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A GOOD VINTAGE!

Ivan Chiselett, an engineer with Bridge Sub-branch, is a true vintage car buff. He is a member of the Austin 7 Club, the Vintage Drivers Club, and the Morris Register of Victoria.

Ivan and his wife, Barbara, have competed in many rallies to places as far afield as South Australia and Tasmania, and

also in those nearer to home around Melbourne.

Matlock Street in Camberwell provided an apt setting for our photo of Ivan with his restored vintage cars — the shop pictured here has been used in *The Sullivans*, as have Ivan's cars! To the left of the picture is Ivan's 1926 Morris Cowley,

with a petrol consumption of something like 25-30 mpg for a normal run and 40 mpg for an economy run. To the right is the 1929 Austin 7 Ace which was used for the opening of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway. It gives a mileage of approximately 55 mpg for normal use, with a phenomenal 78 mpg being recorded during a

recent economy run. Ivan also has an Austin 7 Chummy at home — but that is still being restored.

If you would like to know more about vintage cars, or find out why a vintage car enthusiast drives a Holden to work, you're welcome to contact Ivan on extension 2151.

CRB CONTINUES CONSTRUCTION

The CRB has let a \$3,475,589 contract to Dillingham Australia Limited, for foundation work on part of the elevated section of the West Gate Freeway, South Melbourne.

The contract involves the construction of 142 steel cased concrete piles, some going to a depth in excess of 50 metres. The work will be carried out between Clarendon Street and east of Kings Way, and includes the on and off ramp structures between the freeway and Kings Way.

The estimated cost of the total West Gate Freeway project from Graham Street, Port Melbourne, to Grant Street, South Melbourne, is \$96 million.

The Minister of Transport, the Honourable Robert Maclellan MLA, opened the \$14 million Mornington Peninsula Freeway — between Eel Race Drain, Seaford and Springvale Road, Keysborough, on Tuesday, 18th March, 1980.

The new 6.7 km freeway provides two lanes for traffic in each direction plus emergency stopping lanes. New bridges were constructed across the Patterson River and for interchanges at Chelsea Road and Thompson Road.

Motorists, both private and commercial, can now travel on a divided road or a freeway between Nunawading and a point south of Frankston — a distance of 44kms. The route follows — Springvale Road, Mornington Peninsula Freeway, Frankston Freeway, McMahons Road, Frankston — Flinders Road, and Moorooduc Road.

Motorists travelling home or to the holiday resorts will notice the improved traffic flow. The freeway also provides access to the Western Port area for all commercial vehicles travelling to Hastings and Crib Point. The new freeway links Springvale road to the Frankston Freeway and provides safer driving conditions as through traffic has been removed from Wells Road.

On Friday, 21st March 1980, three days after opening the Mornington Peninsula Freeway, Mr Maclellan opened a new 12km section of the Hume Freeway, including the bypass of Violet Town.

This \$11 million section of the Hume Freeway provides safer travelling conditions and is a substantial step towards the ultimate goal of a continuous freeway from Melbourne to Wodonga.

The new freeway section runs between Wilbrahams Road, south of Violet Town to the vicinity of One Mile Creek, north of Violet Town, connecting with the recently constructed 9kms section between Violet Town and Baddaginnie.

Landscaping is an important aspect of the entire Hume Freeway and for this section more than 6000 trees and shrubs will be planted.

A new pedestrian overpass was opened on Monday 14th April 1980 by the CRB over the unopened section of the Mulgrave Freeway being constructed between Huntingdale and Warrigal Roads, East Oakleigh.

The pedestrian overpass spans the freeway between the Jacana Street reserve on the north side and Adrian Street to the south.

The overpass will be of benefit to local pedestrians in the area, including students attending Salesian College and the Primary, Roman Catholic and High Schools in the vicinity.

The structure is 98.5 metres long, has three spans and is 1.94 metres between handrails.

The estimated cost of the overpass and approaches is approximately \$170,000.

The Mulgrave Freeway extension between Huntingdale Road and Warrigal Road is expected to be opened to traffic in early 1981.

FROM
THE



BOARDROOM



Above: Long walks have been reduced for these students as they make use of the recently-opened pedestrian overpass of the Mulgrave Freeway.

SUCH CONCENTRATION



These attentive gazes were captured on film at the Municipal Engineers Conference which was held on 3rd and 4th March this year.

Approximately 200 local government and CRB engineers, and representatives of State instrumentalities and departments, attended the two-day conference.

The Tenth ARRB Conference

The Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) was established by the National Association of Australian State Road Authorities in 1960 to undertake research into problems associated with roads and traffic in Australia.

ARRB is a co-operative venture between the State and Commonwealth Government departments interested in roads and road transport. These departments comprise the Member Authorities of NAASRA and the Commonwealth Department of Transport.

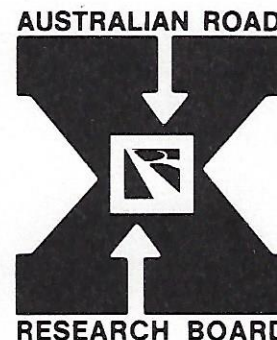
Complementary to the ARRB's extensive research programme are the ARRB information services. Road research information is disseminated through publications, on-line via Ausinet, and by conferences and symposia such as the Tenth ARRB Conference.

ARRB Conferences are held in various States and are supported by scientists, engineers and associated specialists involved with roads and road transport throughout Australia.

The Tenth ARRB Conference, to be held from 24 to 29 August, 1980, will be at the University of Sydney. There will be technical sessions and inspections for conference participants, and a special social programme has been designed for persons accompanying delegates.

Further information can be obtained from:

The Conference Secretary
Australian Road Research Board
P O Box 156, Private Bag No 4
NUNAWADING 3131



"DAY OF THE GRASSTREES"



The triffid — star of science fiction novels, Hollywood movies — and now, Hume Freeway Rest Areas.

John Wyndham's classic story *Day of the Triffids* described how six foot, bushy monster plants caused mayhem and terrorised the people of earth.

Little did Mr Wyndham realise that his imaginative shrubs do exist — only in Australia they're called Grasstrees!

There are several species of Grasstrees in the eastern states. Some examples can be found alongside the area of the Hume Freeway currently under construction north of Seymour.

Pictured here is Lester Watts, an engineer from the Seymour pro-

ject office, examining one of these exotic trees near a proposed rest area on the freeway site.

Some of the grasstrees were transplanted from the construction area to the roadside as part of a landscaping programme.

Grasstrees are known by a number of names including 'Blackboys' in Western Australia, 'Yuccas' in South Australia, and 'Genus Xanthorrhoea, Family Liliaceae' in botanic circles.

(Oh, if you think the baby triffids in the background are creeping up on Lester — you're wrong. They just want their mother!)

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Interchange has a new editor!

Deborah Candy has joined the CRB as Publications Officer after five years running her own editing and design business. She is responsible for producing *Interchange*, as well as *CRB News* and other publications.

As *Interchange* is a staff newspaper, Deborah would be happy to hear from you if you have a story of interest to others, an idea for an article, if you're tired of any old features or if you would like to see any new features. Please phone her at Head Office on extension 2633, or contact any other member of PR, if you would like to make a suggestion about, or a contribution to, *Interchange*.



Is it true that Horsham's ADE Norm Butler is all washed up as a golfer? Having taken up the sport at the end of last year, he bought some cheap golf balls — for practice only — at the bargain price of 6 for \$1.50. The catch? They were made of soap! Think of the 'froth and bubble' possible if he'd been caught in the rain.

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Then there was the new recruit at Head Office who was sent to another Section to ask for a 'long weight (wait)' — and got one! Half an hour later, they were still waiting!

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The following, submitted as Classics, seemed more appropriate for inclusion in *Diversions*. So here they are — without further comment.

FOR SALE

GRAHAM HILL'S BODY: as new, many extras — hairy chest, moustache, big mouth, etc. * All offers considered. A Robson, APD.

CONCRETE BLOCKS 150mm diam. 300mm long, test cert. supplied. \$1.00 per block, discount for cash. Large orders delivered. S Prosser, Bairnsdale.

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We understand there's a lot of weekend work involved on the Mulgrave Freeway project — but the engineer who applied for sick leave for a Saturday has really taken things *too far!*

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Things have been anything but quiet down Warrnambool way. A young Hereford bull made his bid for freedom from the local pound and, having smashed through a steel gate, charged at oncoming traffic on the Princess Highway. The local poundkeeper was quoted as saying "I wouldn't like to stand in his road". Well, knowing the Princes Highway, we wouldn't recommend standing in his road, either!

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And to the highly-observant, public-spirited driver who left a message on the car in the cutting which read:

"Just a short note to bring to your notice that your tyre (my side) is getting to be on the flat side (particularly at the bottom)" —

thank you!

OBITUARY

Les Beecher (ex Bridge Sub-Branch), who retired from the CRB in 1976, passed away on Tuesday 3 June 1980 after a long illness.

Les was active in launching the first edition of 'Roadlines' in March 1965 and, until his retirement, was involved in the production of the magazine.

We extend our condolences to the Beecher family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOYA

Thursday the 17th of April was a great day.

The CRB screeched to a halt as our valiant tea ladies downed tools (well, teapots and trollies) to honour one of their fellow workers.

Yes, it was birthday time for the Caf. 21C, Moya Mutton. A giggle of tea ladies marked the occasion with a singing telegram, delivered to her in the cafeteria during the lunchtime rush.

And Moya's reaction? In the words of the telegram, "there ain't nobody finer than the woman standing here embarrassed"!



CRB RETIRED PERSONS ASSOCIATION 1st Annual General Meeting

The anniversary of the formation of the CRB Retired Persons Association was celebrated on 11 March 1980 when sixty-eight members and their guests enjoyed a luncheon and chat in the Head Office Theatre.

The committee were re-elected to serve another term. They are:

President Ted King
Vice President Cliff Liddell
Hon Secretary Eric Moncrieff
Asst Hon Secretary Lois Lee
Hon Treasurer Jim Farish
Asst Hon Treasurer John Molnar
Committee —

Noreen Dunworth, Alf Lewis, Inez Lowry (elected for two years)

Bas Abery, Nancy Costelloe, Theo Lester (previously elected for two years)

Eric Moncrieff reported that reasonable progress had been made over the first year and that the objects of the Association had been achieved. The four luncheons and General Meetings had been well attended, and future activities and outings were being planned by the Committee for this year.

Association membership is currently 125, with eleven coming from distant country areas. A Geelong group has

just been formed; Geoff Zierk has details for any Geelongites wishing to join up.



Pictured above are five RPA lady members: (from left to right) Irene Donnellon, Nancy Costelloe, Margaret Chomley, Marj Phillips and Doris Penrose.

The Relocation of Sir Tommy Bent



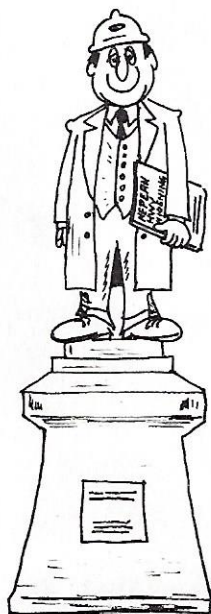
Do you remember this photo? It appeared on the back cover of Roadlines, Summer 1977, and showed Sir Tommy receiving his marching orders. The statue was moved to make way for the Nepean Highway widening.



Sir Tommy was relocated by the CRB to his new landscaped site, at the corner of Hampton Street and the Nepean Highway, on Tuesday 25th March. He is pictured here, having just been lowered into place, being secured back onto his pedestal.



Wait, what's this? The figure is familiar — but jeans, T-shirt and a bottle of beer? Will the real Tommy Bent please stand up?



And this little girl's thoughts about the whole episode? If you look closely, perhaps "In your ear, Sir Tommy" about sums it up.

IN RECOGNITION

Of the eleven Victorians awarded Imperial Service Medals on 27 February 1980, five earned their awards through service with the Country Roads Board.

They are:

Allan Francis Perry (Warrnambool) who retired in 1977 after 35 years service. He started with the CRB as an owner truck driver and ended his career as Overseer A.

William Stewart Renn (Urban Projects) devoted 25 years to public service, spending 22 years with MMBW and then three years with the CRB. Bill commenced his career as a labourer and finished as Overseer A. He retired in 1977.

Russell Sydney Trevor Smith (Benalla) started with the CRB as a Time Keeper/Cost Clerk and finished, 40 years later, as Superintendent of Works. He, too, retired in 1977.

Clarence Roy Taylor (Dandenong) gave 47 years of service to the CRB. Upon retirement in 1978 he was a Patrolman Grade 1.

Leslie Percival Upton (Benalla) retired, after 33 years with the Board, in 1977. Les started out as a fitter and turner and held the position of Workshop Supervisor when he retired.

Imperial Service Medals are given in recognition of faithful and meritorious service to the community as a public servant. They are awarded after at least 25 years of public service, and then only subsequent to retirement.

NOT SHY - JUST RETIRING



What have computers, maps and flowers in common? Retirements, that's what! Head Office recently saw the departure from its corridors of three well-known CRB personalities: (from left to right) Joe Plumridge (Head Gardener), Pat Marr (Plan Filing Clerk) and Noel Smithwick (Data Processing Officer). They retired within four weeks of one another.

Everybody at Head Office knew Joe Plumridge. He looked after the grounds for nearly twenty years.

Joe claimed "it's the best job a bloke ever had".

Most of the trees and bushes between Head Office and the Materials Research building were planted and nurtured by Joe. He felt it had been a

rewarding part of his job to see these trees mature over the years.

But Joe didn't always confine his interests out of doors.

Joe was one of the chief instigators of the indoor bowls which have become a daily ritual at lunchtime in the Theatrette.

It was through his enthusiasm and perseverance that the Social Association decided to purchase the bowling equipment.

Although retiring, Joe won't be leaving the shrubbery scene altogether; he'll be sharing his horticultural wisdom at the Box Hill Bowling Club.

Pat Marr was a bit of a celebrity at Head Office.

To say that she 'supervised' the Plan Filing Room would be an understatement. Pat operated the Filing Room with rigid efficiency and, consequently, earned the respect of draftsmen and engineers alike.

Working on the Lower Ground Floor provided many interesting experiences. Like the time nine inches of water flooded the Plan Filing Room following a heavy downpour. More

than 1000 maps and stat files were drenched.

Fortunately, Pat was on hand to take command and, with the aid of numerous sheets of plastic and blotting paper, they were eventually dried out in the Theatrette.

"We didn't lose a thing", Pat remarked modestly.

Had she fond memories of her time with the CRB?

"I'm going to write a book about it", she replied quickly, "called *Murder in the Plan Filing Room*".

After 20½ years with the CRB, Noel Smithwick didn't waste much time in getting away from it all. He left Computer Section on Friday 28th April and by the following Wednesday was heading towards England as part of a nine month world tour.

Noel had planned to retire in 1977 when he was in Methods Section, but "never got around to it".

He started out as Divisional Accountant at Bairnsdale. From there, he went to Methods Section and more recently took on the role of Data Processing Officer.



A word or two in the right place never goes astray! Reg Marslen (Bendigo) is caught here praying for accuracy when he won the Bendigo Easter "A" Grade Singles and was a member of the Bendigo Bowling Club "A" Grade Premiership Team.

THE RESULTS?

Here are the names and teams of those who emerged triumphant at the 1980 Interdivisional Sports Day.

GOLF

Best Gross D Farrell
Best Nett
Club H'cap G Robb
Social H'cap B Lyons
Nearest Pin M Chavdaroska
Team Champions
 Bridge Division

BOWLS

Singles R Marslen
Doubles Bendigo

SQUASH

Champion Mens P McDonald (MRD)
Champion Ladies C Howard

VOLLEYBALL

Winners Traffic Engineering
Runners Up Syndal

TENNIS

CRB SHIELD

Champions 1-G Savage
 2-M Stirrate
Runners Up 1-L Sargent
 2-L Wright

MENS

Winners 1-K Story
 2-G Turner
Runners Up 1-W Mackowski
 2-P Bow

MIXED DOUBLES

Winners 1-Mrs T Wong
 2-B Thebes
Runners Up 1-Mrs F Spicer
 2-Mrs B Nicol

TABLE TENNIS

Singles S Soon Geelong
Doubles S Soon Geelong
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FEELING "ON TOP OF THE

AT THE INTERDIVISIONAL SPORTS DAY

Geelong Division played host to visitors from around the state for this year's Interdivisional Sports Day held on Sunday 23rd March. The day was acclaimed a great success by all who attended.

There were activities organised, starting at seven in the morning, until the lunchtime barbeque aroma proved too tempting and lured sportsmen, women and children alike from their athletic pursuits.

Those who managed to find their way to Clifton Springs were treated to a game of golf second to none - with fine weather and a picturesque course. The late arrival at lunch of several golfers leads to speculation that the 19th hole provided a considerable attraction as well!

Other sports available included table tennis, tennis, volleyball and squash.

Geelong's DE, Graeme Marshallsea, entered the spirit of things by volleying the ball for the honour of the Geelong team.

And almost everyone participated in the squash - either on the courts with a racquet, or after indulging in a hearty lunch and then trying to 'squash' themselves into the car for the long drive home!

Oh, the quote of the day? One award-winning golfer, when asked what sort of handicap he'd been given, replied "very generous".

So if you missed the big event, we hope the candid shots on these pages will inspire you to come along next year and share that 'on top of the world' feeling!



Above: All eyes following the action on centre court

Right: The Shield final between Glen Savage & Mike Stirrate (Horsham) and Lee Sargent & Larry Wright (HO), with victory going to Horsham - yet again!



Right: And to feed the inner man, woman or child - a tasty barbeque lunch!

Below: These poor lads no doubt bought their raffle tickets in good faith - only to find the prizes were glasses of amber fluid! Talk about luck



Below: Thinks: 'Will I be a famous right-hander or left-hander when I grow up?'



E WORLD"



Above: Captured here, enjoying a round of golf at Clifton Springs, are (from left to right) Robin Hartwell (Bendigo), Joe Goossens (Bendigo), Geoff Zierk (Geelong) and Harry Hardingham (Bendigo)



Above: "I can't hear you!" Ventriloquist Shirley Fry and her puppet elicited a very vocal response from the audience of youngsters

Left: Board member Noel Allanson receives some instruction in the finer points of tennis from Shield runners-up Lee Sargent and Larry Wright (both from Head Office)



Above: Yet another dust-catcher for the mantle-piece!

Right: The inevitable, unenviable task of cleaning up after a very successful day



JAGUARS -V- CRUSADERS

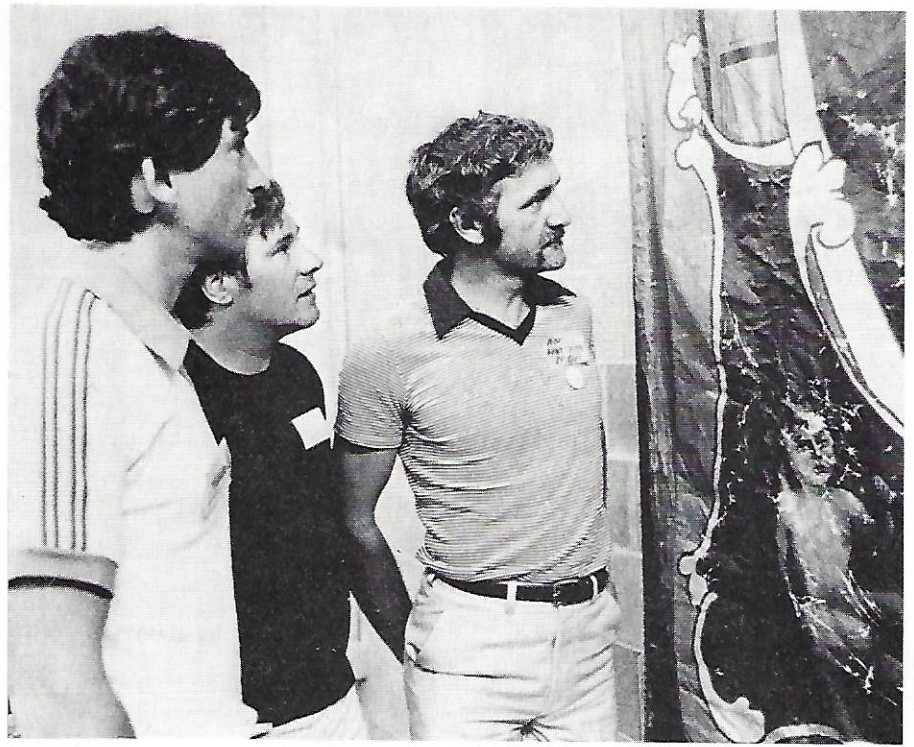
On Sunday 30th March 1980, Jephcott's Jaguars and Currie's Crusaders battled in golf, cricket and squash for the annual Bairnsdale-Traralgon Interdivisional Sports Day trophy.

The Crusaders were determined to avenge last year's defeat, but ability proved out and the Jaguars once again took the trophy to its Bairnsdale resting place.

Wet weather dampened everything but the spirits of participants. Golf and squash were played in the morning, with a break for a barbeque lunch before the final event of the day — cricket.



Cricket was played at the Bundalagwah Cricket Ground. Traralgon were all out for 122, and Bairnsdale finished with 6/125 to win by four wickets.



COLLEAGUES AT COLLEGE

Dennis Farrer, an MOA Steward from Geelong Division, and Stephen Witt, AMWSU Shop Steward from Mechanical Sub-branch at Syndal, were recently selected by their unions to undertake an Advanced Industrial Relations Course. The one week fully residential course was held at the Clyde Cameron College at Wodonga.

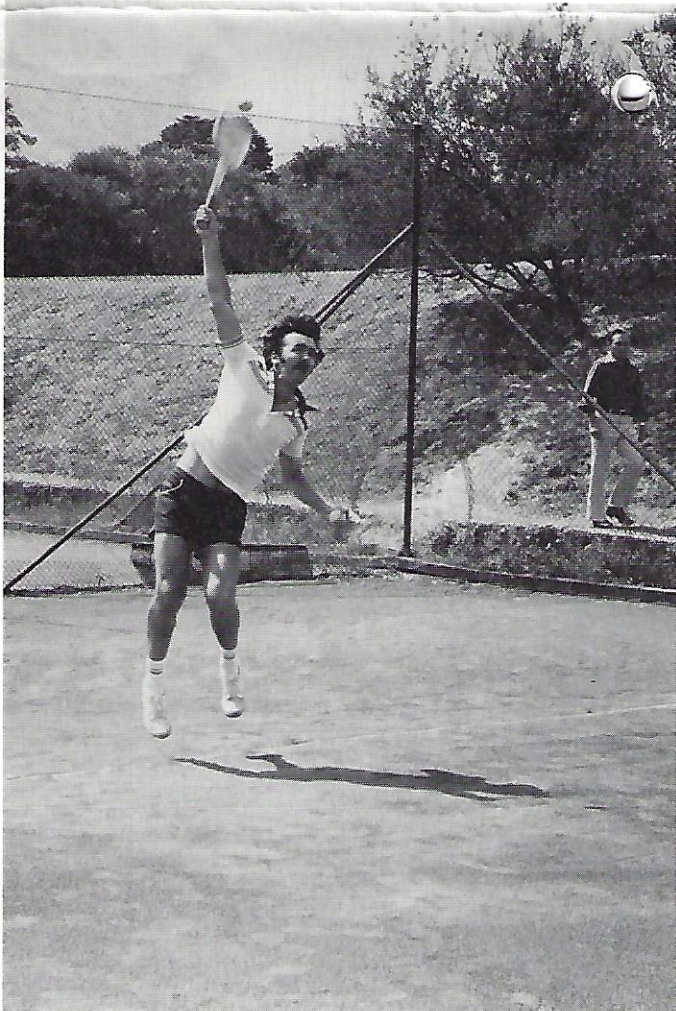
At the same time, MOA Representative Ron Hutchins, from

CRB Head Office, was attending a two week Leadership Development Course at the College.

They are pictured above examining a very large, very old union banner which is one of many being restored, maintained and displayed at the College.

The Clyde Cameron College is funded by the Federal Government and is jointly administered by government, private enterprise and union representatives.

MRD TENNIS CHAMPS

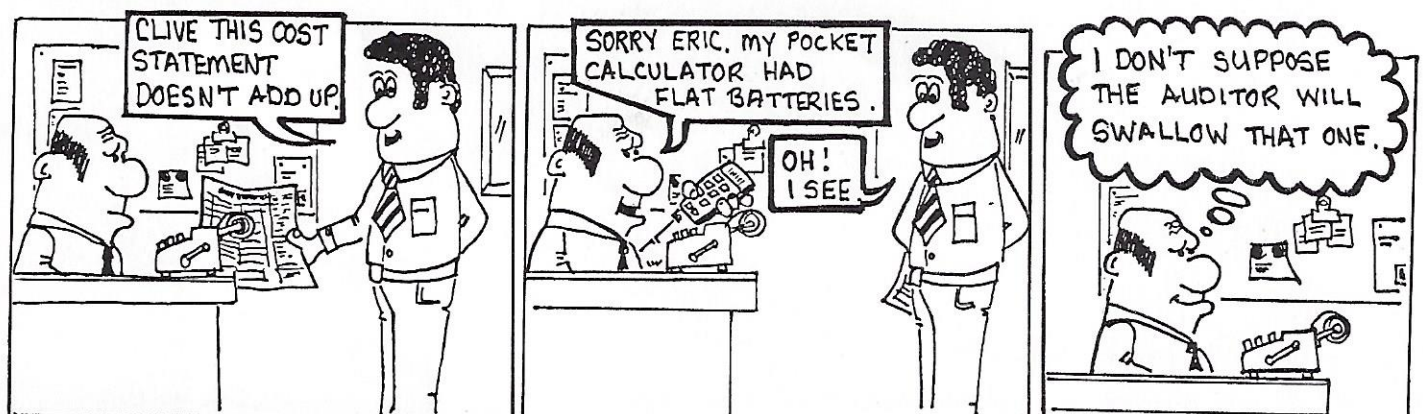
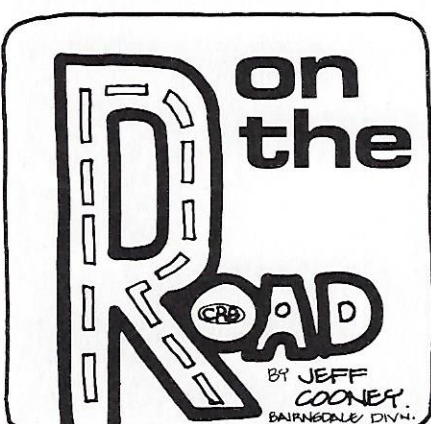
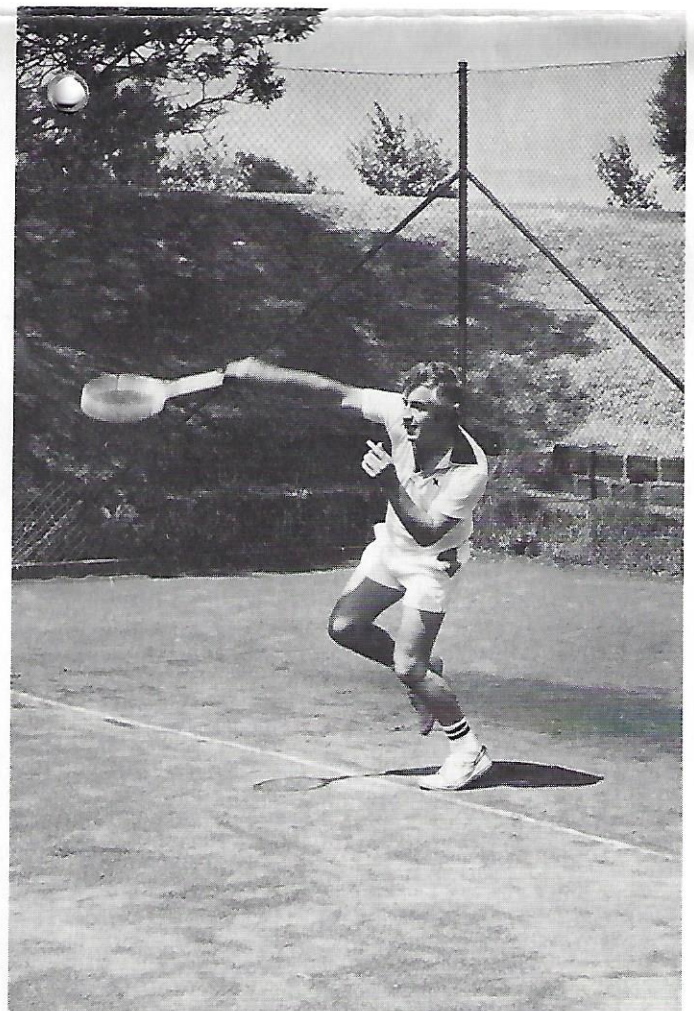


The Loyola Tennis courts, near Head Office, saw nineteen energetic MRD personnel competing in the MRD Tennis Championships earlier this year.

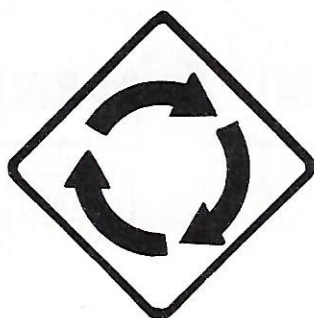
As one contender after another bowed to defeat, the final play-off on Tuesday 6th March was left to Paul White and Keith Story (being Presidents of the Ambrose and Burwood Tennis Clubs, respectively). About thirty interested spectators gave up their lunchtime to watch Paul White overcome Keith Story, 6-4, 6-4.

It is hoped, because of the interest shown this year, to expand the Championships to include Head Office personnel and also to make them an annual event.

Pictured here, on the day of the finals, are action shots of Paul White (left) and Keith Story (right).



DIVISIONAL



ROUNDABOUT

● BALLARAT

COMINGS

We extend a warm welcome to three new entrants who have recently joined our staff. They are Geoff Robb, an Engineering Surveyor from Geelong, Greg Mariager, Engineer from Road Planning and Mike Hodgson, Engineer from Mulgrave.

SIGHTSEEING TOUR

On 20th March several energetic office staff from Ballarat were treated to a tour of inspection of the Western Freeway now under construction between Bungaree and Wallace. This arduous undertaking was contemplated over morning tea at the Bungaree site office. From there Jim Day, with his red brimmed cap and camera over the shoulder, led the group into the bus. Neil Brogden, Engineer in charge of the Bungaree project, conducted the tour in magnificent fashion conveying the tourists to many interesting sights. The tourists did not have much of a chance to relax between sights because Peter Menz, who was sitting between two lovely ladies, kept the group lively by his general misbehaviour. The tourists enjoyed the trip immensely and gained greater knowledge of the work that was being done.

TATTSLOTTO

A syndicate comprising Ron Howlett, John King, Ray Hower, Charlie Biggin and Ian Gardner have been taking a systems nine entry for the past eleven weeks. They did not have to wait very long before their numbers came out giving them several third and fourth division prizes. All were very happy except John who only received 10% of the winnings while the others received 22½% each. In case of another win, John requested an equal share but the others thought "while-you-are-on-a-good-thing-stick-to-it" and so John is left with his measly 10%.

CRICKET

On Sunday, 16th March, Captain "Boofa" Dwyer and his raiders of world acclaim (Ted Oppy, Neil Brogden, Len Walker, Greg Mariager, David Major, Noel Cox, Col Struhs, Ray Burzacott, Alec Maher, Robert Walters and John King) fought a return cricket battle with 1979 victors, Bendigo first eleven team, at the Sebastopol cricket ground. The ground and pitch were in perfect condition and the weather could not have been better. Due to much better captaincy than last year Dwyer's raiders accounted for their defeat and won by fourteen runs, with top scores going to Greg Mariager and Ted Oppy who knocked up 39 and 26 runs respectively for Ballarat, and Renny Duckett 40 runs and Don Peckham 29 runs for Bendigo. Families from both teams provided continuous encouragement to their heroes and after the battle, which raged for six hours, everybody relaxed in the midst of drinks and sizzling barbecues.

● MULGRAVE FWY

DEPARTURES

The following personnel have been transferred and our best wishes go with them.

David Jones to Metropolitan, Mike Hodgson a permanent/temporary transfer to Ballarat, John Seccombe to Eastern Freeway and Murray Mc Intosh to Plans & Surveys.

WORLD TRIP

Peter Carter, a Class 2 Engineer, has recently embarked on a world trip. He intends to journey through India and Europe and return in twelve months.

WINE BOTTLING MISHAP

A successful wine bottling evening was held at the home of Ted Goddard recently, but the aftermath was most unexpected! The wine began secondary fermentation in the bottles which resulted in many of the corks exploding. Harry Clark was the most unpopular in this incident. He stored his wine on the top shelf of the linen press and when the corks exploded all the linen was saturated in wine. Mrs Clark was not at all happy with the extra washing.

TABLE TENNIS ELBOW

We've all heard of tennis elbow, but Ted Goddard has developed a case of table tennis elbow. The fact that he cannot play table tennis does not particularly worry him, but he is peeved at not being able to play golf.

BINGO!

Lesley Pike, our newly appointed tea lady, had a nice win at bingo recently. The win comprised two amounts of \$40 and one of \$1000, which she shared with two of her girlfriends. To celebrate her win, Lesley "shouted" the project office to cream cakes for morning tea. We all hope she has many more wins in the future.

CONFUSION AT BIRTH

Fathers have been notorious for confusing their childrens' names and birthdates and Tony Krupko certainly fits this category. When asked the names of his twin girls who were born in December, he replied: "Natalie and Louise.....no wait a minute not Natalie, its Katherine and they were born on 20th December.....No, I'm wrong again, it was not the 20th it was the 13th of December". However he did assure the Interchange rep that he was very confident of remembering where they live.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Tony Donnelly who was killed in a motorbike accident on the evening of 14th March, 1980. Tony, who was known as "Turtle" to his friends, commenced with the Board in April, 1974 on the Mulgrave Freeway and held the position of Senior Chairman.

He had a unique sense of humour and was very popular with his fellow workers. Tony patronised our social events, enjoyed a game of cards and liked the odd round of golf. We all knew when Tony finished work for the day - there would be a deafening roar from his motorbike and he would ride by displaying one of his brightly coloured T Shirts.

He will be missed by all.

● HEAD OFFICE

Title Survey Division welcomes Elspeth Corbett and John Capuana.

Geoff Downes (Plans & Surveys) resigned after four years service.

Road Planning Division say farewell to Elaine Herbert, Planning Analyst, who resigned to join VicRail, and to Helen Wawrzynski, Drafting Assistant who has joined the Shire of Eltham.

Road Planning welcome Mark Perlow (Engineer), Anne Clarke and Judy Boardman (Drafting Assistants), and Alan Dowling (on the Draftsman's Training Scheme).

Greg Mariager (Road Planning) has transferred to Ballarat Division.

● BAIRNSDALE

ARRIVALS

Welcome to Cris Redenbach who commenced in the Admin Section on 25th February.

Adrian Bond, Engineer, is back with us again after a short visit in 1975 on the training scheme. Adrian transferred from the Seymour-Euroa Project. Definitely "See-less Euroa" now, eh?

We also welcome Neil Wigg who commenced as a cost clerk in March.

DEPARTURES

The "On the Road" cartoonist Jeff Cooney is living up to his column as he is off now to Metro Division.

Jeff who has been with us since June 1978 has kept the notice boards full of wit with his own on the job experiences as a cost clerk.

Just keep the cartoons rolling in Jeff.

AROUND THE CAMPS WINGAN

The legendary Wingan Project has now finished. "Webfoot Waldron" was only too pleased to give the job to the traffic, and overseer Des Law doesn't have to travel under the disguise of Harry Butler any more.

Rumour has it that Waldron, Law and Engineer Hadingham have gone into business with an amphotometer. Hope it's not to pay for over-expenditure.

W TREE

Workers recently found that levelling definitely has its advantages. There were a few red faces when the Engineer pulled up to find a group of eager levellers lining up for sightings across the paddock to a near-by health farm.

However, there is no truth in the rumour that the overseer has asked for an extra level on the job for his personal use.

FUN RUN

Kevin Hadingham and Neil King, our office fun runners, again participated in this years 'Coca-Cola' Fun Run.

Both finished in creditable times and surprisingly shaped up refreshed on Monday morning. Kevin apparently, in the end, found it quicker stepping over the runners in front instead of going around them.

SOCIAL

Congratulations goes to Bill Hall who is now the reigning pool champ.

Good to see Sue back at work after a car accident.

Adrian Bond couldn't work out why he didn't get a prize in the local Breamanza after catching a flat-head.

In the first Pro-am golf tournament held at the Bairnsdale Golf Course it was good to see Bob Baade taking out the B Grade title and Jim Dawson taking out the C Grade title.

● BENDIGO

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Divisional Accounts Clerk Bob Thomas has retired after 27 years. Bob has been on extended leave and long service leave for about two years. We wish Bob good health and good golfing in his retirement.

Neil Talbot has left us for a business venture. Neil was on the Laboratory staff for 15 years.

Peter Ryall, at the time of writing, is somewhere on the high seas on a Russian Cruise Ship. Haven't heard from him at all for two months. If he gets back we will let you know.

Robyn Bickford is spending her leave in America. Understand Disneyland is in the itinerary.

● TRAFFIC ENG

ARRIVALS

Welcome to new arrivals to Traffic Engineering:

Trevor Mc Cullough, David Nash, Fred Andrews-Phaedonos, John Sibthorpe, Ross Dick, Lester Mc Clure and Andrew Smith.

Another old face returns: Ray Sprague. Welcome back.

DEPARTURES

Three well known celebrities leave Traffic Engineering: Lloyd Rowe left for Mulgrave at the end of March - his second attempt to reach EV (escape velocity)!

Graeme Cripps (official orange boy for CRB volley-ball team) leaves for greener pastures at Benalla.

John Woodford Williams (one of the CRB's well known personalities) leaves the Board after perfecting various traffic signal "linking" systems - he has created a market for a chain of panel beating shops which he is to manage.

UP-UP-AND-AWAY

Jetsetters in the section include Francis Sin who, after a Class 3 Engineer promotion, can afford a seven week trip to Europe, and Bruce Thompson who leaves on the 25th March for a 3 months European holiday. Peter Taylor and his potential wife leave for 1 years holiday in Europe "to test the depth of their relationship".

Welcome back to "Snow Bunny" Mark Knudson after a 7 week tour of Canada and the States.

GENERAL

Congratulations to Traffic Boys for being well represented in the "Fun-Run", our best performer being Dave Williamson and the encouragement award going to Graeme Hodge, his wife and two dogs.

● DANDENONG

STAFF MOVEMENTS

Algie Milvydas arrived from Traffic Engineering Division and straightway went on 'honeymoon' leave. We extend to Algie and his bride our very best wishes for their future life, and we welcome Algie into the Division.

Trevor Hosken is with us from the Ministry of Transport for six months and we trust he'll enjoy his stay.

Col Mullens has joined us as Cleaner/Gardener and to attend to all the odd jobs which keep the Division moving smoothly - welcome Col.

SOCIAL CLUB BARBECUE

Twice postponed on account of fire ban days, the Barbecue provided by the Social Club as a get-together of families, took place in the gardens adjoining the Divisional Office on a rather cool Friday night in February. However, a good time was had by all, and the action of the Social Club in providing an excuse to get together and an excellent meal into the bargain was much appreciated by those present.

DIVISION HAS 'THE RUNS'

Several weeks ago a team represented Dandenong Division, Country Roads Board, in the "Exacto Team Trot" and did the Division proud! It was advertised as an 8 mile event, but the team of Garnett Gibbs, Geoff Pullin, Peter Velcek and Gary Veith doubts the distance as they took only 46 minutes. Nevertheless it was a creditable performance!

● TRARALGON

MOVEMENTS

Movements have been quiet over the past couple of months. We welcome Fred Dent as ganger in South Gippsland.

Farewell to Barry Bickel who has gone engineering in greener pastures with the SEC.

SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club have not held any functions recently. The Annual Sports Day against Bairnsdale Division was enjoyed by all. On 30th March Currie's Crusaders and Jephcott's Jaguars do battle in tennis, golf and cricket.

GENERAL

A very pleasant barbecue and "boys" night was held for Ian Couch who was married on 8th March. "Educational" movies were shown and Ian received some lovely "gifts". We wish Ian and Robyn all the best for their future.

The following week a barbecue and farewell was held for engineer Barry Bickel who was leaving the Board after ten years or so in the Division. We wish Barry well for the future.

Office gardener and handy man Len Dove features again in this issue. Len, as part of his annual holidays, spent two weeks fishing at Port Albert, and caught nothing. However, on his last day before returning home he caught more than 100 fish! Len reckons this made the previous two weeks worth it.

Divisional Engineer's Clerk, Graeme Price has become the office hero. Engineer's wife, Linda Jones rang up in a panic as there was a "big" snake in the back yard. Husband Neil was out and all our "brave" engineers were too busy (?) to go - so our hero set off. Fortunately for Pricey a neighbour had already killed the monster (an 18 inch black snake) by the time he arrived. Engineer Ken Salter showed his true form when his only advice in the crisis was "send the kids out to play with it".

Admin. Officer Colin Scammell has become a hero with his cricket club. Colin plays with Devon North in Yarram District Cricket. Recently Colin made 192 runs and his brother Barry made 168. The brothers were associated in a partnership which made 262 runs. Colin's score included 20 fours and 9 sixes. The final score for Devon North was 6/433 which is a Shire of Alberton record. Congratulations Colin - Jephcott's Jaguars had better watch out on March 30th.

● WARRNAMBOOL

ARRIVALS

Welcome to Dom Meadley. Dom arrived in early February to take charge of the Lab while Max Harper is away on 12 months leave.

Welcome also to Des Roche. Des is our latest addition to the Drawing Office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Hugh Parker for gaining his Class 2 position and also for the safe birth of his daughter, Emma. See, country life is good for you!

TRAVELLERS

Depot Clerk, Doc Hammond, has departed for his regular pilgrimage overseas. This time he is deviating from his normal route to go to Tunisia in North Africa. Hope he makes it back alright.

Max Harper is taking a deserved rest from the grind for the next twelve months. Max is going to travel within Australia and overseas.

Norm Henry will be disappearing to Indonesia and Singapore some time this year if only the travel agency will tell him when!

Darryl Watts left at Easter time to sample the delights of the Orient. A couple of guys have put in orders to DW for some strange gifts! I wonder if their wives know.

DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT



ODD SPOTS

Vandal Vic!

While trying to play golf, Vic Malikoff shot a golf ball from the 7th tee onto the 8th green. He proceeded to hit off the 8th green with a 3 iron. The 8th hole happens to be in front of the club house. One wonders how he gets away with it.

SNAKE TALES

Apparently two friends were able to keep David Lynton quiet for a few minutes recently. This is not to be underestimated as it is nearly a miracle. David and Co were away duck shooting or something similar. Friends placed a snake (dead I presume) under some bags next to DL. On picking up the bags, DL is supposed to have performed some remarkable acrobatics which nearly put his head through the roof of the car.

● HORSHAM

FREAK ACCIDENT

Snowie Cambridge, former Superintendent of Works Horsham who recently retired, is suffering with a broken leg which he received on a recent fishing trip to the Murray River.

Snowie, who is an experienced Murray River fisherman, was unfortunate to become a victim of the very high winds that caused considerable damage to the Barossa Valley in South Australia.

Returning to his camp from a down river fishing trip, Snowie was hitching his caravan to the car when a sudden gust of wind broke off a large tree limb some distance away and carried it through the air to crush Snowie against the car.

Fortunately there were some nearby campers who rendered assistance to Snowie and his wife until an ambulance arrived to take him to hospital in Melbourne.

He is convalescing at his home in Horsham and has our best wishes for a rapid recovery.

CAMPING PROBLEMS

Recently Patrolman Bill Launder decided to sleep outside as the night was very hot. Bill took his sleeping gear with him and settled himself comfortably on the lawn. Through the night it started to rain, so Bill picked up his gear and went inside.

Next morning when Bill woke up he went to put his teeth in (which he takes out every night and puts in a glass). They were not there - he remembered he left them outside on the lawn - he now suspects the dog got them!

GENERAL

A "Get Well Soon" to Workshop Foreman Dick Mathews. Dick contracted pneumonia on the first day of his holidays and is still in hospital - weeks later - with other complications. All his friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Hear that Divisional Accountant, Max Goodier's excuse for not attending court was "I am having dinner with the Prime Minister and few others". He didn't let on that the "few others" were about 300 people. Anyway the excuse wasn't accepted. Better luck next time Max, a good try.

Overseer Bob Anderson's leprosy still lingers on. It seems that it is aggravated by lack of visits by the A.D.E. to the job site. After each visit Bob says his leprosy improves but then worsens until the next visit.

Divisional Engineer John Heid has taken off for North Queensland to visit Warrnambool's A.D.E. Bob Gooch and wife Betty who are on leave of absence. Bob is working as a Flying Parson operating out of Rockhampton for a year. No doubt John has gone to tempt him to forget the aircraft and the cloth and to go back to the heathenish walking game of golf.

● BRIDGE

MOVEMENTS

Bridge Design Division farewells engineer Graeme Nelson after 11 years in design, with the last 5½ years as a section leader. Graeme is joining the bridge construction team on the West Gate Freeway.

Farewell to Bill Gadd after 5 years with Bridge Design Division. Bill will be joining former draftsman John Kitch at Collingwood Tech to teach maths and computing.

Welcome to new engineer Graeme Clark who joins Graeme Walter's design section.

Congratulations to Charles Bryant and his wife Elizabeth upon their marriage last February. The couple have purchased a house in Fitzroy and are at present settling in.

Ivan "Jetsetter" Chislett was asked to provide transport for the Minister of Transport, Mr Maclellan, to open a new section of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway. For the occasion Ivan drove the Minister in his 1929 model Austin 7.

Barry Gibson has gone home to Tasmania to visit friends and relations. Barry will be on holidays for 4 weeks and hopes to do some touring around the "Apple Isle".

Farewell to Bridge Drawing office chief Ray Jardine who retired on 7th March after 34 years of service with the Board in Bridge Sub-Branch. Ray commenced in 1946 as a Draftsman and reached the designation of Superintending Draftsman. Although Ray declined a large farewell he participated in a number of small luncheons in his honour. All in Bridge wish Ray a long and happy retirement.

GENERAL

The latest craze in Bridge Construction is to walk around with acupuncture needles in one's ear. This method is being used by Tony Christian, Mark Blunden and Ric Driscoll in an attempt to stop their smoking habit. The results have been promising (so far) but their nerves have been shot to pieces.

Jeff Dolman has just returned from an exciting holiday spent at lovely downtown Dandenong where he babysat and painted eaves for 3 weeks.

Supervising Draftsman Wilf Woods has returned to work in the Drawing Office after a period of illness.

BRIDGE FUN RUN

Following a disagreement on respective running abilities between Tom Casamento and Paul Kozaris, Bridge Sub-branch organised its own fun run on the 5th March around the Botanical Gardens "Tan-Track".

Ian Barry easily won the 2.4 mile run in a time of 12 min. 39 sec. Tom Casamento finished second in a time of 14 min 3 sec, defeating Paul Kozaris by some 14 seconds and thus proving that natural ability will always win out.

A search party had to be formed to find Noel Ransome who eventually finished (on one leg) in a time of 21 min 45 sec.

● EASTERN FWY

ARRIVALS

The project welcomes John Secombe who was recently appointed as Cost Clerk of the Doncaster Road job.

DEPARTURES

Farewell Geoff Spring to Plans & Surveys, Rod Bertram to Traffic, Peter Greenwood to Ballarat, Keith Eisenberg who resigned to run a small fishing shop in Coffs Harbour. The Project wishes them all well.

ON THE MEND

It is good to hear that Dick Warwick is out of hospital after his appendix operation and is resting comfortably at home - "Devonshire teas etc each day".

SPORTING

In the recent Fun Run, Michael Bromley, Brian Clark, Mick Mc Keon, Mick O'Shea, Ian Saynor and Peter Vorwerg all participated.

One might have doubted whether Brian Clark actually ran, but considering he could hardly walk for several days after the event, we decided to believe him.

"Rolling Roy" Mc Cartney ventured out again this year in the Marley Point Overnight Yacht Race, but unfortunately, during the event, became ill and nearly had to withdraw from the race.

GENERAL

Vince Quinn has been enjoying a few months away from the office on long service leave. Rumour has it that on one of his recent excursions to the centre of Australia, on a bus full of girls, Vince took a single tent and read many books. We expect Vince to put in one of his occasional appearances at the office again later in April.

On the social side, the recently formed project Social Club has run some very enjoyable B.B.Q.'s after work. Much natter, chatter, gossip and solving of the world's problems has taken place.

● METRO

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Welcome to engineers David Jones (an old Metro. boy returning) from Mulgrave Freeway Project and Bob Parr from Road Planning to join the ranks of "Gilpin's Planners".

Richard Gorkowski, son of Overseer Stan, has joined us as a Cost Clerk, as has Ian Mc Cluskey who emigrated from Britain in December last year.

Mark Whittle has joined Geoff Kloot's design section as has David Wood, both as temporary drafting assistants.

Colin Horman has journeyed to Sydney for a six month course on Traffic Engineering at the University of New South Wales. (Could this be the "leg in" he requires to obtain that elusive construction experience?)

Just to keep the Planning Sub Branch active we graciously donated our Assistant Divisional Engineer David James for a sojourn as Acting Assistant Chief Planning Engineer. News is that he will be back before our Divisional Engineer leaves for a course at the Administration Staff College at Mt Eliza in June.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Latest event in the Division's Sports calendar was the sailing day held at Parkdale recently. Evidently "old salts" Jack Waters and Graham Gilpin set the scene when they managed to capsize their craft, purportedly to avoid an out of control yacht (one of ours!).

Bruce Standish, David Blore and Graham Gilpin later gave interested by-standers a classic demonstration (and good cause for a hearty laugh) on how to sail a boat with a broken tiller. Bruce was heard to say afterwards "I thought those screws would have held".

Bill Draper continues to make the news and his latest effort could make him a candidate to join that other group of planners who are supposed to join us in our haven at 700 High Street in the near future. The story goes that, despite installing a reconditioned motor and new gear box in his Torana, Bill considered it underpowered to haul his camper-trailer so the decision was made to purchase a new Ford V8. But, not to waste all of this new found power, Bill traded the camper-trailer for a large size van!

STOP PRESS

Rumour has it that one of our senior executives quietly flexed away one afternoon early in March. When asked if he had enough hours up, he replied - "I think so, although I did skip coming into the office last Sunday".

Les Bull has been laughing ever since; he now remains the Division's only non-flexer!

CLASSIES

BIRTHS

AMES: Colin (Plans & Surveys) and Marg, a son, Stephen William on 9th February.

BORDONARO: Joe (Bridge), a son, Adam on 9th January.

COHEN: To Marilyn and Greg (Dandenong), a son, Glen Marshall on 12th February.

ELLIS: Howard (Eastern Freeway), a boy, Gareth. Howard is recovering well after much celebrating.

EVERY: Trish and Bruce (Seymour-Euroa Project), a son, Michael on 2nd November 79. A brother for Catherine. Congratulations from Project staff.

FARRELL: To Carla and Bill (Benalla), a son, Andrew William, on 24th January.

FUGIEL: Richard (Ballarat) and Shirley welcome their daughter, Kate, born March 25.

GIBBS: Garnett (Dandenong) and Lesley welcome a daughter, Ainslie, on 4th January, sister for Benjamin and Simon.

GRIMWOOD: Jenny and Norm (Metro), a son, Martin Jarrod, on 16th February, brother for Damon.

HALLAM: Neville and Mary (Benalla), a daughter, Megan Jane, on 25th February.

JONES: Robert (Ballarat) and Dianne welcome their son, Troy Anthony, born 25th February.

KOSKY: Colin (Metro) and Dinah, a baby girl.

KRUPKO: Tony (Mulgrave) and Regina, twin girls, Katherine and Louise - on 13th December 79 (see Divisional Notes).

LEWIS: Lyn (Ballarat) and Kelvin, a daughter, Katherine.

LONGRIDGE: Phillip (Ballarat) and Beverley, a son, Barry, on 25th February, a brother for Karen.

Mc GOWAN: Jeanette (Dandenong) and Robert, a girl, Tara, born 5th January.

MALINS: Ray (RPD) and Karen, a daughter, Kara Narelle, on 23rd January.

MIDDLETON: Peter (Dandenong) and Dianne, a son, Brian Robert, on 24th December 79, all well.

MILES: David (Dandenong) and Jill, a son, Simon David, born 26th February, brother for Fiona and Andrew.

MOYLAN: Joy (Ballarat) and Tony, a daughter, Hannah.

MUDGE: Peter (Bendigo) and Tricia, a daughter, Emily.

PARKER: Hugh (Warrnambool) and Diane, a daughter, Emma Elizabeth, on 9th February.

RADISICH: Nola and Dennis (Seymour-Euroa Project), a son, Phillip on 12th January, brother for Colleen, Brian and James. Congrats from Project staff.

REPACHOLI: Nell and Doug (Warrnambool), a daughter, Michelle Johanna.

ROLLAND: Jan and David (Seymour-Euroa Project), a daughter, Elissa, on 17th September 79, sister for Timothy. Congrats from Project staff.

RYAN: Gail (Ballarat), and Gerard, a son, Daniel Christopher.

SMITH: Chris (RPD) and Carmel, a son, Jeremy Christopher, on 12th January.

WALES: Val and Geoff (Dandenong) announce the arrival of their daughter, Debrah June, on 12th January.

ENGAGED

AVERY: Steve (Bendigo) and Julie Cossar announced their engagement on 23rd February, 1980.

BEAVIS: Ray (Traffic Engineering) and Bev Murphy, announced their engagement on 26th January.

ELLIS: Jenny (Typist, Benalla) and Max Rankin are happy to announce their engagement on 26th January.

MARTIN: William (Ballarat) and Cheryl Sowter announced their engagement on 16th March.

SIBTHORPE: John (Traffic Engineering) and Denise announced their engagement on 12th March.

MARRIED

ANDREWS-PHAEDONOS: Fred (Traffic Engineering) and Tina tied the knot on 20th April.

BRYANT: Charles (Bridge) and Elizabeth were married in February.

COUCH: Ian (Traralgon) and Robyn on 8th March.

LINDSAY: Pete (Personnel) and Robyn Cosgrove were married on 6th March at Camberwell. Husband and wife both doing well!

MILVYDAS: Algie (Dandenong) and Kathy were married on 1st March.

MORRIS: Brian (Eastern Freeway), congratulations, we believe the wedding went off without a "hitch".

RAYNER: Stephen (Dandenong) and Jennifer Board were married on 22nd March at 4 pm at the Uniting Church, Pakenham.

SYMONS: Roy (Seymour-Euroa Project) and Amanda Foley were married on 2nd February. Congratulations and best wishes from Project staff.

FOR SALE

BEAN BAGS: 2 cord (rust and brown) \$25 each, ext 3* 235 (Metropolitan).

FLEETWOOD MAC'S "TUSK": new, \$10 ext 3* 235 (Metro).

GEARBOX: Opel gearbox and all fittings to suit HR \$100, D Males ext 2024.

COFFEE PERCOLATOR: 12 cup, Stainless Steel - as new \$30, J Pemberton ext 2006.

FOR RENT

HOLIDAY HOUSE: 14 bed at Howqua-Lake Eildon - available all year. Roy Fisher, ext 2142.

HOLIDAY HOUSE: Mt Beauty, accommodates 10 people in 3 bedrooms. Centrally heated, ideal base for skiing at Falls Creek, contact John Finlay, ext 2367.

PUBLIC NOTICES

THANKS: Superintendent of Works, Jack Wodetzki, extends special thanks to everyone for their telephone calls, cards, letters etc following his recent special event. Jack Wodetzki, Dandenong.

RETIRED

JARDINE: Ray (Bridge) after 34 years (see Divisional Notes).

JOHNSTON: Albert (Benalla), Patrolman Class 2, retired after 12 years.

Mc MASTER: Bill (Horsham), Tank Driver, retired on 2nd January due to ill health - we wish Bill a speedy recovery and best of luck for the future.

NEVILLE: William (Horsham), Drill Operator, at Stawell Quarry, retired on 14th March - we wish him a happy and enjoyable retirement.

PEARCE: Frank (Head Office) Printer Plate Maker, retired on 17th March after 43 years service.

THOMAS: Bob (Bendigo) retired (see Divisional Notes).

DEATHS

DONNELLY: Tony (Mulgrave) Senior Chainman - a road accident on 14th March. A colourful and likeable character who will be missed by all.

HEBB: Ray (Bendigo), Cook, passed away suddenly after 19 years service.

MEEKING: Howard (Bendigo), former Cook, retired in 1976 due to ill health.

MICHAELAS: Peter (Bendigo) Nathalia Patrol. Peter had 6 years service with the Board.

SWAIN: Brian (Bendigo), Truck Driver, passed away suddenly after 24 years service.

WANTED TO BUY

VOLKSWAGEN GEAR BOX: Must be 1960 - 1968, (second-hand), Sue Hobson, Bairnsdale.

BENALLA

CONGRATULATIONS

All in Benalla Division were delighted to hear of the engagement of Glenys (our ex-typist) to Chris. Our very best wishes to you both for the future.

FAREWELL

Engineers and Patrolmen gathered at the Royal Hotel to say farewell to Roadmaster Reg Pilmore who transferred to Horsham Division early in March. Reg spent nearly ten years in this Division, putting up with floods, fires in flat and mountainous terrain and will find the flatter areas around Horsham not so worrying. All the best anyway Reg.

Ross Aldridge, Administration Officer in the accounts for the past two years left recently to go into his own business. We believe he has gone to Canberra; no doubt the \$10,000 he won on the T.A.B. influenced his decision.

THE JOYS OF SMOKING

A well known Benalla Cost Clerk, upon completing the washing up, decided to "roll his own" smoke on a collapsible chair out on the verandah.

The chair duly collapsed, severing the top of his finger which was left under the chair in the panic to get him to hospital.

The finger top was later recovered and sewn back to the rest of his finger.

Our comment: SMOKING IS A HEALTH HAZARD - IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.

GENERAL

Les Upton, retired workshop foreman, recently received the Imperial Service Medal for services to the Board. Les retired in 1977 after twenty nine years of service.

DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT



Our popular typist Mary Young spent an enjoyable fortnight with her husband at Narooma - mainly swimming, golfing and "feeding the one armed bandits". Normally returning from leave on an off pay week has its disadvantages, however racehorse owner "Mary" had her horse "Coolin Boy" bring home the bacon with a photo finish win in a race at Kyneton, a few days after her return to work.

Bryan Hensley, Captain of Benalla Cricket Club had a really good year "rolling" his arm over. In the Benalla District Cricket Association he took out the bowling average with an average of 11.00 in taking 40 wickets. He also represented Benalla at Melbourne Country Week. Benalla were competing in Provincial Group for the first time and Bryan returned some tremendous bowling figures in 5/22 and 6/43.

Mary and our switchboard operator Sophie Sharkie helped at the opening of the Hume Freeway at Violet Town, with the dispensing of drinks at the official luncheon.

KEEPING THE OFFICE CLEANING IN THE FAMILY

Mrs Gretchin Kolodziej, office cleaner retired recently after seventeen years service. Mrs Kolodziej commenced cleaning when the new Divisional Office was opened in 1962, she and Mrs Marianne Engeris, who commenced cleaning at the old office in the early fifties, worked together for many years until Mrs Engeris resigned because her husband moved to Melbourne for employment.

Mrs Kolodziej's daughter-in-law Regina, is now the cleaner assisted by her mother Mrs Emmy Schnabel and at weekends by her father-in-law Mr Joseph Kolodziej. Regina's husband Joe works at the Precast yard and her brother-in-law Peter is a member of the line marking crew.

The cleaners have all done a fine job and left nothing to be desired; no doubt Regina will follow in her mother-in-law's footsteps by cleaning our office for sometime yet.

THREE'S COMPANY

RECOGNISE THIS HAPPY TRIO?

IF YOU WORK AT HEAD OFFICE, OR WATCH A LOT OF TELEVISION, YOU SHOULD KNOW THEM.

KATE AND DEBBIE EGAN ARE FAMILIAR FACES ON THE FIFTH FLOOR AT 60 DENMARK STREET. KATE WORKS AS A TYPIST IN THE SOUTH WING TYPING POOL, AND HER SISTER, DEBBIE, IS A CLERICAL ASSISTANT IN REGISTRY.

NEVES, AS WELL AS BEING A STUFFY OLD THING, IS QUITE A BACKWARDS DOG – TURN HIM AROUND AND HE'S CALLED 'SEVEN'!

FOR SOME MONTHS NOW KATE AND DEBBIE, AND THEIR FLUFFY CANINE COMRADE NEVES, HAVE BEEN APPEARING ON TWO OF CHANNEL 7'S STATION IDENTIFICATIONS.

ONE OF THE SEGMENTS FEATURES A CLOSE-UP OF KATE, AND THE OTHER SHOWS DEBBIE AND NEVES CUDDLED UP TOGETHER ON A BEANBAG WATCHING THEIR FAVOURITE TELEVISION PROGRAMME.

IT'S ALL PART OF A PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN BEING CARRIED OUT BY HSV 7.

AND HOW DID THE GIRLS BREAK INTO THE GLITTERING WORLD OF SHOW BIZ?

WELL, THEY WEREN'T EXACTLY DISCOVERED. "WE KNOW SOMEBODY IN CHANNEL 7'S PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT", CONFESSED DEBBIE.

NEXT STOP, HOLLYWOOD?

