

THIS ISSUE features a full report on the Inter-divisional Sports Day at Benalla in March. The future of this event is in doubt, and with Ballarat, Bendigo and Benalla having had their turns at organising the Sports Day, it is hoped another Division will accept the challenge for a two-year stint.

*Please remember that photographs being submitted for publication must be in black and white. Negatives must be attached to contributions, too.

Closing date for next issue

Closing date for Classics, Divisional Roundabout and articles for the next issue of Interchange is Friday 22 June.

THE DUSK PATROL DRAMA

● Interchange Exclusive

It was 11.12 p.m. on the Tullamarine Freeway—northbound on the Pascoe Vale Road overpass.

The CRB's night patrolman, Kevin Parker, had stopped in the emergency lane to provide protection, light and tools for minor repairs to enable a motorist to get home, when he was almost run down by a passing car.

Kevin Parker recalls what happened . . .

"I had just got a torch out of the patrol vehicle and was standing at the side of the car when I noticed some yahoo speeding along the emergency lane at well over 100 km/h. He finally pulled out to pass, but I had to hug the car to get out of his way. It was only a matter of inches.

"That's probably the closest I have come to being run down, but it is not uncommon for motorists to ignore or not see the flashing lights — and the lights stand out like search lights."

All this is starting to sound like the plot of an Errol Flynn film — "The Dawn Patrol" — or if you're an oldy, Douglas Fairbanks Jr.

But it is all part of a night's work for the CRB's Dusk Patrol, providing an essential service in making sure that the roads are kept clear and that assistance is provided to stranded motorists or at accident sites.

Each evening the Patrol sets out to cover the CRB's roads and freeways around Melbourne.

The Patrol travels alone and attends accidents or breakdowns, provides assistance to the police and tow-truck drivers where necessary — particularly in cleaning up after "messy" accidents.

The hours are long — they can be boring if it's a quiet night or hectic on wet nights when the roads are slippery.

The CRB's Metropolitan Division recently instituted a dusk patrol, to assist in keeping Melbourne's peak hour and evening traffic on the move. Steve Parsons, who recently spent a night with the patrol, reports . . .



● Kevin Parker.... on the job.

A NIGHT WITH THE PATROL

Our patrolman for the night is Kevin Parker from Metropolitan Division, and he patrols in car 142, complete with flashing lights. He is in radio contact with the CRB's 24-hour emergency centre at Kew — on this night manned by Mal Coulson.

It is a Tuesday night in March and it has been raining during the afternoon which promises to make it a busy night — therefore plenty to report.

But the rain clears and it turns out to be quiet — a good thing for the motorists.

Kevin started his patrol at 3.30 p.m. and the scheduled finishing time is midnight (2 a.m., Friday and Saturdays).

He is one of 11 men that make up the patrol on a roster basis — one week at a time — in addition

to his normal work as a Roadmaster in Metropolitan Division.

Kevin joined the CRB in 1954 as a truck driver, left in 1956 and returned as a Patrolman in Benalla Division in 1962. He came to Melbourne in 1970 and has been in Metropolitan Division since then.

As well as attending accidents or roadblockages, Kevin checks CRB traffic signals, emergency telephones, freeway lights, road signs and CRB depots and some project offices.

With the night being a quiet one Kevin has a chance to tell of some of his experiences.

"Sometimes you get abused by the impatient motorist you are trying to assist, but you just laugh it off. Most people realise that it takes time to arrive and

help them."

All accidents are undesirable, but every now and then you get one that has a lighter side.

"Some time ago a semi-trailer impaled itself on the guardrail on the Tullamarine Freeway near Brunswick Road at about 2 a.m. one morning. It was a cattle truck and the police decided that the cattle had to be removed.


"The freeway was already blocked so the cattle were unloaded and herded down the freeway, along Racecourse Road to the Newmarket yards.

"The Patrol's job at this site was to cut up the guardrail and cover the oil from the truck with sand."

Obviously trucks cause the worst delays to traffic after an accident

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FROM
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BOARDROOM

Minister Inspects Autograde

TRAFFIC STUDY ON EASTERN

A Country Roads Board study into the traffic distribution effects of the Eastern Freeway has shown that although there has been traffic volume increases in some roads, there has been no significant increase in total traffic volumes in the western approaches area to the freeway since it was opened in December 1977.

The study titled, "Eastern Freeway Corridor Traffic Studies—Before and After Opening of Freeway", reveals details of a major traffic counting survey, a travel time study and an origin and destination survey, extending from Carlton to Ringwood.

The study places special emphasis on the western approaches area of Carlton, Fitzroy and Collingwood.

In releasing the study, the Chairman of the Country Roads Board, Mr. Tom Russell, said the study showed that total traffic crossing Hoddle Street, between Heidelberg Road and Victoria Street had only increased from 153,000 vehicles per day before the freeway opened to 159,000 vehicles per day.

"It is estimated that about half of this increase would be caused by natural growth in traffic", Mr. Russell said.

Mr. Russell said that a further significant fact brought out by the study was the large number of freeway users who had origins and destinations in the western approaches area of Carlton, Fitzroy and Collingwood.

"The percentage varies during the day, but in peak hour it is about 28 per cent" Mr. Russell said.

The study also showed that the freeway had resulted in major community benefits in the corridor, including—

- Travel times for motor vehicles had been reduced by up to 18 minutes or 50 per cent of travel time, depending on the origin and destination.
- Tram and bus service travel times had generally improved, and there had been a 24 per cent increase in bus patronage from the Doncaster area.
- Although the freeway had generated little extra traffic, there had generally been substantial redistribution of traffic away from local residential and commercial streets to the freeway.

Mr. Russell said the study results had shown an "overwhelming nett benefit to the community" from the freeway. Moreover, it can be expected that the freeway will result in a reduction in casualty accidents of more than 60, including four fatalities, per year—in monetary terms, an

estimated annual community saving of "well over \$1 million".

He said the report identified a number of localized areas that had been disadvantaged with the opening of the freeway, and remedial action was being taken where possible to improve conditions in these areas.

The report will be used by the Eastern Freeway Western Approaches Monitoring Committee to evaluate what further action is required.



The commissioning of the CRB's new roadmaking machine, the Autograde, represented a significant step in Victoria's roadbuilding practices.

The Minister of Transport, Mr. Robert Maclellan, said this when inspecting the "Autograde" on the Avenel to Tubbs Hill Hume Highway duplication project during April.

Mr. Maclellan said the machine, the first in Victoria, gave the CRB the capability of achieving cost savings and earlier completion of projects—"two fundamental ingredients to the State Government's road policy".

"The commissioning of the Autograde epitomises these two concepts. We are looking for this

machine to pay for itself in as little as two years and, just as importantly, trimming months off the time it takes to get projects, such as this section of the Hume Highway, serving the public. The machine produces a road of high quality construction at reduced costs.

"This project could have taken up to four months longer without the Autograde," Mr. Maclellan said.

The Autograde's program after the Avenel-Tubbs Hill Section of the Hume Highway will be to work on the Hume Freeway bypass of Violet Town later this year, and on the Drouin Section of the Princes Highway in early 1980.

"It will also see service in the future on other freeway projects."

The CMI Autograde TS 500 machine was imported from the USA early in 1979.

It will be used for shaping the road foundation and spreading the layers of pavement material to accurate finished levels.

The Autograde can operate over two lanes of road at a time. It has automatic controls and is self-propelled. The Autograde machine utilises electronic sensing devices operating along string lines set down by surveyors ahead of the machine. This enables a high degree of accuracy to be offered in the finished work and also enables it to work on curves as well as straight sections of road.

● **The Minister of Transport Mr. Robert Maclellan (left) pictured at the Autograde inspection with the Chairman, Mr. Tom Russell, (centre) and the Seymour Project Engineer, Mr. Bruce Cochrane.**

Two Year Management Programme

The Secretary's Branch has recently embarked on a Work Management Programme, which will be introduced progressively by members of the Board's staff with the assistance of W. D. Scott & Co., a firm of international Management Consultants.

The Programme, overall, will be implemented over a period of approximately two years, and will involve a review of the clerical procedures in each section of the Branch.

Most Head Office staff will be aware that three officers have been appointed to the position of work management analysts to assist with the introduction of the Programme. Peter Carey (ex-Public Relations), Steve D'Giacoma (ex-Personnel) and

Ian Mullen (ex-Dandenong Division) have attended a three week training conference conducted by W. D. Scott & Co. With the help of Alvin Torr, one of Scott's consultants, the analysts are now engaged in their first group of surveys.

The three areas involved initially are the Correspondence Section, the Property Group and the Estates Typing Group and the officer in charge of each of these groups has attended a two-day appreciation conference.

The aim of the Programme is to increase efficiency and improve supervisory skills. The current general shortage of funds being experienced by the Board has made it essential that the most effective use is being obtained from the funds and other resources at the Board's disposal.

However, the introduction of the Programme is in no way a reflection on the skills or application of officers of the Secretary's Branch.

The prospect of achieving improvements flows from the availability of highly successful techniques developed by the consultants which up to now have not been available to the Board.

A steering committee has been set up to plan and monitor the progress of the survey. It comprises the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Assistant Secretary (Administration), Personnel Manager, Methods Officer, an MOA representative and representatives from W. D. Scott & Co.

GRAEME COMES THIRD IN FUN RUN

Graeme Kennedy, Syndal, covered the 13 km of the 1979 "Age"/Coca Cola Fun Run in 43m. 15sec. to come third out of the approximate 11,000 runners.

Graeme, an Admin. Officer at Syndal, runs twice a day, seven days a week. He belongs to the Ringwood Amateur Athletics Club.

Graeme's previous best running performance was in the Nuna-wading Fun Run, where he came first.

Fun Runners times as published in "The Age":

Results from CRB participants:

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| 43.15 | Graeme Kennedy | Syndal |
| 47.26 | Ken Barnhill | TED |
| 51.25 | Ken Vickery | Mulgrave |
| 51.49 | Jeff Jameson | MRD |
| 53.36 | Claude Borstner | Bridge |
| 53.39 | Andrew Walker | MRD |
| 54.19 | Kevin Darcy | Bridge |
| 54.20 | Alan Collins | RPD |
| 54.53 | Ivor Preston | RPD |
| 55.05 | Nick Szwed | TED |
| 55.10 | Alan Bowman | TED |
| 55.24 | David Williamson | TED |
| 56.10 | Stan Lowe | TSD |
| 57.00 | Graeme Hodge | TED |
| 58.11 | Hans Thierfeldt | West Gate |
| 57.18 | Geoff Elston | P&S |
| 58.12 | Ron Muller | Personnel |
| 58.12 | Brian Wilkinson | TED |
| 58.25 | Leo Stella | Bridge |
| 58.55 | Bruce Standish | Metro |
| 59.04 | Larry Naismith | MRD |
| 59.38 | Richard Tann | Ballarat |
| 60.19 | Peter Hogan | Methods |
| 61.11 | Bob McLeod | MRD |
| 62.21 | Neil King | B'dale |
| 62.40 | Dino Sartori | TED |
| 62.42 | Geoff Pullin | D'nong |
| 62.49 | Brian Fitts | P&S |
| 62.51 | Kevin Hadingham | B'dale |
| 63.07 | John Ford | TED |
| 63.54 | Jeff Smith | TSD |
| 63.55 | Garnet Gibbs | D'nong |
| 64.20 | Alan Koch | Benalla |
| 66.09 | Ivan Haustorfer | Bridge |
| 66.24 | Geoff East | TED |
| 67.22 | John Anderson | Accts |
| 67.32 | John Hart | MRD |
| 68.58 | Warren Pump | MRD |
| 69.10 | Ian Lister | H/F |
| 69.13 | Lou Pecora | Seymour |
| 69.37 | Mike Stirrat | RPD |
| 70.18 | Steve Marsh | Horsham |
| 71.12 | David Farrow | Benalla |
| 72.43 | Richard Ho | RPD |
| 74.18 | Bill Turner | MRD |
| 74.23 | Charles Roger | Accts |
| 74.38 | Doug Thompson | Metro |
| 75.58 | Garry Liddle | Accts |
| 78.09 | Ray Bridger | Metro |
| 78.09 | Colin Ray | RPD |
| 79.33 | Gary Moffatt | West Gate |
| 80.10 | Steve Parsons | West Gate |
| 80.28 | Teresa Carter | PR |
| 81.21 | Colin Singleton | Bd Sec't |
| 81.27 | Mike Byrne | P&S |
| 83.49 | Peter Millington | Accts |
| 83.50 | Russell Phibbs | TED |
| 86.41 | Noel Allanson | TED |
| 88.00 | Jenny Spilar | Bd M'ber |
| 90.20 | David Wood | Reg. |
| 95.49 | Bill McCormack | Accts |
| 119.30 | Mary Spilar | Syndal |
| | | Accts |

Fun Runners not printed in "The Age":

(If runners entered on the morning their names did not appear in "The Age".)

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| 58.30 | Tony Youren | MRD |
| 61.00 | Keith Barrasford | Asphalt |
| 62.00 | Peter Solway | Personnel |
| 62.12 | Jim Trajcevski | West Gate |
| 62.40 | Warwick Yarnton | RPD |
| 63.00 | John Davis | Est. |
| 68.00 | Roy Gilmore | MRD |
| 71.00 | John DeAraugo | Bridge |
| 77.00 | Peter Vorweg | E/F |
| 80.00 | Keith Evans | Accts |

Yachting - Glazebrook Style



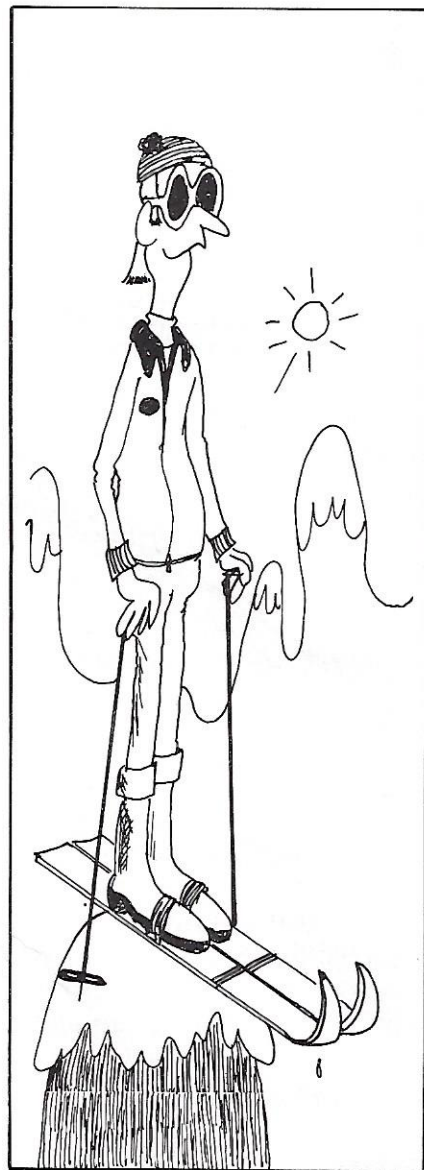
It was not all plain sailing for Bendigo's D.E. Tom Glazebrook at the Interdivisional Sports Day. At Lake Nillahcootie during the yachting events Tom was seen attempting to field two vessels — no doubt to gain advantage in the Divisional Engineer's Cup.

However, a Board directive through guest-of-honor, Bill Brake, ruled that Tom remove his Humber from the lake and sail his "Lazy E". This unfortunate choice of craft proved too much for the crew and enabled the new Benalla Number One, Brian Chandler, to win the minor battle.

Photographed with the steadfast Humber are (from left): Rob Green, Tom Glazebrook (inside car) and Bill Brake.

Ski Club is off to Bulla

Ski-ing need not be the expensive sport — that is, if you join the newly formed CRB Ski Club.



Become a member now, and in August you could be spending a week at a Mt Buller Ski Lodge — all for \$70 (which includes accommodation, breakfast and dinner).

The Ski-Club has made a booking at a modern, private lodge, the "Merrijig", located on Stirling Road in the picturesque Alpine Village.

Typical club-type community living accommodation is provided, with four to six bunks-per room (private quarters for individuals are not possible).

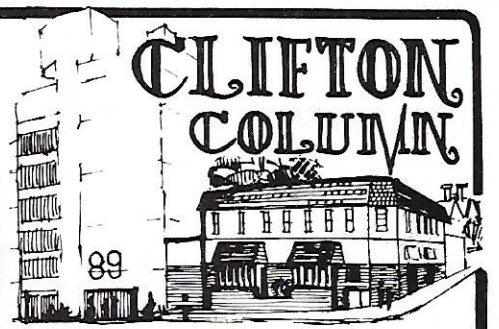
"Merrijig" is a spacious lodge equipped with central heating, showers, clean bed linen and doonas, and a laundry.

In fact, the only additional expenses you need to consider are ski-hire, ski-tow and chair lift costs. There are plenty of ski-hire centres in the Village, and these can easily be approached after arrival.

Mt Buller is one of Victoria's most popular resorts, so if you are not planning to visit the slopes of Austria or Switzerland this year, contact one of the club representatives right away.

The Club Booking Officer is Wayne Robb (2363) and the Information Officer is Alan Bull (2383).

The ski-week is planned for the 12th-16th August, and the club requires a minimum of 15 people, although 20 beds have tentatively been booked.



BENALLA typist, Mary Young, and her husband, are part-owners of a racehorse which ran at a local meeting recently. When the horse galloped away to an impressive win, at a starting price of 80-1, her colleagues were astonished to learn that she hadn't even bothered to back it.

The Youngs maintained that they acted on the advice of the trainer who was most emphatic that the horse wouldn't even get a place.

And where's Bill Collins when you need him!

PERSONNEL Section received an irate phone call a while ago from somebody representing the African Violet Society. The caller was flabbergasted to read in "The Herald" that CRB garden apprentice, Alison Walsh "can grow anything except African Violets".

So in order to rectify the situation the Society wanted to send her some literature with some helpful horticultural hints on the varieties.

Just as well she didn't mention anything about the Giant Redfords of California.

MOA members with the Melbourne City Council may be having second thoughts about their union if they read their March issue of the MOA-CRB Newsletter.

A news item reports that MOA members are being favoured over non-members in areas such as "appointments, promotions, retrenchments, etc". It doesn't clarify on the "etc", either.

SOME months ago, not long after Major Projects Division was absorbed by the Works Sub-branch, an officer from Works Sub-branch rang Personnel Section in order to find out the work location of several field workers. After several minutes the Personnel Section officer returned with the answer "Major Projects".

The Works Sub-branch officer explained that he knew that; he wanted to know specifically where they were located. Personnel Section asked him to hold the line for a moment.

Meanwhile, another phone in Works Sub-branch began ringing, so being a conscientious worker he left the phone he was on to answer the other phone. You guessed it. On the other telephone was Personnel Section ringing to find out the location of several field workers.

THE PORTABLE toilets disappeared from the Wedderburn Camp (Bendigo Division) on the weekend of the Gold Dig. A worried Roadmaster promptly reported the matter to the local Police who just happened to know where they were. They had "officially" borrowed them for the weekend.

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WERE THE GOOD OLD DAYS

REALLY THAT GOOD ?

Were the good old days really so good?

Readers may think otherwise when they examine these photographs of CRB offices when the Board was situated at the rear of the Exhibition Buildings in the 1950's.

The building on the right is an ex-army hut which housed Traffic and Location, Photographic and Engineering Surveying Sections.

To its left stood the "Old Tin Shed"—as it was affectionately known—where Plans and Survey and Bridge were located.

Staff inside the O.T.S. endured extremely hot working conditions during Summer, and sometimes even hotter conditions in Winter—because of the unique operation of the space heaters.

When the temperature reached 110°F everybody went home.

Cool water was obtained from a canvas "verandah bag" located between the two sheds, and once a week clean hand towels were delivered to each desk.

The O.T.S. is now located at a Queenscliff holiday camp for Aboriginal children.

The photograph (taken in 1950) shows some Plans and Surveys staff members enjoying a tea break.

Left to right: Bob Freeland (ex-Board), Les Gardiner, Aivars Bruns, Mac Wilkinson, Tino Aureli (ex-Board), Noel Anderson, Ray Nicholas, Robin White (retired), Brian Fleming and Jack Ross.



NEW GROUP FOR RETIRED

An association is to be formed which will be open to all persons who have retired from service with the CRB.

A meeting of ex-staff members last November decided on the move, and a steering committee was appointed to prepare a draft constitution and to report on various matters.

A further meeting in February approved, with amendments, the draft constitution to be the Constitution of the CRB Retired Persons Association. It will be printed and distributed to members as soon as possible.

The Association already has a large number of financial members and further members are welcome. The joining fee is \$3 and the annual subscription, \$2.

Those interested can contact the Hon. Treasurer, CRB Retired Persons Association, 60 Denmark Street, Kew 3101.

The objectives of the Association are—

- to foster fellowship and harmony among members;
- to do all such things, as in the opinion of the Committee, which will assist in the welfare and benefit of retired persons;
- to maintain a definite link with the Country Roads Board.

Nominations for positions on the Committee did not exceed the number of vacancies and the following Committee was appointed—

President, Ted King.
Vice-President, Cliff Liddell.
Hon. Secretary, Eric Moncrieff.
Hon. Assistant Secretary, Lois Lee.
Hon. Treasurer, Jim Farish.
Hon. Assistant Treasurer, John Molnar.
Committee, Les Beecher, Alf Lewis, Nancy Costelloe,

Inez Lowry, Theo Lester, Noreen Robertson.

Auditor, Erroll Hewson.

The Committee is actively engaged in investigating proposals for the formation of country groups on a regional basis together with various activities, entertainment and benefits for all members of the Association.

The next general meeting is scheduled for 12.15 p.m. Thursday, 10th May, in the Board's theatre at Head Office, Kew.

NEW LOOK WALLS

The Bendigo Divisional Office walls will take on a new look shortly thanks to the SEC who generously donated to the Board a portfolio of paintings of Alpine wildflowers by artist Terry Nolan.

The manager of the SEC's Northern & Midland Region, John Griffin, together with senior members of his staff personally presented the paintings recently to Divisional Engineer, Tom Glazebrook, at an informal morning tea at the Divisional Office.

The portfolio is a joint venture of the Age Newspaper and the SEC.

people

Elaine Herbert (Road Planning) has been awarded a \$5000 scholarship to undertake the "Development Program for Managers" course run by the Australian Graduate School of Management.

The live-in course is conducted at Sydney's University of New South Wales over eight weeks.

Elaine applied for the scholarship after reading an explanatory article in the Australian Financial Review. One scholarship was offered to a woman and it was advertised Australia wide.

It was offered because the Graduate School of Management is concerned that employers are overlooking the potential of women employees as managers. The school hopes to encourage employers to look to women for further management training and responsibility.

Elaine's course runs from 23rd April to the 15th June.

David Anderson (MRD) departed on 10th March for 12 months' study at the University of California at Berkeley, San Francisco.

He is studying the latest methods of pavement design and hopes to gain a Masters Degree in the process.

His wife Robin and children Wendy (5) and Jonathon (4) are accompanying him. The children claim they will be spending 12 months at Disneyland.

Lets hope it won't be all work for David, either.

TITLE SURVEY GIVES HOSA THE "O K!"

AS PART of HOSA's campaign to provide more services for its members, Head Office now has a portable gas barbecue available for lunchtime celebrations.

However, there is a ban on alcoholic beverages at these functions. Originally it was thought that such a taboo on drinks would result in the whole idea collapsing, so an experiment with some Title Survey personnel was held.

When they first heard of the grog ban, all sorts of schemes were bandied about — including lacing cans of TAB with rum, and wrapping a Coke label around a Fosters tinnie.

Eventually they were convinced that a barbecue could succeed without hard refreshments, and on 21st March, near Xavier tennis courts, the first HOSA Lunchtime Barbecue was held.



SUN, SNAGS AND SOFT DRINKS — what more at a barbecue could you ask for? Pictured from left are: Barry Green, Darrell Ross, Tony O'Brien, Chas McLaren, Murray Gibbs, Lou Marsal, Geoff Mead and Ian Andrews.

Out came the cans of Fanta and Cola (genuine, too) and to the relief of HOSA organisers the event was a great success.

Anyone can use the HOSA barbecue free of charge by booking with either Darrell Ross (2104) or Bob Charlesworth (2266).

Please allow a few days to arrange for delivery of the cooking facilities, table and rubbish bins.

If this service proves to be a success, plans are to install a brick structure with two gas barbecues near Head Office.

Social Notes

The HOSA Social Calendar for the remainder of '79 features the following functions:—

- Friday, 1st June — Dinner Dance at No. 9 Darling Street, South Yarra. \$26.00 double — all-inclusive.
- Friday, 19th October — come dressed as your favourite Movie Star, Monarch, Super Hero or Project Engineer to the Fancy Dress Ball. The venue is the Kew Civic Centre, and we'll rage from 8 p.m. till 2 a.m.

Right is the line-up of this year's HOSA Committee:—

As you can see, HOSA is now widely represented—apart from Metro Division. So if you want to represent 700 High Street on the Committee contact our Secretary (2060).

Robyn Martin (President), 4th H.O., ext. 2628; Bob Billinge (Vice-President), 2nd H.O., ext. 2527; Julie Mercula (Secretary), 2nd H.O., ext. 2060; Frank Verduci (Treasurer), 6th H.O., ext. 2429.
Barry Atkinson, 1st Princ., ext. 2137; Karen Barnfather, 2nd H.O., ext. 2009; John Bethune, 4th H.O., ext. 2043; Alan Bull, 3rd H.O., ext. 2383; Bob Charlesworth, 4th H.O., ext. 2266; John Ford, 4th High, ext. 2070; Bob Francis, 2nd H.O., ext. 2315; Joan Gilmer, Asphalt Lab., ext. 2227; Julie King, 5th H.O., ext. 2369; Sue Longmire, 5th H.O., ext. 8; Michael Ma, 1st MRD, ext. 2420; Dick Meloni, 3rd High, ext. 2286; Wally Neander, L.G. H.O., ext. 2000; Peter Rebecchi, 2nd Princ., ext. 2236; Patrick Vethecan, 6th H.O., ext. 2264; Murray Wigg, Gnd. H.O., ext. 2056.



SEC TEAM MATED BY CRB

The CRB Chess Club were hosts to a team from the SEC Richmond in February.

The visitors arrived at 5 p.m. and as the building had to be vacated by 8 p.m., games not finished by that time were adjudicated by a representative from both sides. The final result was a win to the CRB — five games to two.

The SEC have invited us to a rematch on their home ground in the near future.

In the meantime, CRB players are into the annual championship tournament, to be conducted over seven rounds.

Peter Mulholland, who recently returned after two years absence with the Department of Main Roads, is favourite for the event, after his fine display of simultaneous play winning eight games out of eight on 21st February in the Head Office Theatrette at lunchtime.

Bert McLaren, last year's CRB open champion, won six games, and lost to Nick Tanner from Head Office and Terry Wilcox from Plans and Surveys.

Another player well in contention for this year's honors is Russell Brown, who won the CRB club championship and was the most improved player last year.

Bairnsdale Beauties.....



BAIRNSDALE Division's Office girls would brighten up any brick wall. From left are Sue Hobson, Receptionist; Leslie Quirke, Admin.; and June Trimnell, DE's Typist.

BRIGGS' DREGS

I went to a couple of tastings recently where the accent was on flogging the product — one was German, the other was French.

Both were virtually unknown wines, but the organisers claimed that was the advantage of tasting what was on offer. BUT that was the only advantage.

And now for the disadvantages. . . . First and foremost was the cost. In a previous column I mentioned value for money. The asking price for the wines I tasted was more than the mark-up at the Hilton.

Had the wines offered been reasonable the price may have been justified, but in most cases they were "peasant" wines and I wasn't feeling very earthy due to what was going on. I was actually, but I refrained from providing the sales people with what I really thought of the wines.

In each case the wines were represented as being delightful examples of the vintner's art. Yeh! and I'm the Chairman. I foolishly asked a couple of questions, but I don't think the marketing pitch covered the points raised because the answers given didn't exactly tally with the questions.

I also found it didn't pay to interrupt because then the sales people had to go back to the start of the sentence they were on. They didn't even speak nicely so it wasn't pleasant to have piles of part sentences repeated.

Furthermore, the wines weren't even all German or all French. Some were Austrian, some Italian and some Hungarian. I didn't really mind because the Hungarian wines were better than the French ones.

Finally, the biggest laugh was the quantity you had to buy. I don't know what they feed Hungarians on but they must be extremely strong because a case (?) of Hungarian wine is 36 bottles. Imagine, if you can, trying to lift the case.

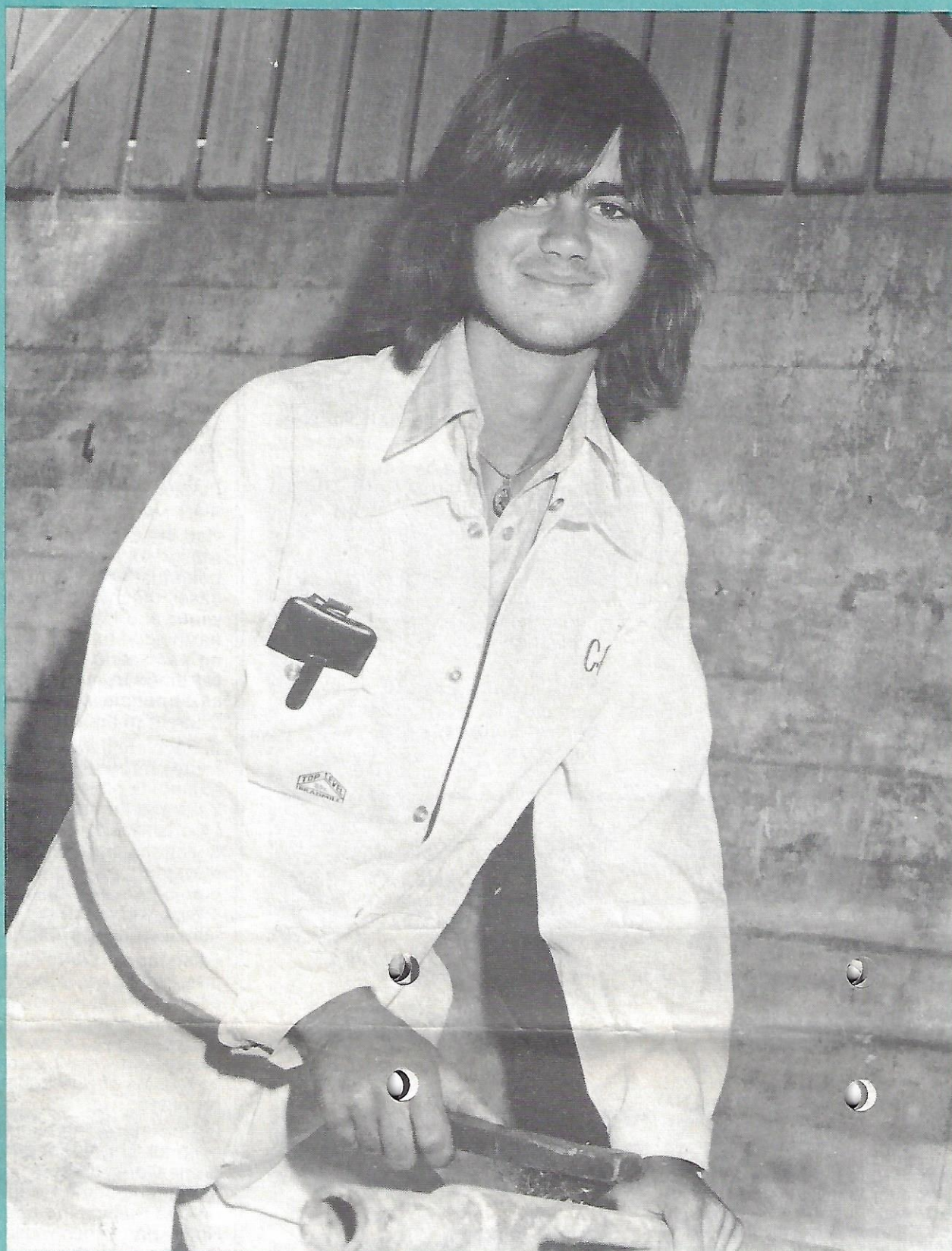
Then, try to imagine the size of the box required to hold 36 bottles, and the thickness of the cardboard needed so that the ends of the box wouldn't sag.

Recommendation: If you get invited to attend one such tasting, don't. You can buy much better wines for half the price in at least five shops in Melbourne.



Jeff Briggs

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The 25 apprentices who began their first year schooling at Syndal Depot this year seem to think they made a wise choice in joining the Board.

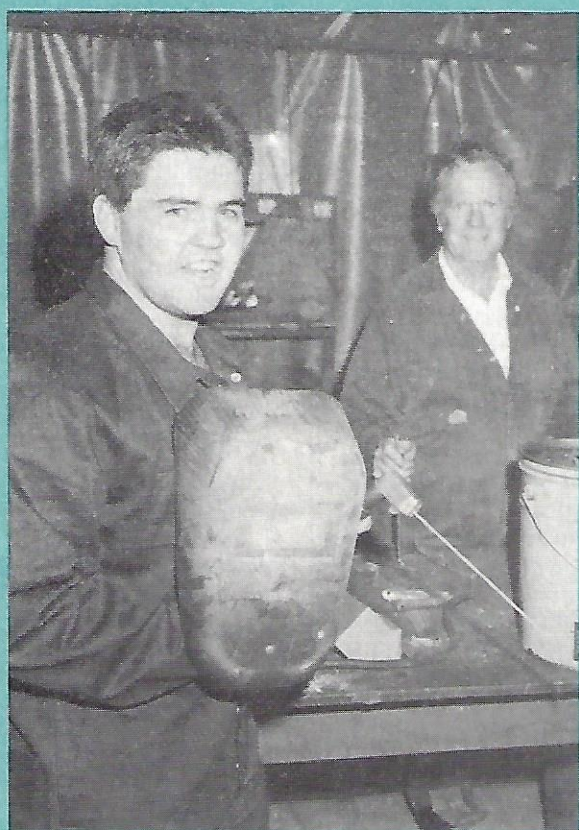
For although it can be a demanding curriculum — with four hours a day inside the classroom and the rest devoted to on-job training, CRB apprentices enjoy a high standard of education.

Of this year's intake, the majority are employed as motor mechanics, although two are training to be maintenance fitters, and five others are studying gardening, welding, painting and decorating, auto electrics, and fitting and turning.

Only eight of the mechanics are training at the Syndal Apprentice Training Centre, the remainder are based at divisional workshops throughout the State.

But for the young apprentice at Syndal it isn't all "brake hydraulics" and "tractor overhauls".

During class discussions Brian Butler, the Apprentice Supervisor, also endeavours to inspire them with a sense of loyalty and responsibility to their employer.

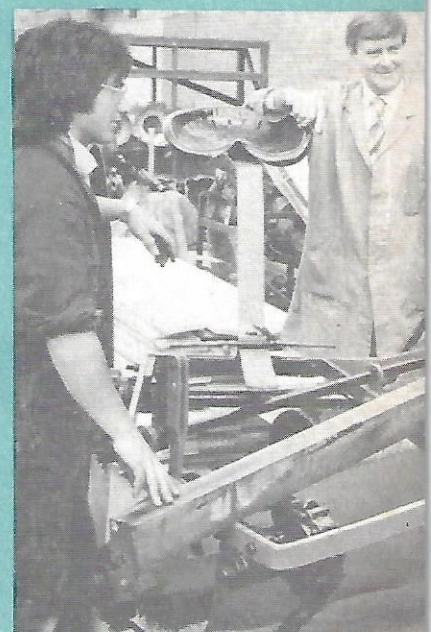


*Top: Steve Bechaz (painting and decorating)

*Left: Phil Hicks (welding) on the job with a senior welder

*Top right: Greg Gordon (motor mechanics) and Evan Scott, from the Harbour Trust who is training at Syndal for twelve months.

*Right: John Onofrio, Harbour Trust apprentice (left), with Brian Butler, Apprentice Supervisor, and Barry Hunt (motor mechanics), inspecting an early horse drawn street sweeper. It is being restored for the museum at the Depot.



SYNDAL APPRENTICES

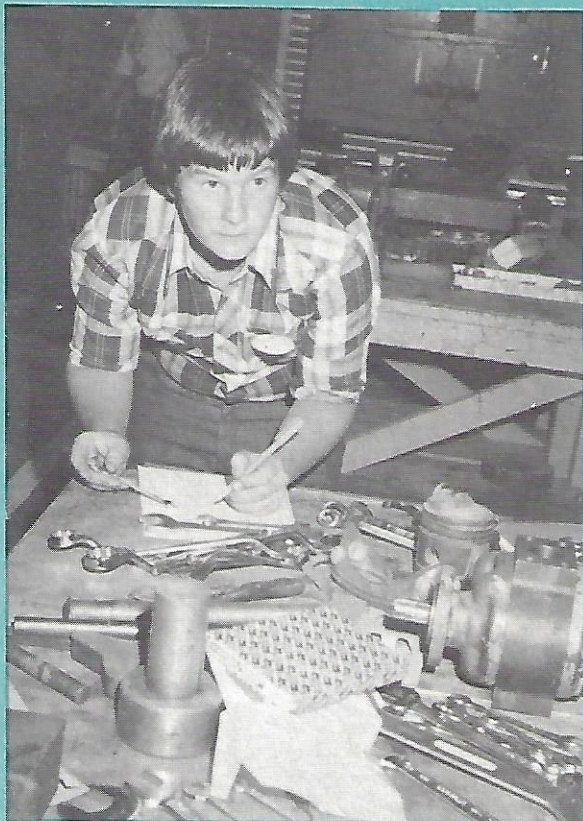
"This is one area which is overlooked by a lot of apprentice schools," says Brian. "They are told from the outset that we expect a high standard from them," emphasises Brian, "and we usually get it."

This is reflected in the number of prizes which are presented to CRB apprentices at the annual apprenticeship awards held by Richmond Technical School (see Interchange, Oct. 1978).

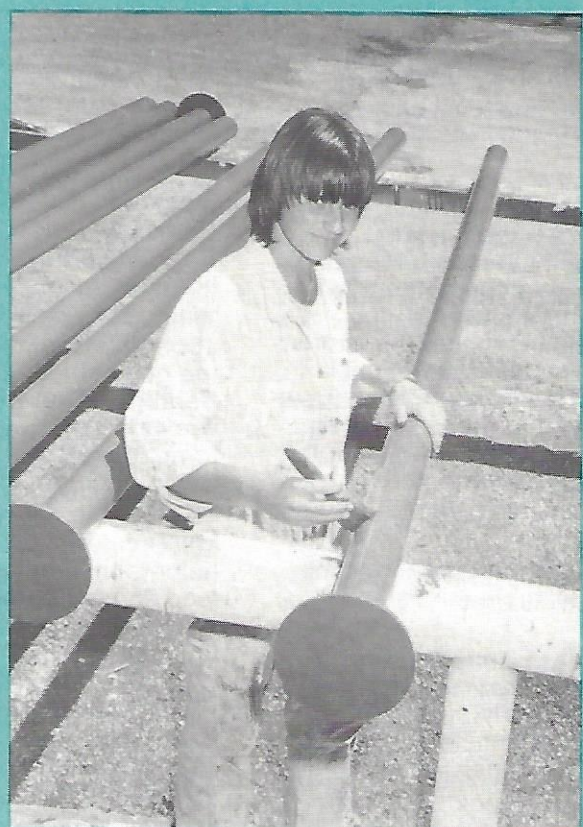
Are employers recognising apprentices nowadays? All government organisations, and many large private companies, actively engage in recruiting young would-be tradesmen.

However smaller enterprises are reluctant to accept and train apprentices because they regard the youngsters as "too much trouble". The problems that do occur — from Brian's observations — usually arise out of poor selection standards or inferior training programmes being offered by the employer.

At the moment the CRB employs about 100 apprentices — all at various stages of schooling — at Syndal, Head Office and the divisional workshops.

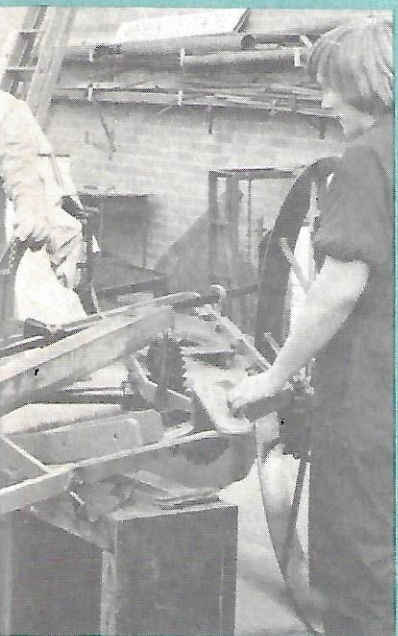


*Above: Graeme Wills (motor mechanics)



*Above: Wayne Wickham (painting and decorating 2nd year)

*Below: Alison Walsh (gardening)



BOWLS, BOATS

UNDER CLOUD..?

Benalla Division was host again for the 1979 Interdivisional Sports Day held on 4th March. An increase in competitors to 150 ensured a fairly full programme in most of the sports, although the continuation of events such as lawn bowls, yachting and perhaps snooker will need serious consideration in next year's event.

Big fields were recorded for the golf, tennis, table tennis and squash.

Proceedings opened with chicken and champagne breakfast for the "early bird" locals amid brilliant sunshine—typical north-east weather.

"Fat Freddie Crook" was there again looking the part in his Pot Black bow tie. His smooth appearance would have sent nervous shivers down the spines of the Bendigo parents whose daughters were placed in Fred's tender loving care.

Rejuvenated with hot coffee, the determined gladiators from Melbourne, Seymour, Bendigo and Traralgon were despatched by sports day co-ordinator Bill Peyton to their various venues to do battle with the cream of Benalla's (and perhaps the world's) sportsmen.

Big on Sharkie, still suffering from the "Lindrum syndrome" snuck away with his second consecutive singles title in the snooker while the brothers Harrell caused a boilover when they bulldozed the favourites in the first round and restored the doubles snooker crown to Bendigo.

The winner of the big event on the lake was John Farthing who borrowed a "Moth" and led a Road Planning onslaught to victory.

The flannelled geriatrics conducted a 24 ends bowls event which resulted in a 12 all draw on ends but "Fearless Freddie" Goodman and his cohorts took a points decision over the Seymour "Sippers".

Squash, and Leo Stella returned to the competition to regain the crown he won in Bendigo two years ago. John Nation provided spirited opposition as did Peter McDonald who was obviously short of a gallop. Peter Leyden in his annual battle with Robyn Martin, after a slow start, mixed delicate tosses with chauvinistic aggression and soon got on top. Syndal showed what a cutback on plant purchase allocations can do to one's table tennis with a clean sweep in both singles and doubles. Mike Summers was the star and teamed with John Harding to produce the "mechanic's" massacre.

Larry Wright, Lee Sargent and the eternal Merv Williams emerged tired and thirsty as tennis kings for 1979 Sportsday.

In the golf, despite "haemorrhaging" on the back nine, Lyle Grinter was best off the beater with an 80 while Jock Harris from Mulgrave, the home of bushrangers, nudged out local Rob Allen with a best nett 66.

Benalla, the mecca of all good golfers, proved too brilliant for the 64 strong field with its No. 3

team of Arch Patterson, Noel Dumesny, Daryl Lindsay and Gary Edwards taking the honours.

There seemed to be more to cry about than laugh at looking at the golf scores, and when Bendigo's Don Peckham can win money at golf, one can start to appreciate the extremely trying conditions prevailing on the day.

Mal Sanders led a great team of helpers including three cooks to feed 250 people with an excellent barbeque.

INTERDIVISIONAL SPORTS DAY TROPHY WINNERS

GOLF: Team Event (Perpetual Trophy), Benalla No. 3 (A. Patterson, N. Dumesny, D. Lindsay, G. Edwards); Best Gross, L. Grinter (Benalla); Best Nett (Social), J. Harris (Mulgrave); Best Nett (Club), N. Johnson (Benalla); Longest Drive, C. Dumesny (Benalla); Nearest Pin (8th), D. Alderidge (Seymour); (13th), D. Lindsay (Benalla).

TENNIS: Head Office (M. Williams, L. Wright, L. Sargent).

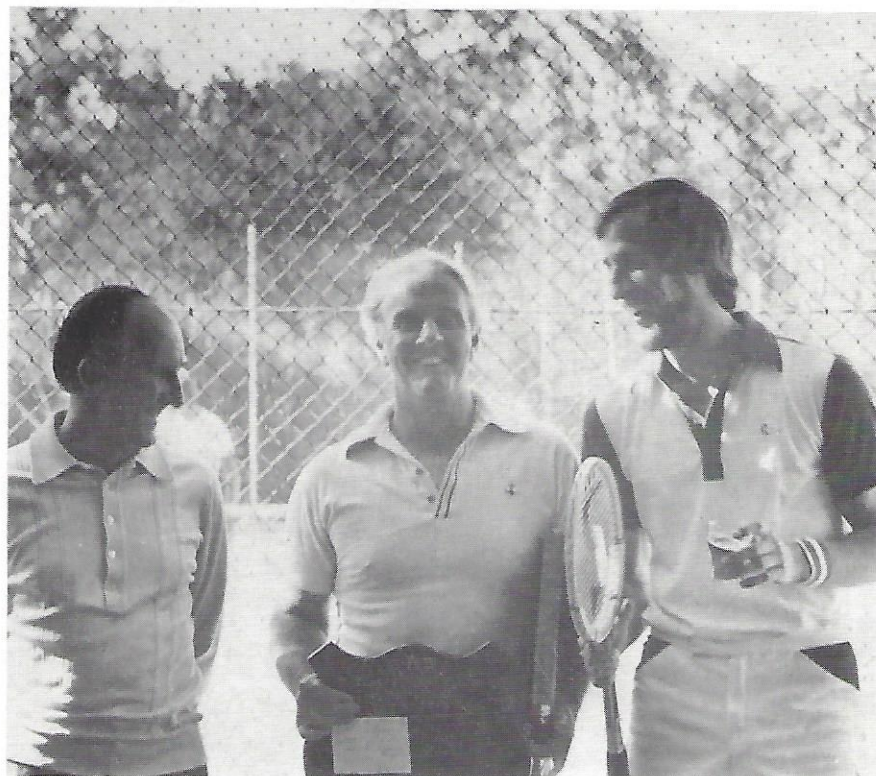
TABLE TENNIS: Doubles, Syndal (J. Harding, M. Summers); Singles, M. Summers (Syndal).

SQUASH: L. Stella (Bridge Division).

YACHTING: J. Farthing (Road Planning Division).

BOWLS: Benalla Division (A. Warton, F. Goodman, A. Jones, W. Roscoe).

SNOOKER: Doubles, Bendigo Division (N. and J. Hartwell); Singles, D. Sharkie (Benalla).



The tennis final at the inter-divisional sports proved a highlight of the day, with Head Office getting a narrow victory over Road Planning. The victorious team (from left) was Merv Williams, Larry Wright and Lee Sargent.

Accountant's Branch Golf Day

Healesville RACV Country Club was again the venue for the 2nd Annual Chief Accountant's Branch Golf Day held on the 25th March.

Magnificent weather for a 7.45 a.m. start is thought to be responsible for the surprising lack of "duffed" shots on the 1st tee and Mike Byrne (Allocations) missed the car park with his first shot this year and drove the ball straight down the fairway.

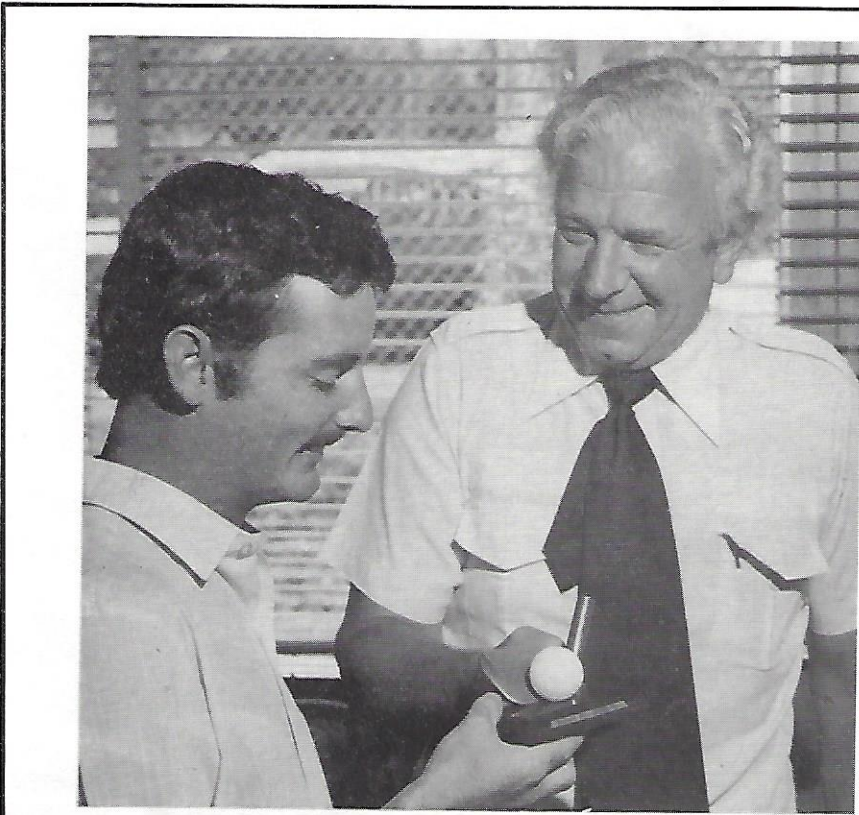
The competitors were joined by their families at the 18th hole and the company then proceeded to Badger Creek Reserve for a Barbeque Picnic and a pleasant relaxing afternoon.

A vote of thanks to Doug Thompson (Cost Accountant) for his efforts in organizing this years event.

Not True Department:

- That Bruce Young paid the organizers for the privilege of the company of three members of the fairer sex as his partners.
- That Mike Byrne sold his clubs and gear in disgust at the conclusion of this years event (he waited a fortnight).
- That the trees kept jumping into the middle of the fairway and attacking Bill McCormack's golf ball.
- That Mike Byrne deliberately drove his car into a ditch at Badger Creek to obtain the sympathy of the other competitors.

Results: Handicap Event Perpetual Trophy, Mike Chavdaroska 1, David Nelson 2; Secret Nine, Lyn Anderson; Longest Drive, John Anderson; Closest to Pin (No. 1), Keith Evans; Closest to Pin (No. 2), David Wood.



CRICKET

Bendigo and Ballarat Divisions clashed at Weeroona Oval, Bendigo on Sunday, 18th March, in an effort to find some cricketers to keep Australia out of its difficulties in the Test arena.

Bendigo took first use of the wicket and was soon scoring freely, mainly due to Renny Duckett (41 ret.) and Peter Bolitho (39).

However, with the score at 1/86 a collapse saw Bendigo lose nine wickets for nine runs, and only a spirited last wicket stand of 46 by Lindsay Clay (24 n.o.) and Ken Sinclair (17) raised the score to a respectable 142.

Best bowlers for Ballarat were A. Mather 4/27, E. Oppy 2/2, F. Dwyer 2/28 and Michael Peckham (on loan) 1/1.

It is believed that Lindsay and Ken may claim their stand as a world record for the 13th wicket.

Ballarat opened strongly with Ted Oppy in good form, but was unable to score freely from the tight Bendigo attack.

The opening partnership amassed 42, with Ted Oppy scoring 26.

Wickets then fell regularly and the visitors were finally out for 123.

Other major scorers were D. Majors 23, F. Dwyer 17, M. Peckham 11 and W. Fisher 10.

Top bowlers for the home team were Peter "Toenails" Mudge (he nearly lost them all his deliveries were so short) 2/5, Ken Sinclair 2/10 and Don Peckham 2/12).

EASTERN FREEWAY VICTORY

David Hosking, from the Eastern Freeway Project, is presented with a trophy following his team's victory in a nine hole stableford competition with Mulgrave Freeway in February.

David's fairway victors scored 108 points, narrowly defeating their opponents who scored 107 points.

Best individual performances came from P. Vorweg (E.F.) with 24 points and R. Van Tilberg (M.F.) with 21 points.

Pictured with David (left) is Bob Roberts, also from Eastern Freeway, who designed and made the trophy.



• ADVANCE PLANNING

RETIREMENT:

After 15 years service with the Board Jack Reid is to retire on 24th May. He started as a draftsman in 1964 and has been with APD for the duration. Jack soon found himself having to follow more duties than drafting — you might say a "Jack of All Trades", from finding anything misplaced (including Shirley B.) to the fine adjustment of the office time-piece.

We shall all miss Jack's cheerful outlook and fatherly advice, especially Jane, who will be able to bring the tea anytime without comment; Shirley who will be able to go on a great spending bankcard spree; Jenny who can up the smokes by ten a day; the mad pom can refrain from secret food parcels under the desk and, last of all, the male members of the staff who will have a BONZA time sorting out Jack's corner — they may even find a museum piece!

Jack intends to spend his leisure time fossicking around the countryside in pursuit of that elusive "Eldorado".

We take this opportunity to wish Jack success in his prospecting and for a long and happy retirement.

OFFICE MOVEMENTS:

A warm welcome to Murray Cullinan from Road Planning, who joins APD as Assistant Planning Engineer, following the footsteps of Jim Webber who is now in Works Sub-Branch.

Farewell to Sompong Sae-Ueng, who leaves APD to join the Motor Accident Board. Good luck, Sompong.

SOCIALLY:

Another successful "Dim Sim" party was held on Sunday, 25th March, at the "Yum Cha" in South Melbourne. About 30 people turned up, although a little more reserved than the previous party, the brunch was a success and the food highly recommended.

It has been rumoured that Phil Jones and Tosh are planning a tour of the Darling River from Northern NSW down to Mennindee Lakes, sometime during September. There is a vacancy for a "Cordon Bleu" cook, the only qualifications being — must be good-looking, 20-year-old female able to fix breakdown boats, attend to mechanical repairs on trucks and have a figure similar to Raquel Welch. Looks like the Darling River take-aways will do a roaring trade!

• BAIRNSDALE

DEPARTURE:

Royce Lay, Plant Operator, left the Board in March, after six years. Royce has taken up a position with the Orbost Shire Council.

SPORT:

The Water Sports Day at Nungurner on 25th February, went off with a splash. Everyone had such a good time that the fishing lines never hit the water and Alan Salisbury even got in some practice for his next river marathon. Thanks goes especially to the Waldrons and everyone else who brought their boats along for the day.

The golf day on the 4th March went off very well with Geoff Downie taking off the Bob Baade Perpetual Trophy on a countback from Garth Stevens, both with a nett score of sixty-nine.

Other awards

Best Novice, Garth Stevens; Best Club Member, Geoff Downie; Best Lady, Kath Pepper with a score of 120; Highest score, Kevin Hadingham.

Congratulations go to Brian Sampson who took out the Victorian Mimi Quest titles held at Merricks Yacht Club on the Labour Day weekend.

Brian took out the event with three firsts, a second and a fifth from a field of nine from all over Victoria. Graham Palm competed in the Marley Point Race on the same weekend and came in 17th in his class.

SOCIAL:

After hearing the phone bill for the Wingan Camp Ian Hedley replied, "Gee, they must have been winging up a lot."

On the other hand Warren Haley from the Bonang Patrol doesn't like ringing up because it's too "phoney". Peter Evitt has finally got bitten. Congratulations to Wendy and Pete on their whirlwind engagement.

Ron Glasser has made up a prawn net with 2mm mesh so he makes sure those big Mallacoota Bream don't get away.

"Pop Up" Mike Napper has finally got his caravan for his round-Australia trip on his forthcoming LSL.

Have you heard about the conducted tours D. Howes was running through the cave under Pier 3 at Buchan River?

It has been rumoured that Bellbird has been Re"Jenner"ated.

FUN RUN:

Neil King and Kevin Hadingham both travelled to Melbourne on the 18th March to compete in the Coca-Cola Fun Run. Both completed the course in good time.

• BALLARAT

Interchange rep., M. Hrymakowski.

BIRTHDAY:

Congratulations to Margaret Conroy (Accounts) who celebrated her 21st on 20th March, with family and friends.

HOLIDAYS:

Alan Howlett and Robert Johnson have gone on a fisherman's holiday to New Zealand. Both being able to stretch the truth a little will undoubtedly have some fishing tales to tell on their return.

Margaret Conroy had a very relaxing holiday in Adelaide, while Bev Lancashire enjoyed the sunshine, touring and swimming in Fiji.

Closer to home, Graeme Day and wife, Carmel, enjoyed themselves at different seaside resorts by sunbaking, swimming and fishing, and Steve Collins and his girlfriend, Debbie, had a very relaxing time soaking up the sunshine at Queenscliff.

DEATH:

Jim Kierce (73 years), one of the longest serving employees with the Ballarat Division, died in Ballarat on 9th March, 1979. Jim began with the Board in 1925, when it was known as the Central Division, and retired in 1971. Jim initially worked with the patrol covering the Western Highway Section One. In the ensuing years he gained experience in BS and construction work and in 1948 was appointed Overseer on construction and again in 1954 when he was appointed BS Overseer — the position he held until his retirement.

Jim was well respected throughout the division during his 45 years service and enjoyed a happy retirement with his family.

Our sympathies are extended to his sons, Jim, Michael and families.

PROUD FATHER:

Congratulations to Robert Evans (Cost Clerk) whose son, Ken, graduated in Bachelor of Commerce at a ceremony held at Wilson Hall, University of Melbourne.

LUCK IN A DREAM:

Greg Whitecross has proudly joined those select members of tattsлото winners. On the night of 16th March, Greg had dreamt that five of his numbers had come out. His dream became a reality that Saturday night when five of his numbers did come out. Greg's windfall was over \$500. Congratulations.

SAFETY PROGRAMME:

Our Divisional Safety Co-Ordinator, Tom Laffey, has introduced a Safety board which will be distributed and erected throughout other areas of the Division.

A Safety board has already been erected at the Bungaree site office and is probably the only one of its kind throughout the Country Divisions.

The boards will be established to provide an incentive for workers to minimise the number of accidents occurring on jobs. If the board at Bungaree is any indication to the safety aspect then the introduction of the board will be a most significant and worthwhile one.

• BENALLA

Interchange rep., Mike Farmer.

FAREWELL:

A large gathering of workmates and friends met at the ex-Divisional Engineer's residence for a barbecue to say cheerio to Norm Butler and his family.

Norm was appointed Assistant Divisional Engineer at Horsham and leaves Benalla after 13 years.

The office has lost a very experienced engineer with the departure of Norm. He was construction engineer for the past eight years, looking after the general works of the Division workshop.

All the very best for the future, Norm.

PROMOTION:

Congratulations to George Lines, who was successful in his application for Patrolman-in-Charge, Merimbah Patrol.

George will be keeping the Mt Buller Road in tip top order for the hordes of ski enthusiasts who flock to the Mount during winter.

• DANDENONG

WELCOME:

During this period Peter Boast, Engineering Assistant, joined us from outside the Board, and Rod Harris is with us temporarily from Syndal — a warm welcome to both.

RETIREMENT:

Arnold Easton retired from the Municipal Works Section on 9th February after five years in Dandenong Division. Arnold came to the Division with a wealth of engineering experience accumulated over the years at APM and the City of Preston.

A presentation was made to Arnold after a lunchtime barbecue held in the gardens beside the office. The binoculars presented were to be put to immediate use on a tour of Tasmania starting the following week. We wish Arnold a long, healthy, happy retirement.

SECONDMENT:

Ian Mullen left the Division on 8th March 1979 on a secondment for two years, after being successful in his application for a position as a Work Analyst. Ian came to the Division from Personnel Section and worked initially in the DE Clerk's office.

A presentation was made to Ian by Mr Hodgson on behalf of the staff. The brief case and sailing slicker were to be put to immediate use, however, the "Acme Work Analyst Kit" was for use in emergency situations likely to be encountered in his new position.

Ian in return bequeathed his indoor garden to various people and presented Mr Hodgson with a lengthy 14B pencil with the hope of increasing the legibility of the DE's jottings.

OVERSEAS TRIPPERS:

Val Pye started the ball rolling and has returned from three weeks in New Zealand, the main purpose of the holiday being to do the Routeburn Walk and the Milford Track. The weather was just perfect and Val enthusiastically recommends the walks to any active body.

Vic Lawther (and Kath) are on an extended overseas tour, returning in early August.

David Vimpani (and Val) left on April Fools' Day for 6½ months overseas. Andrea Gilbert leaves in May for an extended overseas holiday.

We wish our travellers "God Speed" and will look forward to hearing of their trips on their return (and through postcards).

RESIGNATION:

Don Brady, Accounts Section, resigned from the Board after 9½ years to take up a position in Naracoorte, S.A. It was not only the warmer climate that Don was interested in. Don is to be married to Margaret Lobban on 12th May 1979 at 12 noon in the Uniting Church, Naracoorte.

At a gathering on 6th April, Don was farewelled and a presentation made by the Divisional Engineer. Our very best wishes are extended to Don and Margaret for happiness in their future life in Naracoorte.

Although Don is moving to South Australia he has left his footprints in Victoria. Don was the founder and did the spade work in bringing into being the Maroondah Centre for the Visually Handicapped at Canterbury Road, Heathmont, being its Administrator until recently. This Centre is a day care centre open five days a week from 9 am to 5 pm and provides occupational therapy as well as having craft classes, pottery, gardening and carpentry groups, and providing fellowship for the totally blind and those with varying degrees of sight. Attendance at the Centre is now 100 persons per week.

• GEELONG

FAREWELLS:

John Wilkin left the Board recently to take up a position as Deputy Shire Engineer at Orbost. We wish John and Bev all the best for their new venture.

A tear or two and a drink or two was the order of the day when our Rossi left our ranks to join the teaching profession — all the best Roslyn, we'll miss your urchin grin.

SOCIAL:

Congratulations are in order for Dennis Lewis who has dumbfounded us all by managing to reach 21 years of age.

We've had a rush on engagements with Mal Campbell, Dennis Lewis and Colleen Carlton all slipping nooses around their necks, ready for the big plunge.

One of our staff, Dennis Farrow, well and truly hung himself (happily so) on 21st April and is now happily married to Tracey. We'd all like to wish lots of happiness.

The disaster of the year would have to be our rather poorly organised lamb on a spit. "Freddie" (the lamb) met an untimely demise at the hands of "Dobba", who instead of placing six heat beads in the spit put on six large packets. Needless to say poor Freddie turned out to be a charcoal grill (burnt spare ribs and all), with holes that looked like shot gun blasts in the rib cage. Regardless of this, however, the evening was a roaring success with a good time had by all.

We also had a Chinese cookery evening with Charlie Low, Colleen and Dobba working their little butts off to produce fabulous food for the 50 people in attendance. Once again a great night had by all.

Watch out Russians. Colleen and Margaret the Mad are to invade your ship on the 4th May. They've packed their red bikinis and are ready to claim political asylum in event of war. (Dabrowski reckons they should have been in an asylum long ago.)

George Rumkins, affectionately known as Barney, has taken to smoking herbal cigarettes. These "strange" smelling cigarettes have caused an influx of applications for transferral to the drawing office.

Engineer Dennis (alias Maurice Glickman) Daly has once again come up with a "foolproof" idea that unfortunately does not work. Seems Dennis has been reading various articles on tax evasion. As a result Dennis has made application to alter his employment status to that of company or failing that perhaps a trust or partnership. "No, Dennis, no."

Onions has been at it again. Margaret is still silly.

● HEAD OFFICE

NEW ARRIVALS:

Registry welcomes Jenny Spilar and Debbie Egan to its ranks. Julie Mercieca is the new Social Club Secretary (see story back page). Allison Williams is the latest recruit to Training and Development.

MOVEMENTS:

Eddie Degan has left the Chief Accountant's Branch for the position of Bridge Sub-branch Accountant at Princess Street. He will be replaced by Tom Giles from Methods Section. We wish both of them all the best in their new positions.

Personnel Assistant Jon Chambers has departed for private enterprise, and Justine Saville, Industrial Relations Assistant, left in March.

Eddie Oh, Computer Programmer with Methods, also resigned in March.

John Anderson can now be found on the sixth floor in Costing, where he is the Assistant Cost Accountant.

GLOBE TROTTERS:

Wales is high on the agenda for Wendy Dalton (Estates) when she leaves for Europe on 3rd June. She is planning to meet an old flame there during her ten-week tour of the UK and the Continent.

Betty Chambers (Fifth Floor typing pool) departs in mid-May for a four-month tour of Europe and the USA.

Warrick Bull (Board's Secretariat) is currently touring Europe in a camper van.

Maria Bianculli (Registry) is setting her sights for Italy in June, and Audrey Bertram (Classifier, Registry) left in April to visit relatives and friends in England and Scotland.

Wendy Blandy (Assets and Equipment) is still trying to settle down following a three-month tour on a motor bike of the United States.

Russ Cooper has spent a leisurely holiday with his wife hiking in New Zealand. Our Pacific neighbour has also played host to Annette Grayling and Peter Fletcher, both from Accounts.

Mary Spilar and Linda Samprogno (6th Floor typing pool) enjoyed many beverages and lots of food on an "Oriana" tour around the Pacific Islands.

Mike Byrne and Dennis Vescovi (Allocations—Expenditure) are confining their travels to the Gold Coast.

● HORSHAM

Interchange rep., Betty Sleep.

WELCOME:

Welcome to two new members, Norm Butler, Asst. Divisional Engineer, and Greg Trounce, Admin. Officer, Accounts Section. We wish them a long and happy stay with us.

FAREWELL:

A farewell was given at the home of Liz and Gary Minnes to say cheerio to Howard and Ruth Ellis. We wish Howard all the best in his new position as Highways Engineer. A presentation of a wooden plate was given to Howard at a staff farewell.

● MRD

Interchange Rep., Lee Scott.

HOLIDAYS:

There have been many people on leave lately—Steve Newcomb spent a week in Hawaii; John Clark was in Queensland for four weeks; Steve Mumford drove over the Nullarbor to Perth; Alan Ratnarajah spent three weeks in Brisbane. Also on holiday were Eileen Walsh, George Black and David Tilley. On a month's leave is Raylene from Asphalt Division.

DEPARTURES:

There have also been a few de-

DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT



partures in MRD in the last five weeks. Bruce Churchwood, from Bitumen, Lee Kok and Nick Litterbach from the Grading Lab.

SPORT:

The weekend at Benalla was very successful and MRD was represented by Keith Storey, Geoff Jameson and Tony Youren in the tennis match. If any one is interested in starting a tennis team from MRD, contact Keith Storey (Ext. 2412).

RETIRED:

We forgot to mention in the last issue that Edna Wallis, the ground, lower ground and first floor tea lady, retired after 14 years with the Board, and was presented with a watch and Orotan key ring from everyone in MRD. Peter Lowe gave a speech and then everyone tucked into the cream cakes and pavlovas supplied by Eileen. Everyone at MRD wishes Edna a very happy retirement.

RAFFLE:

The raffle held to buy a barbecue for MRD was very successful and \$100 was raised. A bottle of whisky was the first prize won by Bryan Weinberg, second prize was 1/2-dozen cans won by Peter Rye, and Alac Lawson won the third prize, a box of chocolates.

WELCOME:

Paul Murrhy is back from Wandong and Graeme Bryant is back from South Melbourne. Also welcome back to Neil Quinn.

Welcome to Norma, the new tea lady, who is always smiling and has plenty of funny stories to tell.

SOCIAL:

John Wu's mother is visiting from Hong Kong. Rickard Bortko is now the proud owner of a house in East Camberwell.

Vin Whittam spent an interesting two weeks of his holiday on Snake Island, capturing Para deer for the Ministry of Conservation, which will then be sent to National Parks throughout Australia.

● METROPOLITAN

LONG SERVICE:

Taking Long Service Leave appears to be the favoured way of passing the Autumn months for engineers—Metro Division. Some say the venture avoids the "ADE's Purge" leading up to the end of the financial year.

Although some of the lucky chaps may be back by the time these notes are published we wish Geoff Kloot, Charles Pashula and Colin Kosky the best on their trips to Europe and the UK.

Evidently Geoff and Charles arranged a send-off in the nearby Chinese restaurant. Charles enjoyed it so much he returned for a second feast, or was it to pick up a few hints on the nifty chop-stick manipulation shown by Brown, Kay and Gilpen.

We hope Col Horman enjoys his time relieving for Geoff in the Planning Section (trust it isn't the thin edge of the wedge for a more permanent position).

TABLE TENNIS:

Once again John Nation belied the years with a fine win over Ken Mathers in the final of our table tennis tournament. John followed up by being runner-up in the Squash at the Inter-Divisional Sports Day.

PROJECT MOVE:

The Nepean Highway boys recently moved into their more salubrious site office and are the envy of all with their in-ground pool.

We have heard that with demolition nearing completion Merv Seeney has had to improve his stamina to keep up with the local parlours as they have transferred into mobile quarters.

ARRIVALS:

Latest arrivals at the Divisional Office include: Meredith Hudson, a typist from Personnel; Amanda Harrison, our new receptionist in place of Cheryl Dusting who is training as an air hostess with TAA; Michael Keer, who volunteered to fill in for

Bob Monkhouse while he is on the training scheme; Gerard O'Connor, an Admin. Officer in Michael North Coombes' section.

The "Accounts" welcome Mike Kirby, an Admin. Officer from Allocation and Expenditure, and Viki Martino, who some believe has added sparkle to the eyes of our DA.

Departures include Peter Vorweg and Maurice Hertzfeld, who left for greener pastures at the Eastern Freeway and Plan and Survey during February.

TOPICAL COMMENT:

A life on the ocean waves or is it in the ocean deep? This question can be answered with the usual authoritative air by one of the Division's more intrepid sailors, namely Graham Gilpen. Thank heavens for the Coastguard.

Bill Kay has recently completed the building of his dream holiday home at Phillip Island. Visitors are welcome, rates are reasonable, running water is available, especially in winter.

Vince de Maria decided it was time to choose a new car with a little help from the motorist behind him. Congratulations to Joe Rashulo, who has been working on the Melrose Drive job lately, and his selection as a Draftsman in Traffic Engineering Division.

MARRIAGE:

Congratulations to Karen Palmer on her marriage to Kevin Hiney on 31st March.

● SEYMOUR

BIRTHS:

Congratulations to Brian and Esther Moore, and welcome to their new son, Nathan Lewis, born 14th February.

Congratulations to Brian and Mary Griffiths, and welcome to their new son, Leigh David, born 20th February.

ENGAGEMENT:

Roy Symons (Admin. Officer) to Mandy Foley, 14th April '79.

NEW ARRIVALS:

Welcome to Bruce Phillips, Engineer, ex-Works Methods Engineer, as Assistant Project Engineer; Terry O'Keefe, Ganger, ex-Wallan-Broadford Asphalt works to Locksley (Autograde); Don Ross, Superintendent of Works, ex-Wallan-Broadford Asphalt works to Locksley (Autograde); Ray Smith, Cook, Locksley Camp; Mick Leslie, Cost Clerk, ex-Warrnambool, to Locksley Camp Site Office.

● MULGRAVE

WELCOME:

Welcome to Cost Clerk John Secombe, appointed to the project following the resignation of Ray Ashton.

GOLF:

The golf competition was once again held throughout the daylight saving season and amid many accusations of "Foul Play", "Bandits", etc., the team, captained by Ernie Kriesner, won by a narrow margin.

Ernie was known to return from annual leave in an endeavour to win points for his team.

Prize-winners for the competition were:

Highest individual score, Tony Storey; Most Consistent, Bill Reader; Most Improved, Ernie Kriesner; Ray Hardy Trophy (lowest score), Tony Donnelly; Best Score, Mike O'Brien.

CARDS:

Another successful "Gentlemen's Evening" was held at the home of Roger Cross. Most card players stayed long enough to just miss out on breakfast.

● PLANS AND SURVEYS

Interchange Rep., Gary Battershill.

Due to the poor printing and because Barry Guttridge and Bruce Hicks are standing over me, I apologise to Bally and Bruck.

ATTACKED:

David Williams has met with a real American cops and robbers show when, leaving the Kew Cricket Club after practice, he was attacked by three men. David managed to get home but will be off work for up to six weeks—all Plans and Surveys wish him a speedy recovery.

WEDDING:

Bob Adams has walked down the aisle to wed Dorothy Boyce. He was presented with a set of claret glasses by Plans and Surveys which, knowing Bob, we are sure he will use. Stewart McBain at the presentation brought out some interesting photographs of Bob's leave while he was working for the Snowy Mountains Authority in Indonesia.

BIRTH:

The long wait is finally over and Gary House can now go off to golf without a guilty conscience—congratulations to Alison and Gary on the arrival of their son, Evan.

MOVEMENTS:

Phillip Ridgeway has returned from Traffic Division, but Bruce Hicks loves Plans and Surveys so much he is staying an extra six months so Robert Keating is going to Traffic Division in his place.

Alan Gundry returned from West Gate Project Office and took up a position in Bob Adams Section. Howard Ellis has been seconded to Eastern Freeway.

EDP Section has only one report, that Ken Williamson is writing out appeals.

Design Section 2 has a number of questions to ask but is afraid to put them in print.

Plans and Surveys ex-Admin. Officer Dick Allmark has left Melbourne with his wife in their yacht bound for Manila on the first stage of their round-the-world trip. Brian Laider and Peter Crook have turned green with envy but wish the rotter well.

● TRARALGON

Interchange Rep., Rob Scott.

MOVEMENTS:

We welcome Sonia Delost to the Office, Gary Stoll to the Foster Patrol, and Rod Bower to the Office as our Line Marking and Traffic "expert".

Farewell to Bob Brewer, Bill Proud, Stephen Rees, Paul Burney, Brian Sturdy, Ron Philpott and Kevin Murphy.

Graham Godenzi has transferred to Geelong as a Cost Clerk and Mike Sweetland as an Engineer to Bridge Sub-branch. Best wishes go with all these people for the future.

Once again we have two Fijian Road Supervisors with us in the Division. Rajendra Malawarair and Kamilo Bati Manuku are with us for eight weeks. Each spends six weeks with the Bituminous Surfacing gang and then a week in the laboratory and a week on maintenance and construction.

They are sponsored through the South Pacific Aid Programme and also spend time with the Shire of Rosedale and various organisations in Melbourne.

DEATH:

It was with regret that we learnt of the death of Trevor Foster, a pipe layer on the Drouin project. Trevor, 22, who had been with us for more than two years, was seriously injured in a car accident and, after three weeks of unconsciousness, passed away. The thoughts of all his workmates are with him and our sympathy is extended to his family.

GOLF SHOES:

Mike Sweetland was given a pair of golf shoes as a farewell present. He picked them up at the pro-shop at Traralgon and when he opened them up to show them off, discovered that there were two completely unmatched shoes. Our theory is that the pro looked at Mike and immediately allowed for his two left feet.

The hardluck golf story of the month would go to DE's Clerk, Graeme Price. Pricey went out for a game with some of the boys, including Divisional "pro", Geoff Proudfoot, and got an 18 hole score of 105

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CLASSIES

BIRTHS

D'AMICO: Tom (APD) and Eve, a son, Christopher, on 10th January — brother for Cynthia.

McDONALD: Debbie (APD) and Paul, a daughter, Sarah Jane, born 1st February.

CHAPMAN: Ruth (Road Design Sub-Branch) and Geoff, a daughter, Jessica Gail, born 21st February.

BAIRD: Garry (Horsham) and Carolyn, their first, a daughter, Anneika Jane.

DOOLAN: Leigh (Horsham) and Jenny, their first, a son, Brett Christopher—brother for Kerry and Simone.

HANLEY: Sandra and the late John (Seymour), a daughter, Josephine Frances, at Yea Hospital on 28th February.

BALDOCK: Jan and John (Seymour), a daughter, Rowan Elizabeth, on 13th December — a very welcome sister for Andrew and Matthew.

HOUSE: Gary (P&S) and Allison, a son, Evan.

PARKER: Robert (Seymour) and Rosemary, welcome the arrival of twins, Marlon and Julie.

LOWE: Paul and Monique (MRD), a son, Tom—a brother for Christopher.

VINCENT: Ted (MRD) and wife, a daughter.

NASH: Peter (Mulgrave) and Julia, a son, Nigel Timothy, on 22nd March — brother for Danielle and Sarah.

CROSS: Gail and Roger (Mulgrave), a son, Careth Bryant—the fourth and last unless another broken leg occurs.

LIPIANIN: Richard (Mulgrave) and Wendy announce the birth of twin daughters, Venessa Renee and Emma Michelle, on 2nd February.

GENIETS: Gerald (Ballarat) and Helen, congratulations on the birth of Emily Claire on 1st February, 1979 — a sister for Tracy and Craig.

FREESTONE: Graeme and Gillian (Ballarat) announce the birth of their daughter, Amy, born on 15th March — a sister for Kylie.

RETIRED

DEVLIN: Henry (Horsham) Scraper Operator, on the 7th March, on the grounds of ill-health.

REID: Jack (Advance Planning), who retires in May after 16 years with the Board.

WALLIS: Edna (MRD), tea lady for LG, G and 1st floors, retired after 14 years with the Board.

MARRIED

ADAMS: Bob (P&S) and Dorothy Boyce.

CARTLEDGE: Terry (Ballarat) married Sue Pattenden at St. Andrews' Kirk, on the 17th March, 1979.

CHAPMAN: Gary (Engineer MRD) to Denise McCarthy.

GRAYLING: Annette (Chief Accountant's Branch), daughter of Mr Bruce Murray Grayling from Syndal, to Graeme K. Taylor, at Ringwood East Baptist Church on the 7th April, 1979.

VAN LEEUWEN: Tim (Ballarat) married Mandy Akers at the Church of the Little Flower on 10th February, 1979.

ENGAGED

SYMONS: Roy (Seymour), announced his engagement to Amanda Foley on Easter Saturday.

JOHNSON: Graeme (P&S) and Gwenda Davenport announced their engagement on Christmas Day, 1978.

EVITT: Peter (Experimental Officer, Bairnsdale Division), announced his engagement to Wendy Fyfe.

FOR RENT

3B/R HOUSE: At Eildon Reservoir. Accommodates 14. Contact Roy Fisher, Ext. 2142.

FOR SALE

JOGGING SHOES: Nike Waffle Trainers, size 8½, only used once, best offer. Steve Parsons, Ext. 2160.

WILKINS SERVICE TWIN TUB WASHING MACHINE: Excellent condition, \$100.00. Tina Williams, Ext. 2681 (Environmental Studies).

TWO BLACK VINYL SWIVEL BASED ARM CHAIRS: \$20.00 each. G. Kilpatrick, Ext. 2024 (Title Survey).

CARAVAN: 1971 22-ft. 6-berth, with stove and fridge, all-aluminium — \$1,200. O.N.O. Contact Ron (053) 32 7361, Ext. 31.

FJ HOLDEN WORKSHOP MANUAL, GMH EDITION: Very good condition. Collectors' item — \$10.00. Graeme Stone, Ext. 2109.

GOATS: Young female, potential milker, fit and healthy, age 3 months old. Mum and dad small in stature, big in personality. Saneen x Alpine. Good pet and blackberry eater — \$15.00.

Male, four-legged, de-horned and friendly. About 18 months old, great passion for blackberries and the neighbour's vegies. Trained to tether. In excellent health. Saneen x Alpine — \$20.00.

Female about three years old — good condition and healthy. Shares spouse's interest in neighbour's garden or vegies. Trained to tether — fair milker and will improve if milked constantly — \$25.00.

Contact Ron Hutchins, Ext. 2401.

WANTED TO BUY

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC: January 1978 edition. Val Pye, Dandenong. T.V.: Black and white portable, approx. 12-in. J. Saunders, Ext. 2666.

DEATHS

BURKE: "Snowy" (Horsham, Retired) passed away on 18th March, 1979. Snowy worked for the Board for 15 years.

FOSTER: Trevor (Traralgon) as a result of an accident. (See Traralgon Division Notes.)

GUNN: Gordon (Warr.) passed away on the 16th March after several months of suffering.

KIERCE: Jim (Ballarat, Retired) died on 9th March. (See Ballarat Divisional Notes.)

PENTNEY: Bill (Horsham, Retired) passed away earlier this year. Bill worked for 30 years with the Board.

● Dusk Patrol

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or a breakdown, purely because of their size or because the load they carry may be dislodged.

One of the common causes of accidents is when a motorist gets used to a particular journey and is not ready for the unexpected.

"But sometimes you look at an accident and wonder how on earth it could have happened. There may be one tree or post on a stretch of road, but a car will manage to hit it."

Kevin has cleaned up after many accidents, but ones where people are killed or hurt are the worst.

"You know one of the hardest things to clean off the road is blood. If people saw what we

CLASSIES COUPON INTERCHANGE

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Friday, June 22.

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DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT

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(a good one for him). Geoff decided to improve Pricey's game and loaned him a book by Arnold Palmer. Pricey was seen all week reading this book and then eagerly headed off for his game of golf. His score — 143!

LOST WEEKEND:

Doug Ryan (Patrol), Bert Harris and Bill Thompson (both Depot) all headed to Sydney for the weekend to attend the grand opening of a new lodge. They are still being given a hard time over the fact that they can explicitly describe the sights and attractions of the famous Cross but cannot remember a thing about the new lodge.

TRAFFIC SURVEY:

Many of the office staff had a day with a difference recently. A traffic survey was carried out on the Princes Highway between Drouin and Warragul. Interviews were conducted with motorists to determine traffic patterns in relation to movements near Drouin and Warragul. Twenty-five staff were involved on two shifts.

University vacation student, Anne Pollock, who was a temporary in the office, struck a blow for women's lib. in Traralgon Division when she was the only woman amongst the 25.

Anne, and a few others, enjoyed their morning shift so much that they stayed on and helped with the afternoon shift.

An interesting aside on the survey was the fact that several motorists complained about missing out on being interviewed (only 30% cars were stopped) and yet no complaints were received from those stopped.

had to clean up after an accident it would really make them take a second look at how they drive — like when we cleaned the road after a motor cyclist was run over by a semi-trailer."

Although we had a quiet night Kevin is glad that it is over without incident.

He sums up the night:

"The quiet ones go slowly but it's much better than wet nights where you're flat out cleaning up after accidents."

PATROL LOG

7.20 p.m.

South Eastern Freeway (east-bound):

Car parked in emergency stopping lane with headlights on —

● WARRNAMBOOL

Interchange Rep., D. Watts.

OFFICE GOSSIP:

Warrnambool Divisional Office has recently acquired a public address system with speakers reaching every corner of the Office in search of roaming souls. P.A. Operator Kerrin is becoming quite a multi-media personality.

Typist Nell Repacholi has already been given a shock from the P.A. It blew a few fuses when first installed, which heated things up for a while.

A two-way radio system has been installed with various vehicles having sets in them.

Engineer Vic Malikoff is supervising the construction of a fishing platform on Hopkins Bridge. It is understood that Vic is spending a lot of time on the project — sounds fishy.

Very polite "No Smoking Please" signs have appeared around the Office. However, Accounts Officers Bathe and Cheslett continue to keep their room fogbound.

DEPARTURES:

Draftsman's Assistant Alistair Sedgley left us on 9th February to undertake an architectural draftsman's course at Geelong. We wish Alistair every success.

TRAVELLERS:

Stock Inspector John Blackmore is off to Merimbula for a few weeks "to eat oysters". Local farmers may breathe a sigh of relief but oyster farmers beware — some stock may go missing.

Norm Henry went to New Zealand for three weeks on Good Friday. Norm is going on a camping tour.

no occupants — no assistance requested via emergency telephone. Drove on to the end of the freeway but by the time we returned (7.30) the car was gone.

7.40 p.m.

Lorimer Street, South Melbourne:

Road barricades near West Gate Freeway work site are knocked down — barricades re-erected and checked for damage.

11.12 p.m.

Tullamarine Freeway (southbound):

Car stopped on Pascoe Vale Road overpass — park patrol vehicle behind to provide protection and assist with repairs.

KAREN BOWS OUT...

After three energetic years as secretary of the Head Office Social Association, Karen Barnfather has stepped down to return to full time duties in Personnel's Registry. Karen began as secretary in November 1975, and has survived five committee presidents (including Ian Miers, Terry Kift, Bill McCormack, Joan Gilmer and the reigning Robyn Martin).

Since she has been active on the Committee, social club members have seen the formation of a store in Head Office, plus other benefits including the publication of an annual Discount Book. But all is not lost—Karen will still be attached to the committee as a representative.

Karen's successor is Julie Mercieca, who joined the Board on 2nd April this year. Up till her appointment Julie was a student at Latrobe University.

Photographed together are Julie and Karen in the HOSA store on the First Floor, Head Office.

