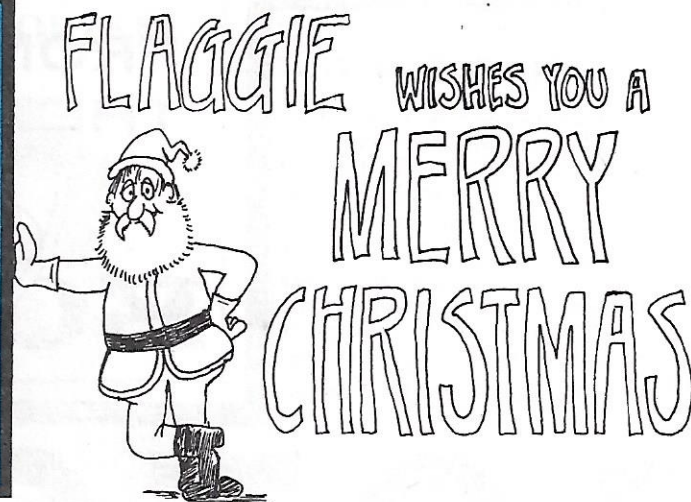


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## PADDLE YOUR OWN CANOE? TOM DOES!

Tom Karnatz, an Overseer from Dandenong Division, won this year's 42 kilometre Victorian long distance canoeing championship. The race, on the Murray River, was from Yarrowonga to Cobram and Tom completed it in three hours and 11 minutes.

Before this win, he won a number of other important long distance paddles. In February of this year, he won the TK1 division of the Cobram 22 kilometre race and then, in March, he gained five thirds in the Victorian Sprint Titles. April saw Tom win the TK1 division of the Port Albert Bridge to Bridge race and come second in the monthly long distance race held at Albury.

After that, Tom won the monthly long distance races in June, July, August and September.

Tom, who says his form is the best for years, has set his sights on the 410 kilometre Murray Marathon to be held in December. Prior to that, he will enter the Goulburn 100 miler in early November.



Photo: Courtesy Mountain District Free Press

# FLAGGIE!

## THAT'S WHAT'S IN A NAME

Well, we received over 100 entries for our "What's in a Name?" competition, and we're very pleased with the response. Thankyou to everyone who entered.

However, there can only be one winner and, this time, it's Engineer John Nation from Dandenong Division.

John's entry, "Flaggie", arrived here at HO accompanied by a memo explaining his suggestion. And so that you can understand why we chose "Flaggie", here is John's explanation:

*"Flaggie" is a character well known throughout the State by the general public. He chats to them whilst they are waiting for the road to clear. He has worked in several rural divisions and has, for family reasons, moved to the "big smoke". It is his outward open basic country humour that has, or will, make his a "character" well known at HO and Divisions.*

It seemed to us, with a background like this, "Flaggie" is a worthy 'little Interchange man'; in fact, a good representative for the CRB as a whole!

So, Flaggie he is.

We hope you like his name as much as he does!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GLEN WAVERLEY CENTRE PAGES

FROM  
THE



BOARDROOM

# 1979 - 1980 IN BRIEF

## PERSONNEL

The CRB employed a total of 5271 people as at 30 June 1980 comprising technological staff (professional) - 625, technical staff - 619, administrative staff - 806, supervising staff (field) - 177, supervising staff (depot) - 77, clerks of works - 71, construction and maintenance personnel - 2243, workshop and depot personnel - 653.

## FINANCE

### Receipts

The funds available for our expenditure in 1979-80 totalled \$263,861,808.

These funds were derived from:

- State sources \$145,388,834
- Commonwealth sources \$113,630,663
- Balance brought forward from 1978-79 \$4,842,311

### Expenditure

Funds expended by us during 1979-80 totalled \$263,599,223 leaving a balance, as at 30 June 1980, of \$262,585.

### Municipal Allocations

Victoria's 212 municipal councils were allocated \$90,072,000 for roadworks on main and unclassified roads during 1980-81. We also announced the introduction of a system of "rolling programmes" for allocation of funds to municipal councils as from 1981-82 financial year.

## TRAFFIC SIGNALS

The CRB continued the development of the SCRAM traffic signal project (Signal Co-ordination of Regional Areas in Melbourne).

Regional computers were installed in Blackburn and St Kilda to co-ordinate traffic signals on the Maroondah Highway and the Nepean and Princes Highways respectively.

## FREEWAY OPENINGS

Five new sections of freeway were opened to traffic by the Honourable Robert Maclellan, MLA, Minister of Transport.

- 12 Dec 79 Mulgrave Freeway, Forster Road to Huntingdale Road
- 18 Dec 79 Tullamarine Freeway, adjacent to the western boundary of Essendon Airport.
- 19 Dec 79 Hume Freeway, Avenel to Tubbs Hill
- 18 Mar 80 Mornington Peninsula Freeway, Keysborough to Seaford
- 21 Mar 80 Hume Freeway, Bypass of Violet Town

The total cost of these freeway sections was \$48 m.

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

During the year, our funds were spent on construction, reconstruction and maintenance as follows:

• Freeways	\$65.3 m
• State highways	\$49.8 m
• Main roads	\$42.6 m
• Tourists' roads	\$4.0 m
• Forest roads	\$1.9 m
• Unclassified roads	\$45.6 m

### Bituminous surfacing

We surfaced 5,027 kms of road at a cost of \$39.2 m.

### Bridge Construction

The construction of 119 new bridges, estimated to cost \$30.2 m, commenced during 1979-80. Forty-seven bridges were under the direct control of CRB staff, and 72 were under council supervision with financial assistance from the CRB.

### Land Purchase

We paid compensation and associated costs of \$17.5 m to purchase land required for new roads and improvements to existing roads.

### Contracts

We let four hundred and two contracts worth a total of \$62.4 m.

## MAJOR PROJECTS

During the year we commenced or continued work on ten major projects, each costing at least \$4 m.

- Arterial Road Extension of the Eastern Freeway - Bulleen Road to Doncaster Road
- West Gate Freeway - Graham Street, Port Melbourne to Grant Street, South Melbourne
- Latrobe Terrace - Princes Highway West, near York Street, to Fyans Street, Geelong South
- Nepean Highway - Cochrane Street, Elsternwick to South Road, Moorabbin
- Calder Freeway - Keilor Section
- Mulgrave Freeway - Huntingdale Road to Warrigal Road, Chadstone
- Western Freeway - Wallace-Bungaree Section
- Princes Freeway - Drouin Section
- Princes Freeway - Bypass of Berwick
- Hume Freeway - Avenel and Seymour Sections

## ROAD PLANNING STUDIES

Significant planning studies in which we were involved during the year included:

- Princes Highway East, Caulfield to Malvern
- Healesville Freeway
- Calder Freeway, Keilor-Melton Road to Diggers Rest
- New Barwon River Crossing, Geelong
- South Eastern Freeway, Malvern Section
- Northern Arterial Road Route, Donvale to Croydon

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

Our Emergency Services Centre at Head Office received 20,872 telephone calls from motorists seeking assistance or reporting hazards and accidents.

# MANAGEMENT - A TRAINING EXERCISE

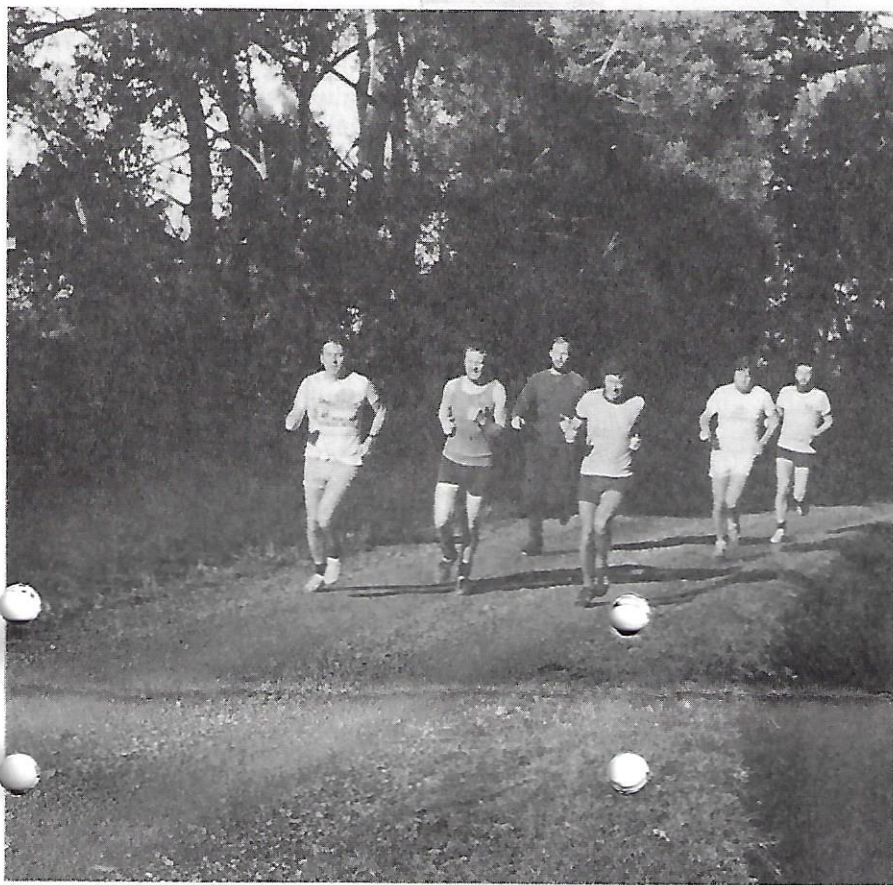
An exercise in managerial skills plus an outlet for the fitness fanatics—that was the 12th Management Course conducted by the CRB at Jumbunna Lodge near Launching Place during October.

Fourteen aspiring CRB managers attended the week-long course which was designed as an introduction to the role of middle management and managerial skills. The hours were long—8.30 am to 10.00 pm daily—but the lecturers, both internal and external, proved both interesting and beneficial!

For those fitness fanatics prepared for the early morning chilly weather, there was a

pleasant jogging track (MMBW access road) along a nearby aqueduct—although you had to be a mountain goat to reach the track.

\* Jumbunna Lodge is located on the slopes of the scenic Mt Toole-Be-Wong near Launching Place, and is owned by the Ricketson Foundation and managed by the Victorian Council of Christian Education.



## IN MEMORIAM



It is with regret we report the death on Tuesday 18 November of PETER TRUMAN, a Compensation Investigating Officer from Estates Section.

Peter, 32, had been with the Board since 1974. Prior to that, he had worked at the State Tax and Probate Office. During his time at the CRB, he became known as a very pleasant and helpful member of the Estates team.

Peter was killed in a car accident on the Yarra Glen-Yea Road, while returning from a country inspection.

We extend our sympathy to his wife and family.

## JOIN THE PUDDING CLUB

Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas without a pudding, would it? But perhaps you don't relish the thought of tucking into a traditional hot plum pudding on Christmas day.

Well, to help you celebrate the festive season, Australian-style, Interchange now presents an ice-cream Christmas pud recipe.

Guaranteed to be delicious, and good-for-you!

### ICE CREAM CHRISTMAS PUDDING

1/2 cup cherries, halved  
1/2 cup mixed peel  
1/2 cup raisins, chopped  
1/2 cup sultanas  
2 tsp mixed spice  
1 tsp cinnamon  
1 tsp nutmeg  
2 tsp rum or vanilla/2 TBL brandy  
2 1/2 cups cream  
1 1/4 cups icing sugar  
4 egg whites  
1/2 cup almonds, halved and toasted  
2 tsp cocoa  
2 tsp hot water

Combine fruits with spice, cinnamon and nutmeg. Pour over rum, etc. and allow to stand overnight. Whip cream stiffly, adding half the icing sugar.

In another basin, whip the egg whites until stiff and gradually beat in the remaining sugar. Lightly fold the two mixtures together.

Add the fruit, nuts and cocoa dissolved in the water. Pour mixture into a foil-lined 2 pint aluminium pudding basin and place in the freezer. Freeze until firm.

This pudding is best made at least three to four days before serving.

## CHECK THIS, MATE!

The CRB Chess Club recently played a seven board side match against the Kew Club at the Community Centre.

Francis Tin-Loi, an ex-Monash Uni player with a rating of 2000, proved much too good for his opponent at Board One. Unfortunately, the rest of the team found the going harder and the home side finally won the match 5-2.

Last year's winner of the CRB Open Championship and the Club Championship, Kim Edmonds, won his first round match in this year's Open. He will play Peter Mulholland in the second round. This could be a decisive game in tournament as these two players tied for first last year, with Kim emerging victor after a three game play-off.

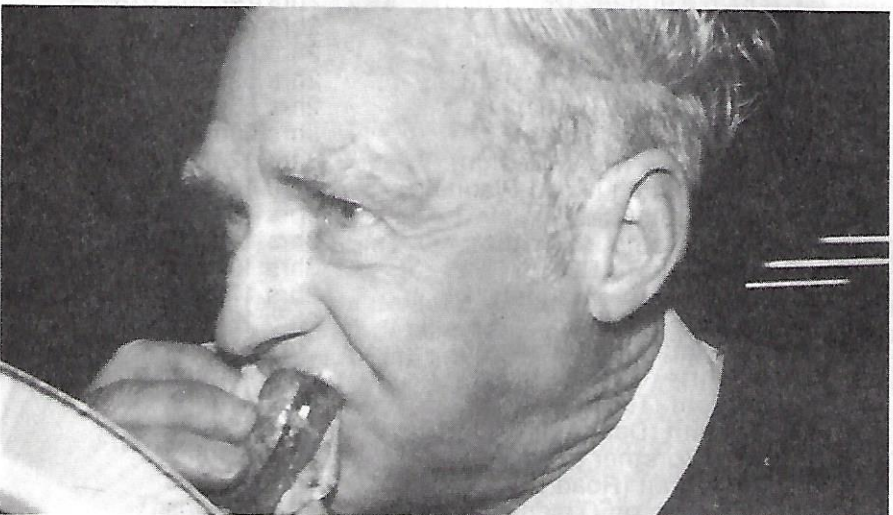
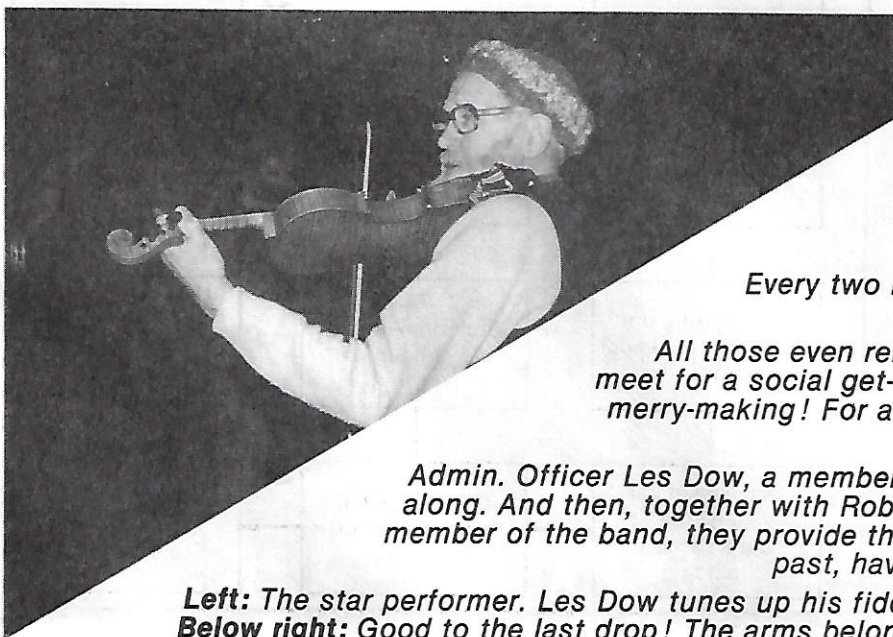
# sausages sizzle at south

Every two months the West Gate Freeway Project Social Club holds a sausage sizzle after work.

All those even remotely connected with the Project, and others as well, are invited to meet for a social get-together and to help South Melbourne echo to the festive sounds of merry-making! For a small cost they can eat and drink to their heart's content, enjoy the music, and indulge in such pastimes as table tennis and pool.

Admin. Officer Les Dow, a member of the Dogwood Itch Bush Band in his spare time, brings his fiddle along. And then, together with Rob Gilpin and Simon Eggleston (Engineers on the Project) and another member of the band, they provide the music for the night. Guest players are always welcome and, in the past, have included such talents as David Lumsden (Engineer, Road Design).

Left: The star performer. Les Dow tunes up his fiddle. Below left: Bruce Ryan (Clerk of Works) munches on a sausage. Below right: Good to the last drop! The arms belong to Simon Eggleston (Engineer) and the head is supplied by Laurie Watson (Engineer).



# TIPPLING IN THE THEATRETTE

Notes by 'Dregs'  
Photo by 'Spike'

We, the creme of the CRB Cultural Set, once again condescended to allow the populace into the Sanctum Sanctorum of "The Wine Club" to share in our ritual.

Ten wines were to be tasted, accompanied by delectable cheeses, a sumptuous spread of dry biscuits and caf. sandwiches.

After a harrowing day in the Board's treadmill, many exhausted bodies flocked to the Theatrette. They were greeted by a glass and a smile from Robyn Martin and Karen Barnfather. Yours truly was on hand to fill their glasses with Bleasdale Brut (we used to call it champagne, but the frogs got upset!)

As the bubbly worked its way into the various nervous systems, participants relaxed, the decibel count rose and esprit de corps welled within all.

Expertly assisted by John Kyne and Mike Chavdaroska (who valiantly strove to overcome the 'auditor' stigma), four whites, four reds and a vintage port were served to the eager tasters.

Servings were calculated — after taking into account the ability of food to sop up alcohol — not to exceed a blood alcohol level somewhere between 0.01 and 0.04. This seemed to work as most people appeared to be in full control of their faculties.

When Bert began to look in more and more frequently, it was obviously time to depart. On the way out, one of the Bridge blokes exclaimed "these sort of do's should be held more frequently." Hah! He didn't have to cut up the 15 kilos of cheese!

Seriously, I would like to thank "The Board" for allowing us to use the Theatrette for our annual tasting. It's a great venue, and a lot more fun than the kids Christmas party. At least, we think so!



# BIG M ATTRACTS 20

Frankston, 12 October 1980. A cool overcast morning, 9 degrees, and a top forecast temperature of 16 with an occasional shower. 6000 runners had gathered, determined to complete the 42.4 km (26 miles 385 yards) run from Frankston to Melbourne.

Amongst the milling crowd were 20 members of CRB staff — well-trained and eager to pit their strength and endurance against whatever the Marathon might offer. All was in readiness as the runners assembled in a parking area about one kilometre from the start at Mile Bend.

"It's a man's world", sighed one female competitor as she passed a group of males anxiously relieving themselves for the last time before the run. "We have to use the toilets!"

A drunk, leaning against a pole not far down the way, obviously appreciated the efforts of the Marathoners as he loudly clapped each and every runner who passed by.

Graham Kennedy was one of the leaders and, in fact, held the lead for some time in the middle stages of the race. And Bruce Grayling, another CRB runner, decided to pound every runner who passed him.

David Watts confused many people by appearing to be both competitor and spectator. But it was David's twin brother who watched the runners go by in St Kilda!

The strain began to show as the runners reached Fitzroy Street. Tony Youren, Claude Borstner and John Ford, who hadn't ever trained for more than eleven miles, regretted their lack of preparation as they passed the 36km mark. With just over 6km to go, they gritted their teeth — and only occasionally slowed down to a walk!

Jane Anderson, the only CRB girl to run the Big M, made the distance. In fact, her pace increased during the last 7km along St Kilda Road.

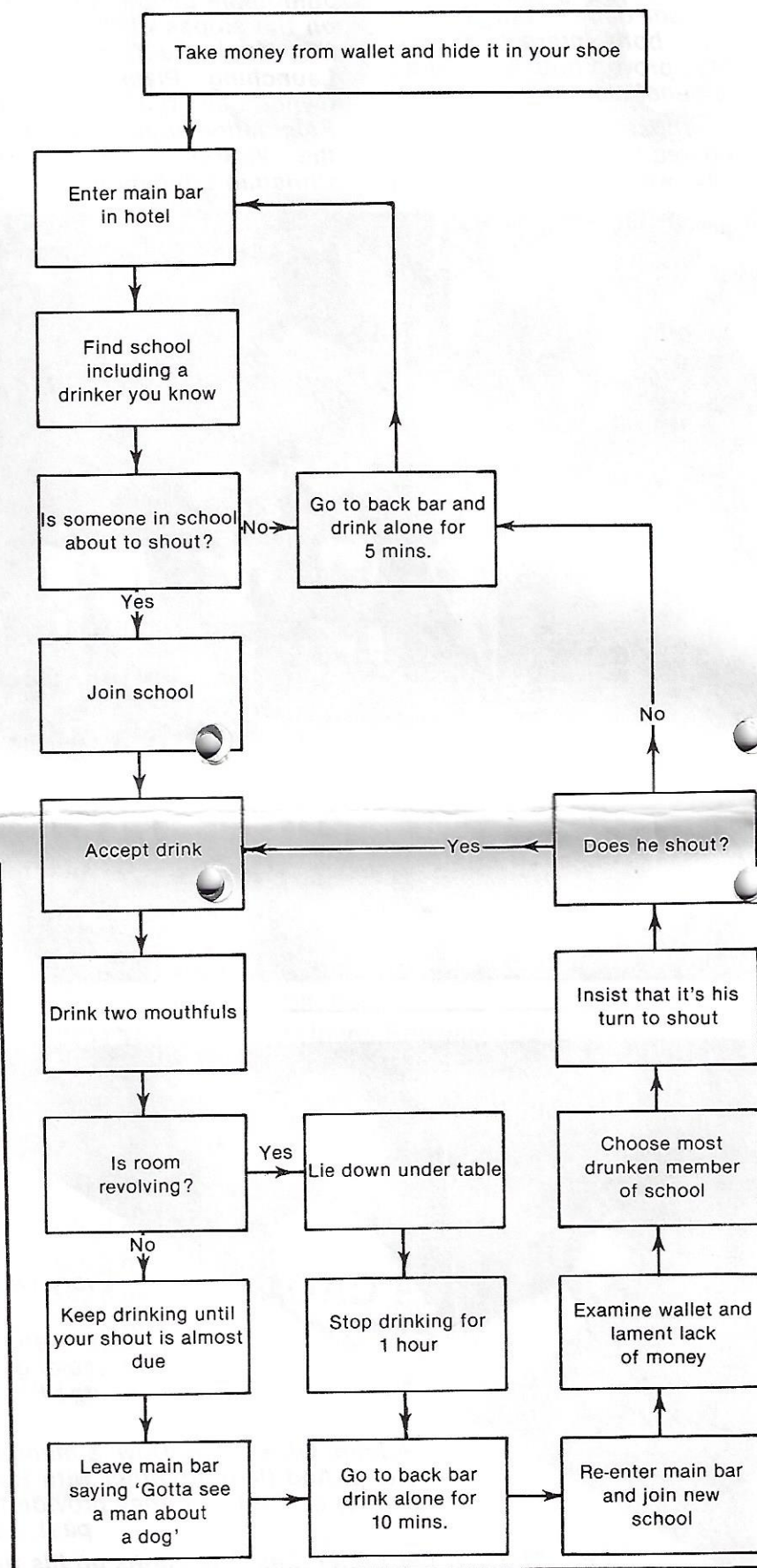
The police along the route were very courteous to the runners, giving them every consideration and priority over the traffic. Trudging up Fitzroy Street, John Ford offered to swap places with one of the policewomen on duty. However, she wasn't interested. "I hate this part of the job", she replied, "but there's no way I'll run the Big M!"

A very creditable performance was put in by five CRB runners who finished in under three hours. But all runners deserve congratulations for their efforts in competing — and finishing!

# TIPPLING ELSEWHERE...

And now, for those readers who have as yet been unable to partake in a Wine Club 'tipple', we present the world-famous *Interchange Guide to Cheap Drinks*.

It's not necessarily as sordid as it sounds. In fact, we know several Board personnel who maintain that the Guide gives them a good run for their money — and, more importantly, the money of the other drinkers in the bar!



The times of our runners were:

Graham Kennedy (Storeyard)	2hrs 24mins 01secs
Andrew Wacker (MRD)	2hrs 48mins
Ian Barry (Bridge)	2hrs 43mins 40secs
Gary House (Road Design)	2hrs 52mins
Geoff Jameson (MRD)	2hrs 55mins
John Harding (Claims)	3hrs 06mins
Geoff Elston (Road Design)	3hrs 12mins
Bruce Grayling (Road Planning)	3hrs 14mins
Ken Barnhill (Traffic)	3hrs 14mins
David Williamson (Traffic)	3hrs 15mins
Ray Gilmour (MRD)	3hrs 15mins
Ken Vickery (Personnel)	3hrs 17mins
Nick Szwed (Traffic)	3hrs 17mins
David Watt (Road Planning)	3hrs 17mins
Brian Fitts (Geelong)	3hrs 40mins
John Ford (Traffic)	3hrs 41mins
Gary Veith (Dandenong)	3hrs 45mins
Claude Borstner (Bridge)	3hrs 45mins
Tony Youren (Road Design)	4hrs 07mins
Jane Anderson (Trade Claims)	4hrs 13mins

## RETIRED PERSONS MEET AGAIN

Fifty-five members and guests of the CRB Retired Persons Association enjoyed lunch and a chat, followed by a film, at the Association's meeting in September.

New members Beryl Hall, Howard Hobbs, Jack Ross and Bruce Watson were welcomed. Ted Howlett, looking younger than ever, had just returned from a trip around the world. And a welcome return was extended to Harry Gottsche who had been on the ill list for some time.

Cliff Liddell was absent, after a spell in hospital, and all his friends send Cliff best wishes for a speedy recovery. Also missing, for the first time, was Albert Boucher from Bairnsdale. Albert has been off-colour, but assures his friends that he will journey to Kew for the next meeting.

The Hon Secretary, Eric Moncrieff, reports that the Association is now affiliated with the Royal Historical Society of Victoria. Members of the RPA will be kept informed of the activities of the Society.

The next meeting of the Association will be in the form of a Christmas buffet luncheon at Head Office, Kew at 12 noon on Tuesday 9 December 1980.

# BENALLA APPRENTICES RECEIVE AWARDS



Wayne Croxford, a fourth year Motor Mechanic apprentice from Benalla Division, was recently chosen by the Benalla Technical School as 'Apprentice of the Year' for the North Eastern region. He was also 1st in the VACC Stage 3 Motor Mechanics Award.

Wayne is half-way through the fourth, and final, year of his apprenticeship. He will be a fully qualified motor mechanic by January 1981.

A three year welding course at Benalla Technical School has also been successfully completed by Wayne and two of his fellow apprentices, Graeme Caccianiga and Kevin Gilbert.

Wayne's duties at the Benalla workshop include lathe turning, welding and the maintenance of Board vehicles.

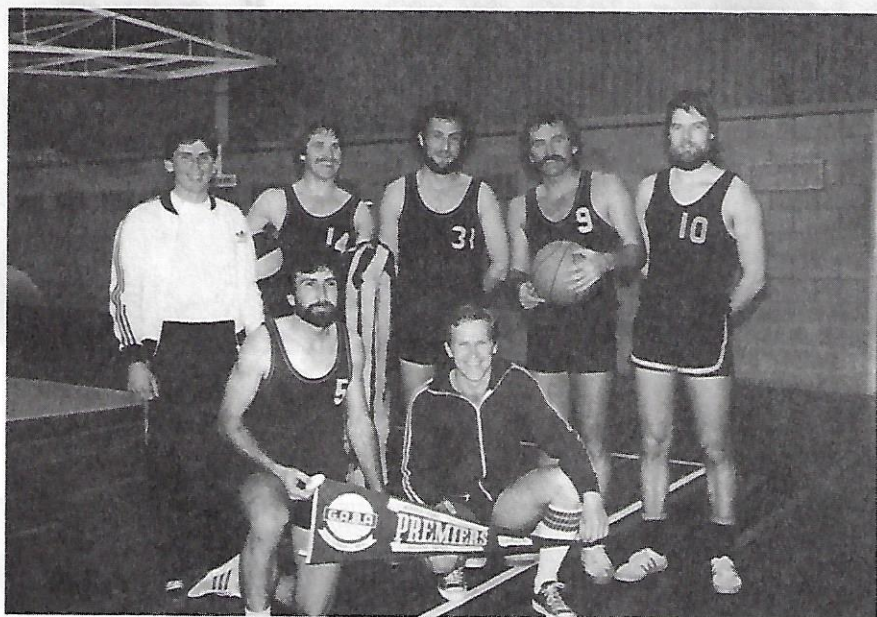
Wayne said he was overwhelmed when he heard that he had won the award, and was very grateful to the Lions Club for providing the \$50 prize.

Benalla Division workshop has always been represented when awards have been given for outstanding apprentices. This year, Graeme Caccianiga was 2nd in the VACC Stage 3 Motor Mechanics Award, and Tom Challis was 1st in the VACC Stages 1 & 2 Award.

Credit, of course, must go to Workshop Supervisor Noel Dumesny who takes a special interest in his apprentices, and to their fellow workmates.

Left: Top apprentice Wayne Croxford on the job.

## GEELONG ALL BLACKS WIN BASKETBALL FLAG



In a closely contested match, the CRB All Blacks came from behind to win the GABA 'B' Grade Mens Pennant in extra time.

The scene was set for an exciting final after we beat Ambos (Ambulance Brigade) in the second semi-final. This was the first match Ambos had lost in two years.

Our defence, in the first half, was almost non-existent, and Ambos scored with great ease. Both teams made unforced errors and, at half time, Ambos led 18 to 9.

The second half saw a complete reversal with CRB small men, Dennis Farrow, Steve D'Giacoma and Ian Smith, continually putting the pressure on.

We reverted to a zone defence which forced the opposition into trying long shots. Their defence began to crumble and slowly we pegged back their lead. In the last minute of play the lead changed three times, and a basket after the siren by Peter Dabrowski was not allowed. The game was drawn.

Five minutes of extra time showed the Ambos as a beaten and dejected side. We knew we had it in the bag!

The final score was CRB All Blacks 28 defeating Ambos 23.

## CRB -V- CRB IN VOLLEY BALL GRAND FINAL



Earlier this year, a lunchtime volleyball competition was held at the Hawthorn Community Centre with teams from various industries and employers in the district participating.

Two teams from CRB Head Office, taking advantage of flexitime to play matches between one and two o'clock, entered the competition.

The rules required mixed teams so six young ladies hurriedly learned the rules and acquired the skills of volleyball. By the time the finals were played in September, it was acknowledged that the strength of our lady players was a deciding factor in the two CRB teams meeting in the grand final.

The grand final was a torrid affair, with Roadrunners eventually holding supremacy over Scrogs. Some of our rivals from the City of Hawthorn and the Victorian Employers Federation were in the gallery — no doubt plotting ways to bring us down in the next competition!

Any Head Office staff interested in joining this activity should contact Varis Abele, Traffic Engineering or Bruce McKenzie, Administration.

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# SYNDAL



**Above :** One of the bays in the Central Workshop showing the sign shop, with plant being overhauled in the background

**Right :** The mechanical drawing office. In the foreground we have (from right to left) Alan Loughran, Peter Serle and Diane Pinder working very industriously

**Below right :** Housed under the office block, the plant museum contains such relics as an old Ruston & Hornsby steam roller, a drag saw and an early petrol pump

**Below :** Eureka - it's the old colonial boys! From left to right they are Geoff Barclay, Glen Rodwell and Wayne Sherwood, with Neil Wheeler kneeling



The CRB's Syndal depot (it's now called Glen Waverley) turned 21 this year and, to celebrate the occasion, a party was held in the canteen on Wednesday evening, 24 September.

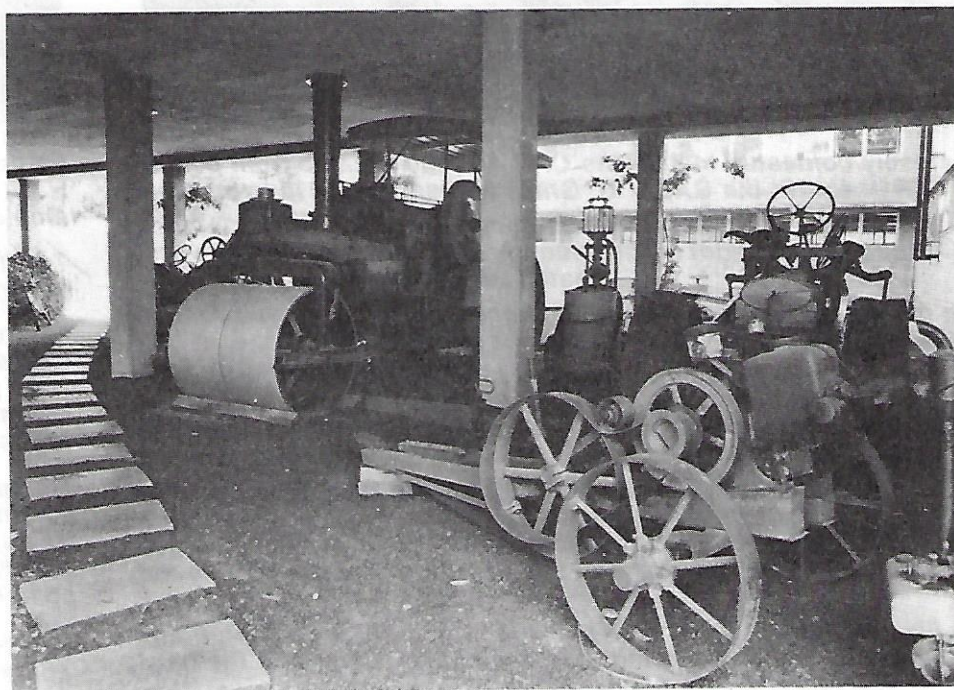
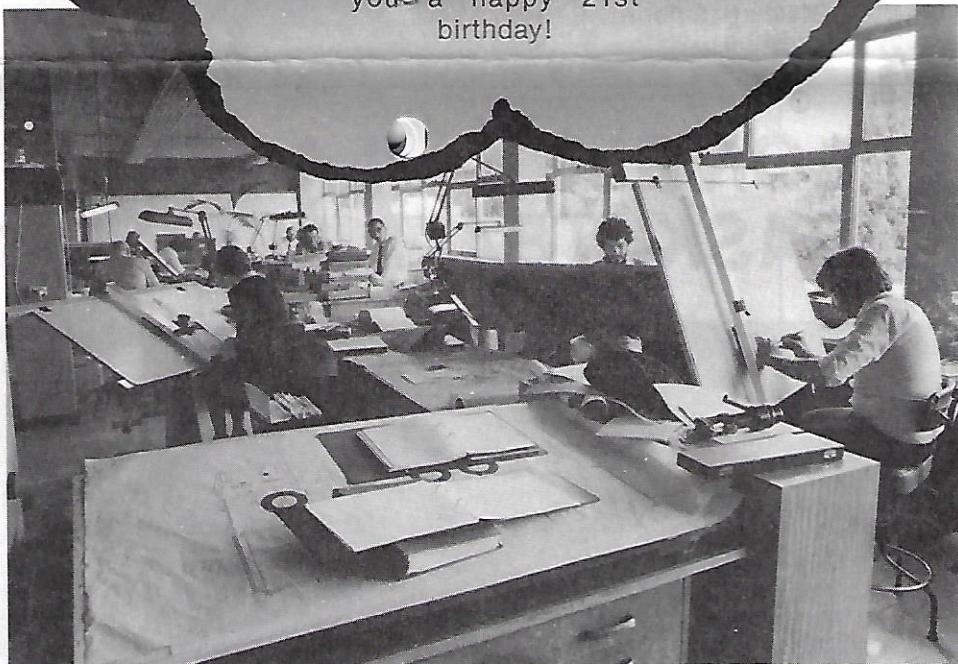
A good time was had by all — which just goes to show that Glen Waverley is a good place to work and play!

Glen Waverley depot was constructed during the late 1950s to replace the CRB's original workshop facilities in South Melbourne. The entire Mechanical Division and the Central Stores were transferred to Glen Waverley in 1959.

The depot occupies about 38 acres of land. The actual work carried out there has diversified over the years, and now includes the administrative and operational activities associated with mechanical engineering, stores, purchasing and some facets of bridge construction. Specialist groups, such as the linemarkers and the traffic signal maintenance group, also operate from Glen Waverley.

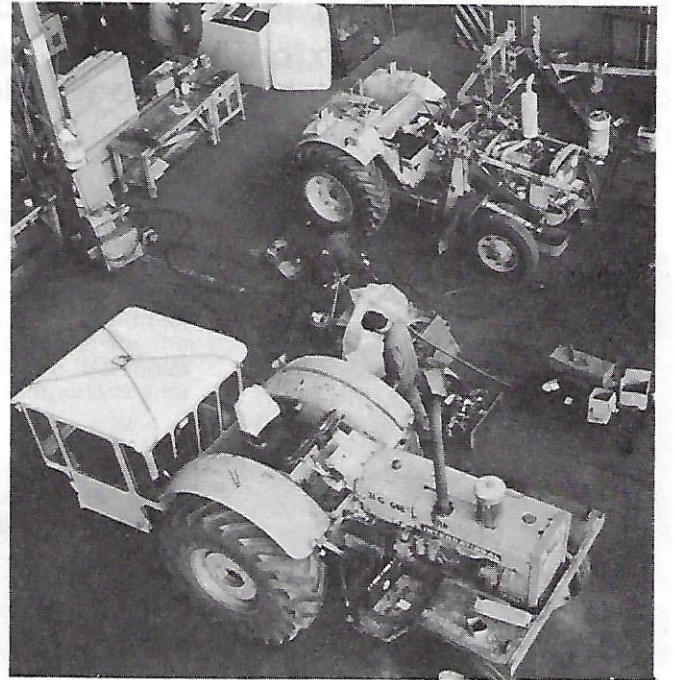
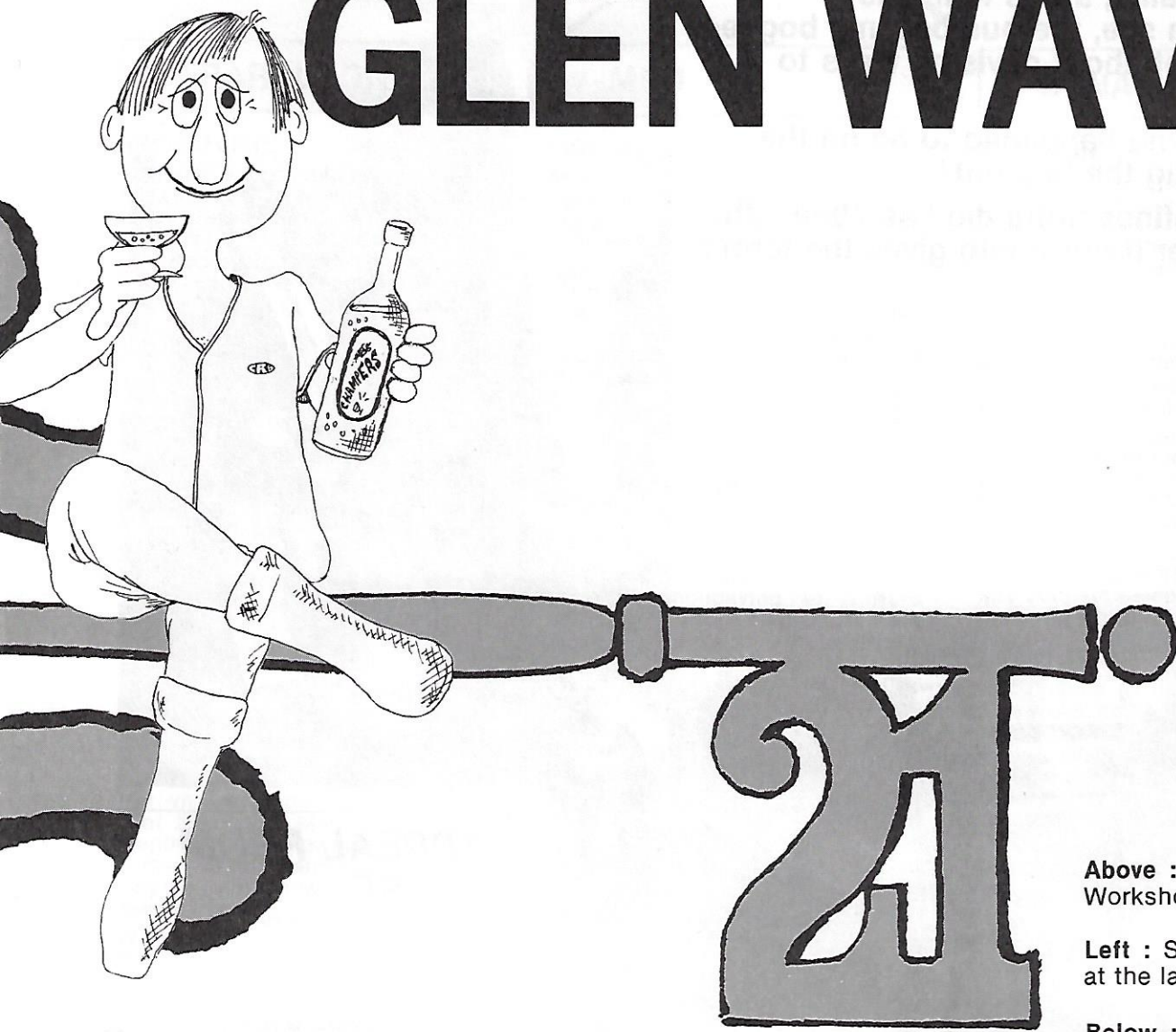
Glen Waverley is the site for regular CRB auctions of roadmaking equipment — in fact, the biggest auctions of such equipment in Victoria! The last auction was held on Tuesday 18 November 1980, with items ranging from chain saws to bulldozers being up for sale.

There are currently 457 people working at Glen Waverley. *Interchange* congratulates every one of you, and wishes you a happy 21st birthday!



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# GLEN WAVERLEY



**Above :** CRB tractors being overhauled in the Central Workshop

**Left :** Sold to the highest bidder! A grader changes hands at the latest CRB auction held at Glen Waverley

**Below :** Chief Mechanical Engineer, Peter Jeffreys with Sandra Peyton, our apprentice cook who baked and decorated the 21st cake for the occasion



**Above :** The merry-making included bush and colonial dancing to music from the Captain Moonlite band

**Left :** No. 13, a 1935 Ford V8 tray truck, was found recently near Colac. It is now being restored by CRB apprentices at Glen Waverley before taking its place in the plant museum

# CALLING A SPADE A SPADE

Every picture tells a story, they say.

Well, during a recent visit to a municipality, a bus tour was conducted around the area. As you can see, the bus became bogged making a U-turn, and those on board set about devising ways to 'de-bog' the vehicle.

One well-known member of the CRB, who happened to be on the tour, then found a spade and tried to dig the bus out!

(Dear Reader: the Oxford Dictionary defines 'infra dig.' as "beneath one's dignity, unbecoming". We wonder if our photo gives the term a new meaning!)



## APPEAL FROM STAFF CHARITIES FUND

For many years, a number of CRB staff have been making regular contributions to the CRB Staff Charities Fund. The Fund, through your donation, currently raises approximately \$4,750 each year which is distributed to various hospitals and institutions in the metropolitan area and provides assistance to some of the more needy members of the community.

However, the Fund Committee would like to be able to provide greater assistance to these organisations, to offset the rising costs which they face. To achieve this, the Committee would like to see an increase in the number of contributors (at present approximately 300) or, alternatively, existing members could perhaps review their current contribution level.

Membership of the Fund provides a convenient means of making regular donations to a wide range of worthwhile causes. All contributions are approved deductions for taxation purposes, and members should quote "Country Roads Board Staff Charities Fund VJ 356/4" when claiming.

Deduction authority slips can be obtained from the Chairman Mr KN Opie (2177), Treasurer Mr AC Hamilton (2314), Secretary Mrs J McCarthy (2316) or the personnel office.

## SAFETY: an eye - catching subject

Next to our backs and limbs, eyes take more abuse than any other part of our body in a work situation.

Between January and September this year, almost 150 eye injuries were reported within the Board. And, of these, just under half occurred outdoors to staff on field duty.

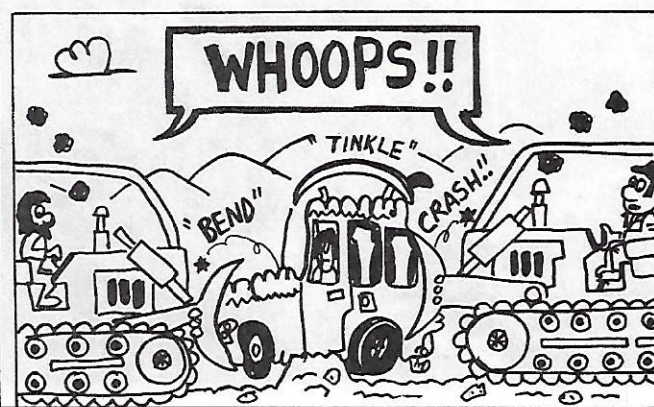
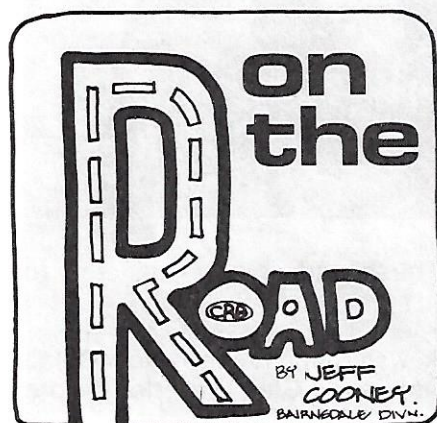
The Safe Working Practices Committee is concerned about the incidence of eye injuries among CRB staff; they want you to be concerned, too.

Most eye injuries happen when foreign bodies such as dust, metal, concrete or stone enter the eye. In nearly all cases, the injury would have been avoided if the worker had been wearing some form of eye protection.

So it's the importance of eye protection that the Committee want to stress!

Everybody has a role to play in keeping eye injuries to a minimum: workers should wear eye protection, such as goggles, whenever necessary, and supervisors should make sure that eye protection is available for immediate use.

Seen here is Wayne Harbour from the Ballarat Division depot. He is illustrating just how important it is to wear goggles when using a grinder.







## ● TRARALGON

### MOVEMENTS

A belated welcome to Gerard Brown and Graham Furphy into the drawing office. Farewell to Daren Martin and John Van Rensch. Farewell also to Jeff Robinson, Draftsman, who has departed for the tropics of Darwin. We wish him and his family well for the future.

Three long-serving members of the depot and field staff are retiring. Henry Broadwood retires on 1st December 1980 after 26 years, Stan Kaczynski retires on 31st October 1980 after 30 years, and Trevor Palmer retires on 4th October 1980 after more than 25 years. We all wish them health and happiness for the future.

Dobrosay Stefanovic also retires after many years service and we wish him well for the future.

### SICK LIST

Leslie Griffiths has been off for some weeks with a snapped Achilles tendon. Leslie was playing her usual Monday night game of squash with our receptionist Marilyn Templeton when the accident happened. Marilyn denies all responsibility—however, her fill-in partner Colin Scammell is treading very warily. Anyhow we wish Leslie a speedy recovery.

We welcome back Ian Cardell and Barry Longmore after their lengthy recuperations from accidents, as we do Lloyd Scandrett after his accident.

### GENERAL

Divisional Engineer, Dr Currie, is the envy of the office at the moment. He has taken October and November off to go touring Europe and the UK with his wife. He said that he didn't really have a honeymoon when he got married, on the promise of a decent one later. It has taken him 25 years to fulfill the promise.

Engineer Geoff Lawrence and his wife Ellen have broken the boy drought in the office. The past 8 or more births have all been girls. Finally Brendon Mathew came along to help improve the balance.

Congratulations are also extended to Geoff who recently was appointed to an Acting Class 3 Engineer for a period of 9 months. However, we didn't realise Class 3 wages were so bad. Common practice on the night prior to wife and baby coming home from hospital is for the husband to take the wife out for dinner before returning to the hospital. Strong rumour has it that "going out to dinner" for Geoff was to take fish and chips up to the ward.

Office girl Sonia Delost is a "company" girl. Recently she got her licence and now drives around in a bright CRB yellow Torana. We understand that the safe colour was not a prerequisite before being given a licence.

## ● HEAD OFFICE

Sally Evans (Registry) resigned from the Board on 6th October.

Lois (Registry) and Derek Lee (CAB) returned recently from yet another trip to England, this time they stopped off for a visit to Scandinavia on the way—welcome back Lois and Derek.

Audrey Bertram (Registry) returned from a month's long service leave in Queensland (Love the tan).

Welcome to Geraldine Hunt who joined Registry on 14th July.

Personnel welcome Carolyn Amey and Marcia Mead.

Adrian O'Brien (Estates) recently took his LSL and headed overseas to Britain and Europe for 3 months.

## ● MRD

### FAREWELL

After a brief stay, Charles Demacoli from the Instrumentation Lab left in August. Ian Holder, TA with the Asphalt Lab, also left.

### WELCOME

The new Geologist is Graham Granger. Welcome to two new fitters in the Workshop, Bernard Rene and Peter Hodge. There are also two new TA's, Simon Elderton and Ferruccio Ciganio. Dominic Cimino is the new addition to the Geotechnical Section. John Ennor's replacement as Calibrations Officer is Robert Weatherson.

### GENERAL

Jean Mc Carthy and her family spent ten days holidaying in Surfers Paradise. Jim Kemp from the Secretary's Branch will be Bruce Genats replacement as Divisional Engineer Clerk. Still in the Div. Office, Leith Wholers is now the proud owner of a house. Also a 'certain someone' finally got her hair permed, but I'm not allowed to mention it.

Dominic Cimino took a couple of weeks off work after his hands were badly burned in an accident at home.

Sam Plesiotis is off to Bali at the end of October.

Richard Bortko has obtained his Diploma of Engineering and will soon be leaving MRD to start work with Road Design.

Just for the record, Peter Colgrave's wife isn't pregnant again.

"Celebrations were in order" at the news that Ynot Snagem was going on leave for four weeks, things won't be the same without him.

Ted Vince has fallen victim to the dreaded joggers disease (well, one of them). The case of the ripped Achilles tendon. Everyone wishes Ted a speedy recovery.

Everyone was saddened to hear of the death of Peter Reed who retired from the Pavement Section approx. 15 months ago.

Herr Schaerf is off to Germany again, this time for six weeks.

Rumour has it that a well known person's "war wound" has started playing up again but has a lot to say about the healing properties of Medi—creme!

Eileen Walsh, our Tea Lady, is off on four weeks leave. MRD had another barbecue in September; the weather was a bit chilly, but the food was great.

Bob Barron has just recently spent six weeks holidaying in Europe...

## ● GEELONG

### WELCOMES

The survey team would like to welcome B Digby onto the team. D Blackwell takes over as our new storeman, at our Divisional Depot. I Templeton joins us in his new position of Depot Foremans Clerk.

### RESIGNATIONS

D Farrow, Admin. Officer (accounts department), leaves us on the 26th September. We wish him all the best for the future and in his travels around Australia.

### GENERALLY SPEAKING

If you consider yourself to be a 'board' person, we strongly suggest that you take up a hobby.

If your feet smell and your nose runs, you are probably upside down.

## ● BENALLA

### RETIREMENTS

Joe Johnston, who spent 28 years supervising repairs and maintenance of wooden bridges throughout the North-East, has been farewelled by Division staff following his retirement from the Benalla Division.

Joe was familiar with nearly all 100 wooden bridges throughout the Division; some of these being the responsibility of local municipalities.

At a special function, the Divisional Engineer expressed appreciation on behalf of the Board to Joe for the splendid contribution he had made over the years in an important area of Board work.

Presentations were made to Mr & Mrs Johnston who will continue to reside in Benalla but hope to see a "bit more of Australia" during their retirement.

Our popular gardener for the past nine years, Bob Auld retired recently from the Board's service and the fruits of his labour were left behind in the beautiful surrounds of the Divisional Office.

Bob will be missed by all staff as he was very co-operative and helpful. Visitors to the Divisional Office have commented favourably on the gardens and lawns.

Leading Heater Hand, Ron Hyder retired recently after 22 years of service with the Board, most of which was spent with the B.S. Gangs. The boys at Gillies Street had a night out for Ron who, because of a mix up with his birth certificate, worked into his sixty sixth year.

### RESIGNATION

Rod Noonan, experimental officer with the Division for the past eighteen years, surprised everybody by announcing his resignation to accept a position with Alcoa at their proposed project at Portland.

### WEDDING

A small presentation was made to Helen Tooley on her marriage to Neil Allan recently, and Helen received the best wishes of all the staff. Even the elements were kind on the day as the sun shone brightly for Neil and Helen who were married in the garden of Marj and Harvey Jones.

### "STAR STRUCK"

The long hard road to stardom is studded with potholes of fallen forerunners and batters scoured from the tears of the less fortunate members of the entertainment fraternity.

For Peter Sloan (Lab. Assist.), however, the trek to fame and fortune commenced in a blinding flash when he won a \$50 encouragement award on Pyramid Star Quest. Peter's ingenuity and sense of immediate success has turned the tables on fate and initiated a plan to tour the United States, Britain, Europe and Japan after an Australian tour with a final concert at the Sydney Opera House.

Unfortunately, due to the rising costs of plectrums and capos, his tour was reduced to a definitely one-night-only appearance at the Glenrowan Mechanics Institute which was only attended by the local taxi driver and a drunk who lost his way home from the pub.

## ● SURVEY

Survey Division welcomes Robert Balassone to the Drafting section and farewells Bob Moseley who is joining Bridge Division.

## ● BALLARAT

### PROUD MUM

Congratulations to Betty Gullock (Tea Attendant) whose son, Victorian Sculler Gary Gullock (the National Junior champion) beat interstate and New Zealand scullers at the International colts (Under 23) regatta on the Nepean River at Penrith.

### GARDENER'S PARADISE

Not often is a member of the Divisional office staff succeeded by his predecessor. This happened recently when Ray Hower left on Friday, 5th September and was replaced by our former "Senior Gardener" Col Hingston. Col and his daughter Martina were both members of the staff prior to a 2 year sojourn in Western Australia.

### LICENCE TO DRIVE

Congratulations to Wendy Petch and Carolyn Byrnes on their great achievement of being trusted to drive a car. Both are getting in as much practice as they can with Board vehicles before they purchase one of their own.

We all hope, girls, that you both have many happy years of motoring.

### DEATH

It is with deep regret that we report the death of construction worker Ron Johns. Ron was involved in a car accident on the Western Freeway on his way to work. Our sympathies are extended to his family.

### SICK PARADE

We extend our commiserations to Kenneth Hovey, Doug Richards, Laurie Clark, Lance Farnsworth, Jim Bradley, Kevin Atkins, Mervyn Gregg and Roy Robertson who is now recovering after a serious operation. We wish all of them a speedy recovery and as they are unlikely to be with us over the Christmas period. From all your friends on the Board—Merry Christmas.

### ARMY RESERVE

Christine Parkin's first experience at Army life was a tremendous success. So much so that when the opportunity arises, Christine is prepared to show the boys that women can do the work equally as well as the so called Herculeans. Recently the CRB army reserve had the arduous task of erecting a 70 metre span Bailey Bridge at Skipton. This task was completed to perfection by 64 men and 1 woman—Chris Parkin. Christine is currently training at Eildon from 5th October to 18th October.

### RETIREMENTS

Farewell to Charlie O'Connor who retired from the Board's service on 30th June, 1980 because of ill-health. Charlie commenced with the Board in 1955 and was mainly involved in construction works. Charlie has planned for a happy retirement and hopes to devote much of his time on his property at Newstead where the grazes sheep.

Both Thomas Bennett and Walter Barrie retired from the Board's service having reach the age of 65 years.

### RESIGNATION

Farewell to Melville Pfeiffer who resigned after 21 years service with the Board. Mel was employed as an owner Truck Driver and worked mainly on construction. Mel and his wife have purchased a motel business on the Western Highway and we wish them luck in their new venture.

### NEW STARTERS

We extend a warm welcome to our new recruits—Peter Trigg (Accounts) and John Warren (Engineering) on loan to us from Melbourne, and to Greg Mariager (Engineering) appointed to Ballarat Division from Melbourne.

## BRIDGE

Rick Priscoll & Mark Blundell are currently on a "get-fit" campaign and are attending gym at the Golden Bowl in Camberwell several mornings a week at 6.00 am. After an aerobics work-out, gym exercises, swim, jet-bath and sauna they are arriving at work ready to crash for a few hours.

Tony Christian has recently returned to work after four days at home with a wrenched knee. Tony injured himself falling down some stairs to his lounge room, and he swears blind that he wasn't drunk!

Was that really Clerk of Works Anton Jankevicius who was seen riding a bicycle to work the other day?

Peter Smith has recently joined bridge as a clerk of works, and all in construction wish him a happy and successful career with the CRB.

Norm Clarke has just returned from a month's tour of Asia with his wife. Highlights of his trip were a canoe ride down a mountain stream in the Philippines, arguing with the local traders for bargains, and enjoying the various types of local food in the places he visited. Norm is already making plans for his next trip overseas.

Welcome to David Dix who has joined construction in the materials supply section. We hope you know what you will be in for David!

Terry had every reason to smile after the great first up run at Caulfield by "Our Century", a three year old filly be Century. Terry, a part-owner in the filly, is very confident of a win in the near future.

One CRB officer is very popular with Kew Council. They have been trying to arrange a meeting with him for the last few months.

Congratulations to Bob Meggs on his appointment as Assistant Bridge Design Engineer. Bob takes over from Brian Kemp who has been appointed Bridge Construction Engineer following the retirement of Bruce Watson.

Mike Covan former contract Draftsman has recently joined the Board's Drafting Staff.

## ROAD DESIGN

### RETIREMENT

Jack Ross retired on 31st July after almost 25 years service with the Board.

It is rumoured that Jack's life started in a Victorian vineyard in 1920 which was a premium year, still spoken about with reverence by wine lovers.

Jack was involved in the early stages of developing the use of the computer for road design and, during recent years, found it very difficult to pass a winery without inspecting the access roads.

Jack finally retired as Design Engineer and was given a great farewell at the Kew Bowling Club by a huge number of his fellow workers including Mr. Russell.

### ARRIVALS

Shayne Smith has returned from Engineering Survey, Richard Yeoman from Y.R.R.G., Garry Scott from Mulgrave Project Office, Richard Bortko and Gerry Russell from M.R.D.

### DEPARTURES

Farewell to Marcia Pallett on her resignation "The place won't seem the same".

David Valentine and Mick O'Brien to Traffic after both being appointed Engineers.

Kerry Burke leaves to become Programme and Budgets Engineer.

### GENERAL

Cheryl Lewin become a "Mum" recently. The "baby" is of the four-legged variety, has brown fur and is growing peacefully in a paddock in Lancefield.

# DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT

## GLEN WAVERLEY

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Wanda (Stanaway) our popular "Hello" girl, on her engagement to Alan. Plans to marry May-June next year. Very best wishes from all at Glen Waverley.

### DEPARTURES

Eric Curtis (Engineer) left to work with ICI.

### SICK LIST

Andy Naylor (Retired-Stores) now out of Hospital—well on path to recovery.

Stefan Witt (Workshop) now back after a motor bike accident.

### JET-SET

Zoli Szigeti, back in Australia after representing Australia at Moscow games. Zoli was kind enough to show films and slides of his trip 12th September at Canteen-Glen Waverley. Well attended—enjoyed by all.

### CELEBRITY

Jack Bailey (Foreman-Machine Shop) recently won Golf Tournament, Cheltenham Victoria vs Cheltenham England. Now in possession of another Trophy for his collection.

### SEND-OFF

Brad Wright 27 September (Auto-Elec) received a "Gift" of Ball and Chain, on his ankle, put on by workmates to celebrate his forthcoming marriage. Last seen trying to get past security gate with CRB property—namely ball (40 lb) and chain.

### RETIREMENTS

Counting the days to retirement are Ted Sterchi (Paint Shop), Roy Arnot (Paint Shop), and Charley Malley (Workshop).

### RENOVATIONS

Medical Centre received face lift recently. Sis feels great and is contemplating moving in and staying "full-time".

## DANDENONG

### INS

Vera Belegris returned to us from Head Office to fill a vacancy in Accounts. We gained John Farthing who is on the Draftsmen's Rotation Scheme and Neville Schmidt on the Engineer's Training Scheme. Welcome, and happy days with us.

### OUTS

Following the resignations of Andrea Gilbert and Charles Riddell, presentations were made to both by ADE Raleigh Robinson on their final day with us on 22 August. Andrea has accepted a new position prior to another holiday in Europe commencing next February.

Charles, after a six week holiday early this year in Britain, decided to return to his "home" country and left for England on 29 August.

Both had been with the Board for approximately five years and their cheerful dispositions are missed around the office.

### BEREAVEMENT

Friends of Alf Jeffery were saddened to hear of his death recently. Alf retired in July 1977 after 14 years' service with the Board, all spent in Dandenong Division where he was involved with subdivisions.

Alf's quiet, courteous manner was appreciated by all who had dealings with him and particularly by staff to whom he was always available when someone had a problem and needed an 'ear'.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Jean and to his family.

## HORSHAM

### PING PONG

A recent addition to the office has been a table tennis table, provided by the Office Social Club. Budding young and not so young table tennis stars flock to the conference room each lunchtime.

Our conference room's now a sports venue

Come lunch time there's more on the menu

Than sangers and burgers and pies

For pingpong is starting to rise.

Now you win some and lose some it's true

And you come to expect the odd blue

But the blokes who cause the most moans

Are the ones named Goodier and Jones.

Of the two, young Jonesy's the cooler

And they do both hail from Dimboola

So united they rarely get beat

For if need be they just up and cheat.

Match point and your serving to Max

Now don't let your hearing get lax

For he'll just up and call let

Whether or not the ball hits the net.

### DEPARTURES

Mr Ken Talbot—Patrolman Culgoa Patrol left the Board's service to commence work with Glenelg Shire as a Road Maintenance Foreman.

We wish Ken all the best in his new position.

### SICK LIST

Aidan Murphy is still on our sick list. Aidan was involved in a road accident recently and was lucky to escape more serious injury than he did.

Also on the sick list are Dick Mathews—Workshop Foreman, Wally Potter—Water Tanker Driver and Wally Bormann—Workshop Fitter.

### RETIREMENTS

After 16 years service with the Board Joe Purchase, Tanker Driver with the B.S. Gang has retired. We wish Joe a long and happy retirement.

Also retired in the past few months is Hedley Bormann, Flagman (4 years service) and Danny Mathews, Sprayer Operator (10 years service). Best wishes to both on their retirement.

## WARRNAMBOOL

### ARRIVALS

A warm welcome to Stuart Higgins our new Instructor Driver. Stuart comes to us from Benalla Division. Also a warm welcome to Ethel Read our new tea lady.

### RETURNABLE

Bob Gooch returned to his duties on October 1st after 16 months in the warmth and wild of far north Queensland. Warrnambool turned on its best wet and windy weather to welcome him home.

### CRB MARRIAGE

Colleen Gavin (Accounts Typist) and Leon Stuart (Motor Mechanic) were married on Saturday 18th October. We wish them a lifetime of happiness together.

### DEPARTURES

Precast foreman Alan Owen retired in early June and Mrs Edna Whitehead retired as our tea lady in late May.

### SICK LIST

Charley Kalmund (L/H Fitter), Ewen Powell (C/W) and Len Pollock (O/S) are all on extended sick leave, hope they are all feeling OK. Harvey Hansford (Plant Serviceman) is still away from work after having a fight with a grinder.

## BAIRNSDALE

### OBITUARIES

On 15 April Gordon Sellings who worked for the Sale Patrol passed away. Gordon first commenced with the Board in 1953 and had been off work since November due to ill health.

Bill Bartlett commenced with the Board in 1964, and passed away on 5 September, while on long service leave. Bill who was well known throughout the Division was employed as an owner truck driver.

Ray Petersen (Retired) passed away on 19 September. Ray, who commenced with the Board in 1952, spent nearly all his time with the bridge gangs and was bridge overseer when he retired in 1971.

Our sympathies are extended to all their families and friends.

### SQUASH

Our squash championships have come to a close for 1980. Bruce Fraser defeated Brian Sampson in a very close struggle, winning 10-9 in the 5th to retain the perpetual trophy.

Denise Hedley and Jennie Ellis played off in the ladies' final with Jennie taking the title from Denise who was the '79 winner.

Congrats go to Bruce and Jen.

### FAIRY DELL

The Social Clubs BBQ and Fun Day at Fairy Dell was a success with Max Smith's car taking off the prize for the spotto along the way.

### HOARDING PERMITS

Hoarding permits have definite advantages as David Overy has found out. A permit arrived one day attached to a case of potatoes, then another one for passion fruit, berries and rabbits arrived with \$5 attached. Anyone requesting signs for nude bathing please send permit with samples attached.

## EASTERN FWY

### ARRIVALS

Welcome to John Forde, Acting Ganger and Joe Joiner, Overseer from Mulgrave Project and to new recruit Geoff Hatter, Field Assistant (Survey).

### DEPARTURES

Farewell to Frank Panuccio who has been transferred to Bridge Sub-Branch. Frank has been associated with the Project since 1972 and we wish him well in his new position.

Also farewell to Jimmy Papastam-topoulos (the longest name in the Board) who has been transferred to Metropolitan Division. Jimmy planted most of the plants and trees on Eastern Freeway.

### GENERAL

The Urban Projects Champion Golf Team, the C.G. Roberts Trophy winners for 1979 consisting of Don Durant, Peter Vorweg, David Nelson and Colin Roy (who has deserted us to Metropolitan Division for an undisclosed transfer fee), are practising hard for the annual tournament.

Michael O'Shea, Ian Saynor and Brian Clark plus wife and children completed the recent Sun Super Run over the West Gate Bridge. Brian's wife crossed the finish line before him.

Vincent Quinn finds it difficult to find a secluded picnic spot in Victoria without being interrupted by Trevor Boyd. Vincent was having a quiet picnic at Upper Yarra Dam on Show Day when he was discovered by Trevor.

Question for Faye Armstrong and Phillip Ridgeway: Do they attend the same hairdresser? Answer next issue.

Why do Bob Woodhouse and Albert Kerian refuse to talk about Collingwood's defeat?

Congratulations to Michael O'Shea who won a Sigma GL Sedan in a church raffle and also to Warren Butcher who won a colour television set in a raffle. The ticket was sold to Warren by Gary Weston.

# CLASSIES

## MARRIED

**BAILEY:** Sue (Registry) was married to Chris Goodall at St Johns Church, Lilydale on 22nd August. Best wishes Sue and Chris from all in Reg.

**EDMONDS:** Kim (Printing) and Barbra White, married in England on 6th September. Best wishes from all in Printing.

**HOARE:** Mike (Geelong) and Anne-Marie Hogan were married at the Holy Trinity Church, Geelong. Best wishes from all in Geelong Division.

**MACKENZIE:** Dee (Estates) and Bradley were married on 16th August.

**MARTIN:** Bill (Ballarat) and Cheryl Souter on 25th October at St Peter's Church, Buninyong.

**MENZ:** Peter (Ballarat) and Bridget Farrer tied the knot at St Thomas' Church, Terang, on 18th October. Congratulations to both.

**STRIK:** Claire (Personnel) and John plan to marry on 17th January. Best wishes.

**TENNANT:** Wayne (Geelong) and Susan were married at Wangaratta on 11th October.

**TOOLEY:** Helen (Benalla) and Neil Allan on 6th September.

**VICKERS:** Valmai (Estates) and Peter were married on 4th October.

**WHITE:** Leanne (Personnel) is marrying Grant Myers on 13th December. Congratulations.

**YOUNG:** Dianne (Public Relations) and Jim Pollard were married on 18th October—no more only the good Di Young'.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**"THE REASON WHY"** Bob Handley (CE/SD) has loaned this book to an unknown colleague. It gives an account of the Charge of the Light Brigade at Crimea, and is of personal interest. Its return would be appreciated.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jenny Spilar (Reg) on getting her licence—the word is that she has been allocated a parking space with five metres 'lee-way' on each side. (Phew!)

## ENGAGED

**BON:** Peter and Francis announce their long-awaited engagement. Wedding date to be decided. Congratulations, and it's about time. (RPD)

**FERNANDES-FRY:** Best wishes to Karen (Typist-Engineering Section, Horsham) and Tony (Motor Mechanic Workshop, Horsham) on their recent engagement.

**MAGANJA:** Trish (Road Design) announced her engagement to Lindsay Swinden on September 13th.

**RUSSELL:** Ken (Dandenong) and Anne Credlin recently announced their engagement.

**STANAWAY:** "Hello" girl, Wanda Stanaway, to Alan—they plan to marry in May 1981. (Glen Wav)

**TRACEY:** Vanessa (Personnel) and Gary Hall on 11 October 1980. Congratulations.

## FOR SALE

**ELECTRIC DRILL:** plus saw attachments, plus box G.C. \$25. James Low, ext 2502.

**LAND:** Bendigo, building block, fully serviced, \$6900. Tony, ext 2373.

## FOR RENT

**HOWQUA-LAKE EILDON:** Holiday house, 14 bed, available all year, Roy Fisher, ext 2142.

**HOLIDAY HOUSE:** two bedrooms, well furnished, magnificent views, 3 blocks to beach. Kirra, Qld. Rental—\$100-\$150 per week. Robyn Robb, ext 2047.

## WANTED TO BUY

**TABLE CLOTH:** Circular, hand crocheted, or would like to hear from person willing to make one. Vancey, ext 2707.

**LAND:** on NSW Coast between Merimbula and Bermagui. Pat Brenton, ext 2666.

## RETIRED

**AULD:** Bob (Benalla) Gardener at the Divisional Office. Thanks for a good job.

**BROADWOOD:** Henry (Traralgon) retires after 26 years.

**CECIL:** David (Geelong) Patrol assistant retired 15 August after approximately 25 years service.

**DYER:** Eric (Geelong) Patrol truck driver retired 10 October with almost 16 years service.

**HYDER:** Ron (Benalla) Leader Heater Hand retired after 22 years of service.

**JOHNSTON:** Joe (Benalla) Bridge overseer.

**KACZYNSKI:** Stan (Traralgon) retired on 31st October after 30 years.

**NILSSON:** Gordon (Bairnsdale) retired on 11 April after cooking up approximately 16 years with the Board.

**PALMER:** Trevor (Traralgon) retires after more than 25 years service.

**STEFANOVIC:** Dobrosay (Patrol Assistant Traralgon) after more than 20 years service.

**WILSON:** Lloyd (THE CAPTAIN) after 13 years service with the Board. (MRD)

**PARSONS:** Bert (Bairnsdale) Patrolman Cann River retired due to ill health on 12 March 1980.

## DEATHS

**DAVIS:** Gordon (Stores - Glen Waverley) 3 September after long illness.

**HAWKES:** Laurie (Plant Operator Traralgon) killed tragically at work 9 July 1980.

**HEFFERNAN:** Murray (Dand) Regretfully we record the passing of Murray Heffernan. Murray worked for many years in Dandenong Division and made many friends throughout the Board. Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife.

**MC CANN:** Bob (Dandenong) Retired cost clerk of East Sale RAAF base and Dandenong Division fame, passed away at Frankston hospital on 19 January 1980 aged 76 years. Bob was a colourful personality ready to have a 'go' at anything—gold prospecting, foot-running, USN service in the Pacific in World War 2.

**NOE:** Gab (Stores - Glen Waverley) 22 August 1980. Suddenly—heart attack.

## BIRTHS

**ADAMS:** Ken (Metro) and Jeanette, a son, Douglas John.

**ARENDSSE:** Frank (Metro) and Thea, another beautiful daughter, Karolyn Bernadette, a sister for Trish, Marielle, Duncan, Marcel, Kevin, Lucien and Angelique, on 21 June.

**BAKER:** Alan (Road Design) and Robyn, a daughter, Elise Ann, on 9 October, a sister for David.

**BRYAN:** Neil (Printing) and Jenny, a son, David Leigh, on 12 October, a brother for Heidi.

**BUBB:** Peter (Works Sub-Branch) and Pam (Road Design), a son Fletcher Stewart, on 16 June.

**CLUE:** Michael (Frankston) and Eileen, a son, Damien Michael, on 4 May.

**CRICK:** Greg (Ballarat) and Lyn, a son, Robert Gregory, on 18 August.

**CUNNINGHAM:** John (Dand) and Lynda, a daughter, Bianca Lauren, sister for Adam and Nathan.

**DELANEY:** Neil (Horsham) and Jenney, a son.

**DODWELL:** June (Survey) and David, a daughter, Kristy Lee.

**FORD:** John (Road Planning) and Patricia, a daughter, Greta Mary Cecilia, on 3 August (the first of many)

**GIBSON:** Barry (Bridge) and Lorraine, a daughter, Katrina Elizabeth, on 11 September. Barry is recovering, slowly.

**GORDON:** Ross (Road Planning) and Dawn, another son, Ashleigh Charles, on 5 September, brother for Rochelle and Craig.

**GWIZDEK:** Joe (Bairnsdale) and Irene, a son, Julian Anthony, on 1 September. Brother for Steve, Michael and Peter.

**INGLIS:** Ian (Traralgon) and Berny, a daughter, Sally Catherine, born 2 August.

**JONES:** David (Dandenong) and Nancy, a daughter, Meredith Anne, sister for Andrew.

**LAWRENCE:** Geoff (Traralgon) and Ellen, a son, Brendan Mathew, on 25 August. At last a boy.

**LEEHANE:** Gerard (Ballarat) and Beverly, a daughter, Sherree, on 29 August. A sister for Cameron and Dallas.

**MARIAGER:** Greg (Ballarat) and Elspeth, a daughter, Jane Elspeth, on 19 May. Congratulations to both.

**PEEL:** Warwick (Dandenong) and Tricia, their first baby—a son, Mark Leslie, on Mothers' day.

**RUDD:** Brendan (Ballarat) and Joan, a daughter, Jennifer Ann, on 13 May. Sister for Rebecca.

**SAMPSON:** Brian (Bairnsdale) and Helen, a girl, Elizabeth, on 3 September. Sister to Emma and Katherine.

**SOBEY:** Robert (Ballarat) and Jan, a daughter, Nicole Anne, on 9 June. A sister for Judith and Mark.

**TULLOCH:** John (Survey) and Sally, a son, Scott John, on 10 September.

**VELCEK:** Peter (Dandenong) and Merrilyn, a daughter, Katiana Skye, sister for Kirsten.

**YARNTON:** Warwick (Road Planning) and Margaret, a son, Russell Warwick, on 23 September, a brother for Robert and Nigel.

## DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT

### ROAD PLANNING

Members of the general office of Road Planning are getting quite worried. We are losing staff so rapidly that we feel our "Palmolive gold" and "Colgates" ring of confidence are letting us down badly!

We have recently lost Eileen Osmond (Typist), Sew Lian Poh (Senior Drafting Assistant), Ann Clarke (Drafting Assistant) and Robert Borzillo (Engineer) who have all resigned from the Board. We sadly say goodbye, and wish them all well in their new positions.

We have also lost Warren Blandy (Admin. Officer, alias phantom letter

writer) to Road Design—Good luck Road Design!!! Our resident piece of furniture DICK MELONI has recently been seconded to Dandenong for six months. Rumour has it, he will nail his feet to the floor to stay there.

Sadly we lost the captain of our victorious soccer team in Lou Pecora, who has transferred to Asphalt, and congratulations to John Ford who leaves us shortly, for his new appointment as Class 3 in Advance Planning.

Welcome back to John McLean and John Thorpe who have returned to the fold after completing Engineers Training Scheme. We also wish to welcome Jean Healy, our new Clerical Assistant who joined the team recently.

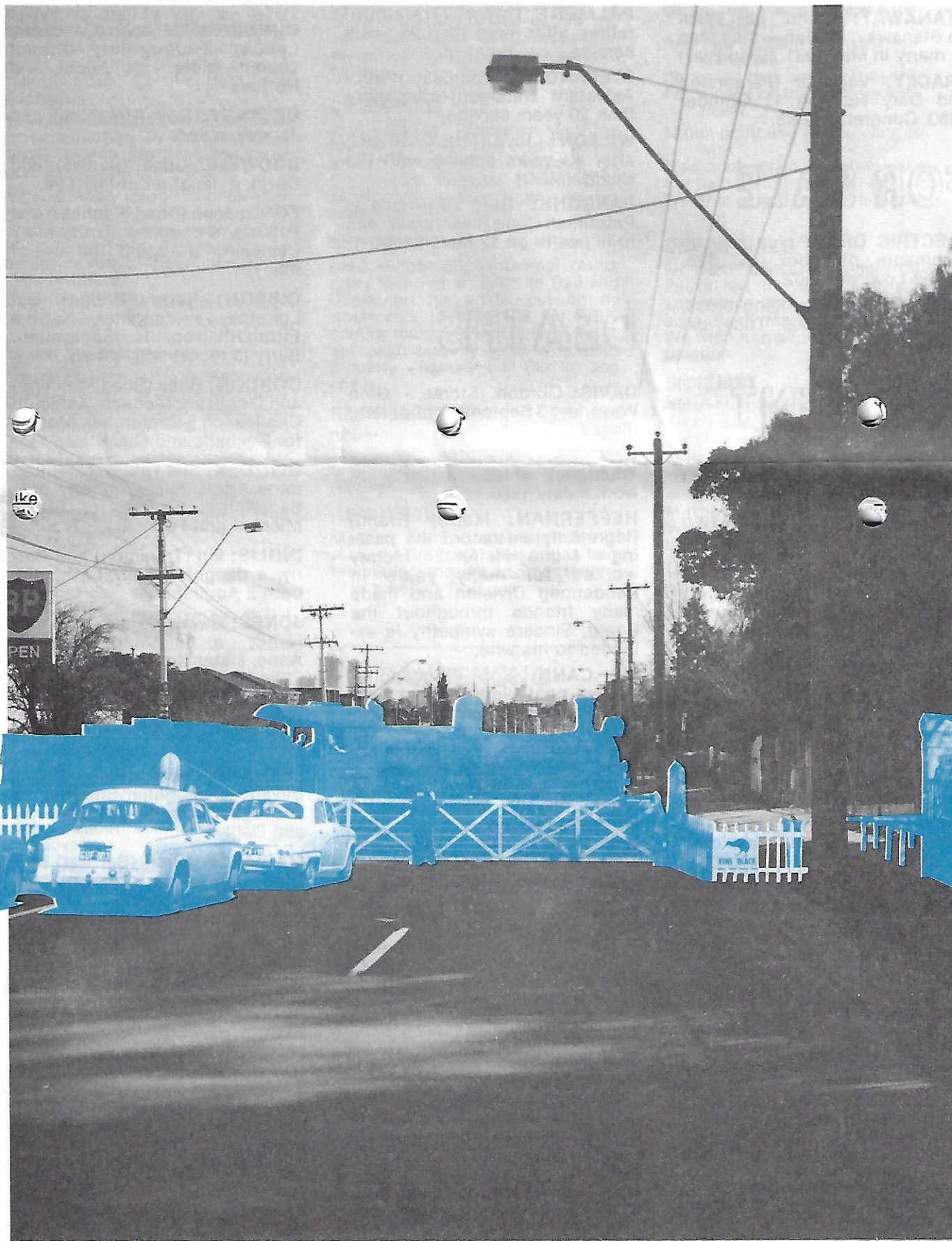
Betty O'Connor (Typist) has just left for 5 months leave and we hope she enjoys all that time off (lucky devil)!!

Road Planning has been doing their bit for the population growth and we wish to congratulate Ross and Dawn Gordon on their new son, Patricia and John Ford on their new daughter, and Margaret and Warwick Yarnton on their new son.

We take this opportunity to congratulate our victorious soccer team who beat Dandenong Division by 6 goals to 1. Both Bruno Aleskic and Robert Borzillo scored 3 goals each and were our best players. All other members played a great team game, and combined brilliantly to beat Dandenong Division for the first time ever.

**Nostalgia**

# CRB IN TRAINING



Those athletic CRB personnel who spend their lunchtimes jogging about, preparing for this or that marathon, are in training, right? Well, staff at Kew have more right to 'train' than most people because Head Office was built on the site of the old Kew Railway Station.

The construction of a railway line between Hawthorn and Kew was authorised in 1884, and the contract was let two years later. The line was operational soon after and, in 1922, it was electrified. However, by 1952, the line was considered unnecessary and the service ceased. In August of that year, the last passenger train ran between Hawthorn and Kew; a Departmental bus service was then provided for passenger travel requirements. In 1959 the Kew Station building was demolished.

By 1960, the former Barker Station had been demolished and replaced by a motel and, in 1961, the CRB offices were opened on the site of the former Kew Railway Station.

The 'Cutting', where HO staff now park their cars, was originally made for the railway line but it was left vacant when the tracks and overhead wires were removed.

Our photo, from 1959, shows one of the last trains to use the Hawthorn-Kew line crossing Barkers Road, and just about to enter the Cutting. It has been superimposed onto a recent photo, looking west along Barkers Road towards the city.

So if you hear a ghostly whistle or the faint sound of train wheels clattering along metal tracks as you make your way down the Cutting in the eerie half-light after work one night — don't worry!

It's probably just the Hawthorn-Kew Special making a last nostalgic run....