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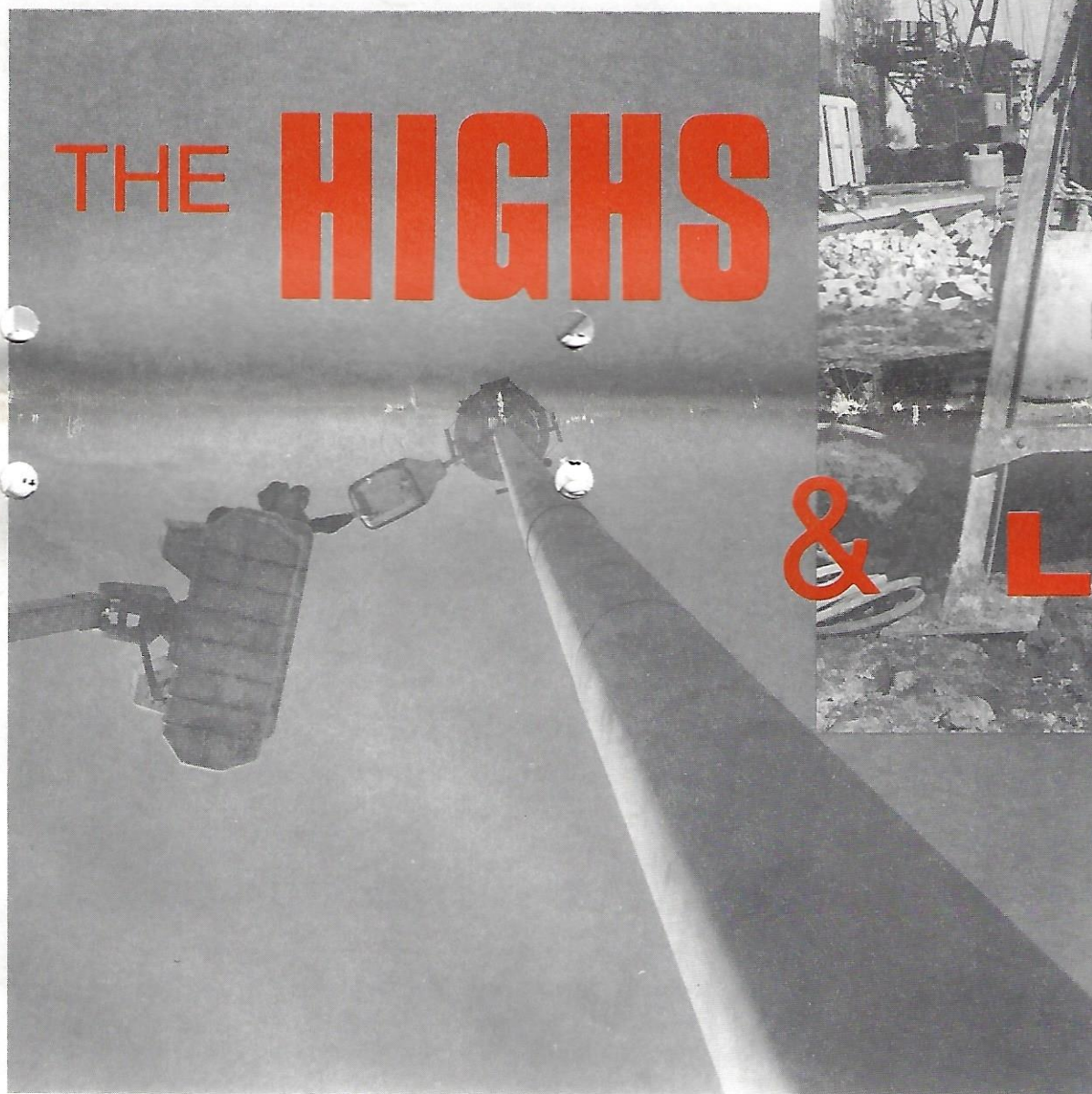
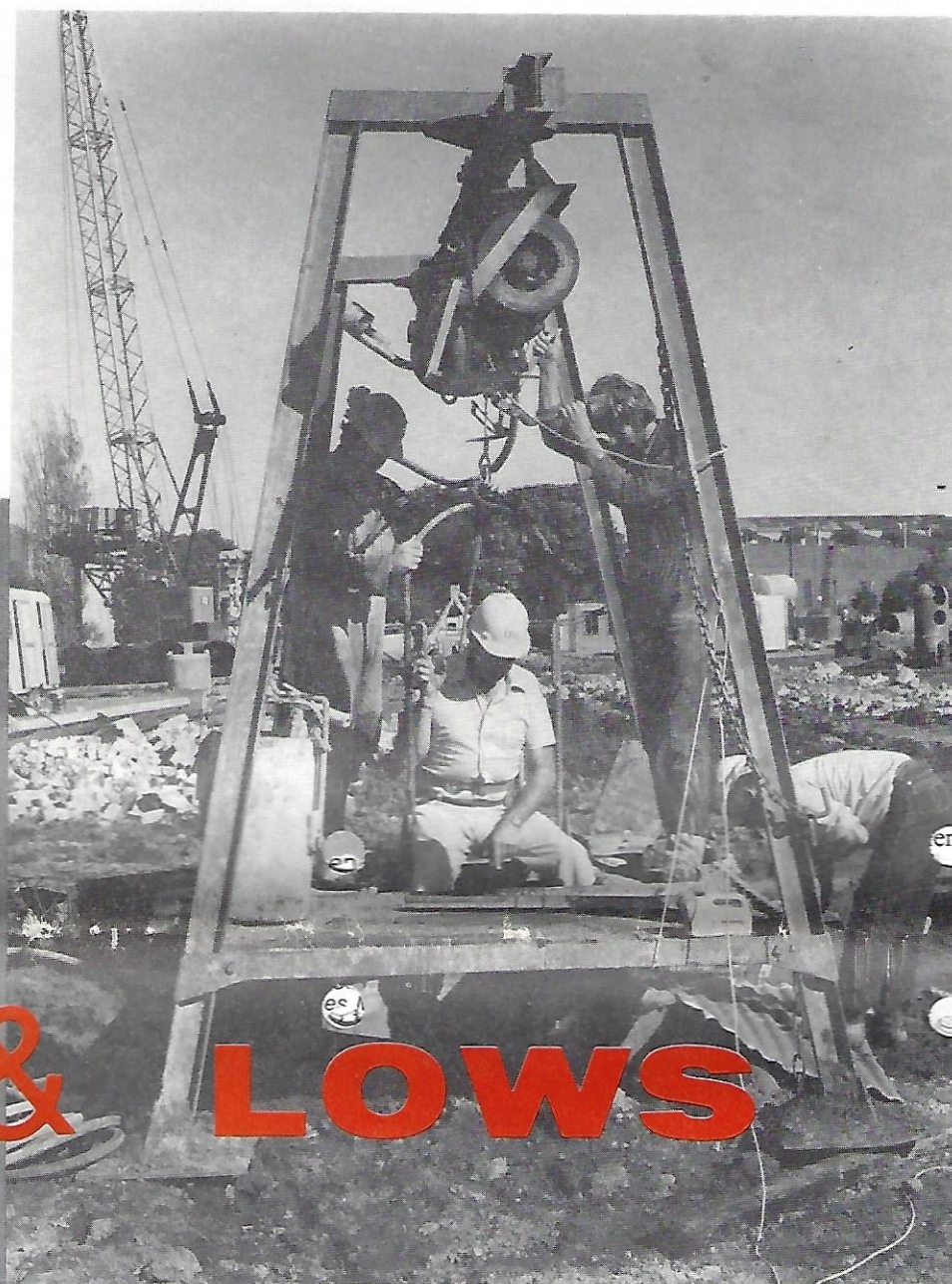
How
The
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Down at the West Gate Freeway project, we found these workers busy on the construction of a foundation pile. There are over 400 piles needed for the elevated section of the freeway, ranging in depth from 15 to 60 metres. The one photographed here, however, only drops to 27 metres!

From left to right, pictured, are **Danny Allen** (Frankipile), **Tom Bolan** (Clerk of Works, West Gate), **Rex Hodgetts** (Frankipile), and **Jerry Nemecek** (Clerk of Works, West Gate).



THE **HIGHS**

& **LOWS**

← Pictured, left, are **Robert Wheat** and **Ken McKay** enjoying the 'high life' on the Eastern Freeway. Rob and Ken are shown here checking the freeway high mast lighting in a cherry picker. Their job also involves the maintenance of overpasses and bridges, and tree-logging too, from a height.

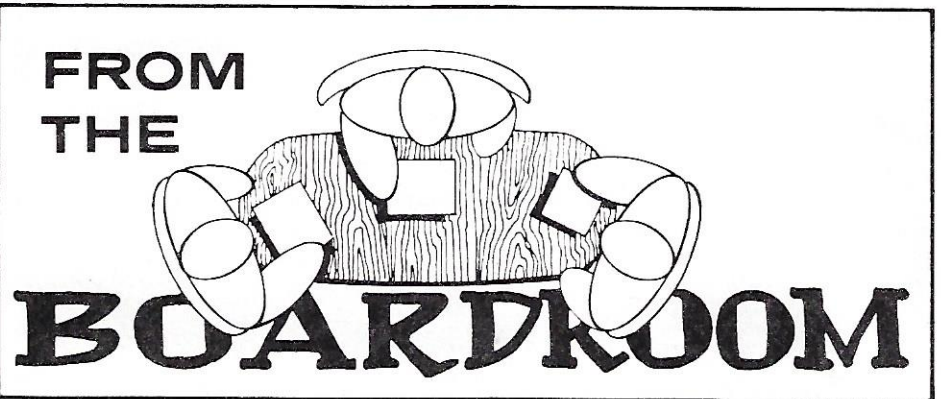
OF FREEWAY WORK

Work on our freeways takes place in many different locations — not just at ground level, but up in the air and under the ground as well!

So, to give you an insight into the more unusual freeway jobs in the CRB, above are some of the boys who get a 'lift' from their jobs. And never let it get them 'down'!

Great New Competition - See Page 5 For Details

New Telephones For Melbourne's Freeways



On the 28th December 1980 the Chairman, Mr T H Russell, announced that the CRB had extended the freeway emergency telephone network on the Tullamarine Freeway and the Calder Freeway (Niddrie Section).

Sixteen telephones have now been installed on the Tullamarine Freeway between the Bulla Road interchange and Melbourne (Tullamarine) Airport, and eight telephones on the Calder Freeway between the Essendon Airport and Erebus Street, Keilor Park.

In addition, the 20 telephones previously installed on the Tullamarine Freeway between Flemington Road and Bulla Road have been replaced with new handsets.

The CRB took this opportunity to install telephones that were suitable for use by disabled persons.

The new telephones are lower and, where necessary, closer to the guardrail so that they can be easily reached.

The cost of the additional telephones and replacement units together with associated equipment was \$360,000.

The CRB provides a free emergency telephone service and assistance to drivers of immobilised vehicles on seven major metropolitan traffic routes — Calder Freeway, Eastern Freeway, Kings Bridge-Queens Way, Mulgrave Freeway/South Gippsland Freeway, South Eastern Freeway, Tullamarine Freeway and West Gate Freeway.

During the 1979/80 financial year 11,919 calls were received by the CRB's emergency service centre from drivers of immobilised vehicles on these routes.

Route E6 Environment Effects Statement Completed

The CRB Chairman, Mr T H Russell announced on the 28th November 1980 that the CRB had completed the preparation of an environment effects statement for Route E6 between the Eastern Freeway and Harp Road, Kew and forwarded the statement to the Ministry for Conservation for assessment.

The Environment Effects Statement has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Ministry for Conservation and the Environment Effects Act 1978.

The Statement examines eight alternative road proposals for a link between the Eastern Freeway and Harp Road and, following a detailed assessment of all relevant issues, the Board favours the alternative comprising a new four lane divided road which would retain the existing adjacent streets as service roads. This proposal is known as Alternative 5A.

This favoured alternative would improve traffic flow, maintain access to and from the local area, and complement the existing adjacent residential area.

The estimated cost of this alternative is \$5.5 million.

The Ministry for Conservation has arranged for the public

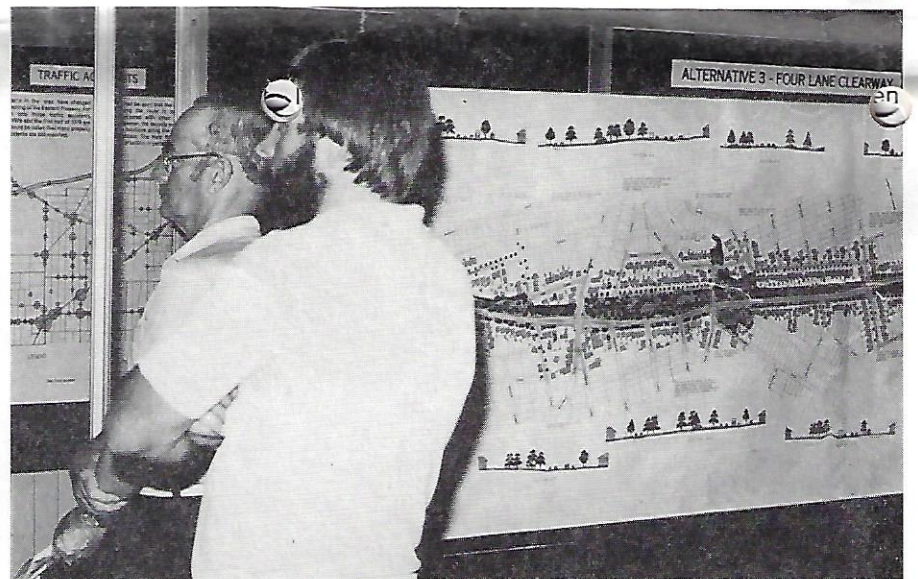
exhibition of the Statement so that interested members of the public can read the Statement and submit any comments to the Ministry.

The Statement is currently on exhibition during normal office hours until the 27th February, 1981 at the following locations:

- Ministry for Conservation Library
- CRB Library
- Kew Municipal Library
- Victorian State Library
- Kew Municipal Offices
- CRB Environmental Studies Section

Following the exhibition of the Statement, the Ministry for Conservation will assess the Statement and, after taking into account comments from the general public, report to the appropriate State Government Ministers.

This report will then be taken into account by the Government before a decision is made.



BERWICK BYPASS PROJECT

Preliminary work being carried out by the Country Roads Board for the Berwick Bypass Project is well advanced.

Two large culverts to carry the freeway across the Berwick Town Drain and the Casey Airfield Drain are under construction. A large service culvert for a new State Rivers & Water Supply Commission pipeline near Beaconsfield has been completed.

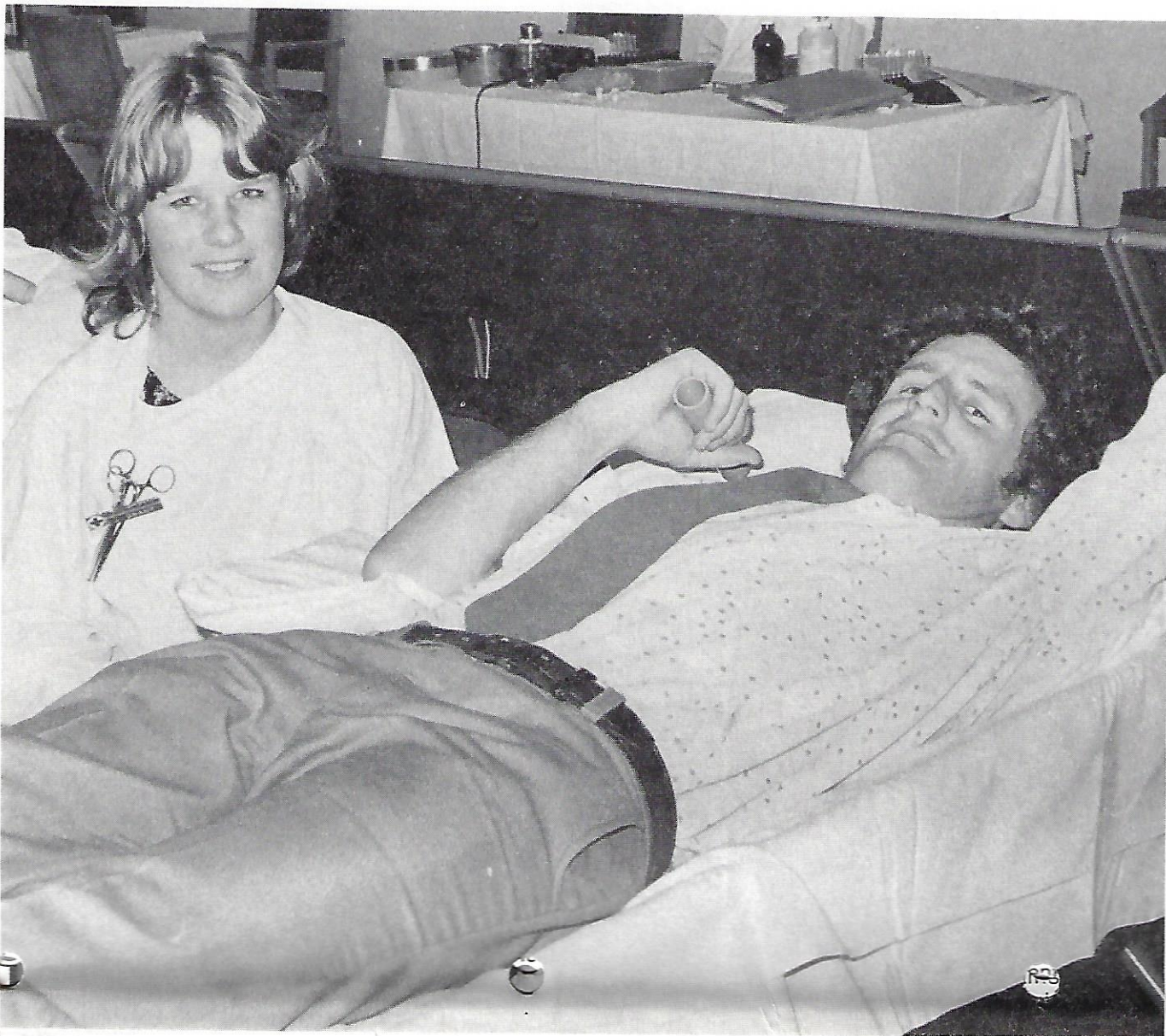
The Minister of Transport, the Honourable Robert Maclellan,

MLA, has approved the CRB letting a \$617,482 earthworks contract to Dozer and Equipment Hire Company.

The contract involves the placement of approximately 300,000 cubic metres of fill material on the bypass, mainly in the area adjacent to the Casey Airfield.

The Berwick Bypass Project is estimated to cost \$14 million at 1980 prices and is scheduled for completion in 1983.

The Blood Bank - a good investment



Have you thought about investing in the Red Cross Blood Bank?

It doesn't matter if you're an O or an A Positive, or even an AB-Negative, your blood is in big demand.

The only conditions for donors: you must be 18 years or over and in good health.

And if you don't know your blood type, now is as good a time as any to find out.

There are approximately 350 CRB staff members who have accounts with the Blood Bank.

The Head Office Nursing Sister, Margaret Anderson, notifies this many people every three months when the Red Cross is due to make a visit.

"This won't hurt a bit", Blood Bank aide Jenny Grant assures Mick O'Shea, from the Eastern Freeway.

But with flexi-time, work commitments, acute hangovers, etc, the actual number of donors averages around 180.

The highest number of donors to roll up for one Red Cross visit was 237, in November 1978.

Alex Hunt, the Senior Correspondence Officer, holds the CRB record for the number of donations by an individual — he's made 104 generous contributions.

If you're interested in making a donation, or opening an account with the CRB Blood Bank, contact Sister Anderson for details.

"If anyone is apprehensive, I'm only too happy to explain what they can expect," says Sister Anderson.

You may have a long way to catch up to Alex, but it's an extremely worthwhile investment.

IT'S ALL RIGHT AT AVENEL !



What's this?

A road sign urging motorists to drive on the RIGHT HAND SIDE of the road??

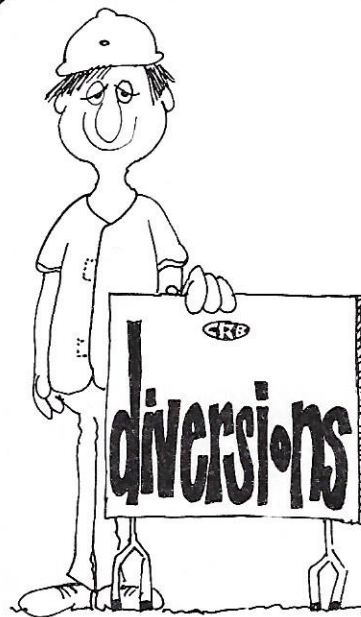
It's enough to make a police officer turn in his seatbelt.

Actually, it IS all in the name of road safety.

The road leads to a CRB quarry near Avenel, and is used by rear dumpers travelling between the quarry and the Hume Freeway site.

The road, which is on a fairly steep incline, has a two metre drop on one side. Hence it is safer for loaded trucks travelling uphill from the quarry to drive on the right hand side, away from the drop.

And the Mercedes Benz? No, it's not the Seymour project engineer's official car - it belongs to a freelance cameraman who was producing a publicity film on the Hume Freeway.



And when the sprinklers were being installed at head office recently, one of the fitters knocked on the door of the ladies toilet. He apologised for intruding, saying he wanted to check if there were any 'water leaks' there. He turned a delicate shade of red when it was suggested he was in the right place!

What do politicians do in their spare time?

According to a comprehensive guide to Australia's political figures, published by International Public Relations Pty Ltd, most Victorian MPs confine their leisure time to golf, tennis, bowls or fishing—with the odd water sport thrown in.

Not a really imaginative lot, are they? In fact, it all makes rather dull reading until one gets to the segment on the Transport Minister, Mr Robert Maclellan.

He lists his sole recreational interest as: **Cliffhanging**, would you believe?

Whilst travelling along a freeway, an engineer's daughter was heard to remark: "Look at that silly sign, Daddy. It says **NO SHOPPING ON THE FREEWAY!**"

During the second day of the Internal Auditor's last visit to Ballarat, a bullet was fired through the window of the room which had been designated for their use. Fortunately, as the room was unfurnished, the audit had been held elsewhere — and so no-one was injured. What we want to know is if this is just another case of the internal auditors coming under fire. Or has the Ballarat audit been shot to pieces?

Then there was the country engineer who reported the dumping of six garbage bags by the side of the highway to a senior engineer, who wanted to know if they were empty ones. Wishful thinking!

Times must be hard in Traralgon Division. Just recently, on a construction job, the Overseer was seen driving a grader, the ganger operating a dozer, and the plant instructor driver on a grader. Then several days later, at another site, the B S Overseer was seen operating a spreader while the B S Engineer shovelled aggregate!

IN MEMORIAM

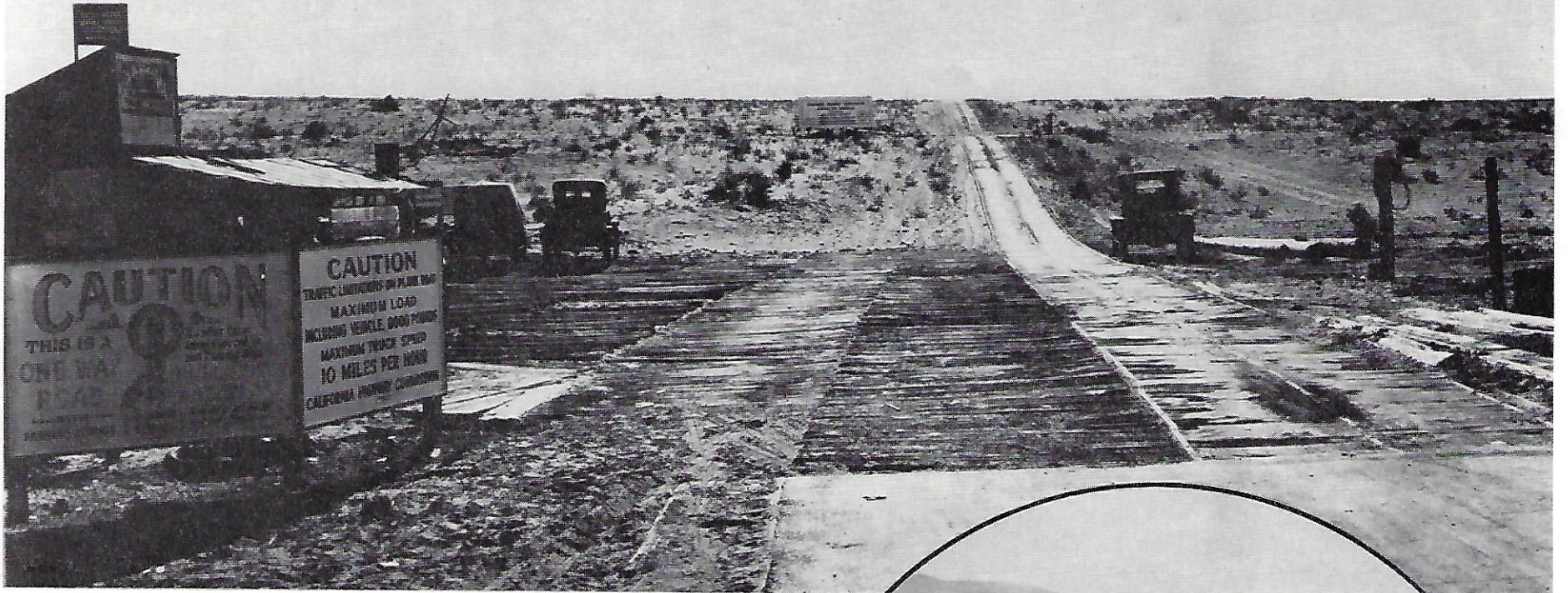
It is with regret we report the death on Sunday 1 February of PETER VORWERG, an Engineer Class 2 with the Eastern Freeway project.

Peter, 33, joined the Board in March 1970. Prior to working at the Eastern Freeway project he was with Metropolitan Division.

Peter was killed in a car accident early Sunday morning in Elwood.

We extend our sympathy to his family.

Timber Tracks were the Trend



Today, driving in the desert is a good test of one's skills and endurance.

Sixty years ago it also took raw courage and lots of patience. In those days few roads were sealed and luxuries such as service stations were few and far between.

In the USA, motorists who dared to cross the formidable California Desert were confronted with a narrow, seemingly endless road made entirely of planks.

The plank road was completed in 1916, and a speed limit of 10 mph was enforced for truckdrivers. Car owners had a bit more leeway.

The photograph on the right, taken in 1913, shows the first attempt at building the road across the sandhills.

The first plank road in the USA was opened to traffic in 1846 in the State of New York.

Plank roads were inexpensive and easy to maintain, but had one major drawback: the timber was inclined to rot.

Incidentally, anybody intending to tour the west coast of the USA can allay fears: the plank road across the desert has been replaced with a modern six lane freeway.



IN THE LINE OF DUTY....



These three intrepid adventurers were spotted by our equally daring photographer. From left to right they are Jack Ross (ex-Experimental Officer, now retired), Wally Dyall (ADE, Bairnsdale) and Ivor Preston (Senior Planning Engineer).

But why were they there in the first place? Undertaking site investigation for the Omeo-Mitta Mitta link.

All in a day's work, eh, chaps?

QUICK QUIZ

An Engineer and a Draftsman

HAIRCUT BY SELF, USING HAND-HELD MIRROR AND BLUNT SCISSORS

CARDIGAN SALVAGED FROM BROTHERHOOD OF ST LAURENCE 1966 VINTAGE - LAST WASHED IN 1967

OUTDATED TIE WITH BEER STAINS - PRESENT FROM WIFE

DIGITAL WATCH (NOT SHOWN) BY LIQUIDATION SALES - NOT CURRENTLY WORKING

TROUSERS BY PETER JACKSON - PART OF OLD SUIT

BLACK LEATHER SHOES - UNKNOWN ORIGIN

HAIRCUT BY PROFILE UNISEX SALON SOUTH YARRA - SLIGHT GREY TINT

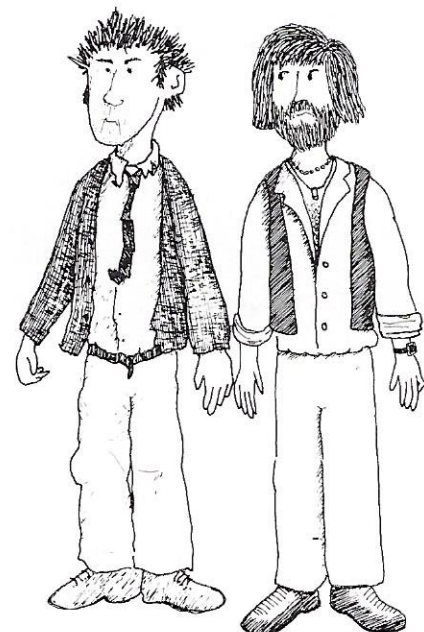
SHIRT BY GUCCI 1979 VINTAGE

VEST BY JOHN BROWN NATURAL WOOL 1980 VINTAGE

DIGITAL WATCH BY ROLEX - 14 FUNCTIONS

CANVAS TROUSERS BY GUCCI 1980 VINTAGE

CANVAS SNEAKERS BY GUCCI 1979 VINTAGE - LIGHT BLUE WITH WHITE LACES



Can YOU pick which is which ?

TOO MANY COOKS ADD TO THE FUN



Barry—dressed to cook!

There are more than 50,000 Chinese restaurants in Peking, but not one Australian restaurant serving authentic Aussie cuisine.

In impartial Melbourne it's a different story . . . you can get a Cantonese meal at the local shopping centre in virtually any suburb.

Not content with that, however, nine staff members from Head Office recently decided to go all the way and enrol in a Chinese cooking course.

When Barry Wilson (Supervisor, General Duties) fronted up for his first lesson, he thought Yum Cha was a Chinese ballroom dance.

Today, Barry can whip up a mouth-watering Pork Spare Ribs to please the most discerning connoisseur.

His chop-stick counterparts included Jean Langridge, Betty Chambers, Marcella Farrugia (all 5th Floor typing pool), Marie Chalkiadakis (1st Floor Control), Linda Zamprogno and Lillian Scurrah (Accounts typing pool), Teresa Carter (ex-Board Secretariat) and Bill Murray (Assistant Secretary Administration).

The enthusiastic nine served time in the kitchens of 'Winlaton', a Youth Training Centre in Nunawading.

And then next step? Who knows? Perhaps Kew's first Chinese Take-Away in Head Office!



Above : Linda, Marie and Teresa described the course as "enlightening, enjoyable, and very tasty".



The Health Food Of a Nation...?

Remember when ice cream was a home-made treat full of goodies like milk, eggs and sugar? Well, today's packaged ice cream from your supermarket freezer seems to be more 'trick' than 'treat'.

As additives don't need to be listed, most ice creams currently on sale are synthetic from start to finish. Analysis has shown the following:

- DIETHYL GLUCOL - a cheap chemical used as an emulsifier instead of eggs. Diethyl glucol is the same chemical used in anti-freeze and in paint removers.
- PIPERNOAL - used in place of vanilla. This is the chemical used to kill lice.
- ALDEHYDE C 17 - used to flavour cherry ice cream. It is an inflammable liquid which is also used in aniline dyes, plastic and rubber.

Summer Shutterbugs

What did you do on your Summer holidays? Interchange wants to know all about it.

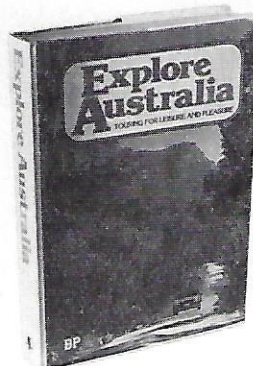
Wanted

Not, however, in written form but by your HOLIDAY SNAPS.

Yes, we're running a competition for the **BEST Summer photograph**. There is no limit to what you can submit to us, except that it must somehow be related to holidays, and the holiday season (sun, sand, surf, socialising, sport. . . the list is endless).

So it doesn't matter if you own a Multi-Mode Minolta XD-11 or a Brownie Box, remember it's the **SUBJECT MATTER** we're interested in. Our panel will be concentrating mainly on originality and imagination when judging entries.

THE PRIZE



The winner will receive a copy of the excellent book 'EXPLORE AUSTRALIA'. The colourful 400-page volume contains 176 pages of maps, detailed guides to all

capital cities and comprehensive information on more than 700 towns and tourist places in Australia.

THERE ARE RULES

To enter you must work for the Country Roads Board, and cannot be associated with the photographic profession. You may enter as many times as you wish.

The panel will consist of a representative from Photographic Services Section, Public Relations Section and a work site.

You can submit black and white prints, colour prints or slides. Do not submit negatives at this stage; we will contact anybody whose photographs we wish to publish.

ALL ENTRIES MUST REACH INTERCHANGE, C / - PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION, CRB HEAD OFFICE, BY FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY, 1981.

Remember when mailing photographs to write 'Do Not Fold' on the envelope, and insert cardboard or a similar material inside the envelope to prevent the contents from accidentally getting damaged.

So let's hear - or rather SEE - your summer holiday as soon as possible.

NAME

DIVISION

TITLE / CLASSIFICATION

TYPE OF ENTRY (B & W print, etc.)

- ETHYL ACETATE - used to give ice cream a pineapple flavour. It is also used as a cleaner for leather and textiles and its vapours have been known to cause chronic lung, liver and heart damage.
- BUTYRALDEHYDE - used to nut flavour ice cream. It's one of the ingredients of rubber cement.
- AMYL ACETATE - used for its banana flavour. It is also used as an oil solvent.
- BENZYL ACETATE - used for its strawberry flavour. It is a nitrate solvent.

Colour additives and sugar substitutes are derived from coal products that destroy body cells, upset digestion, clog your system and dull your intellect.

Depressed? Well, if you still crave ice cream, take heart — there is an alternative. Delicious home-made ice cream need not be a thing of the past, and with that in mind, we present the following 'guaranteed-to-be-good-for-you' ice cream recipe!

HOME MADE ICE CREAM

- 1 tin carnation milk (refrigerate for several hours)
- 125g Philadelphia cream cheese (room temperature)
- 3 teaspoons PURE vanilla extract (Health Food Stores)
- 2/3 cup castor sugar
- 2 level teaspoons gelatine
- 2 tablespoons cold water

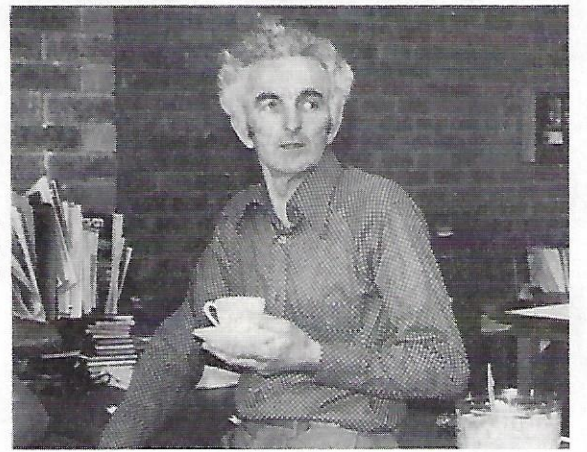
Beat together cheese, sugar and vanilla until soft and creamy. Dissolve gelatine in water, and stand for a few minutes. Stir over low heat until dissolved. Cool, beat well into cheese mixture. Beat milk until thick, add slowly to cheese mixture. Beat well.

NOTE: Makes almost 2 litres, and remains deliciously creamy. You should be able to vary this basic recipe by adding pureed fruit. It may be necessary to increase gelatine.

(Thanks to Benalla Division and the International Association of Cancer Victims and Friends (Melb) for the above article)



Left: Helen Allan joined her colleagues at Benalla Division for a bit of festivity under the trees near the office.



Right: Leo Russell having a quiet cup of tea at the Bairnsdale office party. At least, that's what he told us...

Right: Talking about the good old days... Herb Thompson (left), an ex-Bridge Sub-branch engineer, with Deputy Engineer in Chief Neil Guerin at the Retired Persons Association Christmas Party.



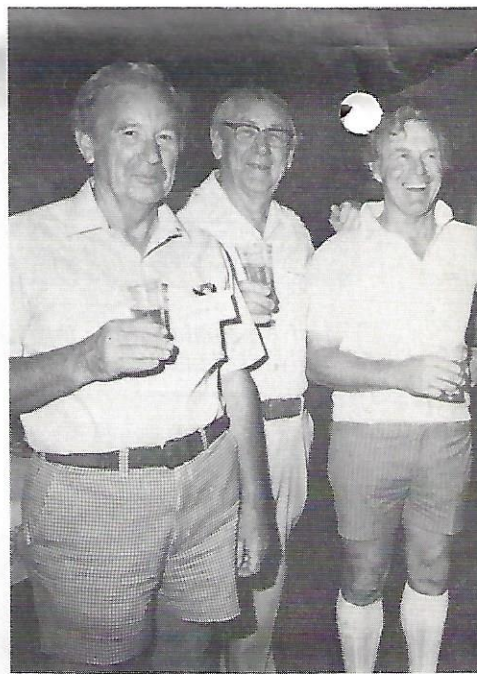
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Above: It's good to see Road Planning and Traffic Engineering getting so well. David Watt (RP) and Mark Knudsen (TE) partake a quiet drink at the Chicken and Champagne Breakfast in Kew.

Left: Santa and one of his many friends at the Childrens Christmas Party at Glen Waverley Depot.

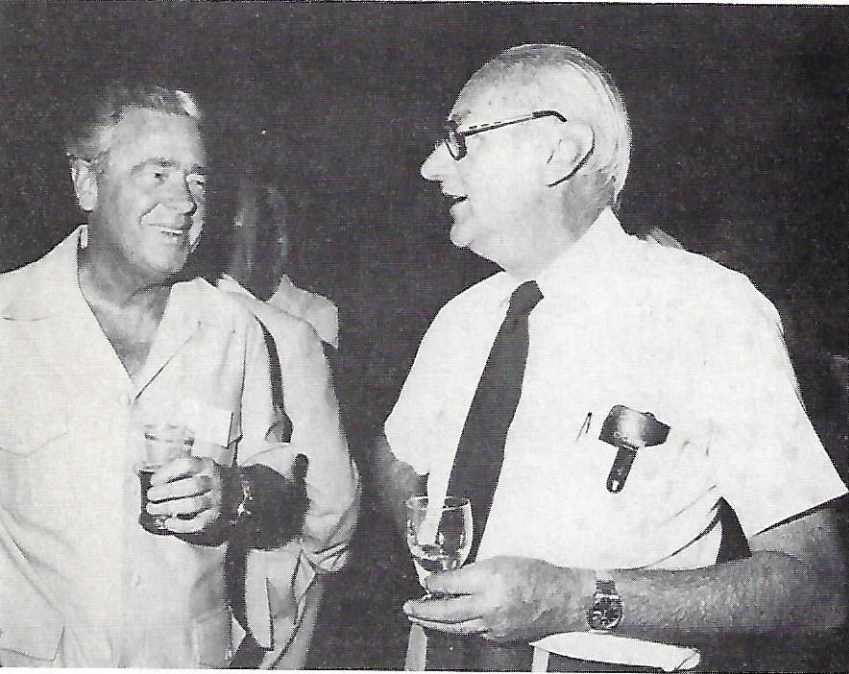
Right: Just a few of the 83 revellers at the Retired Persons Association Christmas party held in the Head Office Theatrette. The lively line-up includes (from left) Jack Ross, Frank Edwards, Harold Godkin, Ted Howlett, Jack Mackie and Frank Pearce.



Below: The festive season means getting together, and that's just what Chris Adams, Chris Wilcox and Gernot Schubert are doing at the Metro. Division Christmas party.

Below: Music provided by Pe...





Top Right: Karen Hiney and Meredith Hudson have a friendly chat with Divisional Engineer Reg Patterson at the Metro office party.

Right: Jenny Spilar and Leigh Sargent at the Head Office staff luncheon.



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Left: "Quick—while the Personnel Manager isn't looking," Mike Voce, Workers Compensation Officer, with Tracey Steele (left) and Ilsa McMullen, both from Personnel, at a champagne breakfast. Oh, some chicken was consumed too.

Below: Mike Byrne and Gayle Keating, both of Accounts, take a break from the balancing sheets at the Head Office staff luncheon.

Benalla's outdoor office party was graciously Sloan and Tim Butler.



Who said Christmas was just for kids?

Certainly not anybody from the CRB.

All over the state—in offices, depots, project sites and under tables—CRB staff celebrated the Christmas/New Year period in true fervour.

Files were bundled into pigeon holes, hard hats and safety jackets stayed in the lockers, and the champagne flowed freely.

And not even the devastating news of a beer strike could dampen the enthusiasm of the diehard office party organisers.

At the Glen Waverley Depot, and at divisions, the traditional Childrens' parties also proved to be popular.

Santa managed to make a few guest appearances, to the delight of countless toddlers.

The merrymaking of the holiday season is featured on these pages.



The Army move in . . .

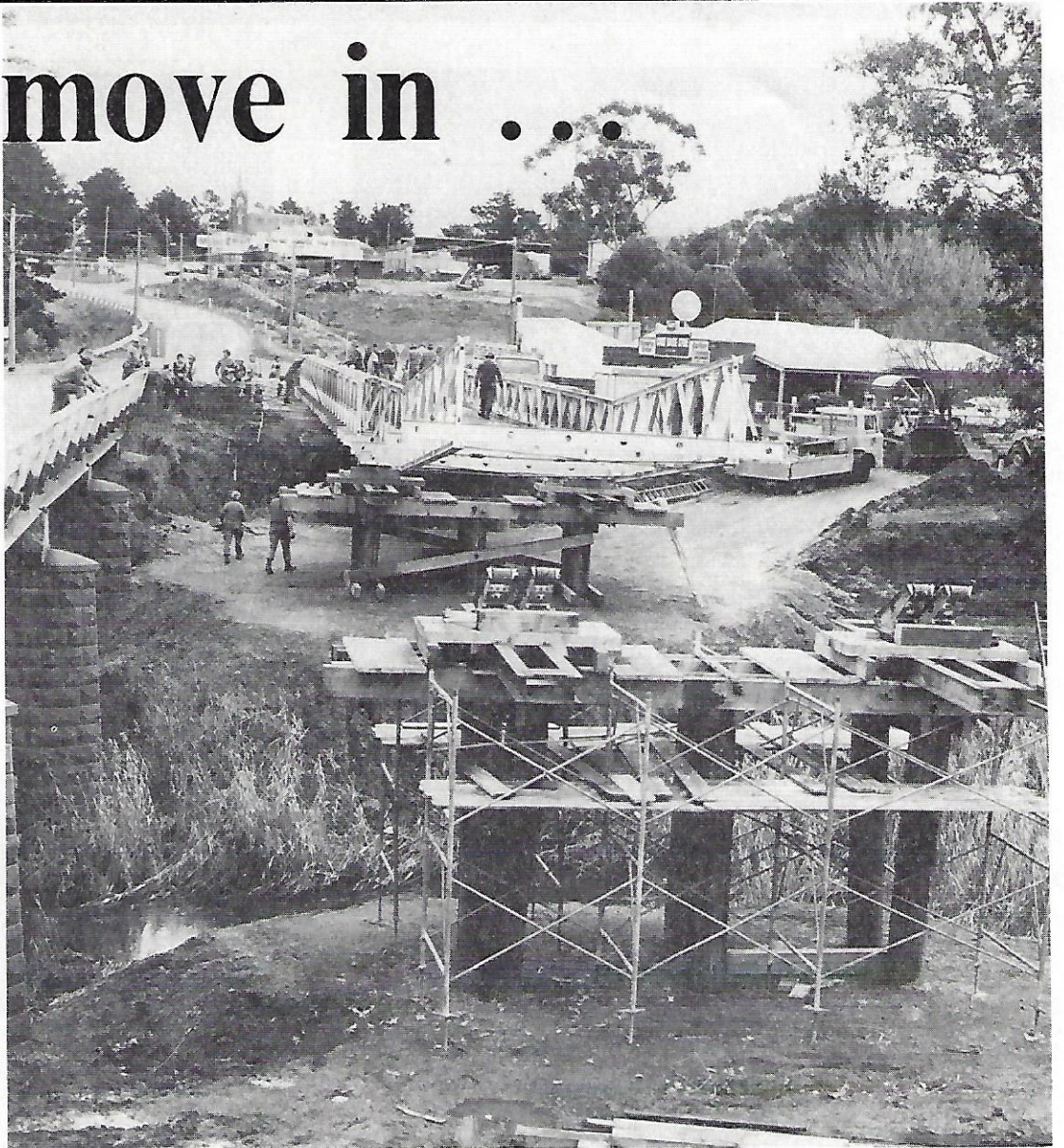
Earlier last year, our Ballarat Division was required to widen and redeck the bluestone bridge over Mt Emu Creek at Skipton, about 50km west of Ballarat. It was considered impractical for traffic to continue to use the bridge, which forms part of the Glenelg Highway, during the three month renovation. A temporary bridge was needed alongside to carry highway traffic.

To assist the CRB, and provide valuable training for the Army Reserve, the Royal Australian Engineers 22nd Construction Regiment set about erecting the temporary structure. In August 1980, 30 part time soldiers (including one woman) constructed a 67 metre three-span Bailey bridge, weighing some 50 tonnes, in a little under ten hours.

Local residents, observing the construction of the bridge, were impressed by the soldiers' skills in transforming the various stacks of girders, panels, transoms, pins and clamps into a structure strong enough to carry highway traffic.

As well as supplying the materials for the Bailey bridge, Ballarat Division also prepared the site and erected the substructure.

The army, and the army reserve, are often called upon to help out with civilian work such as the construction of bridges, demolition and other engineering tasks. And the successful erection of this Bailey bridge certainly shows the advantage of using the skills of service personnel for community benefit in peacetime training.



DIVISIONAL



ROUNDABOUT

● BAIRNSDALE



What's All This In Aid Of?

Eighteen staff members from the Division received their First Aid certificates last December after successfully completing a nine week first aid course.

Sixteen of the 'graduates' were from the field and two were from the office.

Wal Tanner, an officer with the Bairnsdale Ambulance station, supervised the course, which was held in conjunction with the St John Ambulance Association.

Photo: Bairnsdale Divisional Engineer Neil Jephcott (left), with Max Solomon from the Orbst Patrol, and Wal Tanner.

OBITUARIES

On Sunday 5th October, Kevin Wigg was killed in a tragic accident while unloading his garden rubbish at the local tip. Kevin worked with the Board for 10 years as a Cost Clerk.

It was with regret we heard of the passing away of Mrs Dolamore, widow of the former Divisional Engineer, Bill Dolamore, who died four years ago.

RETIREMENT

Keith McLeod, Roadmaster, is on extended sick leave and will retire in May 1981 after 26 years service with the Board. We hope Keith's health will improve and wish him a long and happy retirement at Mallacoota.

A send off was held in November for Leslie Quirke. Leslie has now settled

down to the quiet life though over the last couple of months, she has had a swell time at work.

FISHY TALE

News came in that a fish truck had come to grief on the Princes Highway near Lakes Entrance.

Account Staff Comments:

Q. "Was the truck filled to the BRIM or did it FLOUNDER on a bad corner?"

A. "Yes—it was at a dangerous PLAICE and the WHITING has been on the wall that this would happen"

INFORMER

I don't know, but apparently there wasn't another SOLE on the road! The driver was shaken up a bit but was walking around like a STUNNED MULLET. However he escaped injury by wearing a LEATHER JACKET which was badly torn but he wasn't worried because he knew a good TAILOR in town who could fix it.

SOCIAL NEWS

Our golf day was down numbers due to the bush fires, and Geoff Downie showed out in the haze and took the Bob Baade Perpetual Trophy.

Winners of the day were:
Best Score—Geoff Downie—net 70,
Best Score Novice—Bruce Fraser—net 73, Ladies Prize—Helen Baade—net 72, Highest Score—Ian Ellis—still playing

Confidence plus Garth Stevens took a spare pair of socks just in case he got a 'hole in one'.

A great night was had at our Annual Cabarat with the major comment being "the best one yet". Doug Howes won the major door prize which still had its hinges and Joe Gwizdek took off the prize for the best score in the game of golf preceeding the night.

On 7th December we held our Children's Xmas Party at the race course. The arrival of the 1926 Albion Royal Mail Van, which took the kids for joy rides, proved a real success.

Santa Scott, who had no end of trouble climbing into the suit, eventually arrived and quickly had all the children's faces smiling.

● WARRNAMBOOL

DEPARTURES

Farewell to Engineer David Commons after 18 months secondment with the Division. David has gone to Bridge Sub Branch. He will be missed by all, particularly on our Wednesday Golf nights.

Typist Debbie Windon leaves our company at the end of January when Nell Repacholi returns from 12 months maternity leave. Debbie's happy nature will be missed around the office.

Dom Meadly is due to return to Materials Division by mid-February when Max Harper returns from 12 months leave. The Hotel Warrnambool across the road is doing well out of the office at the moment.

OFFICE PRODUCTION

Congratulations to Bill and Judy Degnan.

Traffic Officer Peter Brown and wife Evelyn must be eagerly awaiting the arrival of their second child due about mid-February.

NEW ARRIVAL

Welcome to Apprentice Motor Mechanic Stephen Cumming, who started at the workshop on 5th January.

DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT

● BENALLA

WELCOME

Welcome to John Price who is our new office gardener. He replaces Bob Auld who for eleven years had the gardens and surrounds of the Divisional Office looking beautiful. Farewell Bob, Welcome John.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations to machinist Jenny Ellis, married Max Rankin recently.

SICK LEAVE

Overseer Lou Webb has been off work for several months due to a very serious illness but at time of writing has commenced back at work. All his friends will be glad to know that Lou is right again.

TRANSFER

Farewell to Patrolman Arthur Kelley, at Sheparton who was successful in his transfer to Culgoa patrol in Horsham Division. Thanks for a good job over the years Arthur in this Division and all the best in your new Division.

VISITS

Ex typists' Roz Baines and Brenda Atkinson called in to see old friends recently. Roz is living near Alice Springs with Peter, while Brenda and her husband Colin are still in Indonesia.

RETIREMENT

Horace Oliver, ganger, retired recently after twelve years service with the Board. Horrie received several gifts as a send off at the North Eastern Hotel. He is going to do some gold prospecting around Sheparton and generally take it easy.

Two members of the B.S.T. Unit retired recently—truck drivers Pat Lynch and Bill Miller. Pat had service 17 years and Bill 14 years.

RESIGNATION

Instructor Driver Karl Stadelmann resigned recently after twenty five years of service to go into partnership with his son Harry in the earthmoving business. Karl will be greatly missed because of his experience and expertise with earthmoving plant, particularly in the snow clearing field. Karl was responsible for training men to operate the graders and snow blowers in the Alpine areas. Karl will still keep in touch as his earthmoving business will be centred in Bright. A send off was arranged for him and his wife Jan, at the North Eastern Hotel in Benalla. All the best in your new venture Karl from all your workmates and staff at Benalla.

"Super Sal" Sophie Sharkie gave everyone a fright a couple of days before the holidays when she was taken to the local hospital from work with a suspected heart attack. However all turned out alright as Sophie was just over doing it and had run herself down completely with the



HOT STUFF!

On those days when the mercury soars to the high thirties, spare a thought for the CRB men working on the roads. They'll reassure you that it's hot work out there asphaltting, linemarking, controlling traffic, etc. Our photo shows, from left, Ken O'Callaghan, Max Davey, Trevor Hoile and Neville Bilton taking a break from the hot weather during a bituminous surfacing job at Mansfield. The hardy crew belong to a B.S.T. Unit from Benalla.

Christmas festivities, visitors etc. Sophie is back to her old self now.

"FICKLE FINGER AWARD"

Benalla Division's Annual "Fickle Finger of Fate" award was presented at the Christmas breakup to Engineer Bruce Hope, for his unfortunate skirmish with the army.

Bruce who is a lieutenant with the Army Reserve had the misfortune to collide with an army truck on a bend of the Eildon-Jamieson Road. Bruce was presented by Bill Peyton with a section of the fender of the vehicle he was driving.

Other nominations for the award included:

1. The Divisional Accountant Mr Max Stevens who was reported as saying, 'he hadn't done anything worthwhile in the year'.
2. Engineer Bill Stubington who tried to start an identical car to his own in the car park at the rear of the shops in Benalla. Luckily he got out before the owner arrived, and got into the correct vehicle.
3. Typist Mary Young in a discussion with the Minister of Transport spoke of the rush to get household chores done in the morning, and how she had to "streak" out of the house to get to work on time.
4. Cost Clerk Jack Skene received a nomination for the occasion at home, when on completing the washing up, decided to take it easy and "roll his own" smoke while seated on a collapsible chair on the verandah. The chair did just that, collapsed, severing Jack's finger which was left under the chair in the panic to get Jack to the hospital. His comment at the hospital when he was asked where the top of his finger was: "Hope the cat hasn't got it". Fortunately it was recovered and sewn back on.

The fickle finger award now takes pride of place on Bruce Hope's desk for 1981. His name has been inscribed together with previous winners which include: Reg Patterson, Norm Butler, Peter Leyden, and Bill Peyton.

● MATERIALS

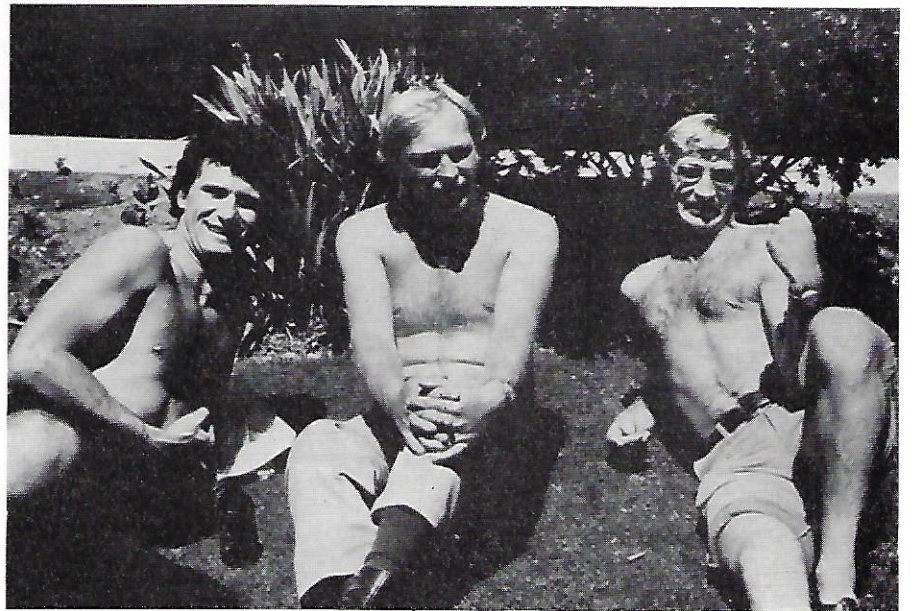
FAREWELL

Farewell to Richard Bortko and Gray Scott, who are now working in Road Planning. George Rumbens has resigned from the Geology Section and has moved Interstate.

Paul Murrhy has also left us and is working for the Forensic Section at Russell Street.

WELCOME

Welcome to the Architect Section to M.D. from Head Office. There are two new Geologists Lee Kok and Graham Granger. Welcome back to Nick Monday (Pavement) from the Metro Div. Nick I'm told is finding it hard to



Ballarat Division's Christmas barbecue was strictly informal, as John Warren, Geoff Robb and Len Walker demonstrate above

adjust to CRB working hours. The new Engineer in the Geotechnical Section is James Xenophontos.

GENERAL

Bill Sherwin is still claiming that 'They' took Joan Gilmer away from him and sent him Batty!

Andy Masterson's off fishing just about every weekend now, and is still hoping to catch himself a bag.

Jean Hoelter had a birthday way back in October and everyone helped her celebrate at the Skinny Dog, and watched as she slid under the table with embarrassment while being crooned to by a Singing Telegram.

Inclement weather did not deter loyal M.D. barbecue fans in October, so we shivered as we watched our sausages heating up under the expert handling of Andy. Our last barbie for the year was for the Ground floor inmates, which was held in the Kew Park on a sweltering hot day in December.

Our tea lady Eileen, spent a lazy four weeks in that tropical hideaway, South Bulleen.

Sam Maccarone arrived back at work looking tanned and dangerous after his 3 month holiday in Italy.

Congratulations to Paul Millington on obtaining his Class II Postion — Congratulations also to Joycie, nudge nudge.

Cliff Parfitt is still on the market, after engagement No. 13 "has failed". Three guesses as to who had to be poured on the Benalla bound train after the Xmas party.

Now for three 'in' jokes:

1. Yellow trucks are growing branches prior to Xmas.
2. Barry is a Mitta Mountain man.
3. Leprachauns find it hard to resist when you twist their arm.

● HEAD OFFICE

The Board's Secretariat farewellled their two ladies: Sue Cusworth on 28th November and Teresa Carter on 24th December.

Advance Planning Division farewell Brenda Rose who left in August to lead a life of leisure and welcome Dianne Alkemade, John Ford and Greg Delaney.

PR welcome Graeme Price from Traralgon Division. Graeme was DE's Clerk in Traralgon and transferred to PR to replace Robert McCarty.

● BALLARAT

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The Ballarat Divisional Office Social Club Christmas party was held at Victoria Bowling club on 23rd December. The party was well attended by office, Depot and Field personnel and their partners. Excellent music provided a relaxed atmosphere and with plenty of good food and drink and enjoyable time was had by all.

On the morning of the 24th December, 1980, at 7am, the shores of Lake Wendouree provided the setting for champagne and chicken breakfast. This was followed by a barbecue later in the afternoon held in the court yard of the CRB office. With plenty to eat and drink, everyone enjoyed themselves either in the hot sunshine or in the shade of the trees.

● BRIDGE

Giuseppe Bordonaro has finally managed to drag himself away from the Keilor bridges and is spending his holiday at Merimbula. It is true that he was seen on the beach under a brolli catching up on all his reports!

Welcome to John Gavin who has joined Bridge Construction from Design. Congratulations to John and his wife on the arrival of their first child.

John Williams had left the Board and is settling down in Bjelke country. After a few weeks acclimatization the XXXX beer is going down rather well. Best wishes to John and family in their new life in Qld.

Pipe Testing Officer 'Uncle' Kevin Bush spent the Xmas period at Corowa showing the locals how to play golf. He spent every morning on the course filling cavities and the rest of the day sitting in the shade with a nice cold beer.

Tony Christian spent his Xmas break down at Rosebud. He ran out of money very quickly by paying his two sons to throw a beach ball near any topless bathers so he could retrieve it.

BRIDGE DESIGN

Bruce McCracken, distinctive by his dark sun tan, has found the strain of bridge construction too much and has left for a six week tour of Europe.

Closing dates for the next five editions of Interchange are as follows:

- 13 March (next issue)
- 8 May
- 10 July
- 4 September
- 6 November

Interchange is always after news, ideas and pictures. Got something interesting to tell us? Ring us on either 2584 or 2633.

With sub-zero temperatures being recorded in some European cities, Bruce's chances of improving his tan seem a little slim.

Welcome to David Commons who joins Bridge Design from Warrnambool Division. David is on the Engineer's Training Scheme and will be here for a two year stay. Bridge Design also welcomes engineering assistant Frank Zanella and student Rocco Mazzocchia. Rocco, who is studying for his final year of civil engineering at Swinburne, is gaining 6 months practical experience.

Congratulations to Nelson Fok and his wife Juana on the birth of their son. At the time of writing the child had not been named, however Nelson's comrades had suggested some possibilities. They were: Ivan, Charles, Francis, Anthony...

Bridge Design will miss Graeme Walter for approximately 8 months as from March. Graeme will be attending a hydraulics course at the University of NSW. To partake in student activities, Graeme is considering purchasing a blue dufflecoat.

● HORSHAM

The CRB Ladies Social Club held their Christmas Dinner at the Commodore Motel. It was a successful night enjoyed by all.

The Office Social Club had their Christmas Dinner break-up at the Majestic Motel. It was lovely Australian meal in a German restaurant.

Welcome to Andrew Hobbs, our new apprentice at the Workshop and Greg Carter, motor mechanic. We hope Andrew and Greg have a long and happy stay with us.

While Greg Trounce is on leave at Surfers, Mr Savage has been appointed flag raiser.

With deep regret that the death of (Snowy) Cambridge is reported. Snow retired on 31.1.79 after 44 years of service with the Board. Unfortunately Snow did not enjoy a long retirement which he richly deserved for his lengthy service with the Board. As a result of a freak accident during a fishing trip to the Murray River Snow suffered a broken leg from which he was only just recovering when he died suddenly at his home. Our sympathy is extended to Mrs Cambridge and family.

● METRO

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

We welcome Colin Roy who arrived during November 1980 to take up the position of Assistant Divisional Engineer.

Colin Horman left for greener pastures with National Capital Development Commission in Canberra during October and has been replaced by Trevor Miller from TE. Trevor previously worked in Metropolitan Division's construction section during the early seventies.

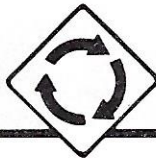
Michael Kirby, Accounts left us in November.

Congratulations to Gernot Schubert on his promotion to Assistant Project Engineer-West Gate Freeway. Gernot had been with Metro since he joined the Board in January 1965 and his intimate knowledge of construction work and personnel with the Division will be sadly missed.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas celebrations started with a champagne breakfast in the East Kew gardens with Les Bull lighting up the BBQ at 6.30am. This event was attended by the early risers although Jack Waters insists no one was there when he rode his bike in at 6.20am before proceeding to his construction site offices at Nepean Highway project, Beach Road, Williamstown Road and Keilor. Jack still had the energy to attend the Division Office party in the afternoon after covering 90km.

DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT



It was good to see ex-stalwarts like Lorna Taber, Beryl Down and Wally Sproule back at the office party. Everyone had a good time, even the D/E relaxed for a while to prove to Bill Draper (in his playsuit) that he could play snooker and that he was able to return the forehand drives of Brian Morphet and Ken Mathers at table tennis. Graham Gilpin made it on his bike this year, but left early in order to get home before dark. John Clark played the photographer and insisted that his own be taken with each of the girls, unfortunately Michael North-Coombes thought he should be their chaperone and kept getting in the way.

Parties were also held at the various construction and maintenance depots. A very ingenious motorised spit made from washing machine parts was rigged up at the Eastern Depot to roast a lamb, which was sampled by Jack Bailey, Laurie White and recently retired Les Germain.



Guys—want crew tips on how to pick up girls? Why not ask Bill Draper, seen here demonstrating his polished style with Chris Wilcox at the Metropolitan Division office party

ODD SPORTS

Evidently Garry Liddle and Charlie Pashula have finally entered the family stakes whilst David Jones has seen fit to add to his tribe. Latest news is that our Senior Typist Julie McLaren has also joined the club and seeing that the happening eventuated after husband Charles moved to 700 High Street with Survey Division most are wondering whether there is a problem with the water or coffee.

Unfortunately John Fitz recently stabbed his hand instead of a sausage which resulted in several stitches on both sides. His co-star in design activities Vince De Maria was thought to be wearing a bandage in sympathy for some days but it turned out to be a dislocated thumb.

Overseas travelling has been the rage in Metro with Meredith Hudson taking a 5 week trip to the USA, Canada and Hawaii, Karen Hiney holidaying in Tahiti and Elmo Vollenhoven spending 6 weeks in the UK and touring the Continent over Christmas.

Carol Deckers also left us in February and plans to live in London and travel around Europe.

● BENDIGO

The Staff Christmas party was held at the Golden Hills Motel where Johnny Chester was performing. From all reports a good time was had by all who attended.

The Christmas Eve buffet luncheon was again held in the Divisional Office gardens. The opportunity was taken to officially farewell Bob Thomas who has left the Board after about 26 years service. Bob was fortunate to be able to retire following some good fortune with Tattslotto about three years ago. Since then he was on long service leave and an extended period of unpaid leave. Divisional Engineer Tom Glazebrook

thanked Bob for his services and made presentations on behalf of the staff to Bob and his wife, Olive.

Temporary member of the staff is Bernadette Breen who will be with us while Julie Doye remains on her leave.



Overseer Les West's spray gang should be free of those eternal summer pests to all Australians—flies—following gang member Mick Byrne's success in the recent World Fly Swatting Championships held at Eaglehawk. Known as "Blowfly" Byrne (alias "Mortein" Mick) he outswatted all competitors by a good margin to win the title. No doubt he had had plenty of practice around the kitchen and mess hut and will continue to do so in readiness for the event next year. Many lures were used, such as rotten meat, a ferret, pieces of fruit and dog's doings, which almost brought disqualification to the perpetrator as it was looked on as a "dirty" trick. Congratulations Mick and good luck next time. Perhaps "Pea Beu" Pat can be persuaded to enter next time.

● GEELONG

FAREWELL

Colleen Wilkin, typist leaves the Board with 7 years service to reside in Bunbury, W.A., where husband Geoff has taken up a teaching post.

WELCOME

The laboratory would like to welcome Anthony Notley on to the team. Anthony was previously studying science at Deakin University.

Rod Westwood joins us from Estates, to commence work in accounts. We hope that he will settle in well.

SPECIAL MENTION

David Scarsi, Overseer, was struck by a car whilst riding his bike to work, and suffered a broken leg. We wish David a speedy recovery.

XMAS FESTIVITIES

The days festivities kicked off with a chicken and champagne breakfast at Ballyang Sanctuary. As usual many thanks go to the Social Club and all those who helped in providing a pleasant luncheon and an abundance of cold refreshments.



Seymour was deluged on Tuesday 2nd December when 60mm of rain fell in only 30 minutes. The storm really tested the flat roofed project office to the full—the roof had become a lake with water cascading over each edge. Then it happened: it started with a few drips, quickly became a stream, then with a

A good time was had by all, with special thanks to those who provided us with a "full" afternoons entertainment. For anyone who cannot remember the day, don't despair there will be another same time this year.

THANKYOU NOTE

Many thanks to all those who contributed and helped with Interchange in the past year.

● EASTERN FWY

ARRIVALS

Welcome to Jim Forge, Draftsman, on loan from Road Design Division Alan Beavis, new Field Assistant (Survey), and Michael Morris from Head Office.

DEPARTURES

Farewell to Terri Maiorino who obtained a promotion to Works Sub Branch. Terri has been with Urban Projects since she started with the Board and has been at Eastern Freeway for three years. Also farewell to David Jenkinson who has obtained a Superintendent of Works position with Rutherglen Shire, to Ian Saynor returning to Road Design, and to Dick Warwick on secondment to Dandenong Division.

SOCIAL CLUB

Bill Noonan's wife Joyce is becoming well known throughout Eastern Freeway and Head Office as an artist of note. Joyce painted and donated a rural bridge scene to the Social Club and the painting was raffled to raise funds for the Club. The drawing of the raffle was held at the Project's Christmas Party and was won by Ian Saynor who is a Club Committee member. Ian wants it known that the raffle was not 'fixed'. A family picnic day was held at Jell's Park on Sunday 30th November, 1980 and Ge Smith's son Wayne scooped the pool in Brian Clark's hidden raffle competition.

The social Club's next major functions will be a cricket match between Eastern Freeway and Kew Council and a 'Back to Eastern Freeway' picnic day.

GENERAL

The perennial Mulgrave—Eastern Freeway golf matches now stand at three each following a recent 'win' by Mulgrave after amending handicaps. The Eastern Freeway 'golfers' (???) were Peter Vorweg, Ross MacAuley, Bob McLean, Don Durant, Ollie Martin, Ian Saynor, Geoff Hatten, Bob Woodhouse and John Cafferkey.

Eastern Freeway people are curious about the answers to the following questions:

Where did Joe Joiner leave his car at a recent Christmas Party, why did he fall over Bill Noonan and how did Joe arrive home???

Ron Quinlan returned from his cricket tour of England with the Australian Team with a dislike of English beer and it is good to see Ray Marshall back after his recent operation.

Seymour - In Depth

rendering of a ceiling panel, a waterfall. The project Accountant, Ian McLachlan, his desk and reams of paperwork were saturated within seconds. The flood, ankle deep, began spreading throughout the project office and only a hole chopped through the floor saved the day. As an aftermath, the office resembled a laundry with claims, accounts and vouchers hung to dry from lines strung about the walls. The wits had a field day with remarks like: 'I thought only the Mafia laundered money'; 'I've heard of liquid assets but this is ridiculous'; and 'Well, that ought to improve the cash flow situation'.

CLASSIES

BIRTHS

BAIRD: Gary (Horsham) and Carol a daughter in December.

BORTHWICK: Colin (Traffic) and Margaret a wee bairrn, Robert John, brother for Carolyn. Attempting to beat Traffic Section's record.

BRUIN: Robert (Dandenong) and wife Geraldine, a son, Nicholas Robert on 28th November. A sister for Jacqueline.

BURLEY: Maurice (Dandenong) and Anna, a son, Nathan, brother for Kent.

CARTER: Greg (Horsham) and Irene, a daughter, Stacey Ann on 8th January.

DEGNAN: Bill (Warrnambool) and Judy, a daughter, Merryn Katrina on 7th January. Sister for David, Russell and Leonie.

DOYE: Julie (Bendigo) a son on 29th December.

DUCKETT: Renny (Bendigo) and Terry, a daughter, Natasha Dyan on 19th December. Sister for Sean and Larissa.

ESNOUF: J (Bendigo) and wife, a girl Kate Elizabeth, born 30th September. A sister for Tim, Paul and Karlyn.

GARVIN: John (Bridge) and wife, a son, Ryan, in January.

GADLEY: Bruce (Dandenong) and Helen, a daughter, Kym Leanne, first child.

HRYMAKOWSKI: Ron (Ballarat) and Lorraine, a son Adam Shawn on 14th November.

HOUGHTON: Andrew (E/C's Section) and Kathy, a son, Benjamin, on November 27, a brother for Adam and Rebecca.

LAVERY: Kevin (Ballarat) and Judy a girl, Bernadette on 17th October.

POPE: Rick (Survey) and Sue, a daughter, Dearnia Nicole, on 19th October, sister for Shaun.

PORTCH: Chris (Geelong) and Ineke, a son Christopher, born 6th October. Brother for Jason and Kylie. Well done!

BIRTHS

RUSBRIDGE: Ken (Bendigo) and Glenda (ex MRD), a son, Brad Daniel, brother for Carl.

SCALE: David (Geelong) and Gillian, a daughter Karly Louise, born 17th December. Congrats.

SCOTT: Bob (Geelong) and Susan, a son, Rodney James, born 11th November. Brother for Raina and Derek. Three is enough!

SMITH: Bob (Geelong) and Jean, a son, Craig, born 19th October, brother for Alistair. Congrats.

TITHERIDGE: Gary (Ballarat) and Roberta, a boy, Nicholas on 18th December.

TOOGOOD: Robert (Dandenong) and his wife, a son, on 7th October, Andrew, their first child.

DEATHS

CAMBRIDGE: Snowy (retired Horsham). See Divisional Notes.

STEELE: Laurie (retired Ballarat) aged 78, on 14th January.

STEWART: George 'Doc' (retired Bairnsdale), Plant Serviceman, passed away suddenly on Boxing Day, after 10 years in retirement.

WEIR: Bob (retired Horsham) on 15th December due to illness. Bob was Depot Foreman for approximately 27 years.

WIGG: Kevin (Bairnsdale) as a result of an accident (see Divisional Notes).

RETIRED

ANDERSON: Ian (PR) retired due to ill-health.

KALMUND: Charles (Warrnambool) due to ill health on 9th January.

LYNCH: Michael Joseph (Pat) (Benalla) retired after 17 years service.

RETIRED

McLEOD: Keith (Bairnsdale) retired after 26 years.

MILLER: Bill (Benalla) retired from the Board after 14 years.

O'DONNELL: Jack (Geelong) retired after 22 years service on 5th December.

OLIVER: Horace (Benalla) retired after 12 years service as a Ganger.

SHELLY: Mrs M (Cleaner, Geelong) retired on 30th December after 32 years service.

THOMAS: Bob (Bendigo) retired after 26 years service (see Divisional Notes).

ZIERK: Geoff (Geelong) DE's Clerk, retired after 29 years service with the Board on 8th December.

MARRIED

ELLIS: Jenny (Benalla) and Max Rankin.

FERNANDES: Karen (Typist, Horsham) and Tony Fry (Workshop) on 14th February.

SIMMONDS: Bob (ROW) and Valerie Brookes were married on 25th November after a 'short' romance of about 10 years.

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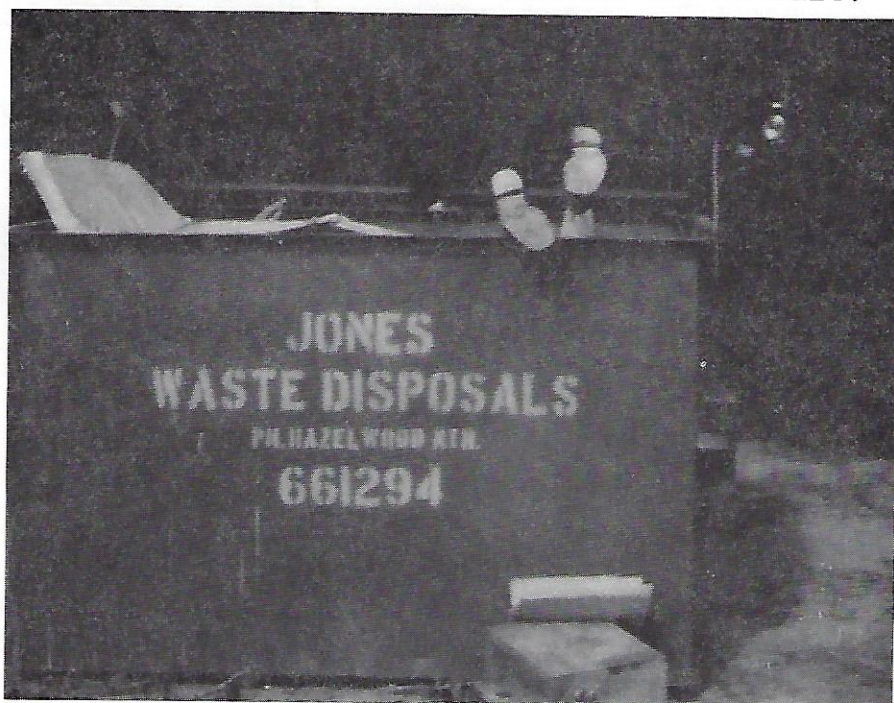
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PUBLIC NOTICES

BERT GINN: would like to thank everyone at the CRB who sent get-well wishes during his recent spell in hospital.



"WHERE DID I LEAVE THAT OPENER?"



Not the most complimentary pose for an Assistant Divisional Engineer, is it? The candid shot was snapped by an alert freelance Interchange photographer after a recent country Division sendoff party.

The man in question was apparently searching for his missing bottle opener, and had courageously decided to inspect the local depot waste disposal unit.

And that's exactly where our photographer caught him.

So, who is the intrepid explorer?

We want readers to write in and tell us who they think it is. Winners will be notified in the next edition of Interchange.

Note: family and relatives of John Waddell are not eligible to enter.

CLASSIES

INTERCHANGE

To: Public Relations Officer
Head Office

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

The categories available are:

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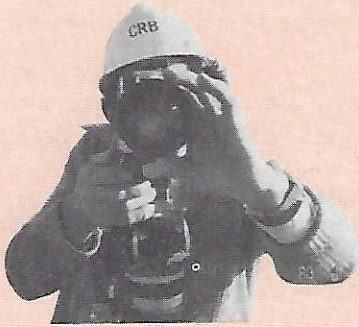
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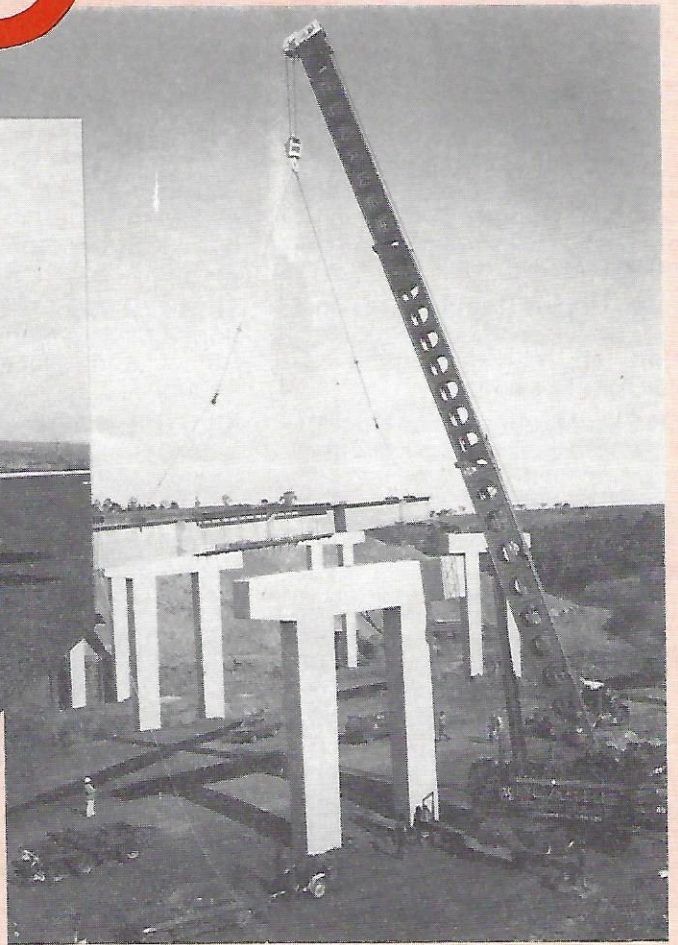
In March two new sections of freeway were opened...



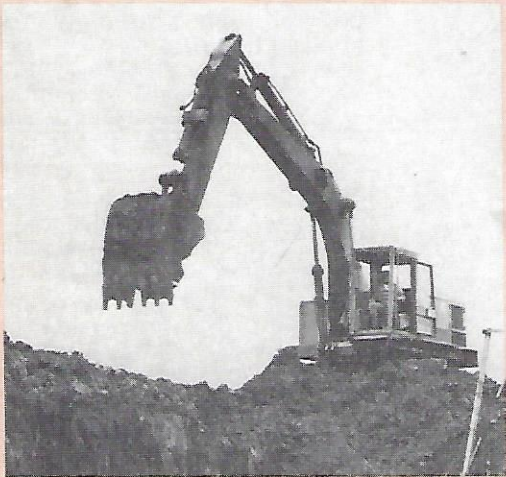
... 12 km of the **Hume Freeway** which included a bypass of Violet Town



And the 6.7 km **Mornington Peninsula Freeway** between Keysborough and Frankston



Construction continued on a number of major projects, including the **Calder Freeway** at Keilor

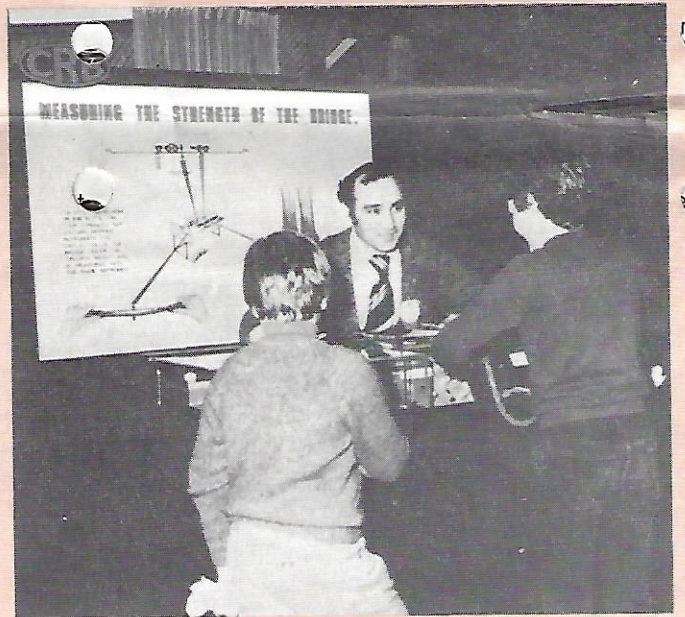


Work began on the **Princes Freeway** bypass of Berwick

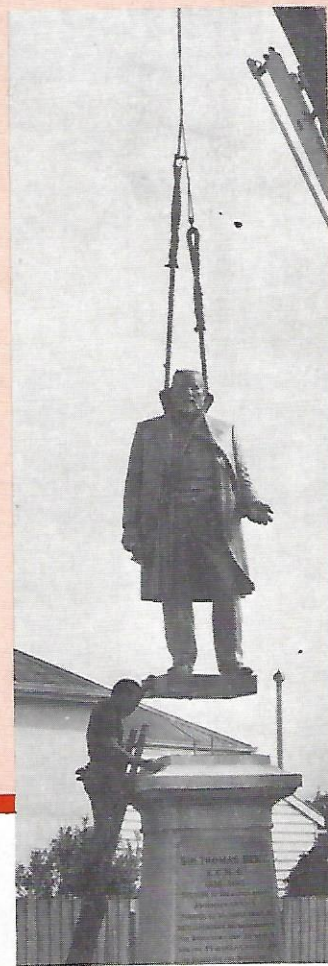


The CRB's Benalla Division cleared lots of snow from the alpine roads

The **SCRAM** project continued to expand (that's Signal Co-ordination of Regional Areas in Melbourne)



In September the CRB promoted its role in bridge building at the Royal Melbourne Show



Sir Tommy Bent moved to a new address...



...and Flaggie joined Interchange