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Graeme Kennedy one day will possibly be a household name.

That's Graeme Kennedy, the 23 year-old Central Depot admin officer, not to be confused with his namesake, the already famous TV personality.

Graeme is one of Victoria's most promising young marathon runners

He proved this on April 12 at the Canberra Nike International Marathon, when he raced ahead of his Victorian counterparts in



Following that triumphant win, the amiable long distance runner is now thinking of the 1984 Olympics.

"I've proved in time," he says in a quiet, unassuming manner, "I'll definitely run with the Games in mind now."

Graeme follows a strict training agenda: he runs twice a day, seven days a week. All in all, it adds up to a brisk 175 kilometres a week.

It may be a rugged trial of endurance, but it does reap its rewards.

Graeme's win in Canberra has earned him a free trip to the USA, where he'll be running in a cross country championship at Eugene, Oregon, on the west coas

Earlier this year Graeme won an all expenses paid holiday to the Gold Coast after he pounded ahead of 700 keen joggers in the Ringwood Fun Run.

Grae has been running since he was 14, when he use to dart around the grounds at Lilydale High School.

He regards running as "a good way to unwind."

'In a way I'm hooked on it," he confesses, "I like it...it's nice to have that wonderful, totally relaxed feeling.

When training, Graeme prefers to run with friends, and recommends it for beginners.

Graeme's friends, incidentally, include Steve Austin and Robert de Castella, both Australian long distance runners who have gained world wide distinction.

"I tend to run with a group," Graeme says, "as long as it doesn't get too competitive. If you don't go out of your depth vou find it a lot more enjoyable."

Graeme joined the CRB in 1977. and finds flexible-working hours a blessing.

"I run every weekday morning, and by the time I've run, shaved, eaten and driven to work it tends to be a bit late. Flexi-time comes in very handy.'

Why is Graeme Kennedy running so well?

He assures us it's the active, healthy life he leads: no smoking, the occasional drink of alcohol and a dedicated attitude to training.

Oh, and Graeme doesn't drink office tea.

That's the rundown on Graeme Kennedy, the admin officer. Perhaps next time we read about him, he'll be Graeme Kennedy, the famous Australian marathon champion.



Logo

The CRB "football" has been bounced for the last time.

On Wednesday 24th June our new logo, or symbol, was unveiled at the opening of the Mulgrave Freeway between Huntingdale Road, Oakleigh East and Warrigal Road, Chadstone.

The new logo replaces the CRB "football" which has been in use for about 40 years and appropriately was unveiled on the 20th anniversary of the opening of Victoria's first freeway -the Malty Bypass in June 1961.

Although some details of its use are still being considered the new logo will be used wherever the "football" would have been used. It is anticipated that the phasing in of the logo will take about two years as the "football" will be used in some areas until "he stocks of stationery, etc, are exhausted.

Proposals for a new logo have been looked at from time to time over the last ten years. The new design, approved by the Board in May this year, was designed by Debbie Candy and Andrew Doyle from the Public Relations Section.

Although the "football" has been a widely used logo it was an old style design that did not lend itself to modern graphic design. The new logo we believe represents the CRB as a Statewide organisation and is pleasing to the eye.

The origin of the "football" is vague. It was certainly in use in the early to mid 1940s as an identification badge on vehicles and in the early 1960s it was adopted as the CRB's logo.

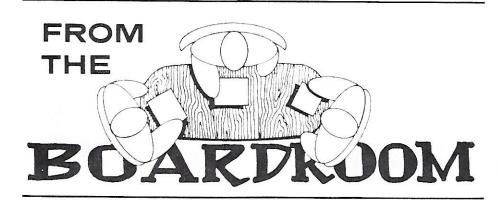
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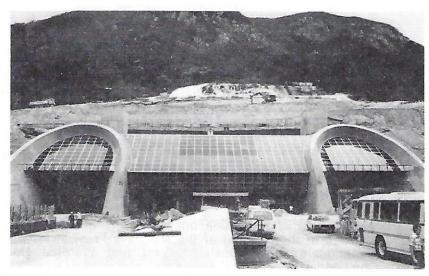


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Chairman Attends REAAA Conference



Hong Kong—Twin Road Tunnels to Aberdeen. The Australian study tour

group were in the first bus to pass through the part completed tunnels.

The Chairman of the CRB, Mr T H Russell, recently returned from Taiwan where he attended the 3rd Road Engineering Association of Asia and Australasia Conference.

The Conference was held in Taipei between April 20 and April 24, and was attended by more than 800 participants.

Mr Stan Hodgson, Divisional Engineer Dandenong Division, also attended the Conference which had as its theme 'Road Engineering and Energy Conservation'.

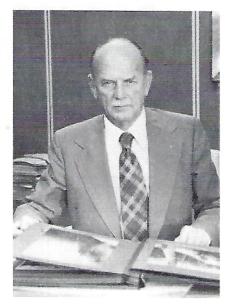
More than 50 technical papers were presented during the four day conference. Topics which were covered included: Planning and Financing National Highways, Secondary Roads and Urban Roads; Design Criteria; Material Utilisation and Construction; Road Maintenance, Procedures and Technology; Urban Transportation Problems, and Roads and Vehicles Using Non-conventional Fuels.

One of the papers submitted, "Energy Conservation in Urban Areas" was prepared by Mr R T Underwood, Chief Planning Engineer.

The REAAA was formed in 1973, and includes members from Australia, Japan, Taiwan, New Zealand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines.

As part of the study tour, Mr Russell and Mr Hodgson inspected coal projects in Taiwan, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

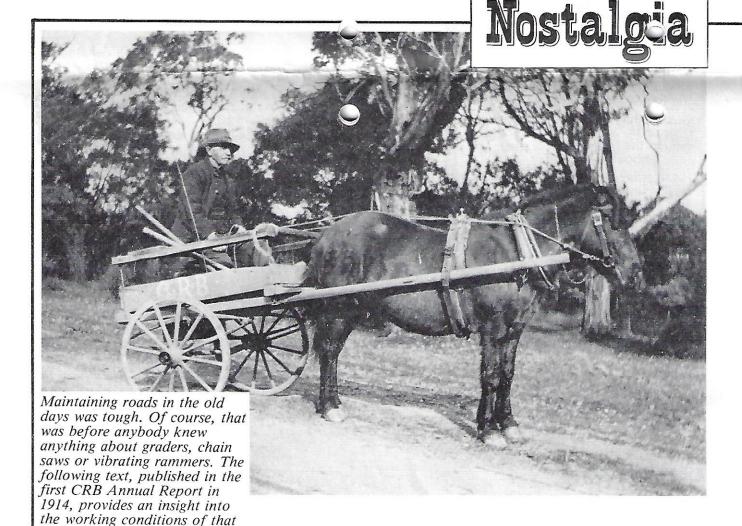
Bob Handley Retires



Bob Handley, Chief Engineer (Special Duties), retired from the CRB on May 2 1981, after 34 years service.

Bob joined the CRB in September 1946 as an Assistant Engineer at Bendigo Division and remained there until 1956 when he was appointed Assistant Highways Engineer. In 1962 Bob took on the role of Divisional Engineer at Benalla. He became Chief Works Engineer in 1969 and was appointed Chief Engineer (Special Duties) in 1978. Bob was Commanding Officer

Bob was Commanding Officer of the CRB's Army Reserve Regiment from 1967 until 1970, and Commander, 6 Construction Group RAE until 1974.



Like the CRB, municipalities carry out extensive maintenance work on roads around the State.

The following are extracts from a 1932 booklet issued by the Shire of Warrnambool to contractors carrying out the duties of Patrolmen.

- "Contractors must provide themselves with a spring dray or motor truck (preferably the latter)..."
- "He must also provide himself with an approved pick; one short and long handled shovel; one metal fork and one rake and maintain same in good working order."
- "All stones must be raked off or otherwise removed from the roads and stacked clear of the formation for future use."
- "Patrolmen must pay particular attention to all bridges and culverts, and carefully observe the effects on them of every flood, or heavy loading, Traction engines, etc..."

Our thanks to the Shire Engineer of Warrnambool, Mr Bill Pitts, for giving the Board a copy of this interesting booklet.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PATROL MEN EMPLOYED ON MAIN ROADS

Hours of Duty

period.

The hours of duty shall not exceed forty-eight (48) per week, and shall be as follows:

Weekdays—7.30 am to noon, and 1 to 5 pm.

Saturdays—7.30 am to 1 pm.

These hours must be actually worked on the road, and do not include time occupied in going to or returning from work.

Width of Tires and Damage to Roads

Any breach of by-laws relating to width of tires, damage to water tables by bullock waggons, or any dragging of logs along any road, must be immediately reported to the engineer...

Bridges and Culverts

Water, earth, or manure must not be allowed to accumulate on the decks of bridges or culverts, and all projecting spikes in deck planks must be driven home...

Metalled Roads

As in the case of gravelled or earth roads, it is of the first importance that holes appearing in the road surface be promptly filled in...

All loose stones must be raked or otherwise removed from the road, and stacked clear of the formation for future use, but should not be used for surfaced repairs until broken down to a gauge of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

For patching repairs, the smallest metal should be used, preferably of 1½ in. to 2in. gauge, and for shallow depressions, stone chippings or screenings may be used where no roller is available...

Horses and Drays

When the conditions of employment require it, patrol men may supply their own horse and dray for which they will receive an allowance of 4s. 6d. per day. All drays in regular use on road works must have $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. tires, and both the horse and dray must be subject to approval of the engineer.

WAVERLEY'S WANDA

It doesn't matter if you want to speak to the Chief Mechanical Engineer or an electrical apprentice — telephonist Wanda Stanaway knows every Central Depot extension by heart.

All 300 of them.

Then again, Wanda Stanaway is quite an amazing person.

She has been blind since birth, yet the lifestyle she pursues makes most of ours look rather humdrum.

"The Blind Institute has its own ski club so I go snow skiing... and I do enjoy water skiing," says Wanda.

If that's not enough, she confesses to a few bouts of gliding, which she adds were "a really good sensation!".

Wanda, who has been with the CRB for nine years, was taught how to use a switchboard at the Blind Institute in St Kilda Road, Melbourne.

At the Central Depot reception desk, Wanda operates a modified switchboard, and uses a sensitive light probe which detects the sounds of incoming calls.

Wanda enjoys her work, and her colleagues, at Glen Waverley.

"People don't treat me differently to anyone else," she says—and that's exactly how she likes it.

It's only when she is walking around the streets that the attitudes of the public bother her

"People get embarrassed," she says, "they seem scared to tell you: 'Today is a nice day'."

Her handicap holds no barricades for her; last year she travelled throughout England and Europe with a girlfriend. She kept a record of the eight week holiday on a tape recorder— which has proved to be an excellent substitute for a photo album.

And on Saturday 23 May Wanda married Alan Egerton at the Police Academy Chapel in Glen Waverley.

Alan, who is also blind, operates a switchboard at Telecom in Camberwell.

How did they meet?

"Both being blind you tend to run into each other," Wanda quips in a typical goodhumoured manner. Alan and Wanda are both experts at "blind tabletennis." Just ask a few of the Depot

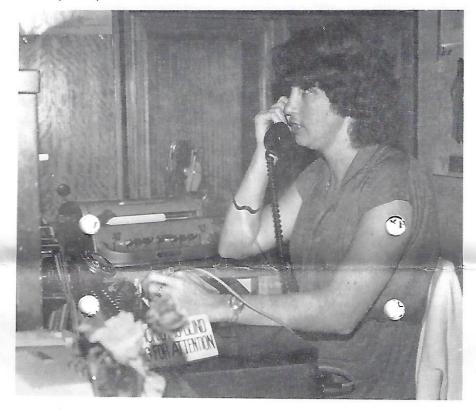
Basically the game revolves around the rolling of a ball underneath a net. The ball contains small bells in it so it can be heard. "Some CRB friends have played us at Kooyong but we've beaten them," Wanda explains.

As you can see, Wanda is quite an exceptional person.

Next time you're out at the Central Depot, call in and say hello

And tell her what a nice day it is.

"Three hundred extensions and I know them all," says Wanda Stanaway, Glen Waverley's telephonist $\,$



THE CURRENT CHAMP!



Above: John Mainie makes sure he's in the right circuits these days. He was presented with the third prize in the Electrical Apprentices Awards at Box Hill Tech recently. John, 20, works in the Electrical Installation and Maintenance section at Glen Waverley Depot

A VERY FISHY STORY ...



Here's one that didn't get away.

This monstrous yellowfin tuna fell for the old hook, line and sinker ploy and ended up in Graeme Culliney's fishing basket. Graeme (right) from Traffic Engineering, caught the 38 kilogram deepsea denizen on a recent fishing trip to Bermagui, on the NSW coast.

Seen with Graeme and the prodigious Pisces is Owen Thomas, from Metro Division

ACCOUNTANT'S
BRANCH

GOLF DAY



Emerald Country Club was the venue for the 4th Annual Chief Accountant's Branch Golf Day held on Sunday, 26th April.

A numbing coldness in the hands brought on by the 7 am start probably accounted for the remarkable variety of shots (many of which have never been seen in golfing manuals) that were played from the 1st tee by the 27 competitors.

The course presented a real challenge to all with its rolling timberlined fairways and was seen at its best on what was a perfect Autumn day. Whilst many golfers came through the day with varying degrees of success, in particular lan Brown (Costing) who won the Perpetual Trophy with a fine 80 (net 72 Callaway), others left the course somewhat dispirited to tell their sorry tales at the barbeque held at Ferntree Gully National Park.

Humorous Highlights of the day:

- Mike "Nellie Melba" Byrne after borrowing clubs for his annual comeback could not find the buggy handle on arriving at the course. The daunting task of lugging Mike's bag was lovingly accepted by his caddy Gayle, but it was no consolation to her when mid-way through the round Mike pulled the handle from the bag.
- It is rumoured that Keith Evans got the huff and went home after 14 holes because he was fed up with looking for "Tig" Clark's ball.
- It has been suggested that Frank Sandy kept hitting his ball into the trees in an attempt to lure his lovely playing partners Ann Goodwin and Lynne Anderson in there with him for not so honourable reasons.
- Many of us experienced the frustration of losing a ball or two on the day but Martyn Goodwin had possibly the ultimate frustration in golf of losing his three playing partners on one hole.
- Mike Byrne's ball at one time took on the flight pattern of a well-thrown boomerang when a full-blooded wood shot from the rough ricocheted off four trees and came back to rest at his feet.
- The foursome from the Final Ledger Section comprising Peter Fletcher, Tom Giles, Keith Boulter and ladyfriend Margaret certainly got their monies worth amassing 535 strokes between them. However, it is understood that the Club's ground staff have since been busy replacing 5 tonnes of divots, 3 tonnes of sand and carrying out sundry reafforestation work.

RESULTS:

Perpetual Trophy (Callaway), Ian Brown 1st, Roland Clark 2nd; Stableford Comp., Lynne Anderson & Doug Bissett eq. 1st (42 pts); Secret Nine, John Willis; Longest Drive No. 1 and No. 2, Bill Turner; Nearest to Pin No.1, John Mead; Nearest to Pin No. 2, Lynne Anderson.

HOSA'S WINE WEEKEND



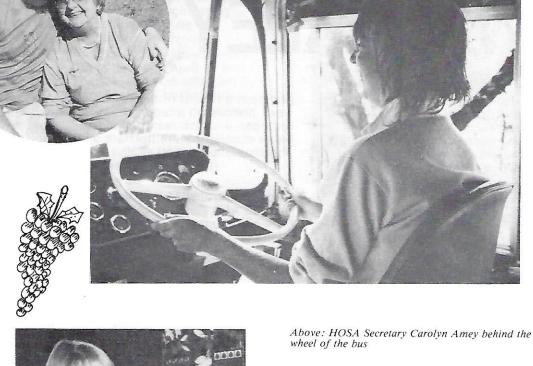
The Head Office Social Club's 'Wine Weekend' boasted the lot: parties, birthday celebrations, barbeques, bush dancing...oh yes, and a few winetastings.

The coach tour, held between May 1st and May 3rd, included visits to a number of vineyards in North East Victoria.

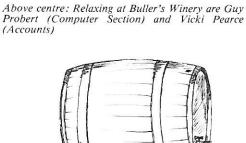
The Social Club organized the tour with Allaround Travel Services.

HOSA Secretary Carolyn Amey said the weekend was an overwhelming success. A ski weekend is now being arranged for late July. Above: Maison Anderson (Property Enquiries) and his wife Brenda confront the pokie machines in Corowa

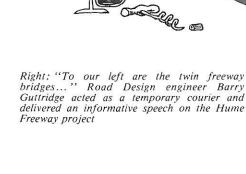
Right: Not everyone was as lucky as Sonia Woodhouse (Computer Section). She hit the jackpot and collected \$60 from the pokies



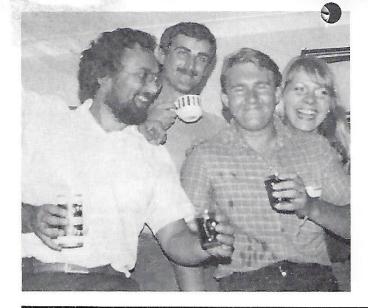




Left: A good wine was had by all...Barry Lovell (Methods) and his wife Julie at the Corowa Motel Restaurant



Left: Party time in Room 14...at the Corowa Motel are from left, Mark Knudsen (Road Planning), John Delforno (Computer), Barry Walker (Office Services) and Sonia Woodhouse (Computer)



And from the world of tennis

It was billed as the Tennis Tournament of the Decade.

A confrontation which would make any Bjorn Borg — John McEnroe clash look like amateur ping pong.

From all over Materials Division the crowds flocked to see the highly rated **Peter Colgrave** (Lab, Ground Foor) challenge the equally highly rated **Tony Megans** (Concrete, Lower Gr. Floor).

Peter and Tony were two of the 22 players competing in the **Second**

Materials Division Tennis Tournament, which was held at the Loyola Public Courts near Xavier College, Kew.

"I've never been beaten," a confident Megans warned his opponent

on the first day, "then again I've never played." And he wasn't joking.
We still don't know who won, but they took three days, seven sets

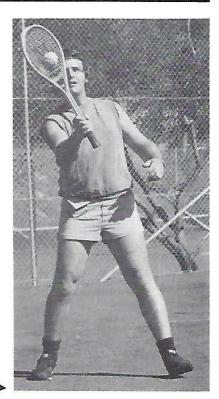
and a large number of Fosters to do it.

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Tennis fans are now urged to watch out for the International Challenge at Festival Hall when the tenacious twosome take on the Rest of the World.

■ Peter Colgrave and Tony Megans

The ever graceful Peter Colgrave shows his style during the Tournament.



'THANKS' TO SIXTY-FIVE

Oliver 'Oddie' Maguire joined the CRB in September 1938. And again in October 1946. And again in May 1947.

World War II and a shortage of work in the '40s accounts for his wavering employment record.

Lately, however, 'Oddie' has been leading a fairly settled life at the CRB; he's been a truckdriver at Bendigo Division since 1972, and before that, a mobile crane driver for 17 years.

'Oddie' was one of two CRB staff members to receive a pair of gold cuff-links at the Long Service Awards, held in March this year.

Gold cuff-links are awarded to staff who have completed 40 years' service with the Board.

Eric Piper, a senior plant inspector, was also presented with gold cufflinks. Eric joined the Board in June 1940 as an apprentice fitter, and has held his current position for 33 years.

The awards were made by the CRB Chairman, Mr Tom Russell on 27 March 1981.

Sixty-three silver awards were also presented to staff who had completed 25 years' service with the Board.

"Since the first presentations in October 1975 a total of 488 Awards have been made," Mr Russell said.

Silver Awards-which can be a sterling silver cuff-links set or a brooch-are presented to staff who have completed 25 years of service.



Silver Awards were presented to: Silver Awards were presented to: John Anderson (Rd Design), Edgar Bartrop (Works Sub-branch), Laurence Baum (Benalla), James Birrell (W'bool), Thomas Bowden (Bridge), Ken Brooks (W'bool), Aivars Bruns (Rd Design), Ray Burzacott (B'rat), Ralph Burzacott Burzacott (B'rat), Ralph Burzacott (B'rat), Tony Cini (Bridge), Barry Clark (Metro), Paddy Coleman (D'nong), Vern Dawson (B'dale), Graeme Deany (Estates), Les Gardiner (Road Design), Ron George (Bridge), Ian Goldie (T'lgon), Jack Gore (W'bool), Called Harding-Smith (Seymour), David Hooker (W'bool), Called Gore (W'bool), Called G David Hooker (W'bool), Cal Howlett (B'rat), Tony Hrymakowski (B'rat), George Ioannou (Bridge), Neil Jephcott (B'dale), Charlie Kalmund (W'bool), Jim Kierce (B'rat), Owen Knowles (B'rat), Norm Ladlow (Horsham), Rudi Liebersbach (T'lgon), Jack McKay (B'rat), Alec Maher (B'rat), Mick Mierzwa (D'nong), Bob Morell (Geelong), Ken Nattrass (W'bool), Charlie O'Connor (B'rat), Alec Pandik (Benalla), Barry Perkins (Geel), Reg Peterson (B'dale), Max Proksch (Benalla), George Bondell Proksch (Benalla), George Randall (W'bool), Specs Seeary (Horsham), Don Sharkie (Benalla), Jock Sharman (Bridge), Ron Simmonds (W'bool), Max Smith (B'dale), Henry Stute (Bendigo), Bill Thomas (Engineer In Chief's Branch), Ray Tomkins (Mech. Sub-Branch), Bruce Traill (B'dale), Mick Tressider (Bendigo), George Umer (Mech. Sub-Branch), Bert Van Veldhuisen (H'sham) Ted Wright (Glen Waverley).

WHEN PERMITS WERE PIOUS!

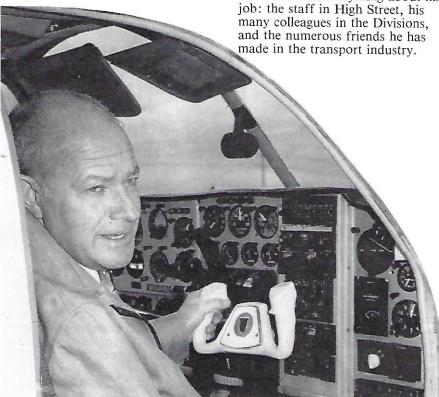
There was a time when Permits Section could claim to have the most hallowed corridors of

It was during the 1950s when Permits was located INSIDE a Church!

John Gibney remembers those holy days well.

"We moved from the Exhibition Buildings into an empty church in Queensberry Street, Carlton,' explains John, who, as Permits Officer, retired from the Board on May 4.

John plans to make a few flying visits to the remote North.



And with 33 years behind him, all of them spent with Permits, John has lots of memories - not only of old churches, but also of the many changes that have occurred to road transport, and his section.

In 1948 for instance, the maximum gross weight for a heavy vehicle permit was 171/2 tons; today the maximum gross weight is 38 tonnes; more than double.

In those postwar days, one staff member was processing about 1,000 permits for overdimensional loads a year. In 1980, just under 30,000 permits were issued, and the Section's staff has expanded to 13.

John will miss everything about his job: the staff in High Street, his

"It'll certainly leave a large gap in my life," he admits. But he's confident that the many goals he has set for his retirement will offset these losses.

"I hope to see as much of Australia as possible," says John, "and do lots of fishing and flying.

Flying?

John has his unrestricted private pilots licence, and has probably spent more hours in a cockpit than the average Qantas pilot. He started flying in 1939, and learnt the fundamentals from Ray Goon, who also taught 'Bluey' Truscott, one of Australia's most famous World War 2 fighter pilots.

John and his wife will now be able to visit places that most Australians never see.

"There are a lot of remote areas in north and central Australia that are quite accessible by air," says John. Apart from taking to the air, and doing a bit of fishing, John's other main objective is to simply "relax for a while.'

"To overcome the initial shock of retirement," he emphasises.

But what is the real reason for John's departure from Permits? True, it may not be as 'pious' as it was in the old days, but one can't help suspecting that John has other

"Well, I have issued permits to fathers...and their sons...and their sons...that's THREE

GENERATIONS," John drolly confesses, "and I'm not about to wait around for the fourth generation.

"Who wants to be the Mr Chipps of the Transport Industry?"

MAY MEETING **RETIRED PERSONS**

In the absence of Ted King, the May meeting of the Association was chaired by Eric Moncrieff in a relaxed atmosphere following an excellent

Thanks to Lois Worcester's efforts, we enjoyed a showing of the film "Amy is a Tiger". The title is somewhat misleading, because "Amy" is in fact a Tiger Moth, a famous old aircraft familiar to many of our members, which some actually flew during air-crew training in World War II days. However, apart from its nostalgic interest, the film was quite charming, with some fascinating photography of Queensland and just a touch of romance. Hopefully Lois can do something for us again soon.

Two new members were welcomed to the Association-Rita Day and Bob Handley. Rita left the Board in 1940 to join the "AWAS", the Australian Women's Army Service; it was a great pleasure to meet her, and we look forward to enjoyimg her company at future meetings and activities of the Association.

Following a round of farewells, Bob Handley joined us, but unfortunately for us we can't expect often, as he and his wife Nance will be living in a beautiful home they have just built at Merimbula on the south coast of New South Wales. We wish them well. Bob is planning a trip to Europe in September before finally settling down to enjoy the fishing, golfing, and tranquility of Merimbula —not to mention the "pokies"—all very hard to take!

Cliff Liddell was unable to attend the meeting; he is driving to Perth. Have a happy holiday Cliff, and tell us all about it when you get back.

Les Spicer bagged the lucky number and carried off the bottle of champers — too many to share it with at the meeting.

The morning film shows at the Rivoli Theatre continue to be very popular. The "Getting of Wisdom" proved a great success, and the next show will be "Kramer v Kramer" on Thursday 2nd July. We hope to see you there!



SNOW DRIVING

Skiing is an acquired skill.

Just as important, however, is acquiring the skill of driving in snow and ice conditions.

Travelling on alpine roads in winter can be dangerous unless special driving techniques are used.

Even where snow has been cleared from the road, the surface may still be covered by a film of snow or ice.

This feature explains some of the basic rules to follow when driving in snow conditions.



BEFORE LEAVING HOME

Equip yourself: you'll need wheel chains, spade, tow rope, ground sheet (for fitting chains), torch, warm clothes and rugs.

Use an anti-freeze compound in the radiator and take along a spare

Make sure all lights are working and check the condition of your tyres (including the spare).

Check that your roof rack is well-secured.







SNOW DRIVING...THE BASIC RULES

- · On reaching a snow covered section of road, gently apply your brakes to get an idea of using them on snow surfaces.
- Keep well away from snowclearing machines: it is often necessary to reverse these machines, and snowclearing operators may not be able to see you in drift or falling snow of ditions. Also, the spectace ar fountain of snow coming from the blowers may contain ice chunks and stones.



- Drive cautiously with **even** pressure on the accelerator to avoid wheel spin.
- Avoid unnecessary gear changes: engage first or second gear on level ground before ascending or descending hills in snow or ice conditions.
- · Brake gently: front wheels can lock easily and may mean loss of steering.
- Keep well behind the vehicle in front.
- Avoid braking when cornering.

WHEN IN TROUBLE,

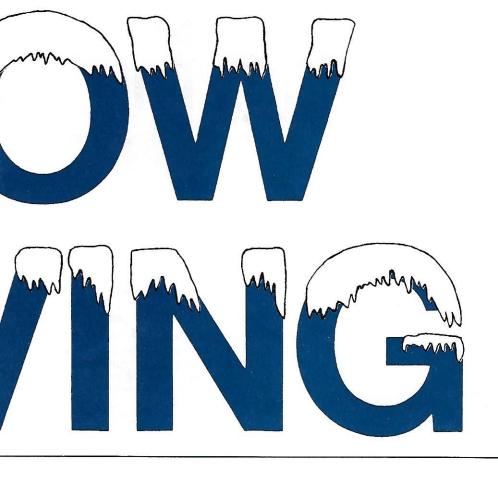


DON'T BE A WANDERER

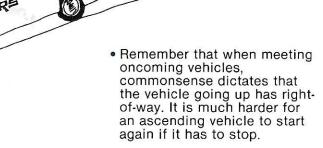
STAY with your car if it becomes immobile - you'll be much warmer and drier.

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Use the car's hazard warning lights so that other motorists will see that your car is stationary.









Do not drive unless visibility is good enough to see the next snow pole or the edge of the road. Travel in daylight hours whenever possible: it is difficult to judge distances in snow at

In poor visibility conditions, drive with your headlights on. WHEN SKIING, keep clear of all roads. Snowclearing machines and cars are a lot bigger than

JOIN THE CHAIN GANG

Here's sign.

If you don't, you may find yourself in trouble.
Chains are hard to fit on slopes, and you will obstruct other vehicles and snow clearing equipment. And at some resorts, you can be fined by the Committees of Management for not fitting your chains.

If it has not been necessary to fit chains on travelling to the resort, it is advisable to fit chains upon arrival in preparation for the return



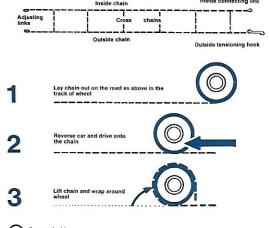
trip. It is quite difficult to fit chains to cars once covered by snow.

Special care is needed if you have radial tyres. If you are fitting chains to radial tyres, the following advice is recommended:

Change the position of the chain on the tyre about every 14 kilometres;
Tyre pressure should be increased by 25 kPa (4 p.s.i.)

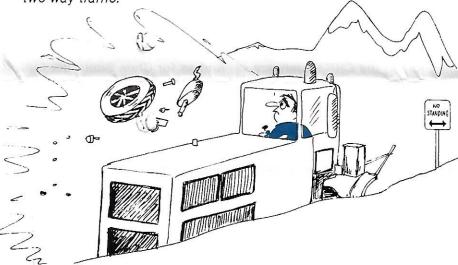
. Do not drive faster than 40 km/h.

Fitting snow chains



PARKING

- Park only where directed. If you do not, you run the risk of another vehicle, or a CRB grader, running into what looks to the driver like just another drift of snow. Illegally parked cars are one of the main problems hampering snow clearing work.
- Do not apply the handbrake: moisture can freeze the cables and brake linings.
- · Leave the car in gear with the front wheels turned away from the
- Always park as close to the bank as possible, to leave room for two-way traffic.



The clearing of roads to the resorts of Mt Buller, Mt Buffalo, Falls Creek and Mt Hotham is the responsibility of the CRB's Benalla Division.

Closer to Melbourne, roads to the popular tourist areas of Mt Donna Buang and Lake Mountain are cleared by the Dandenong Division of the CRB.

IN AN EMERGENCY

In an emergency, it is better to control your car by steering rather than **braking.** Hitting the bank or being stuck in a snow drift is better than going over the edge.

If you go into a skid, turn the front wheels in the direction of the skid and release your brakes. After the skid ceases GENTLY apply your brakes.



SNOW SERVICE

The CRB maintains road access to the abovementioned snow fields during the winter. A Snow Roads Report is issued to the media each Thursday during the skiing season and up-to-date information on road conditions can be obtained by telephoning the CRB (03) 860 2584 on Thursdays and Fridays from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

CRB'S CAZALYS



When Glen Hawker and Chris Smith aren't building up flexi-time, they're building up muscles. Glen and Chris play for Essendon and Fitzroy respectively — both clubs with Final Five aspirations. Interchange talks about success, and failure, with these two football stars.

"There are shades of '79 in our play," Chris Smith warns as he talks of Fitzroy, "we'll definitely finish in the five."

Chris, an engineer with Road Planning, has faith that his ninth year with the Fitzroy seniors will be a rewarding one.

But he knows it's not going to be easy.

"You really do have to fight to stay in the five," he explains, "and treat every game as if it was a Grand Final.

Chris plays centre half-back, a position which he regards as "the best on the ground".

"It suits me", he says.

Playing for a VFL Club can be gruelling; Chris trains Mondays through to Thursdays, and on Sunday mornings.

Usually he leaves work about 4.15 for the 30 minute drive in peak hour traffic to the Junction Oval in St Kilda, where Fitzroy is based. This could change in the near future, Chris says optimistically, as the club is looking at a modern training complex in nearby Bulleen.

Chris joined the CRB in January 1980, and is attached to the Board's Young Engineers Training Scheme.

Facing his colleagues in High Street is much more bearable for Chris this winter. Last year, after a disappointing season, the Lions won the ignominious Wooden Spoon award.

"1981 won't see a repeat of that performance," Chris says.

Although football takes up a lot of his leisure hours - Chris does have a number of other interests. When he's not helping his wife with renovations to their Alphington home, Chris can be found in the water.

"I like bodysurfing, fishing and snorkelling," he explains.

At 25, Chris looks at the future with a lot of foresight.

He says he intends to stay with Road Planning for two years, and then hopes to move to Road Design.

As for football in the '80s, he has some interesting ideas. "In time a national competition may lead to fewer teams with greater experience!

"Those involved," he adds, "would have to be professional footballers

And as for Chris Smith the footballer in the 80's: "I see my career as another four to five years," he predicts.

"We're having a bad run at present" Glen reflects.

I spoke to Glen three days after Essendon's eight point loss to Footscray. He was quite open about his team's recent performance.

"We're not taking enough risks on the football field," he adds.

But football is a fluctuating concern; clubs can face triumph one week and tribulation the next.

"Confidence is the main thing," Glen says.

Being a 20-year-old wingman with a VFL football club isn't as glamorous as many people think. Glen trains vigorously every day after work, and doesn't usually arrive home until nine or ten o'clock each night.

Fridays is a "free evening", but of course he must take it easy before Saturday's big clash.

Training sessions don't finish with the football season either.

Glen and his young team-mates have been hard at it since October last year.

"We only get about a six week break a year," he say Although training is gorous, it

is paying off.

In the opening round of the Escort Championship in early March, Glen was voted Best on the Ground. His efforts against Fitzroy won him a colour TV set.

Glen has been with the Essendon Club for about four years. He was discovered by an Essendon Football Club scout who saw him playing in the Kaniva district, near Horsham.

"The club asked me down to have a run with them," says Glen, who has been runningand kicking-ever since. He actually made the senior list in his first year, when he was only

Good natured Glen, a cost clerk at Mulgrave, adopts a positive attitude to football, and umpires.

"They're only human" he stresses.

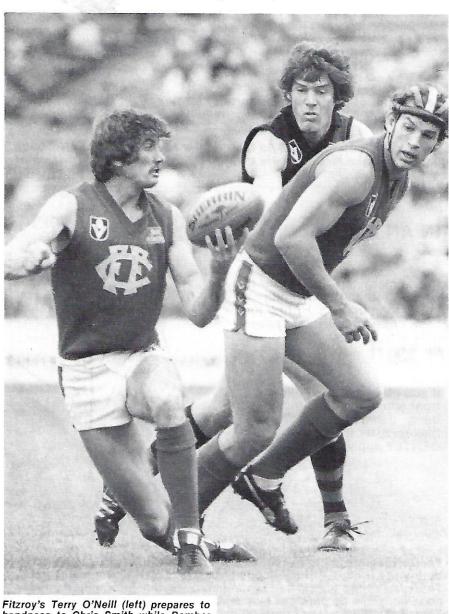
If there is anything that annoys him, it's probably the sports

"I don't really worry about the media's bad reporting," Glen says, "but it can be a bit rough." He was mainly referring to the incident when several reporters made scathing attacks on teammate Phil Carman.

But reporters aside, Glen enjoys the game. Training may be time consuming, but he still finds time to get out with his girlfriend, play tennis and listen to music.

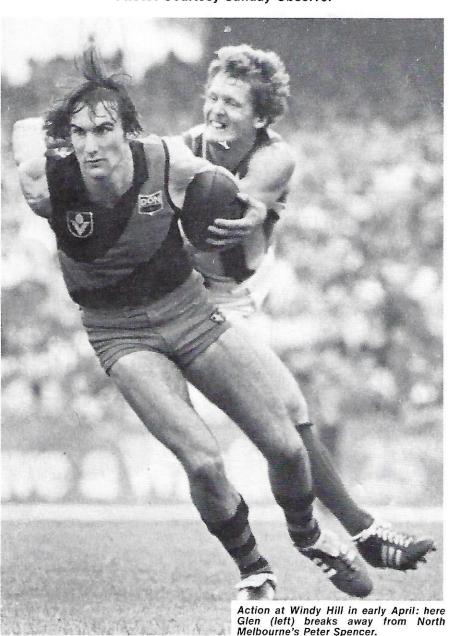
Essendon may be going through 'a bad run' at the moment, but if Glen's fellow footballers share his enthusiasm, they'll improve.

Photo: Courtesy Sunday Press



Fitzroy's Terry O'Neill (left) prepares to handpass to Chris Smith while Bomber Dennis Scanlan attempts to intervene.

Photo: Courtesy Sunday Observer



DIVISIONAL



ROUNDABOUT

TRARALGON

From P Simmons/S Delost

Welcomes

The following folk are welcomed to the Division—Messrs. Borg, Davis (from Bendigo Div), Byrnes and Young. We also welcome Messrs. Bruce Van Every and Tony Youren, both engineers, to the office.

Farewells

To Messrs. Johnson, B McGregor, S Anderson, R Pakulsky, A Miller, G Johnson, G Cahill. We also said farewell to Messrs. G Price, R Scott and R Bower from the office and Mr L Shanks from Drouin Lab.

Resignations

Mr G Furphy, Draftsman, has resigned to run the family farm following the sudden death of his father.

Award

Congratulations to motor mechanic, Robert May, who received an award in his first year at Yallourn Tech. Cream cakes are now in order, Rob.

General

The Case of the Blue Light vs. Red and White Number plate.

In order to keep an appointment with the ex-ME, the A/ME was pulled over by a patrol car. Policeman, notebook in hand and grin on face asked, "Why were you exceeding the speed limit?" A/ME replied, "I have an appointment with the DE—Traralgon." Even a great excuse like that did not help the pocket. Guess who wants to buy or hire a bike?

Anonymous instructor driver from Traralgon Division, when returning from Bendigo, decided the easiest way to navigate his way through Melbourne was to follow a Morwell truck that happened to be in front of him. He suddenly realised, when approaching the West Gate Bridge, that the truck was *not* going to Morwell!

Rob Scott, who is overseas on 12 months leave travelling to London via S.E. Asia and Russia, sent us a card from Taiwan some time ago. As we haven't heard anything more one can only think he has been "rushed off" by the Russian girls.

Sport

Ken Salter and Tony Youren are hoping to win the "A" Grade Grand Final in Traralgon Table Tennis Competition.

The recent cricket match between the Workshop-Depot and the Spray Gang was held on 22nd February 1981. The Spray Gang were the victors, but the question is who did the scoring that resulted in this?

Goal Umpire, N Linford, is biting his tongue following a dispute with the main umpire at a recent footy match, which caused him to be reported.

DANDENONG

From V Lawther

Welcome to Peter Wells who has joined our survey team for approximately 18 months in place of Bob Deery who wanted "some experience" in Head Office.

The Annual Meeting of our Social Club elected the following Officers: President—Peter Velcek, Senior Vice President—Ron Ashton, Junior Vice President—Geoff Pullin, Secretary—Henk van Deuren, Treasurer—Renney Kratky. Any persons wanting to issue "challenges" etc. etc. to Dandenong Division should contact one of these Officers. Tom Karnatz has added to his long list of victories by winning the veteran section of the marathon for TKI canoes recently—congratulations on another gold medal, Tom.

METROPOLITAN

Arrivals and Departures

A luncheon was held in April to farewell David Leonard, our Bituminous Surfacing Engineer. After 8 years with Metro, David decided to try the greener pastures of private enterprise with Emoleum. David supervised some very large asphalt jobs over the past two years and his expertise in asphalt and sealing works will be sorely missed. We could also make similar remarks about his presence around the pool and tennis tables where he didn't really notch up many victories—but then again he never really lost often either!

Vince De Maria is soon to be farewelled after 7½ years in the Division. Vince has been promoted to Draftsman Class 3 in Traffic Engineering Division.

There will be a few long male faces around Metro, due to the resignation of Meredith Hudson who has decided to go on an extended overseas vacation to London and Europe. Thanks to Meredith for all her hard work associated with Interchange and in the office. Good Luck Meredith.

Welcomes

We extend a welcome to Clive Mottram ex-Traffic Engineering Division, also Gordon Anderson from Road Planning and Les Bull from Road Design.

Odd Spots

Unfortunately the weather was inclement for completely latest sailing day but this did not stop our hardy and intrepid sailors from leaving the shore. David Blore and Chris Adams were so anxious to draw attention to themselves that they threw their mast over the side of the boat and spent the control to two hours swimming instead of sailing.

So upset was he at this folly, David recharged his Range Rover and has now set off for a trip to Central Australia.

Congratuations to Bob Stamp, Charles Pashula and Trevor Miller on the arrival of offspring. Gary Liddle is soon to join them. We still think there is something in the water!

BENDIGO

From R Marslen

Mrs Julie Doye has retired after 10 years service. Julie had been on Maternity Leave and has decided that being a mother is a full time occupation. Julie was farewelled at afternoon tea on 29th April. Divisional Engineer, Mr Tom Glazebrook, thanked Julie for her excellent work in the office and presented her with a pendant with matching earrings from staff members.

Roy Speechley has left to take a job with the Department of Crown Lands and Surveys at Seymour. Roy spent 11 years with the Board, mostly on engineering survey work.

Lloyd Davies set off on an overseas trip on 8th May. He is due back at work on 7th September. Lloyd, his wife Elaine, and three children intend to tour Europe.

Also on Long Service Leave is Divisional Engineer, Mr Tom Glazebrook. He will have a new house to keep him occupied during his leave from 1st June to mid-August.

Jenny Bridges from Accounts spent most of April and May on a visit to England. Before she departed Jenny left some stamped and addressed envelopes with Terry (from the laboratory). It was presumed he was supposed to write occasionally. Indications are that she would have had a lot of trips to A alia House in London for a small return.

A bus load of Depot personnel plus the Assistant Divisional Engineer had a great night at the Moonee Valley trots recently. The return trip home was extended somewhat by the frequent breakdown of the coach. Seems that without the technical direction of Col Turner the many fitters and motor mechanics on board couldn't (or didn't want to) remedy the situation. It was a 3am arrival back in Bendigo. It is understood Don Peckham slept through the whole ordeal.

BENALLA

From M Farme

Welcome

A big welcome to our new tea lady Beth Leeson, who replaces Elizabeth McInnes.

Farewells

Norm Cook, draftsman for the past eight years, left the Board's service to join the Benalla Shire as engineering assistant. Norm will be missed around the office for he was "Mr Fixit" for the photo machine for a number of years, and he kept the refrigerator filled with cool drinks. We'll miss you Norm, anyway thanks for a good job.

Engineer Allan Koch has resigned from the Board to join his father-in-law in a chicken raising susiness at Moolap. As with Norm Cook, Allan will be missed around the office. Allan has lately been engaged in the Wodonga project of the Hume Freeway, but earlier was responsible for roadworks in the Mansfield and Alexandra area as well as Mt Buller. Both leaving are well liked and leave

with the best wishes of the staff.

Annual Leave

The younger members of the staff have missed typist Vicki Handcock who was off on annual leave for six weeks visiting Western Australia.

On the Sick List

At the time of writing, Overseer Tom Reidy and Frank Cehun ex-admin officer, both on the sick list.

General

Two identities seen on the roadworks job in Bridge Street, Benalla.

Reg White whose horse drawn vehicle had to give way to Tom Wren's Volvo truck delivering gravel to the iob.



DIVISIONAL



ROUNDABOUT

ROAD PLANNING

Arrivals

We extend "belated welcomes" to all our new staff who have joined us since Christmas. Robyn Loiterton and Melissa Weeks, our new drafting assistants (for further details ring 2018), and Sheila Herron, our new typist. New engineers Brent Bates, Andrew Stobart, Eng Sim Lau and new draftsmen Alan Gunstone and Bruce Campbell. Some old faces are back to haunt us too!—namely David Watt, Mike Wood, Fred Andrews-Phaedonos, Mark Knudsen and Grey Scott. We hope we will survive.

Farewells

Gordon Anderson and Bruce Van Every have recently left the Division and we wish them both well in their new position. More recent departures have been Martin Atchinson (we will miss his outlandish ties), Graham Foley (to Dandenong), John Thorpe (to Traffic), Wayne Harvey (to Road Design) and Valeria Mata who retired due to ill health.

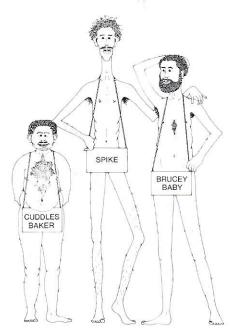
General

We have recently been informed that both Peter Bartlett and Chris Smith are both in the family way! Good luck to both, as we feel many a sleepless night will be had in the future.

Both Trevor Smith's and David Trace's extensions are now virtually complete; much to everyone's relief. In reference to previous Interchange re - a certain cartoon about driving-Judy's driving record to date -6 months with licence and only one accident (with a semi!! Does she know who she is picking?).

Much to the relief of the drafting office, Punt Road is at last near completion and we are all near insanity. Needless to say, Ross is not allowed near it now!!

An unconfirmed rumour has it that on the wine weekend certain gentlemen from Road Planning (who shall remain nameless) did so indulge themselves that food became an afterthought where there was wine, women and song to be had.



Who will be the 'CRB Mate of the Month'? To Vote: Ring Ext. 2018 or 2115

MATERIALS

Social

Tony Babos celebrated his birthday at the Skinny Dog last week. Then, at afternoon tea break, with a little help from his friends, he polished off a huge paylova.

Dan Baker spent four weeks on leave touring the NSW coast and the Snowy Mountain district with his

Let's hope that by the time this article has gone to print, that Peter Bow (Pea Bow) will have finally received his car.

Jean Hoelter spent an unforgettable three weeks in Queensland. Andy's "War Wound" has been playing up again. Richard Ho has been transfer-red to the Bridge Division, bye Richard, we'll all miss you.

All is strangely quiet on the Ground Floor due to the absence of Tony Megans, who is enjoying his second coach trip to the 'Centre'. Alan Griffiths and his family are braving the wilds yet again camping at an unknown destination.

Simone Servais took her husband out to lunch the other day-in the MD canteen!! The girls are looking forward to their luncheon with John Szendroe at the Hungaria Restaurant. David Capon is one of many in MD, "stocking" up for the ski season. Dom Meadley has returned from Warr-nambool and back in the Concrete Section. Ilona Sevella is off to Hungary in June for seven weeks to "wisit" her family. Adrian Williams will be leaving MD shortly and will be continuing his career with the Snowy Mountain Some.

Paul White and Bob McLeod are off to West Gate for a couple of months. Leith Wholers can be very "Italian" at times. David Tilley will be overseas for six weeks visiting England, the US and the French Riviera ('nuff said!).

Congratulations to Little Stevie Mumford's German Shepherd, for winning first prize in the obedience classes.

Arrivals

Alan Edge is the new clerical assistant in the Store. Steve Brown (formerly of Bridge) is the new engineer in the Geotechnical Section.

Resignations

Simon Elderton, T.A. for the Geotechnical Section, has left MD for a better life in sunny Queensland.



WARRNAMBOOL

From D Watts

Sick List

Ewen Powell is on extended sick leave after another bout of illness. We hope he returns to us fit and well in the near future.

Alec Cannane is looking well again after a minor operation. Alec should be back on hand again very shortly.

Our new cost clerk Peter McIntosh is in full swing again after a foot injury. Peter started with us one day and had to go on sick leave the next day. However, he seems to be fitting in

New Arrival

Welcome to O/S Ron Arkley, Ron comes to us from Bairnsdale Division for a few months. Ron is replacing Bridge Clerk of Works, Ewen Powell.

Sad Loss

It is with much regret that Warrnam-bool Division suffers the sudden death of a workmate — Angus (Gus) Hetherington. Gus, one of our Mechanics, died on Monday 4th May after having a stroke while working in his garden on the Sunday. At the young age of 45 years his death is a shock to us all.

GLEN WAVERLEY

From M Hollamby/K Huffer

The Glen Waverley Depot have had their fair share of personnel with the "Travel Bug", the most recent being: Joyce Naismith to Singapore, Hong Kong and China, and Max Baker to Hong Kong, China, and Japan.

Sentimental journeys home for Shirleen St.John to Sri-lanka, return-ing via Malaya and Singapore, Gabel Gerendasi to Hungary, and Mary Deighan to the Emerald Isle.

Also, Shirley Hall to Queensland, and Bernie Kane to Townsville.

Jack Craig and Ernie Alexandra (Retired) and planning a Safari around Australia.

Bob Swift spent his holidays at home, the planes were on strike. Helen Mills delayed in Queensland, due to the plane strike (that's Helen's story and she is sticking to it).

Our "Hello" Girl Wanda Stanaway will marry Allen Edgeton on 23rd May, congratulations from your friends and associates at the Glen Waverley Depot.

The Glen Waverley Depot Social Club will again compete against the Blind Institute in a game called "Swish". Endeavours have been made to find out about this competition and why, in the past, the Social Club Team have been beaten by the Institute. We do not really believe that the Social Club Team are blindfolded and fed 54 glasses of Vodka before the match -but that could explain the lack of wins over the Institute team!

Transfers

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John Mallinder from Purchasing to Dandenong Division. John not only bed the placeure of a popular to the placeure of a po had the pleasure of a promotion, but his wife Rhonda was selected to represent Australia in the World Cross Country Champi ships held in Spain.

Allen Heafey to Dandenong Division. Lorry Doyle and Wayne Jackson to Kew Service Station. Peter Shaw from Dandenong to Syndal.

Three ex-apprentices have transfer-red to the Education Department to train as Trade Teacherstnamely, Ronny Reeves, Brian Barron and Ian Fraser. We wish them every success in their new careers.

Sick List

Mike Durak, Mechanical Sub-branch, suffered a very severe broken ankle, playing football. We wish Mike a speedy recovery and hope he's back on deck before long.

BAIRNSDALE

Sick List

Gordon Waldron, Laurie Norris and Alan Scott have all been on the sick list recently. We hope they get back to full health as quickly as possible.

Cricket Match

The annual W.H. Dolamore Cricket Match was held at Sarsfield on Sunday 5th April. After an enjoyable barbeque lunch, the depot-field team (after some raw recruiting) went in and knocked up a creditable 91 runs. Top scorers were David White 31, Reg Peterson 14 and Jennie Ellis forced out 13.

The office team, in reply, made 126 with Neil King top scoring with 32, Garth Stevens 23 and Bruce "Basher" McClure 18. Bowling honors on the day were very wide spread.

The office retains the Perpetual Trophy which makes it 3 years in a

Out and About

Engineer-in-Charge Ron Glasser couldn't be convinced into entering the Mangans Lake job in the Bairn-sdale Festivals Raft Race.

Rumor has it that Sue Hobson is knitting a "beeny" for the D.E. to help him fight the cold war in Europe -while George Cole is still looking for the recipe for anzac biscuits.

Alan Maggs is working on some new tree-felling techniques - in the truck, not on top of it.

Was a case of valium really ordered for the First Aid box at Bingo Mun-

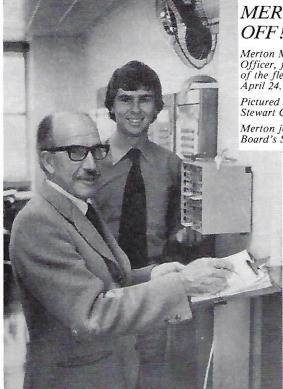
Talking about singing, Neil King has just got over the Basin Street Blues while Adrian "ADE" Bond has put the Country back into the The Roads

Its amazing how may engineers have rung in enquiring about the solution to the quick crossword in the last edition of Interchange.

The drafting office is still suffering from a bad case of Womboynitis.

Disillusioned Fisherman

Little known fisherman "Gloomv" Cittle known fisherman "Gloomy" Glasser, after four years of trying to catch the big elusive mallacoota bream, has finally given it away and sold his boat "Biggles". McClure flew into him and said he would have less hassles with his golf and suggested that for further relaxation he gested that for further relaxation he should read his new book "Biggles Flys Undone".



MERTON CLOCKS OFF!

Merton Morgan, the Assistant Estates Officer, found time for one more reading of the flexi-clocks before he retired on

Pictured with him is Administrative Officer, Stewart Cripps.

Merton joined the CRB as a clerk with the Board's Secretariat in August 1967.



INTERCHANGE ELASSIES

BIRTHS

AITKEN: Robert (Dandenong) and Rosemary, a son, Leigh Robert.

JONES: Bernie (Bendigo) and Anne, a daughter, Carman Anne.

JONES: Neil (Traralgon) and Linda, twin daughters. With a total of six daughters and one wife, Neil is certainly outnumbered.

MILLER: Trevor (Metro) and his wife, a girl, Anne Edwina on 27th April. (7lb 7oz)

NATION: John (Dandenong) and Maureen, a daughter, Sally Louise.

PASHULA: Charles (Metro) and his wife, a son, Marcus Charles on 28th April. (6lb 5oz)

QUIRKE: Kevin (Bairnsdale) and Leslie, a son, Benjamin Jamés on 20th March. Congratulations.

STAMP: Bob (Metro) and his wife, a son, Bryan on 26th March.

ENGAGED

MOTTRAM: Clive (Metro) and Judith Wilson. Congratulations.

MARRIED

BICKFORD: Robyn (Bendigo) and Tony Hinck were married recently.

BURNS: Steven (Dandenong) and Agnes Vaszilcsin on 4th

REDENBACH: Chris (Bairnsdale) to Leonie Street on 16th April, Best Wishes.

SIBTHORPE: John (Dandenong) and Denise Elliott were married on 4th April at St Marks Church, Camberwell.

TALBOT: Malcolm (Materials Division) to Wendy Chandler 28th February at Swan Hill.

PUBLIC NOTICES

HOUSE: Lake Eildon-Howqua, 14 bed house, available throughout year. Close to Mt Buller. Roy Fisher ext. 2142.

DEATHS

HETHERINGTON: Gus (Warrnambool), see Divisional Notes.

THAT TIME OF YEAR...



Hong Kong...Singapore...Sydney...and lots of sunshine! It's no wonder Maree Keck, from Photographic Services, found it hard to conceal her excitement. She was only a few flexi-hours away from departing for a three week break—which included an Asian holiday—when photographer Ralph Farrell caught her in this ecstatic pose.



WANTED TO BUY

REFRIGERATOR: secondhand in working order. V Lawther, Dande-

FOR SALE

MODEL AIRCRAFT IT: Balsa Wood and form plastic "Guillows" Lockheed Lightning P38L. Scale 34"-1'. 40" wing span. Model suited for intermediate to advanced modeller. \$42 ono, Michael Forris ext. 2630.

SNOW SKIS: 190cm Spalding skis fitted with Salomon 444 step-in bindings. Good condition. \$95 ono. Michael Morris ext. 2630.

HOUSE: Clunes, historic bluestone and brick home in picturesque gold town. Some antiques, 2 BR, large lounge, sun room, oil heating, electric and fuel stoves, fridge, EHWS, modern bathroom. Private sale, \$26,000. Phone 877 7040 or (053) 453 115.

RETIRED

BENTLEY: George (Glen Wav). BLACKMAN: Ron (Glen Wav). BROWN: Trevor (Glen Wav). DAWSON: Jim (Glen Wav). DORMAN: Steve (Glen Wav).

FRANKLAND: Bill (Traralgon) retired recently and is living in Queensland.

GOLDYN: Joseph (Materials Division) retired after 18 years service with the Board.

JONES: Merv (Glen Waverley). LEE: Phillip (Glen Waverley). MALLEY: Charlie (Glen Wav). MARKS: Alan (Glen Waverley). MATA: Valerie (Road Planning) due to ill health.

PETEK: Joe (Glen Waverley). POTTER: Wally (Horsham) retired on 6th May at 63 years of age due to ill health.

ROBINSON: George (Horsham) retired on 4th May at 61 years of age. We wish George a long and happy retirement.

TURNER: Fred (Glen Wav). WARING: Mark (Glen Wav). WATERS: Buddy (Glen Wav).

CLASSIES COUPON INTERCHANGE

To: Public Relations Officer Head Office

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

The categories available are:

- Births Deaths
- Engagements
- Wanted to Buy
- Retirements
- Swap Shop Public Notices
- Marriages For Sale Advertisements should be kept brief.

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Jenny and Dianne on the open road

BIKIES BEAT BLUES

The girls are anything but reserved when expounding the virtues of their Suzukis Jenny Allen and Dianne Alkemade have found the ideal way to beat the peak hour blues.

They have joined the bikie brigade, that growing collection of two-wheeled commuters who have said 'good riddance' to the hassles of everyday motoring.

Jenny and Dianne, both from Advance Planning, own Suzuki 250 motor cycles, and regard them as the perfect form of transport.

"It's much quicker to travel by bike", says Dianne, who shares a flat with Jenny in East Doncaster.

"It's only a 15 to 20 minute ride to Head Office from home," she

On the rare occasion they decide to use Dianne's Hillman, the journey takes much longer—and is usually far more frustrating. What with traffic congestion, parking headaches and other car-orientated vexations, Di and Jenny are convinced that their Suzukis are the only way to travel.

"You get a lot more looks from guys when you're on a bike too," Jenny maintains, "they're very courteous to you... especially when they realize you're a girl!"

Bikes are a favourite at the Alkemade household: Dianne's brother owns a Suzuki 1000 and her father jaunts around on a Honda 750.

When their probationary period has expired, Jenny hopes to step up to a Suzuki 500, while Dianne has aspirations of owning a Harley Davidson Sports — and starting up the Hells Angels East Doncaster Branch, perhaps???

But at the moment, travelling arrangements couldn't be better for the girls. And with petrol consumption reading a modest 5.5 litres per 100 kilometres, it's not hard to see why Dianne's Hillman spends so much time in the carport.