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## Closing date for next issue

Closing date for Classies, Divisional Roundabout and contributions for the next edition of Interchange is October 26th

# LOTTO \$YSTEM HITS JACKPOT

**A SYNDICATE of gamblers from the Plans and Surveys division has hit on a sure-fire method to turn tiresome paper work into cold hard cash.**

**The group has discovered a way to beat the elusive lotto balls. In a recent football club mini-lotto draw, the ten-strong team scooped in an amazing \$2042 first prize.**

"We could have won double that, but someone else managed to pick the right balls as well and we had to split the prize pool," said the group's spokesman, Gary House.

There was no luck involved in the group's selection of numbers. They had every possible combination covered.

"The only part luck played was how many others would pick the winning numbers and how many others we would have to share the pool with," explained Gary.

"But to be guaranteed of picking the winning numbers took a lot of work and a fair amount of capital.

"Ten of us each put in \$100," he said.

Gary explained the sure-fire system for anyone else who wants to try their hand at making "easy" lotto money.

"The Oakleigh Football Club run a mini-lotto game which is much

the same as the normal tattslotto except there are only 20 numbers instead of forty," he said.

"If no one wins it the first week, they cut it back to 19 numbers and the prize jackpots.

"This happens every week until there are only 15 numbers left, and that's when we move in.

"When only fifteen numbers are left, there are only 5005 possible combinations that can get up.

"And at 20 cents a time, to take them all, costs \$1001.

Ten of us at "Ward 3" in Plans and Surveys each put in \$100 and then settled down one night at home to fill in the 5,005 coupons.

"It was quite a job and it took us about 90 man hours," he said.

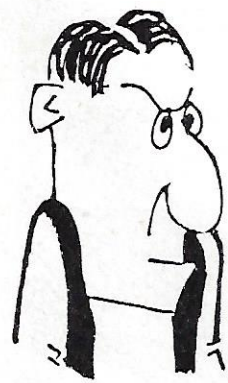
"But it paid dividends and we more than doubled our investment."

"The money we won came in handy for all of us."



SYNDICATE members Geoff Elston, Terry Kot, Sean McCallion and Gary House settle down to the mammoth job of filling out the 5000-odd lotto coupons.

## MEET THE BLOKES 'ON THE ROAD'



● Joe the Overseer

**THEY'RE part of every road gang. Anyone who has worked on the roads knows them well. And now, as a special treat for Interchange readers, we all get a chance to meet them.**

First of all there is Eric the Engineer. He's the one in charge.

Then there's Clive the Cost Clerk. He's the one who keeps coming up with money-saving ideas.

Joe the Overseer is next in line. He makes sure Angelo the traffic control man and Lofty the CMW111 are on their toes.

(For those in head office that didn't know, a CMW111 is a Construction and Maintenance Worker, Grade 3.)

This fun-loving road crew are the stars of

Interchange's super new comic strip, "On the Road".

The strip is the brainchild of Bairnsdale's Jeff Cooney, a man who obviously sees the funny side of working for the Board.

And as a "special introductory offer", there is a double dose of On the Road fun in this edition of Interchange. Just turn to page 8 for a guaranteed giggle.


The crew have joined the permanent staff of Interchange and will be a regular feature in all future editions of the magazine.



● Angelo the Traffic Control Man

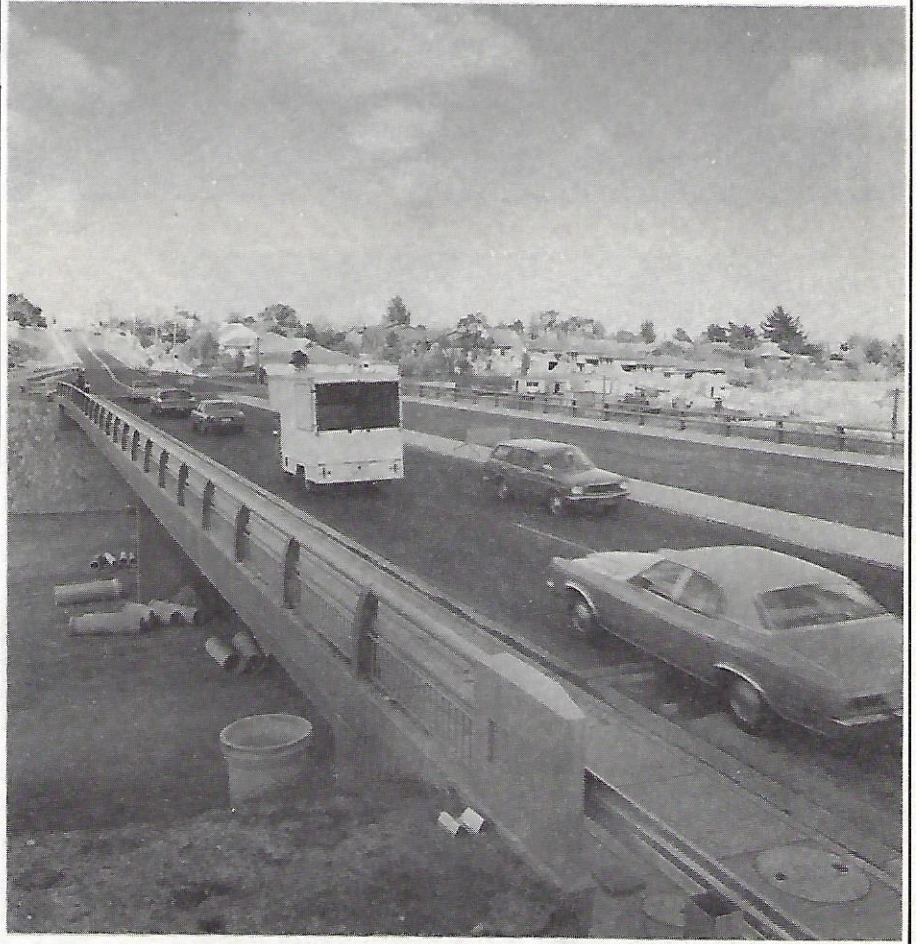


FROM  
THE



**BOARDROOM**

# CARS OVER THE BRIDGE



One lane of the southbound carriageway of the new \$1.4 million Huntingdale Road bridge over the Mulgrave Freeway, Oakleigh East was opened to traffic on Monday, 6th August, 1979.

"This new bridge has been constructed as part of the project to extend the Mulgrave Freeway from Forster Road to Warrigal Road," CRB Chairman, Mr T. Russell said.

"Huntingdale Road will act as a temporary terminal to the Mulgrave Freeway when the first section of the extension from Forster Road is opened in late 1979.

The 2 span Huntingdale Road bridge is 64 m long and 24 m wide and following completion of the approaches to the bridge will provide two lanes for traffic in each direction.

"The remaining section from Huntingdale Road to Warrigal Road is scheduled for completion in 1981."

# BERWICK PLANS RELEASED

Details of the planned Princes Freeway bypass at Berwick have been released to the public and work on the relocation of services is expected to begin during the 1979-80 financial year.

## Moe section now complete

THE DUPLICATION of 3.5 kilometres of the Princes Freeway in Moe has now been completed by the Country Roads Board and is now fully open to traffic.

The \$2 million duplication project at Moe brings the length of dual carriageway freeway from the west of Moe to the west of Morwell to 14 kilometres.

Crib walls constructed adjacent to the freeway carriageways have been planted with creepers and flowering plants.

The 7.3 km bypass will extend from the Princes Highway east of Narre Warren, south of Berwick to the proposed Pakenham section of the freeway at Cardinia Creek, east of Beaconsfield.

As the Berwick section of the freeway will be constructed before the proposed Pakenham section of the freeway, a temporary connection to the Princes Highway in the vicinity of Pink Hill will be constructed.

The bypass will mean about 14,000 vehicles a day will travel around the town instead of through it.

The project is estimated to cost \$12 million, based on 1979 prices. Copies of the plans have been sent to Berwick City Council, Pakenham Shire Council and other relevant authorities for comment.

## INDUCTED - SO NOW THEY KNOW ABOUT THE BOARD



THESE 16 newcomers to the CRB now know all about the workings of the Board. During their recent one-day induction course, they toured the MRD laboratories, watched training films, and listened to various speakers who spoke on topics ranging from road building through to the pros and cons of joining the staff social association.



# HE'S A WINNER

**APPRENTICE motor mechanic Dene Townsend is tops . . . and that's official.**

Dene, from Benalla Division, was chosen by the Industrial Training Commission of Victoria as "The Most Outstanding Apprentice in His Trade for 1979".



He also won this year's GMH Travel Award.

Part of the prize that goes with the GMH award is a trip to Adelaide to inspect the company's workshops there. A cash prize of \$150 will cover Dene's spending money during the trip.

Dene, 22, is half way through the fourth and final year of his apprenticeship and will be a fully qualified mechanic by January next year.

"I was overwhelmed when I heard I had won," Dene told Interchange.

"It certainly is a great honour."

Dene's duties at the Benalla workshop include lathe turning, welding, and the repair and maintenance of CRB vehicles.

He is equally at home refitting the gears to a giant grading plant as he is under the bonnet of the DE's sedan.

In his spare time, Dene is rebuilding a 1954 vintage Austin Champ which he has fitted with a Rolls-Royce motor.

This year's award is not the young apprentice's first.

Last year he won the regional award for the most outstanding apprentice in a year of awards that shined brightly for the Benalla division.

Graeme Caccianiga won the award for the most outstanding first year, and Malcolm Deakin won the prize for the best third year.

Both Graeme and Malcolm work for the CRB in Benalla.

# The Repco road is a tough one

**THE Great Australian Outback really is a tough place, and its only the tough that survive there . . . just ask Doug Minett or Don Watson from the Syndal depot.**

The pair, along with co-driver Doug Chapple, have just finished the gruelling 18,000 kilometre Round-Australia Repco Rally.

Travelling in a Datsun 1600, the trio came in 57th out of a field of more than 200 starters.

Just to finish the course was something of an achievement — only 97 of the cars that left Melbourne made it to the finish line.

"We had a lot of luck on our side, even though we did put the car over onto its roof the first night out," said Don after their triumphant return.

"Another time, just out of Adelaide, we got stuck in the sand for about four hours. And just as we got ourselves out of trouble, we had to tow another car which had blown a clutch," he said.

"Then up around Brisbane, we almost collected a wild horse that bolted along the road beside us.

"Fortunately, it ducked away from us, but two other cars crashed into it."

Doug said seeing the outback at close range was "really an experience".

"But I wouldn't want to pack up the wife and kids and make the

same trip again," he confessed.

"The course was tough, gruelling and very dirty and dusty."

"And when we finished, our only thoughts were of a soft warm bed and lots and lots of sleep.

"We worked it out that in the two weeks we were away, we managed only 19 hours sleeping in beds.

"Any other sleeping meant curling up in the back of the car while we were on the move."

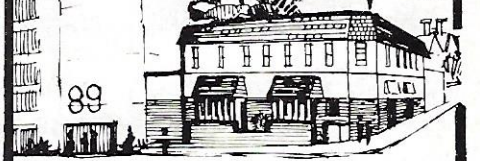
Doug said the Datsun handled the trip exceptionally well.

"Apart from a lot of mud, a few dints in the roof, and a clogged up starter motor, she seems to be still in pretty good condition," he said.



**A FEW** final checks had to be made before Doug Chapple, Doug Minett and Don Watson set off on the gruelling 18,000km round Australia rally.

## CLIFTON COLUMN



**TWO HO Floor Controllers experimenting with the aerodynamics of a two dollar bill have found that aviation is an expensive pastime. After making a mini glider out of the note, they sent it soaring into the air. Suddenly it took a sharp nosedive and soared down the liftwell: never to be seen again.**

**They now confine their paper planes to outdated caf notices and office memos.**

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**FIRST** prize in the raffle at the Seymour Project Bushwacker's Ball was a pair of dressed chooks . . . literally.

Both were very much alive and very well dressed in their best feathers.

And of course the door prize was just that . . . a door!

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**WE'VE** been told about the Irishman who was hired as a line marker out in the divisions.

Apparently he impressed the DE the first day when he painted 20 miles of lines down the centre of the road, but the second day his tally was limited to a mere 15 miles.

By the end of the week when he managed only 3 miles, he was called into the office to explain.

"It's farther back to the pot now," he reasoned.

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**A NEW** sign being tested for unattended railway crossings has proved to be just a little TOO popular.

It seems a few motorists liked the signs so much, they kept taking them home as souvenirs.

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**HIGH** Street programmer Wayne Robb, just back from the wilds of Europe, is proud of his grasp of the German language, and his fellow travellers were nothing less than impressed when he held a lengthy conversation with a gentleman he met in a German hotel foyer.

But the entire performance fell in a heap when it was pointed out that while Wayne had been speaking German, his pow-wow partner spoke ONLY French.

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**CERTAIN** department head is said to be so tough he makes the girls in his section turn off their flexi-clocks when they laugh.

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**REMEMBER** that photograph Personnel took of you when you first joined the Board?

Our spy on the second floor tells us their only purpose is so the girls there can check out the available talent.



# KATHY RECALLS

**WHEN former beauty queen, Kathlyn Armstrong worked for the CRB her wages were a "fantastic" 30 shillings a week, there was no such thing as flexi-time, and pregnant women who worked were considered obscene.**

But despite all of that, Kathlyn, now Mrs. Kathlyn Mulready, has thousands of treasured memories of her time here.

And they all came flooding back to her when she saw an article about herself in the last edition of Interchange.

The article told of Kath's venture into the world of the bright lights and catwalks as the CRB's entrant in the 1947 Miss Australia Quest.

"Things have changed a lot over the years," she told us when we finally tracked her down in Reservoir this week.

"Noel Allanson and Ted Donaldson were working with me in the Accounts department, and look where they ended up."

Kath worked for the CRB for 11 years, between 1943 and 1954, first as comptometrist, then as an accounting machine operator.

She left the board to raise her two children, Peter, now 22 and a midshipman with the Navy, and her daughter, Pam, 25, a student librarian.

Kath's husband, Aub, remembered his wife's bid for beauty circuit fame with mixed feelings.

On the good side, beer was only 3d a pint then, but Kath was always going away to attend official quest balls and we didn't see a lot of each other over the weekends," he recalled.

"I wasn't really all that sorry when she didn't win.

"The CRB might have lost their beauty queen, but I won my girl back," he laughs.



THE memories came flooding back for ex CRB beauty queen Kathlyn Mulready when she saw her 1947 vintage feature in the last edition of Interchange. Here she reminisces with daughter, Pam, and husband, Aub.

## EVER SMILE AT A CROCODILE?

**SOME people spend their holidays basking on a quiet beach. Others paint the spare room. But for Benalla fitter Bill Forrest, vacation time is adventure time.**

Crocodile hunting, wild buffalo stalking and big game fishing are just part of the routine when Bill and his mates head north for their holidays.

Bill recently returned from a shooting safari in the wilds of the Northern Territory.

He told a hair raising tale of how he suddenly found himself surrounded by about 45 snapping crocodiles.

"We were out in a small, flat-bottomed aluminium boat, when suddenly there were crocodiles all around us.

"The river seemed to be full of them and even more were running off the bank into the water."

Bill told how the local aborigines dive into the water after shooting the crocs.

"But we figured that was just a little bit too dangerous for us and we settled for shooting only those still on the bank.

"When you go in after them, you don't know for sure if they are dead or not, or if there are others in there just waiting for you.

**"And with crocodiles, you just don't take too many chances," he said.**

As well as crocodile hunting, Bill and his mates went stalking buffalo and tried their hand at a bit of fishing.

Bill managed to bag a giant 35 lb barramundi, one of the biggest ever caught in the area.

Before they set out, the group made a deal with the local aborigines that whatever they shot, the natives could eat.

"Our guides took the crocs we shot back to their camp elders who cooked them up for the whole tribe.

"They told us the meat was beautiful, just like chicken," said Bill.

"They also ate a number of flying foxes we shot," he added.

## PRICE WAS RIGHT

**WHEN Ballarat Division needed to install a cable under a railway line, they expected to have to pay rental for the piece of land used.**

**But when the official Railways letter arrived setting out the details, even the more hardened wheelers and dealers were taken aback.**

The agreement read:-

**"The Board will provide the annual payment of one peppercorn (if demanded) on each first day of July during the life of the licence."**

## Letter to the Editor

Sir,

We, the eligible bachelors of Traffic Engineering Division, are shocked to read the following statement on page 3 of the last edition of Interchange: "Easily the Board's most eligible bachelor . . .", when referring to our colleague, John Moylan.

We consider this statement to be very rash and not in keeping with the usual high standard of journalism found in Interchange.

On what basis was this statement made?

Have any surveys been carried out to determine this? If so were we not consulted.

This is a serious oversight as it is well known that TE Division contains, in our possibly biased view, some of the most eligible bachelors in the Board.

We wish only to be fairly assessed in this regard.  
TE BACHELORS.

*Its over to you girls. Let us know what you think. — Ed.*



# JOB DOG IS A TOUGH BOSS!



LUNCH and tea breaks always finish on time out at the Mulgrave Freeway site.

Job Dog makes sure of that.

The patronising pooch has been turning up at the site every day for the past twelve months to keep an eye on the workers, and now considers himself "one of the blokes".

He arrives at 7 o'clock sharp and if any of the workers dare to stay inside the shed a few seconds after starting time, Job Dog lets them know his displeasure loud and clear.

Whenever any of the machinery is in use, Job Dog likes to keep a close watch on the goings on.

He can usually be found riding around the site on the back of a ute, or perched up beside a plant operator making sure everything is A-1 . . . or at least K-9.

At the end of the work-day after

everyone has knocked off, he checks everything before wandering off home to his loving mistress (every man or his dog should have one).

But despite his hounding attitude, Job Dog is "top dog" with the men.

"He is a real mascot to all of us," says site foreman Bill Wilson.

"The boys have literally adopted him, and we take it in turns to feed him each day.

"He even has his very own Red Robin safety jacket."

Bill said the lady who owns Job Dog often calls into the site to chat about the dog with the men.

"Whenever she can't find him, she always knows where to look," he said.

## BRINGING GOLF TO THE FORE

GOLFERS galore are getting geared up for the 20th Annual Road-builders Open which has been set for Monday, November 12.

About 100 entrants are expected to turn up at the Victoria Golf Club at Cheltenham in time for the 7.30 a.m. tee-off.

They will be competing for a series of trophies, the major one being the C. G. Roberts Trophy for teams of four.

Other prizes will be awarded for the best individual score, the longest drive, nearest the pin, and a special visitors prize will be awarded.

But the main interest is sure to surround the Engineers versus Administration match.

Last year the Engineers took the honors while the administrators were left to suffer barbed comments about superior intellects and the like.

This time, the Admin boys are determined to take the trophy and return the verbal niceties in full.

Entry is open to all CRB employees and their guests. The cost is \$15 and covers all green fees and a luncheon.

Bookings must be made before October 22, and the man to contact for further information is Alan Dowling in Title Survey Division.



## We're hungry

*INTERCHANGE is a hungry magazine.*

*It is always hungry for news, ideas and pictures.*

*You can help us to help you by keeping us informed about the doings in your department.*

*Just call us on either 2584 or 2633.*

*We are ALWAYS eager to listen to a good story, especially if it comes from one of the country divisions.*

## DOWNED IN THE VOLLEY

LUNCHTIME training sessions almost paved the way to success for the CRB's volleyball team last month.

The team, which practises every day on the Head Office sundeck, made it into the grand final of the Heidelberg and District B-grade volleyball competition.

The final, played at the Heidelberg YMCA, turned into a close fought thriller with most of the spectators on the edge of their seats throughout the entire match.

But the Demons from Denmark Street just failed to make it to the flag, and were defeated by

a narrow margin 3—2.

Team captain, Varis Abele, said the team will now move up to the A-grade division and a second CRB team will be fielded in the next B-grade competition.

The games will be played on Tuesday nights, and anyone interested in joining in should contact Varis on ext. 2626.

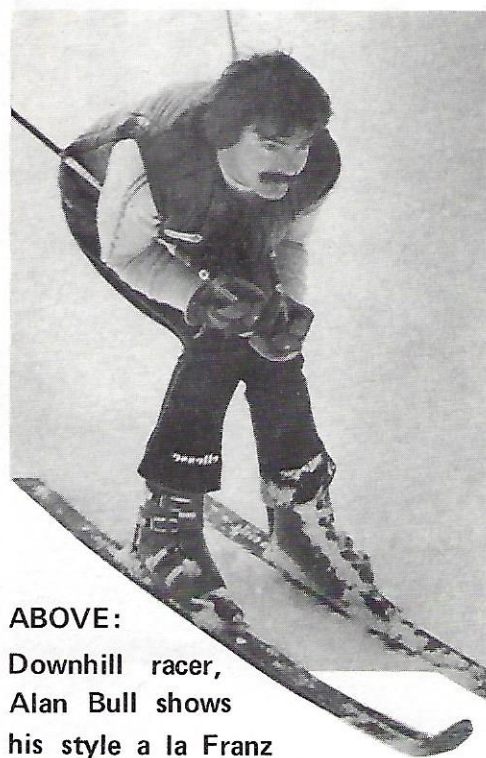
"We train every lunchtime, and we always welcome new players," says Varis.



THE team that almost made it. Back: Varis Abele, Peter Arnold and Bruce McKenzie. Front: Geoff East, "Scrogdog", Graeme Cripps, Graeme Hodge and Vic Sedunary.



# ALL GO SNO



ABOVE:  
Downhill racer,  
Alan Bull shows  
his style a la Franz  
Klammer,

LEFT: Engineer Neville  
Schmidt gives girlfriend  
Kay Pike a few tips on  
the basics.

**SENSATIONAL** snow conditions set the scene for a week of ski-ing when the CRB Ski Mount Buller last month.

Fresh powder snow, warm sunshine and blue skies were all the ingredients necessary to score a week that will certainly be hard to forget.

For the experienced ski-ers, the new season was more than a gift from the gods.

The learners satisfied themselves with the instruction of the beginners' slopes of the week, most were joining the faster runs.

A snow man was top of the priorities long before one appeared almost at the Merrijig lodge, the home-away-from-home.

Each night after the sun had sunk, the fearless and seemingly tireless troops were seen skiing on at Kooroora or acting up at A.

As a fitting finish to the week, a party was organised for the last night there. The juice disappeared, and the party kept going until the mountain's flexi-clocks were switched off.



Yagottagetoutathaway when Bob Parr comes screaming down the slopes.



Simon Eggleston and Elaine Haines found time for a little Apres Ski boogie after the skis were packed away for the night.



The Official CRB Ski Racing Team. From left to right: John Farthing (RPD), Ray Malins (RPD), Simon Eggleston (W), John Farthing (RPD);



# IN THE NOW

the scene for a super  
Club hit the slopes of

and a red-hot nightlife  
to ensure the entire troop  
take a long, long time to

any snow was nothing less

with the god-like ski  
and well before the end  
of their mates on the harder,

any list, and it didn't take  
on the doorstep of the  
home for the club.

slowly into the west, the  
tops could be found kick-  
berg.

wild local party was  
Bulk amounts of grape  
picked on well after the  
ed off for the night.



No, it's not a real terrorist, just John Farthing on route to the summit.



Ray Malins had an eye for the girls. Here he reflects on past conquests.

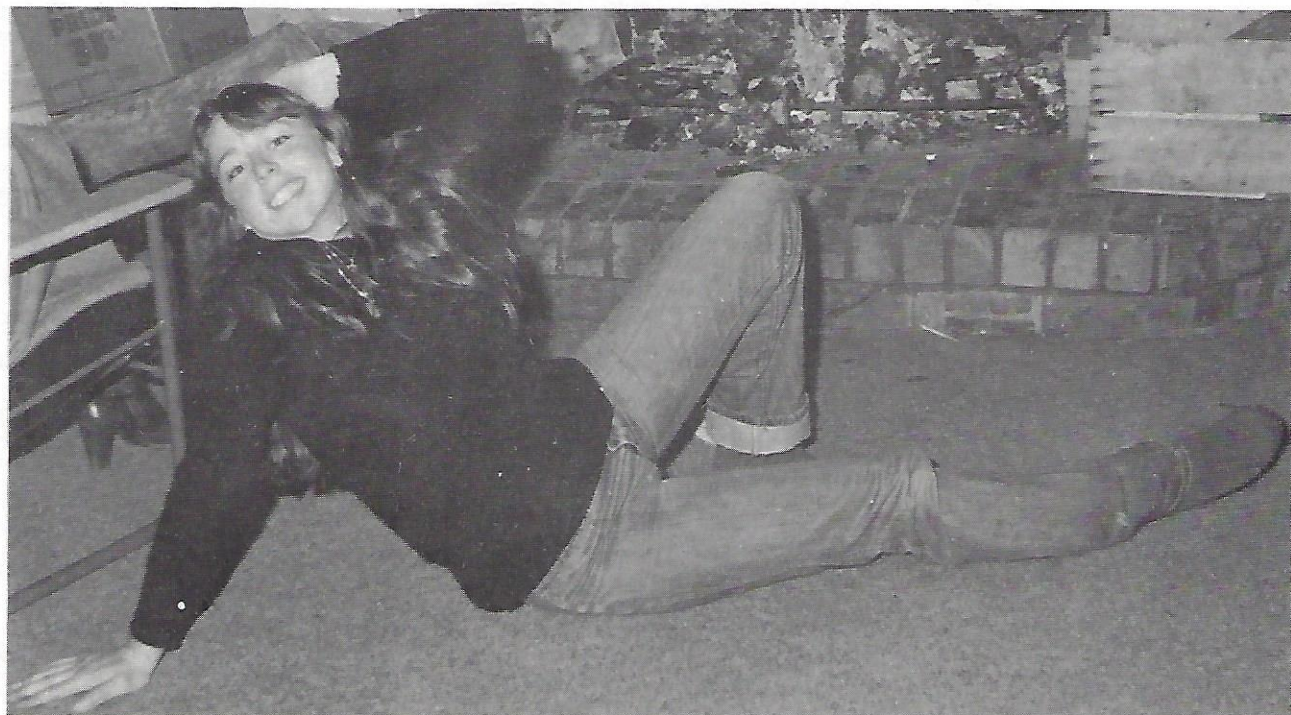


RIGHT: Elaine Twitchett made a friend ..... but she complained he was too cold and heartless.

BELOW: Kay Lindley found stretching out in front of the open fire a sure cure for those aching muscles.



Right they are Bob Parr (RPD), Neville Schmidt (stgate), Maggie Hearndon (Team Mascot) and





# Board Buggies ARE Better!

OFFICIAL CRB cars are far superior to privately owned vehicles.

Those of us fortunate enough to get the occasional drive of a Board car will already know this, but a recent study has detailed the advantages for those who don't already know about them.

The report lists some of the superior features not normally found in private cars.

They include:

- They accelerate at a phenomenal rate.
- They need a much shorter braking distance.
- They have a much tighter turning circle.
- They can take ramps at twice the speed of private cars.
- Battery, water, oil and tyre pressures don't need to be checked nearly as often.
- They don't need to be garaged at night.
- They can be driven as far as 200 km with the oil warning light flashing.
- They need cleaning less often, especially inside.
- Tyre walls are designed for bumping into and over high kerbs.
- They are designed so reverse gear can be engaged whilst the car is still moving forward.
- They have reinforced suspension permitting the carriage of concrete blocks and other heavy building materials.
- They have floor-shaped ash-trays.
- Unusual and alarming engine noises are easily eliminated by adjusting the radio volume control.
- No security is necessary. They can be left anywhere unlocked and even with the keys in the ignition.
- They are all fitted with special devices to take care of parking tickets. These devices are in the form of a knob on the dashboard marked "Wind-screen Wiper".

## The Engineer's Lament

A Field Engineer called Charlie McCoffus Spent all day on the field and all night in the office Checking contracts and estimates too To be all picked to pieces by the Head Office crew.

Why care not for the time nor the money they waste If a carbon is missing or a comma misplaced But they bounce back the papers with ill-conceived jeers To harass the hard working Field Engineers.

To get back to Charlie he struggled along Until an echoing sound told him something was wrong He went to the Doctor, and Doctor said he "There's a buzz in my brain, "What's the matter with me?"

Well, the medico thumped as medicos do He tested his knees and his chest and reflexes, too His eyes and his ears and each lung And Charlie said "Ah" as he stuck out his tongue.

The Doctor said "Gosh, what a narrow escape But a quick operation will put you in shape I'll take out your brain for a complete overhauling

And you meantime take a rest from your calling".

So Charlie McCoffus went under the knife And struggled home brainless and kissed his wife While old Doc Loonie and two other men Were putting his brain together again.

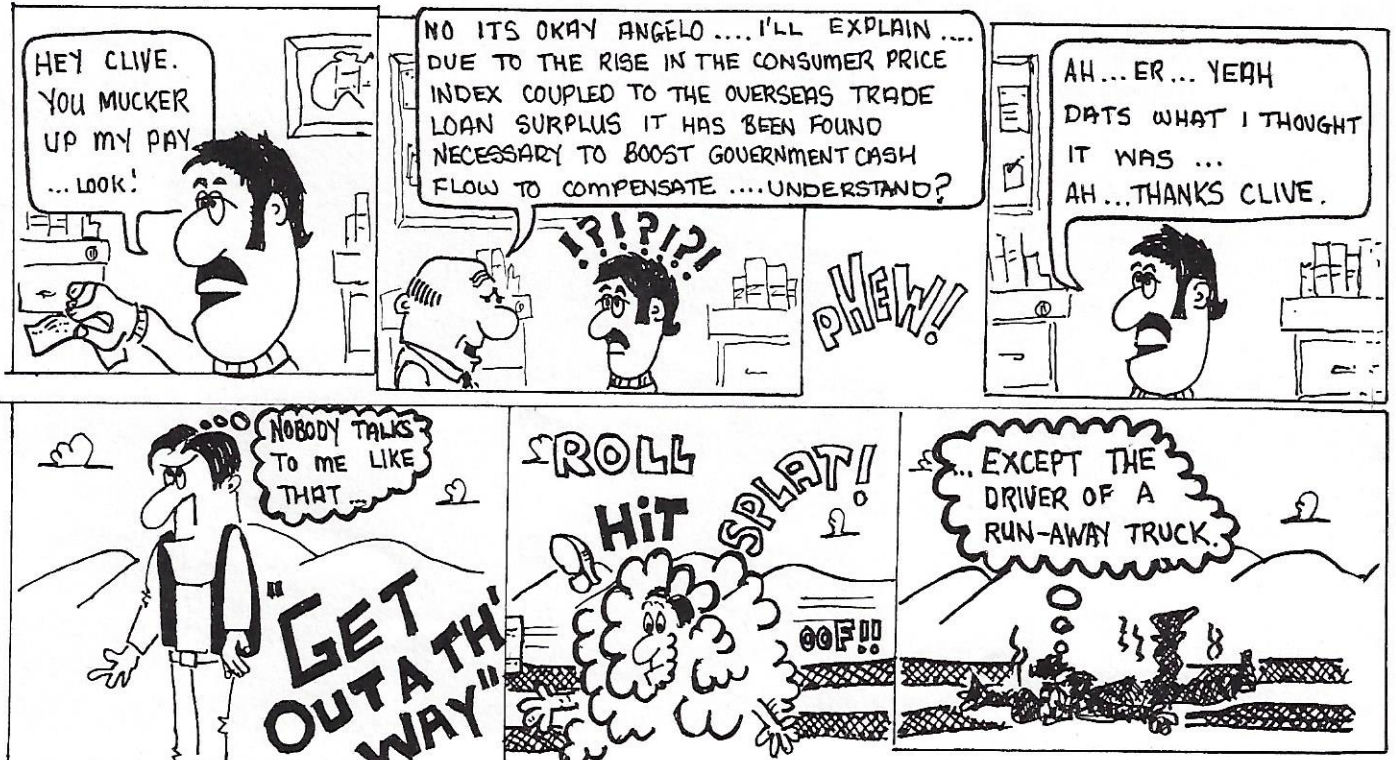
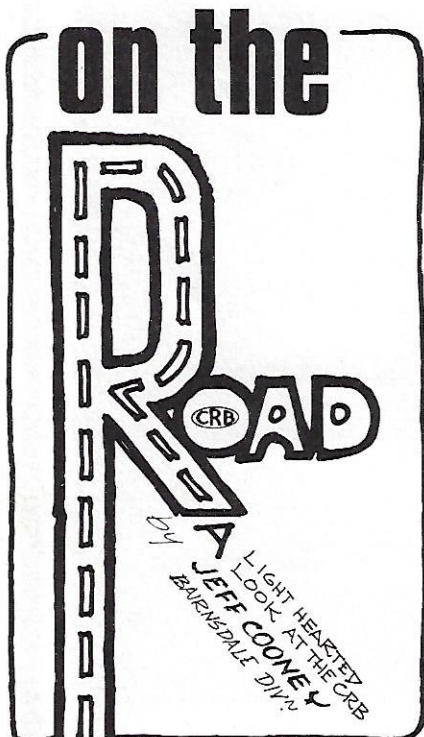
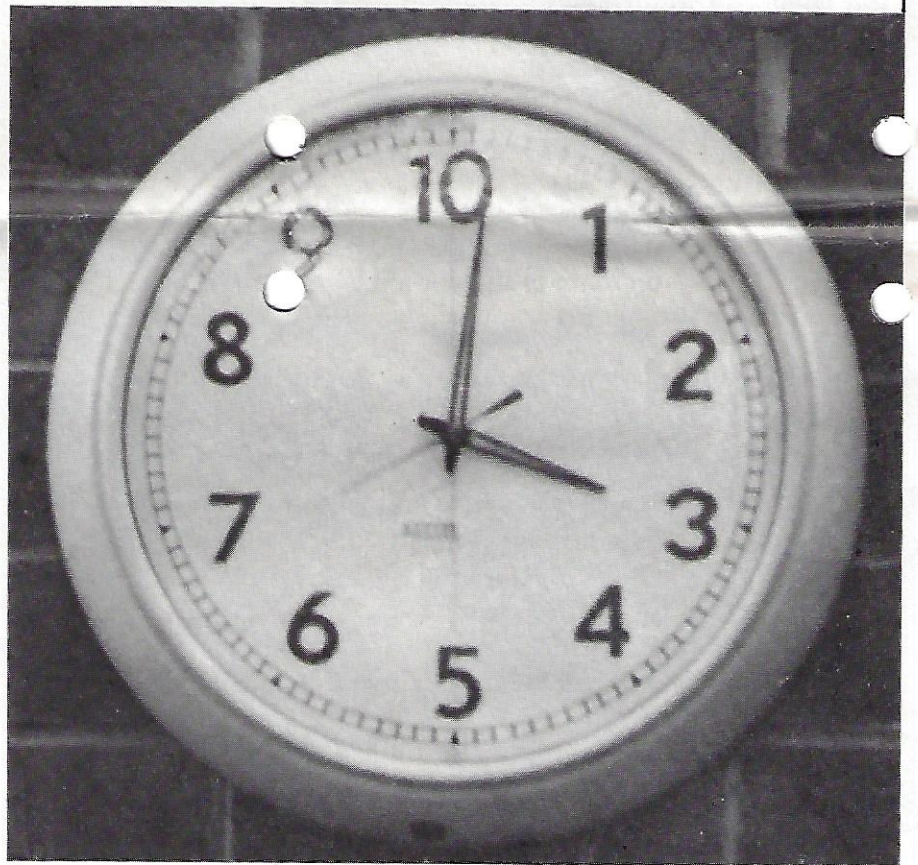
The weeks led by and Charlie McCoffus Never called for his brain at the Medico's Office The Doctor got worried, gave Charlie a ring "You'd better come round and get this damn thing".

"Thanks", replied Charlie McCoffus "I don't need it, I've been transferred to Head Office". ANON

THIS metric clock on the wall of the Bairnsdale office has visitors wondering just how we manage to get things done on time.

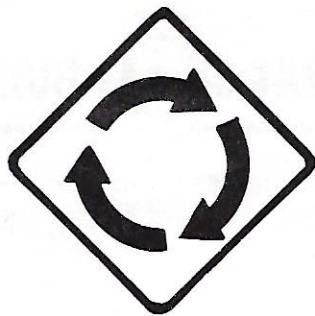
But for those who are technically minded, ten hours on this time-piece are the same as the full dozen on any normal clock.

## METRIC TIME





# DIVISIONAL



# ROUNDABOUT

## • HEAD OFFICE

Jeff Briggs (of the Dreaded Dreggs) from Urban Projects, is on three months long service leave travelling around Europe. Les Dow from West Gate Freeway is filling the chair for him.

Ian Anderson (Public Relations) is on an 8 week trip to England, Scotland, Wales and possibly the continent, depending on the hip pocket.

Tracy Steele (Salaries) and husband are touring America.

Welcome back to Gloria Kilpatrick (TSD) after six weeks long service leave touring Cairns and the Barrier Reef.

Lillian Moon (Correspondence Section) is off on her travels again to England and Europe for 10 weeks.

Welcome back to Anton Pommers (Road Planning) after a period of long service leave spent touring Europe.

Ken Hall (Traffic Engineering) has returned from 8 weeks competing in International Invitation Races held in Kenya, England, Norway, Belgium and Finland.

Chris Fox (Traffic Engineering), Alias Columbo, is venturing from the safety of the CRB walls and the nutrition of the CRB cafeteria to travel for 3 months in Europe to teach the poor under-privileged over there the world standard of refined dress he has become known

Traffic Engineering's volleyball team are doing extremely well and are to compete in the grand-final.

Already the group has been promoted to A grade after only one season as a B team.

## DEBITS AND CREDITS

Ross Furness (Staff) took up his new position in Bendigo on 3rd September as Depot Foreman, Tim James (Superannuation) left on 17th August.

Two new arrivals in Personnel are Sandra Jones (Industrial Relations) and Sue Rewell.

Neil Feltham has been promoted to Draftsman Class 2, Right of Way.

Peter Kennedy (P&S) resigned in July and is going into private business with a computer consulting firm. Peter worked for five years in the EDP section after joining the Board and working in P&S as an engineer for a couple of years. All staff wish Peter the best of luck with his new business.

Fred Brunda (P&S) resigned in August to join the Shire of Pakenham which is closer to home. We all wish him good luck.

Traffic Engineering welcome Peter McCullough — ex works, David Watt, David Keam and Bruce Thompson, all from P&S. An old face returns, Andy O'Brien.

## • BAIRNSDALE

### RETIRED

Due to the stairs getting too steep, Mrs. Lawrence retired on 1st June, after making the tea for the past 9 years. June and the girls downstairs haven't enjoyed a good cuppa since.

Bill Jones, CMW 3, retired on 18th May. Bill who worked in many capacities commenced with the Board in November, 1968, and has had continuous service since 1972.

### DEATHS

Charlie McDonald (Retired) passed away on 29th April. Charlie started with the Board in 1936 and after

some early breaks in service worked as a grader driver throughout the division.

The last few years with the Board were spent at the depot. Charlie will best be remembered for his dry sense of humour.

George Murphy (Retired) passed away on 13th May. George commenced with the Board in 1950 and after being Patrolman in Charge at Bonang moved to Nowa Nowa in 1963 to take up the position there.

Sympathies are extended to both their families and many friends.

### SINKING SHIP

A gentleman from the club across the road rang and queried whether we were in distress or not a while back. Dumb-founded, the office girl (Sue) replied, not to my knowledge. He then told her that the flag was flying upside down.

The only reason why he didn't walk over and inform us was probably he didn't want to join a sinking ship.

## • GEELONG

### QUOTABLE QUOTE:

'Dobba' is an avid reader of 'Deaders Rigest' . . . .

Engineers are made in heaven: That's why they have holy singlets . . . Think ~~it~~ it!!!

From our DA: 'A dead bird never fell out of its cage'.

### BARLEY CHARLIE:

Our DA has turned farm boy with corn hanging out of his ears and all!!!!

### TO GIVE OR NOT TO GIVE?

That was the BIG question, folks, when Dennis Daly v. 'Dobba' on religious-conscience and money issues. They each in their own little way are mines of good illogical reasoning with verbal trots to match.

### SOCIALLY

Our evening at Checkmate Restaurant was most successful with good reports from all. The Annual Meeting was on August 9th and the newly-elected committee have 'verly interlesting' evenings in store, so back them up as they work for you—not themselves.

### DR. KILL WHO??

There is no truth in the rumour that Ann Shaw is making a desperate bid to buy a certain hospital where it has become her sad plight of being a patient on and off over the past year. Get well soon your typewriter is lonely.

### FROM THE TYPING FOOL (SORRY POOL)!!!

That Bionic Typist (who really as a typist would make a great traffic controller) was at it again last week trying (she's really trying folks) to type a letter 0 + 5 for her fearless leader.

After 40 sheets of paper had bit the dust she gave up and handed it over to Harry to do!!!

### A STAR IS BORN:

Some local talent has been discovered in our little division with Harry Cook's Artistry in the way of Caricatures. These were dug up from Dobba's Archives and Dobba shall be compiling a small magazine as a tribute to the great works of our one and only Harry Cook.

This once-in-a-life-time offer comes only once in a lifetime (who said

there was an echo around here?) So keep an eye out for the Lives and Loves of those around Harry Cook.

### MEMORIAL FUND:

One of our Engineers (obviously under-paid) has fallen to the depths and is selling his worldly goods to make ends double up. Available at the moment at good prices are: 1 Billiard Table—1 Ram, Black (except for white body)—1 fold-up bike (slightly clapped out) and a partridge in a pear tree.

### STOP PRESS . . .

Bike has been sold at undisclosed price of \$20.00 . . . .

### RETIREMENTS:

Geoff Zierk's retirement was made official recently and your workmate in Geelong Division would like to wish you the very best for a long and healthy retirement.

The Canteen Social Club are now dealing with a new firm for wholesale discounted goods ranging from tea-towels to clock radios. For information ring Ann Shaw ext. 21 Divisional Office.

### NEW FEATURE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN ACTION

By "Black Sheep"

On the 31st March 1979 the newly formed organization, CRB Promotions Geelong, took its first step towards unseating Harry M. Miller & Michael Edgley as Australia's greatest promoters. No expense or effort was spared in recruiting the most experienced and energetic personnel for key positions within the organization.

After advertising nationally throughout the office and being flooded with 4 applications, Margaret Kenneally (multi-linguist and Ledger Operator), Ian Smith (International Gourmet and Part-time Engineer), Colleen Wilkin (Starter Motor and Radiator Mechanic and sometimes Typist) and Peter Dabrowski (Chef Extraordinaire and Firebug), were appointed at undisclosed salaries of \$5.00 p.a.

At a later date Tom Thornton was recruited as trainee fireman (much to his disgust).

Once established CRB Promotions swung into action. Its first and only event being "La Baa Baa au Spiture" (for those who flunked plasticine in 3rd grade but managed to struggle on to 5th Form French), translated as the 'Lamb on the Spit'. It is important now to carefully retrace the events of that drastic day, March 31.

9.00 a.m. Lamb placed on spit.

9.30 a.m. Three unknown persons trying desperately to light spit with yesterday's "Age" and wet leaves.

9.45 a.m. Spit alight.

9.50 a.m. Our Chef Extraordinaire (carefully reading instructions from 1938 edition of "scouts" cooking manual and how to survive in the bush", throws 1 bag of heat beads on the fire (about 30 heat beads).

10.30 a.m. Tom Thornton seen frantically throwing buckets of water over flames 10 feet high (unfortunately missing the office!!)

12.00 p.m. Ian Smith seen "bast-ing" strange black revolving (or is that revolting) object over spit.

7.00 p.m. Everyone had a great time and great feed of Kentucky Fried and Chips. You can't help bad luck!!!

This is Geelong Division's contribution to the New Feature as we believe everyone should know how to charcoal grill a lamb. . . .

## • BALLARAT

### RETIREMENTS

Farewell to Bevan Martin who retired on July 3, because of ill-health. Bevan started with the Board in 1958 as a fitter. During his 21 years Bevan devoted much of his time to Divisional Depot activities. He was President of the Divisional Depot Social Club for 11 years and organised many of the Depot sporting functions between Divisions. Bevan has planned for a happy retirement with his family and hopes to devote much of his leisure to fishing, bowling and golf. Bevan was given a retiring farewell by his workmates and friends at the Divisional Depot on 3rd July.

Henry Boelens retired after 22 years service on August 31 and would by now be settling into retired life. He started with the Board in 1957 as an overseer, fulfilling his duties on many memorable road construction works throughout the Division. He was last employed on the Bungaree Project. We wish Henry and his wife a long and happy retirement.

On the 7th September Howard Trezise retired from the Board's service having reached the age of 60 years. Howard started with the Board in 1950 as a carpenter and worked his way up to Stores Supervisor. Howard was one of the "originals" devoting 29 years of loyal and conscientious service to the Board in various capacities. He was the foundation member of the Divisional Depot Social Club, holding the position of Treasurer and generally his helpful manner will be greatly missed. We all wish him well for retirement.

Howard and Henry will be farewelled by their workmates and friends at the Depot on September 7.

### MILITARY AWARD

On August 20, at the Second Battalion Royal Victoria Regiment Ranger Barracks, Ballarat, Tom Laffey was presented with the National medal for long service in the army reserve. He will remain on the reserve of officers, and can be called up in a national emergency until such time as he is put on the retired list. Tom has not been walking too well lately and when asked what was wrong, he said, "My feet wore out after 24 years as an infantryman and carrying those 140 pound packs". Congratulations Tom, and if you ever get second thoughts join the air force.

### TRAVELLERS

Billy Martin is still on a cloud following his return from Europe. Gary Titheridge is sporting a good suntan following his return from America. Christine Parkin was unable to get suntanned, but still had an enjoyable time on the Gold Coast. Leon Stevens enjoyed six weeks in Queensland with his family soaking up the sunshine.

### LONG SERVICE LEAVE

The following have recently enjoyed taking part of their Long Service Leave — Tony Hrymakowski, Max Glasson, Noel Bastin, John O'Keefe, Leon Stevens, Reg Smith, Frank Dwyer, George Doggett. A good time enjoyed by all.

### ACTOR

Congratulations to Graeme Day on his superb performance in the play "Goodnight Mrs. Puffin" presented by the Ballarat National Theatre.



## MULGRAVE

### MULGRAVE MASCOT

The Huntingdale Road section of the Mulgrave Freeway has its own canine mascot in the form of Ben, the neutered, part-Dalmatian. Ben has been coming down to the site every day, including Sundays, for the last two years. He chases any foreign dog away from the site, helps in the supervision of the work and never complains. It has been suggested that the supervisors should follow Ben's lead. Most light-heartedly agree, but Roy Smith is adamant that he will not be neutered.

### MOVEMENTS

Welcome to Murray McIntosh (from P&S), Peter Carter (from Eastern Freeway), Rodney Adams and Jack Szarekura.

Richard Lipianin recently completed his stint on the Engineers Training Scheme and, after a short leave, will return to Bridge Sub-Branch (Design).

### MOOSE BALLS

Peppy Ponton has been doing more than a fair imitation of Felix Unger of "Odd Couple" fame. His moose calls can be heard throughout the project at regular intervals, creating frowns and consternation all round.

### MIS-GARDENING

Roger Cross recently decided to take some cuttings from the trees around the Project Office. He took one cutting from the only deciduous tree in the compound, concluding it was deciduous because it did not have any leaves.

However, a later examination proved that the lack of leaves was not due to the tree being deciduous but due to it being dead!

## BENALLA

### DEPARTURES

Admin. Officer John White has retired after 18 years of service. John departed out as Cost Clerk, then to the storeyard offices and finished out his time in the Divisional Office. John will no doubt be busy with the garden he maintains.

Mrs. Pam Ellis (Typist) also recently retired after fourteen years in the office. Pam came straight from school and spent all of her service keeping the pay checks coming off her cheque machine.

Best wishes are extended to both of you for the future and for better health.

Overseer Tom Karnatz has decided to retire after twenty-eight years of service, mainly with the Board's B.S. Gangs (more in next issue).

### OVERSEAS TRIPS

Admin. Officer Guy Quantrill has been over to Fiji for a fortnight and Cost Clerk Herman Harten has returned from a trip to Germany.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Ex-Typist Maggie Gardner, has been in helping out in the Accounts Office since Pam Ellis retired. Husband, engineer Bob Gardner, has had to have annual leave and flexi time to do the baby sitting.

### APPRENTICE AWARDS

Besides the award given to Dene Townsend as Outstanding Apprentice for the State in Motor Mechanics (see story elsewhere), local awards were received by Andrew Taurins, 2nd Prize, 1st Year; Wayne Croxford, 1st Prize, 2nd Year and Graeme Caccianiga, 2nd Prize, 2nd Year.

Congratulations to all on their achievements.

### ROAD PLANNING

A most enjoyable bar-b-que was held at David Berry's house. Thanks to David for providing the venue and all those who helped to make it a great afternoon.

Thanks to David Farrow and Doc Oliver who organized a golf afternoon at Camberwell Golf Club. Best scores were:

## DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT



Lou (alias Ned) Pecora, 94-26-58; Don Commons (lost on count back), 94-26-58; John Ford (not good enough), 77-18-59; David Farrow, 77-12-65.

### OFFICE MOVEMENTS

Don Commons leaves us temporarily for the next year or so, to train for the Moscow Olympics. All from Road Planning wish Don every success.

Welcome back to Elaine Herbert who has returned to RPD after a three month course in Sydney.

Farewell to Gordon Anderson who has left the Division for six months secondment to NAASRA.

Welcome back to Anton Pommers after a period of long service leave spent touring Europe.

Farewell to Doug Goddard who has left the Board to go into a cabinet making business. All from Road Planning wish him all the best in this new venture.

Welcome to Paul Bushman and Robert Monkhouse who have joined RPD temporarily as part of the training scheme.

has returned from a week in the snow with the start of a beard, and John Brunt returned from touring the outback looking like "Harry Butler in the Wild". Reports have come back from Cooktown from Dave Hooker that ADE Bob Gooch is sporting a beard now. Bob is on 16 months leave in North Queensland.

### SUPER STAR

Engineer Vic Malikoff has recently made his appearance on the TV screen. Vic's kids wrote to the producers of "Family Feud" to be a contestant on the show and they were picked. His debut on the box should be about mid-September in Melbourne and late October in Warrnambool.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Peter Crabbe who has been appointed supervising draftsman of the drawing office.

## HORSHAM

### CRB LADIES' SOCIAL CLUB

The club held its first meeting for the year on Tuesday, August 14. It was pleasing to see 17 ladies present. Yoko the Japanese Rotary Exchange Student spoke and showed slides of her country. Yoko's personality and wit intrigued us all. She is an outstanding ambassador for her country.

Our syllabus to June 1980 includes — bingo and counter tea, progressive dinner, visit to our local Prestige factory, barbecue, cooking demonstration, and a wine and cheese tasting night — sounds like we will have to give the diets a miss for a few weeks.

### WELCOME

We welcome Mark Swaby who has commenced duties at the storeyard as a motor mechanic — we wish you a long and happy day with us.

### LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Enjoying 6 weeks long service leave are Ivan Jones — clerk upstairs and George Rosevear B.S. cost clerk, and Fred Brauer — welder.

### SICK LIST

We were sorry to hear Roadmaster Reg Jones had a severe heart attack and spent several weeks in hospital in Horsham and Melbourne — we wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him at work in 3 months time.

### BIRTHDAY

Retired roadmaster, Frank Rauert was given a surprise 75th birthday afternoon on 15th August, 1979 — it is great to see he is really enjoying his retirement.

### APPRENTICE AWARDS

Fourth year apprentice Tony Fry has won the "Citizens Award". Tony has now completed his apprenticeship and is a qualified motor mechanic.

Apprentice Graeme Berry came 2nd in his 1st Year Apprenticeship.

Terry Byrne in the 3rd Year of his Apprenticeship, came 1st. Terry was awarded prizes from the Driving Instructors School at Shepparton and The Society of Automotive Engineers.

### RETIREMENTS

Horsham has witnessed the retirement of its second long standing B.S. Overseer L (Jake) Blackman in the past six months.

Jake was farewelled at a small informal luncheon on Friday, August 17, by guests including Divisional Engineer John Heid.

### PROMOTIONS

Two recent promotions in field operations have added youth to our supervisory personnel. We congratulate Alan Watson and David Harry on their promotion to overseers.

## BENDIGO

### GENERAL NEWS

Divisional Engineer, Mr. Tom Glazebrook attended a Roading Symposium in New Zealand during August. He took the opportunity to have a brief holiday touring the country with his wife, Pat, following the end of the conference.

The Divisional Office Social Club has been inactive this year but the Depot Social Club is going strong.

Hear tell it was a most enjoyable night at the Brian Boru on 10th August.

Col Turner had a brief sojourn in hospital recently. All will be pleased to hear that Col is back at work and firing on all cylinders.

New Depot Foreman is Ross Furness from Personnel. Ross took over his new position in early September.

The north of Australia is once again a popular winter spot for some. Neville Haydon is spending some of his long service leave around Cairns while Kevin Laity is enjoying the northern part of Western Australia during his stint of long service leave.

New member of the Laboratory Staff is Terry Marslen.

## SEYMOUR

### WELCOME

Ian McLachlan.

### SORRI TO SICKIES

Mick Condie (again) and the Pink Chicken (Roy).

### GOSSIP CORNER

AB with a haircut marks the end of an era of longhairs.

WATT is this I hear about shutting doors too vigorously and cracking windows.

There was a lot of "flashing" going on at the Bushwackers Ball, by GOD. As our amateur photographer was trying to focus in on the highlights.

Beastie Autograde obviously puts pressure on the boys working v it. Who was the wee laddie seen driving up and down the pavement the other day, who was asked after his second circuit by his colleague "What are you looking for?" to which he replied "I'm taking you back to pick up the Hiace", to which his colleague replied "Ah, but you are DRIVING it".

AND who was the engineer that rang a Seymour number and asked for the CRB only to be told that he had the wrong number but it was funny, the speaker's husband worked for the CRB, to which he apologised hastily and hung up AND then realised he was speaking with his WIFE!

The Village Idiot prize at the Bushwackers Ball was very keenly contested and it was surely only that Dot had an "in" with the judge that the prize was awarded to the runner-up, young Richard. But as Dot always says "a happy engineer is a happy cost clerk".

Seymour-Euroa Project Social Association chose a BUSHWACKERS BALL as the theme for its mid-year function on June 29th.

During breaks in the dancing, the bushies were entertained by News of the Day broadcasts presented by "Hangin' Judge" Noel Osborne and "Preacher" Lester Watt.

## TRARALGON

### MOVEMENTS

New faces are Owen Jarrett (returned), Mark Elliot, Arthur Tobias, John Van Rensch, John Anderson, Ian Grant and John Hunt. We welcome all these folks to the Division. Departures include Gary Pedlar, Royce Spies, Ron Pain, Ron Smith, Don Borgia, Gary Stoll.

## MRD

### FAREWELLS

Geoff (the Fox) Larkin left MRD in July and is now a full time employee of AAESDA. Steve Shelton from Geology resigned in July also, and is now working on the Underground Loop Project. Steve Mumford from the workshop is now doing a course in Marine Engineering at RMIT.

By the time this edition has gone to press, one and only George Black will also be "gorn". George has accepted the position of Geotechnical Engineer for Coffey's.

Farewell to Shane McConachy who was TA with the Foundation Section. Frank Capattoni has left the Foundation Section and moved on to Dandenong Division.

### WELCOME

To the Foundation Section, Greg Beeton and Graham Foley. Welcome also to Peter Macintosh, Shane's replacement, and to Joachim Garcia in the workshop. Two new EO 1s are Peter Bow and Tony Georgealis.

### GENERAL

Ilona Sevella returned very homesick from her 8 week trip to Hungary.

Simone Servais and family have gone to England and Belgium for a 2 month holiday.

Bill Sherwin is on Long Service Leave and has spent some of the time in Queensland.

Harold Taskis is on 32 weeks sick leave.

Andy Masterson has become a grandfather at last. Andrew Masterson VI was born on 30th July.

Congratulations to Chris Carson on obtaining his driver's licence.

Ken Mitchell has been promoted to EO 3 in the Pavement Section.

## WARRNAMBOOL

### NEW ARRIVALS

Welcome to new engineer David Commons who has been seconded to Warrnambool Division from Plans and Survey Division. Also from Plans and Survey is our new draftsman, Hugh Parker. We would like to assure our new arrivals that windy Warrnambool isn't always this cold!

### HAIRY HAPPENINGS

The fuzz is active in Warrnambool. Rod Cottrill has started a craze when he extended his whiskers several months ago. Norm Henry



# CLASSIES

## BIRTHS

**BRIDGES:** John (Benalla) and Nicky, a son, Sean Leo, born 16th May at Wangaratta.

**CRABBE:** Peter (Warrnambool) and Merrilyn, Narelle Leanne, born 15th July.

**JONES:** Bernie (Bendigo) and Anne, Mark Bernard, on 10th July, a brother for Kate.

**McLEOD:** Bob (MRD) a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth.

**MONKHOUSE:** Robert (RPD) and Jill, a son, Chad Nathan, born 8th August.

**MORGAN:** Leigh (Horsham) and Heidi, a son, Dylan James, born 9th July.

**MORTON:** Ian (Mulgrave) and Gay, twins, Allan (6 lb 4 oz) and Naomi (8 lb 1 oz).

**MUNODOWAFA:** Andrew (MRS) and Chip, a son, Taka, born 12th July.

**PENGELLY:** Neville (Horsham) and Judy, Tamie Mari, sister for Justine and Nathan.

**PORTER:** Stuart (Warrnambool) and Cheryl, a son, Nathan Athol, born 24th July.

**PRYOR:** Ken (Benalla) and Mary, at Benalla, a daughter, on 3rd August.

**ROBINSON:** Philip (Estates) and Jennifer, welcome John Philip, on 16th July, a brother for Matthew.

**STONE:** Graeme (Environmental Studies) and Jennifer, a daughter, Natalie Jennifer, born 28th May.

**SWZED:** Nick (Traffic Engineering) and Jutta, a girl, Samantha Marie Irene, on 2nd August.

**TURNER:** Bill (Chief Accountants) and Meryl, a daughter, Kelly Louise, born 1st June.

**WILLIAMS:** John (TE) and Lindy, a daughter, Juliet Winifred, on 30th July, brother for Jamie Thomas.

**HRYMAKOWSKI:** Ron (Ballarat) and Lorraine on the birth of their daughter, Renae Bree, born at St. John of God's, on the 9th August, sister to Trina.

**JONES:** Neil (Traralgon) and Linda, another daughter, Number 4, Annette Linda.

## FOR SALE

**ANTIQUÉ DRESSING TABLE:** (Cottage style) with two drawers, 1 swing and two side mirrors, \$70, Lee Scott ext. 2275.

**RACING BIKE:** Gents 27", 10 speed, in good condition, \$80. Also Minister's frock — hardly used. Best offer, J V Scott ext. 2412.

**STEREO SPEAKERS:** 2 way 10" bass, 1½" dome tweeters — timber enclosures, \$80 pair. L Doolan, Horsham.

**TV:** Colour, 17", good condition, \$369, ono, D Nobes, 2024, or AH 480 2070.

**WRECKING EH:** Holden Premier wagon, good cheap parts. Also 1 set Datsun H/B L/B buckets to suit. One 179 HP block now 186 needs rings, one 161 HC Head, Offers, Robert Stokes, Metro 276.

**HANDMADE WOODEN BROOCHES:** Various designs and colours. Ideal gifts \$2. Graeme Both, Advance Planning, ext. 2488.

**CARAVAN:** Pacesetter 17'6" x 8', 6 berth, rear bumper, spare wheel, front bunks. Only 6 months old, immaculate condition. M Napper, Bairnsdale Division.

## ENGAGED

**MORRIS:** Mike (Metropolitan) announced his engagement to Gail Dixon (Personnel).

## MARRIED

**CARLON:** Colleen (Geelong) and Geoff were married on Saturday, 30th June. No wreaths, thanks.

**ELLIS:** Howard (P&S) and Judith on 11th August in the Fitzroy Gardens.

**GIBBS:** Murray (TSD) and Adrienne Gaye on 22nd August.

**JOHNSON:** Graeme (P&S) and Gwenda Davenport were married on August 23.

## CLASSIES COUPON INTERCHANGE

To: Public Relations Officer  
5th Floor  
Head Office

Closing date:  
Friday, October 26.

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

The categories available are:

- Births
- Deaths
- Marriages
- Engagements
- Retirements
- For Sale
- Wanted to Buy
- Swap Shop
- Public Notices

Advertisements should be kept brief.

CATEGORY.....

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## RETIRED

**BLACKMAN:** L Jake (Horsham), BS overseer (See Divisional notes).

**ELLIS:** (Maple) Pam (Benalla) Typist, retired after 14 years (See Divisional notes).

**JONES:** Bill (Bairnsdale) retired on 18th May (See Divisional notes).

**KARNATZ:** Tom (Benalla) retired after 28 years with the Board (See Divisional notes).

**KAYAK:** Edgar (MRD) retired in July and is now holidaying with his wife around the world.

**LAWRENCE:** Mrs Lawrence (Bairnsdale), tea lady, retired on 1st June (See Divisional notes).

**WHITE:** John (Benalla) retired after 18 years of service (See Divisional notes).

**BOELEN:** Henry (Ballarat) retired from the Board on 31st August (See Divisional notes).

**MARTIN:** Bevan (Ballarat) retired from the Board on 3rd July because of ill-health (See Divisional notes).

**SPROULE:** Wally (Metropolitan) retired from the Board after 9 years service.

**TABER:** Lorna (Metropolitan) retired on 31st August after 8 years with the Board.

**TREZISE:** Howard (Ballarat) retired from the Board after 29 years (See Divisional notes).

## FOR RENT

**HOLIDAY HOUSE:** At Inverloch, 3 bedrooms, all conveniences, available throughout the year, Andrew O'Brien, ext. 2728.

## DEATHS

**McDONALD:** Charlie (Bairnsdale) passed away on 29th April (See Divisional notes).

**MOLONEY:** Bluey (Horsham) passed away on 3rd July after several months of suffering.

**MURPHY:** George (Bairnsdale, retired) passed away on 13th May (See Divisional notes).

**TINKER:** Norm (Benalla) Cost Clerk passed away after 23 years service (See Divisional notes).

## WANTED TO BUY

**PLEASE** no more batteries. I have all I want, thank you for your support, L Marsal (TSD).

**BIKE:** Cuddly lady in need of exercise has given up on men and needs a bike, price around \$40. Di Young, ext. 2633.

## GET WELL

Ian Collings (Admin.) got carried away playing basketball recently and broke a bone in his foot. Hope it heals for you soon, Ian.

## GOSSIP, ETC.

The story of the month comes from Norm Lade. Norm was grading the shoulders of the Princes Freeway when he noticed a jumbled black cable trailing from the blade of his patrol grader. He stopped to look at it when he noticed two policemen tapping the face of the amphoter box trying to work out what was wrong with it. A very "red faced" Norm proceeded to hand over one very mangled amphoter cable. Police took it well with an "it's going to be one of those days" and went home.

Table tennis is the topic of the moment. The CRB have a B-grade team in the local competition. The team comprises Jeff Robinson, Peter Jarrett and Ross Wells and they are playing the "Workers" in the grand final. The "Workers" team comprises Ken Salter and Graeme Price

also from the office. Best of luck boys!

Carol Christensen (Admin.) recently bought a new Holden Sunbird. A couple of weeks ago Carol had a "run in" with another car and left a big hole in her front guard. To make matters worse her victim was a **brand new** Chrysler Sigma.

We hear Leon Shanks (E/O Drouin) is most disgruntled. His football team had not won a game all year and then had the misfortune to win last week and thus lose even the "wooden spoon".

Bridge Clerk of Works, Keith Fenby, takes the "Wethead" of the year award. He and Jeff Robinson were taking stream levels of the Little Moe River. Keith was leaning over the bank holding a staff on the water level when he leaned over a little too far and went in head first, clothes and all.

## DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT

### • METROPOLITAN

News within Metro Division has been fairly sparse lately, obvious by our failure to reach this column on a number of occasions. It could have been the same this time excepting for the antics of "Gilpins Planners".

On their latest epic they co-opted the services of John "Desperado" Clark to organise a night on the town. John managed a leave pass by telling wife Gillian he was attending an Institution of Engineers Meeting. It was rumoured that Gary Liddle, David Blore and Graham Gilpin were disappointed with the topless usherettes but they were still stary-eyed the next day and late into the bargain.

Staff who have returned from Long Service Leave include Geoff Kloot

sporting brand new clogs (useful for putting the boot in), Charlie Pashula sporting a new moustache and Col Kosky looking forward to adding the finishing touches to his house renovations. The fortunate ones who have taken their place include Fred Davenport off on another trip to Central Australia, Ken Hornsby and Michael North-Coombes off to sunny Queensland.

Laughing least is Col Horman who after relieving Geoff Kloot in the Design Section for four months is now holding the reins in the Municipal Section. Shortly he'll be looking for a new offside as Wally Sproule retires in September after 9 years loyal service. Wally shouldn't have to worry too much about inflation as the counter lunches at "The Harp" should still be on the house if he plays his cards right.

Latest arrivals in the office include David Kimpton on the rotational training scheme for draftsmen. Petra Reidy-Crofts on the CES employment scheme who is soon to be off to Western Australia and Vic Sedunary from Traffic Engineering to supervise our Traffic Signals section.



# GETTING HER ACT TOGETHER



**COMELY** Karen Hiney still isn't sure about what to wear to the HOSA fancy dress ball next month.

First, she fancied herself as the tiara-topped crime fighter. Then, as is the way of most women, she changed her mind. Her second choice was to go as the bewitching Samantha. Finally, she opted for the fun-loving flapper look, Charlestoning and Black Bottoming her way straight out of the Roaring Twenties.

But despite all the help she could muster from the Masquerade hire shop in High Street, Kew, Karen is **STILL** undecided.

"You'll just have to wait until the ball to find out," she taunted the Interchange photographer.

The ball, at the Kew Civic Centre on October 19, is sure to attract a collection of top name movie and television stars. The theme for the fancy dress gala is "Showbiz" and all who attend are expected to turn up dressed as their favourite showbiz personality.

Tickets are now on sale at \$16 a double for HOSA members or \$22 a double for non-members.

The entrance price covers a slap-up smorgasbord, and non-stop dancing to the incredible "Showbiz" rock band from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Drinks are B.Y.O.



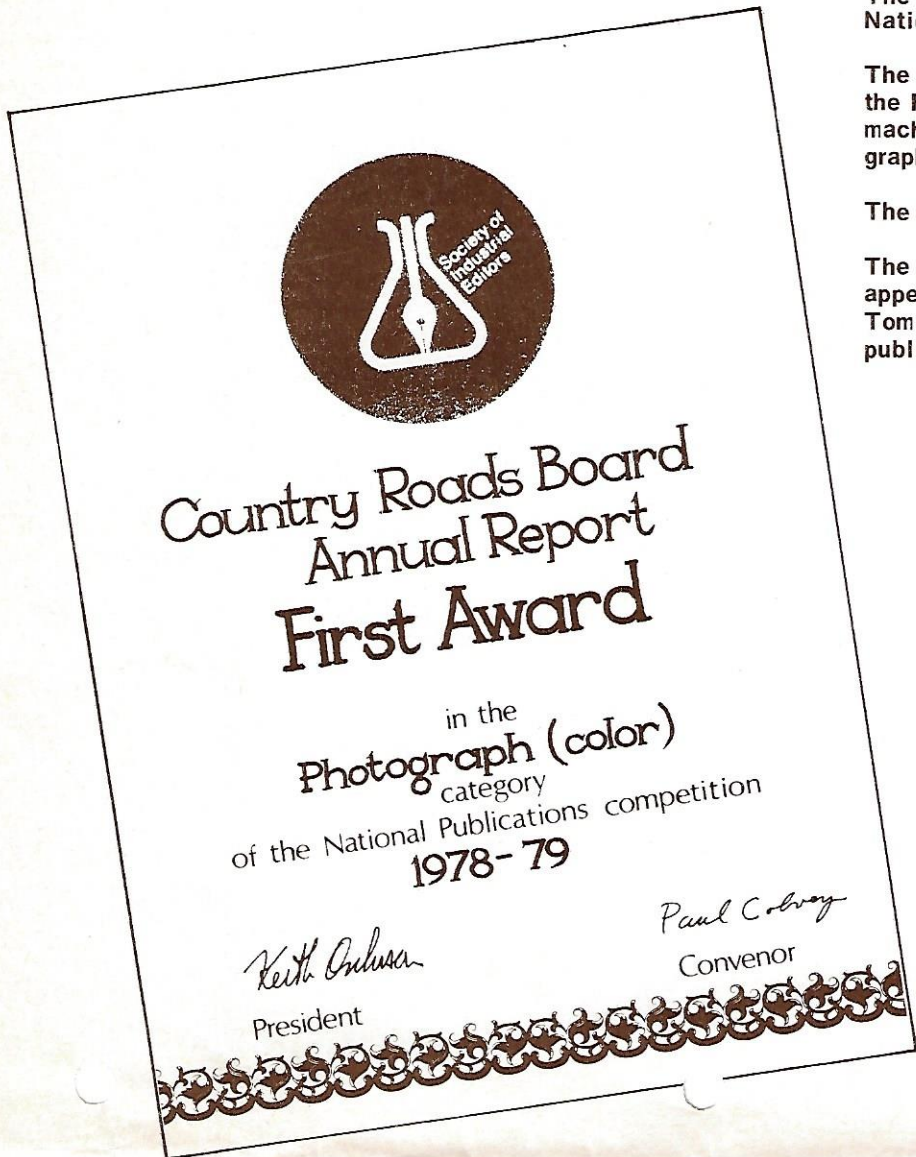
# CRB WINS SIE PUBLICATION AWARDS

The CRB again picked up two first prize awards at the Society of Industrial Editors National Publications Competition 1978/79.

The staff newspaper Interchange received a first prize in the Newspaper Category for the February, 1979 edition, printed by our own Printing Section, with the man on the machine being John Lyall. The award was for presentation, ease of reading, photographic reproduction and staff involvement.

The other first prize was for the best colour photograph.

The photograph was of the Buchan River Bridge in Buchan on a foggy day which appeared in the Board's 1977/78 Annual Report. The man behind the camera was Tom Scott, Photographic Section, and the award was for the visual appeal of the published photograph.



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**Closing date for next issue**

Closing date for Classics, Divisional Roundabout and contributions (including Black and White photographs) for the May edition of Interchange is March 19th.

## MYSTERY FATHER CHRISTMAS AT H.O.

Head Office has a mystery Father Christmas . . . Each Christmas for the past five years, a present has appeared on the fifth floor counter where Xerox operator Tom Dobbin works.

The latest present was a bottle of champagne and cans of beer decorated as a Christmas tree (pictured). It just appeared on the counter one day before Christmas before I came into work. Tom said 'I don't know where it came from but I must be doing something right for someone. Each year the pattern has been the same — a hand-made model of decoration mysteriously appears on the counter near the photocopier.'

Tom has been the Head Office Xerox operator for the past six years. His easy going nature and efficient service have made him a popular figure in the building. In 1978 Tom made 1.6 million photocopies. 'There's not much spare time on the job during the year,' he said.

• When Tom joined the Board six years ago, he discovered a lifetime secret.

All his life he thought his first name was Tom — but his birth certificate that he presented on joining the Board showed that it was Oswald.

'It was a great surprise. I had never known there was another name,' he said.

'All my life I had been known as Tom. I only learnt my proper name when I came here.'

Before starting work with the Board, Tom had to sign a statutory declaration (no doubt with photocopies) that the two names belonged to the same person.



• Xerox Operator Tom Dobbin and his 'mystery' gift.



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