne. A sister for Arienne and Scott.

DAY: Greg (TSD) and Margaret announce the arrival of Amanda Dianne on May 29th.

DEGEN: To Eddy (Accounts) and Ann, a son, Nicholas Andrew on 13th July.

EVERY: To Bruce (Seymour) and Tricia, a daughter, Catherine, on 22nd June.

FURNESS: Ross (Personnel) and Marilyn, a son, Oliver John.

GODENZI: To Graeme (Traralgon) and Thea, a son, Paul Jarrod, on 12th July.

HASSETT: Peter (Horsham) and Glenda, congratulations on the arrival of Prudence Ellen, by adoption.

HAYDON: To Carolyn (ex-Dandenong) and Peter, a daughter, Angela.

HOLDEN: Tim (Estates) and Larissa, congratulations on the birth of Trent, brother for Christopher and Luke.

HOWES: Congratulations to Doug (Bairnsdale) and Lyn, on the arrival of David James on 25th June.

INGRAM: Congratulations to Kevin (Bairnsdale) and Wendy, on the arrival of Jamie Victor on 27th June.

KELLEY: Arthur (Benalla) and Anne, announce the birth of Warren Raymond on 23rd June at Shepparton.

KLODINSKI: Hugh (Syndal). Congratulations to Hugh and his wife on the birth of Christopher John, their second child.

LINDSAY: To Daryl (Benalla) and Yvonne, twins, Scott Bernard and Simon William.

LUKE: To Jean and Trevor (Dandenong), a son, Alan David, on 9th April.

MACAULEY: To Ross (UP) and Allison, a daughter, Kate Elizabeth, born 4th July.

RAUN: To Hans (Traralgon) and Carol, a daughter, Kristy Faith, on 28th July.

REID: To Peter (Benalla) and Barbara, a daughter Anna, sister to Claire.

ROLLAND: To David (Seymour) and Janice, a son, Timothy David.

RUDD: To Brendan (Ballarat) and Joan, a daughter, Rebecca, born 16th June.

THOMAS: To Pat and Malcolm (Bridge), a son, Lachlan, on June 3rd.

VOCE: Michael (Personnel) and Pat, a son, Matthew Michael Haywood. You can't claim that on compo Mike!

WALE: To Geoff (Dandenong) and Val, a daughter (Jaclyn Dea), born 9th May at Mornington Bush Nursing Hospital.

ENGAGED

ATKINSON: Barry (Bridge). To Kaytie Kirby. The wedding is planned for early December.

FLEMMING: Gail (MRD) has announced her engagement to Gerard Ryan.

GRAYLING: Annette (Accounts) announced her engagement to Graeme Taylor; wedding bells in April.

MARRIED

BLAKE: Denise (Personnel) married Colin Hall on 8th August.

BLOCK: Robert (Horsham). Congratulations to Robert (Blockie) and Heather on their recent marriage.

NIKOLSKY: George (Benalla). Congratulations to George and Robyn who were married on April 15 (not Janet as reported in previous issue).

DEATHS

HOERAUF: Hans (ex Syndal). Staff were sorry to learn of the death of Hans in his home town in Germany. Hans retired from the Board a few years ago.

KELLY: Chris (formerly Bendigo). Many of the older Board personnel will regret to hear of the death of Chris Kelly who was formerly an overseer with Bendigo. Chris had been retired for many years.

KORTHOLT: Ray (Syndal) passed away suddenly at his home.

RETIRED

BAULCH: Don (Geelong), retired on 8th June after 19 years service.

BUTTERWORTH: Charlie (Ballarat) retired on 1st August after 26 years service (see Ballarat Divisional notes).

CHERRY: Bruce (Geelong) retired after 18 years service.

CLEARY: Mary (Ballarat) retired on 30th June after 12 years service (see Ballarat Divisional notes).

FOWLER: Jim (MRD) retired after 13 years service on 14th June.

FOWLER: Keith (Benalla), Patrolman at Tallangatta, retired after 29 years of service.

HORAN: Nell (Geelong) retired on 14th July (See Geelong Divisional notes).

LAMBERG: Arie (Syndal) retired because of ill health.

LEACH: Roy retired on 27th June after 8 years service as Depot Plant Cleaner.

ROBERTSON: Noreen (Estates) retired on 14th July.

SHIEL: Molly (Registry) retired on 26th May after 22 years service.

STOYANOFF: Jack (Syndal) retired after over 20 years service.

FOR SALE

BOAT: Savage 13 ft fish and ski boat, 60 hp Johnson OB, electric start, all safety gear, tilt trailer, \$2600, Garry Lawrence, Traralgon.

CAKES: Made and decorated, all occasions. Lorraine Hrymakowski, Ballarat (053) 39 4199.

CARAVAN: Capricorn 13' 4 berth. Good condition, all mod. cons., \$1500 ono, L Beacham (Bridge).

MOTOR CYCLE: Honda 450 twin cyl double overhead cam, front disc brake. Low mileage, goes really well but unregistered. Bargain for someone. \$350. Bill Reader (Mulgrave), 560 4211.

SKIS: 205 cm "Lignostone" cross country skis with troll bindings \$55. P Carter (Johnson Street Bridge).

SPEAKERS: One pair Celestion "Ditton 33" Hi-Fi speakers. 3 way system in cabinets, finished in teak. Suit low power amplifiers, \$300 ono, Jon Paton, ext 2372.

PUBLIC NOTICES

GERMAN Shepherd dog, at stud Steinnar Candyman. A rich golden sable, with excellent conformation and movement. 'Sampson' has in show and group awards to his credit. Marilyn O'Connor (Bridge).

FOR RENT

HOLIDAY HOUSE at Lake Eildon, 3 bedroom, can accommodate up to 14 people. Contact R Fisher, ext 2142, 818 7172 AH.

WANTED TO BUY

CAMERAS: Pre-war, for collection, Robb Hooper, Geelong Division.

DRAFTING: Ray and Gilbert elbo-machine, F Garrubba, ext 2236.

CLASSIES COUPON INTERCHANGE

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5th Floor
Head Office

Please include in the next edition of "Interchange" my classified advertisement (below):

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DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT

● TRARALGON

Interchange rep.—Ian Collings

CONGRATS.

Belated congratulations to Stephen Cavill, third prize winner of the VACC Technical School Awards for Motor Mechanic Apprentices in the second grade for 1977.

Congratulations are also in order to Ethel Dove, wife of the office gardener, Len, who took off the title of Singles Champion (Carpet Bowls) at the Traralgon Bowling Club recently.

SOCIAL NIGHT

The Social Club ran a successful dance on Saturday, 12th August, at which there were approximately 90 people. As it was B.Y.O. everything, the cost of \$4.00 per double was acceptable to everyone, and even more so when some bottles of beer and lemonade were provided for the tables. It has been reported that everyone had a great night and didn't want to stop so early (1 a.m.).

To all those who had a good time and want another one, and all those who missed this one, keep Friday, 15th December free because the Christmas Dance will be held on this date at the V.R.I. Hall in Traralgon.

● WARRNAMBOOL

Interchange rep.—Gordon Gunn

SICK LIST

Rod Cottrill has been in hospital for repairs to his spine. Hope he has a technical paper on it. The operation has gone well and he should be home soon. Doc Hammond is reported back in hospital.

CORRESPONDENCE

Our mail girl opened up a technical magazine envelope and found not a tedious journal but Playgirl. We fancy the Post Office people sneak a look and return magazines to wrong envelopes. Someone expecting Playgirl is in for a sad shock.

ON AIR

Testing a possible radio communication set up for the western area was well under way for several days when a sudden halt was called. Our wave length was too close to Police and SEC.

The police, who knew our Stock Inspector had a radio vehicle, cased his joint a couple of times at night but he wasn't on air.

TRAVELLER

David Lynton is still overseas. In Milan, three girls selling shirts had a dummy box through which one had her hands on David's wallet and had it half out of his pocket before he knew. Otherwise he is enjoying himself.

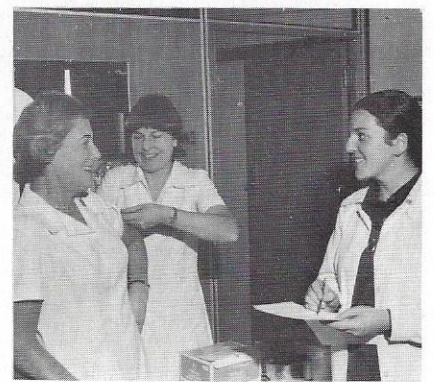
Sister Anderson is not immune to a flu shot

At the start of Winter all staff were invited to take part in a flu and polio immunisation program.

The CRB's program was conducted by Dr McGill and Bill Lindstedt from Personnel. They covered the head office complex and Syndal while all divisions made their own arrangements with local practitioners.

The immunisation program was a popular move at head office and Syndal where 577 people received flu shots and 829 people have received polio oral sabin.

The first two polio dosages were received in the form of a treated sugar cube. The final dose was given in October as syrup from a spoon.



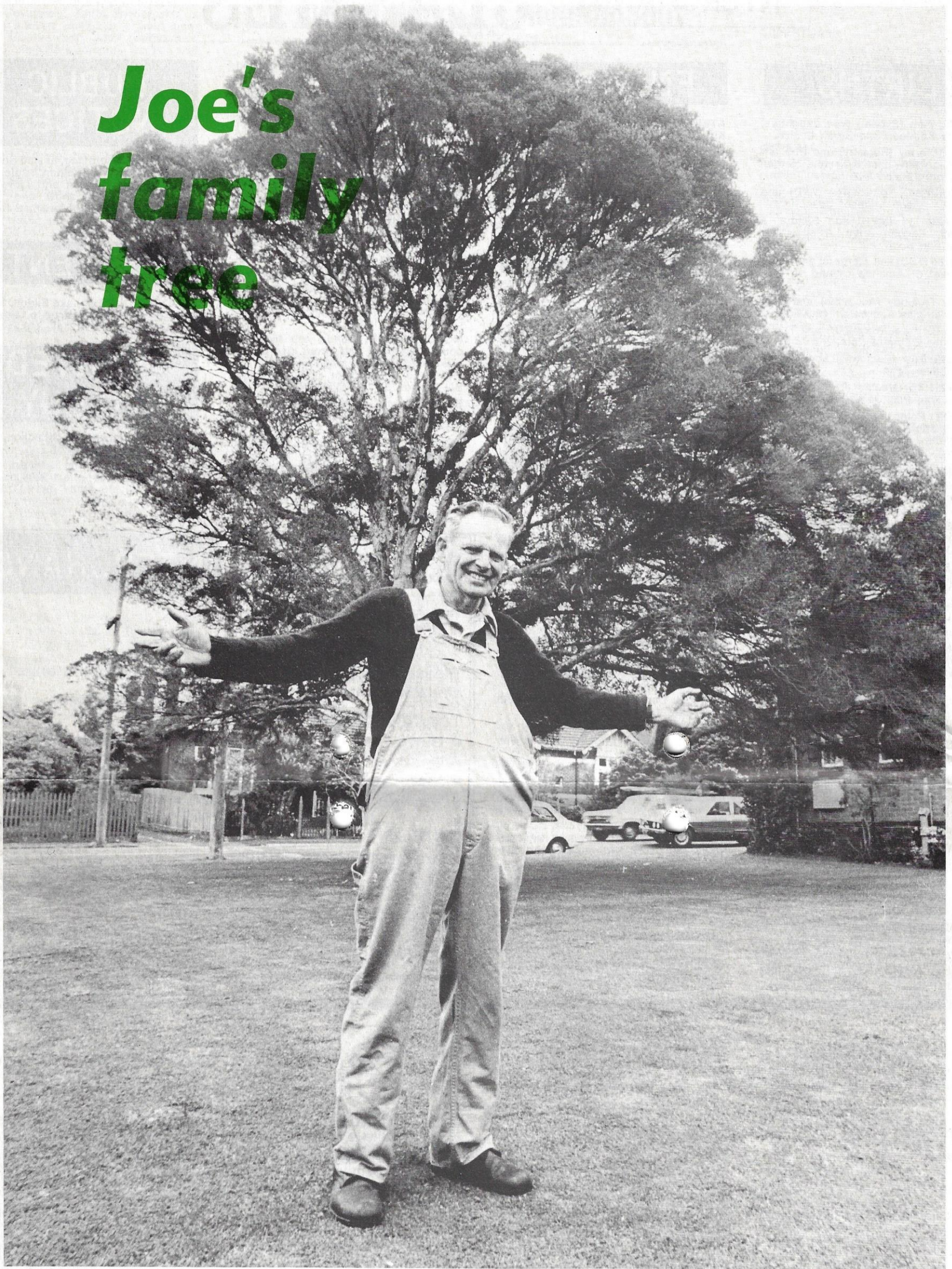
Picture: Sister Anderson receives her flu shot from Sister Rawling, with Dr McGill recording the injection.

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A typist must be a creature of many parts—a nurse, psychologist, counsellor, hostess and a confidante. Above all she must retain her femininity in a world of men, off-white jokes and

rock samples, and signs which find their way into the office. Yes, the typist's lot is a complex one, but believe it or not boys, she loves it—and you!

Joe's family tree



Most people know him as 'Joe the Gardener'. And Joe does not mind that.

Joe — his surname is Plumridge — has been the CRB's Head Office gardener since the Board moved to Kew in 1961. However, his association with Kew and Denmark Street goes back a lot further.

Joe was born in Kew and can remember horse drawn cabs pulling up the Princess Street hill from the junction in 1928.

Gardening is in the Plumridge family. Joe's father was the Supervisor of Parks and Gardens for Kew Council in the 1930s.

In fact, Joe's father planted the big paper bark tree on the front lawn by the Baby Health Centre in 1934 (pictured above).

The CRB had a men's choir in the early 1960s. Joe was a member and he recalls the names of other songbirds in the group . . . Bruce Addis (Bridge), Bruce McKenzie (Administration, HO), Alan Woollard (Plans & Surveys) and Raleigh Robinson (ADE Dandenong Division) are among some of the members of the choir.

They sang to the accompaniment of Wyn Drury on piano. Wyn retired recently but she still plays the piano.

Now that Spring has sprung, the Head Office garden is looking a picture as usual. Joe's roses are a feature of his garden and he says they will be a good bunch again this year.

All Head Office staff look forward to that.