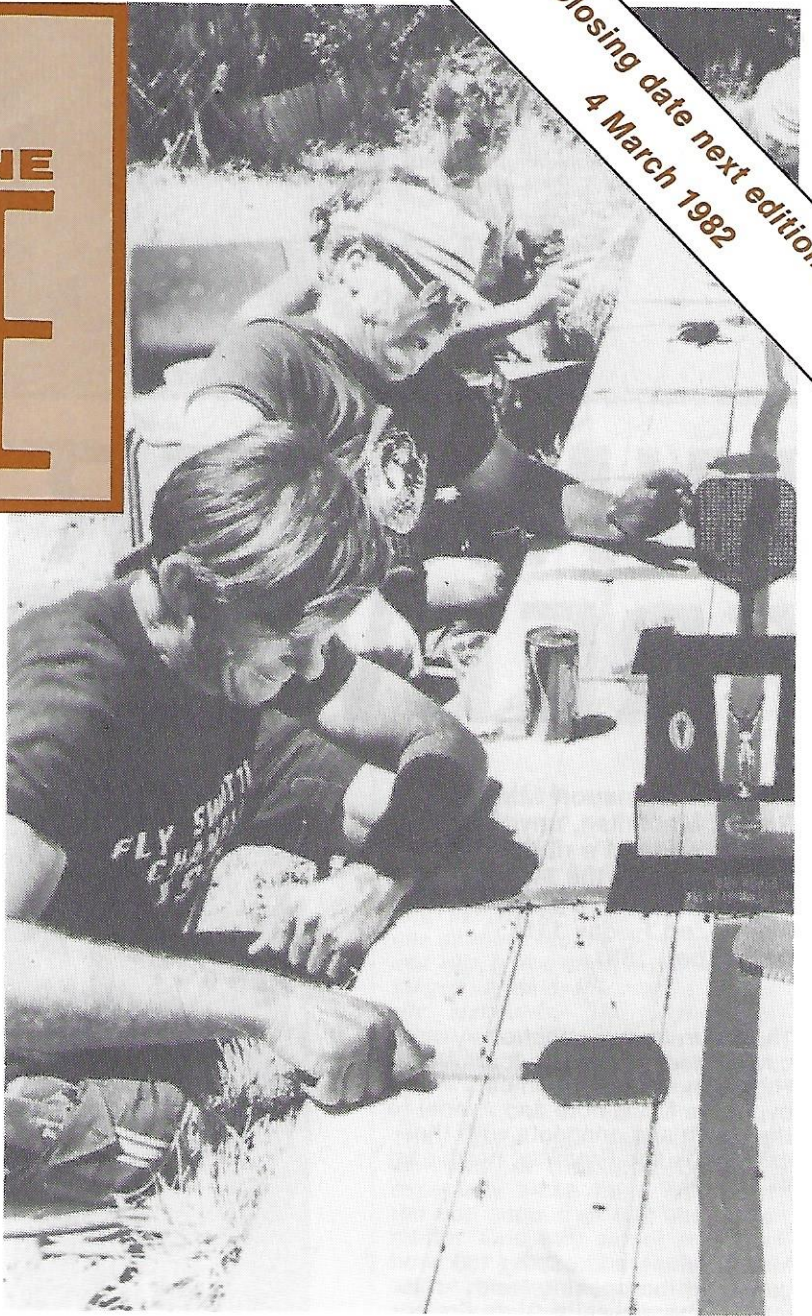


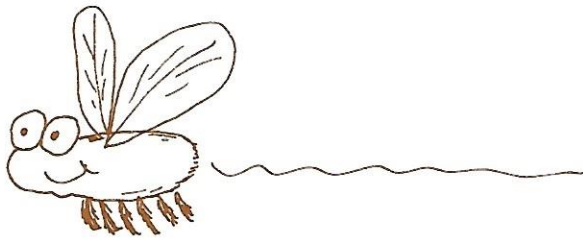
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## Pat outswats Mick in the '82 titles



Mick Byrne came away from the 1982 World Flyswatting Championships a sad and disillusioned man.

He had just lost his World title and, understandably, was in a state of morbid gloominess.

Mick—or 'Spot-on-Mick' as he is known in swatting circles—gained the prestigious World Flyswatting Champion title on New Year's Day, 1981, when he easily outscored his opposition.

January 1st 1982 wasn't rewarding, however.

To add insult to injury, he had relinquished the title to his brother, 'Pea-Beau Pat'.

Mick now attributes his ill-success to sub-standard equipment. "It's these rotten new-fangled fly swats, they couldn't keep up with me."

Mick explained that he had broken three swats "on common house flies".

"Worth only two points each!" he moans.

Meanwhile Pat is remaining quite unassuming about his victory. He simply says that he won because of "a quickness of the wrist".

Both Mick and Pat work in Bendigo Division, and the Championships are held every New Year's Day at Eaglehawk.

The annual event is sponsored by Coca Cola and the Eaglehawk Trophy Centre, and eager contestants have been known to have come from as far as Perth and Queensland.

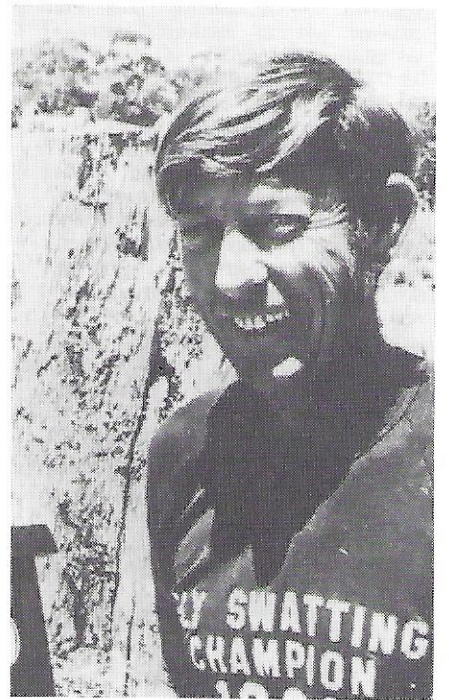
Pat scored 178 points during the hour long competition. As one observer put it, when he started swatting "they were dying like flies".

Common houseflies were worth two points, brown blowflies were worth five points, green blowflies ten points and the rare Queensland blue blowfly gained a staggering 20 points.

On the table with eight other confident grand finalists, Mick crushes another victim during the Championships.

The competition is strictly supervised, and insect sprays and pest strips are prohibited.

Pat took pains to make sure he qualified for this year's Championships—last year he was discredited when officials discovered that he had been attracting blowies through "dubious means".



The best fly swatting champion in the world: 'Pea-Beau Pat' with his trophy

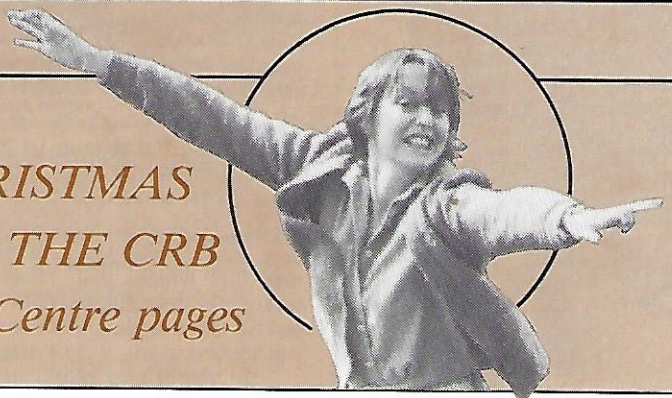
Mick Byrne: blamed his failure in the Championships on 'new-fangled fly swats'.

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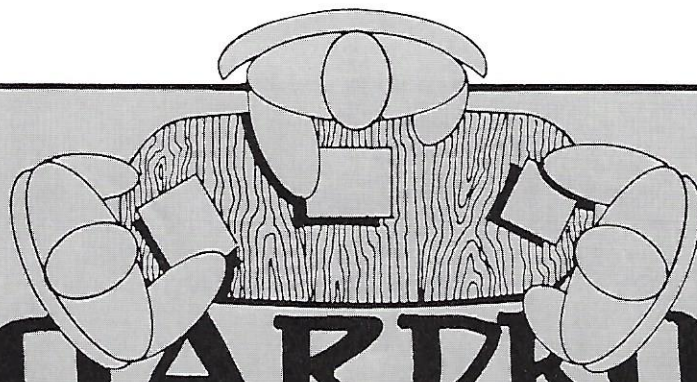
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CHRISTMAS  
WITH THE CRB  
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FROM  
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# BOARDROOM



## MINISTER OPENS HUME FREEWAY AT AVENEL

Victorian Transport Minister, Robert Maclellan, unveiled a plaque and cut a ribbon to officially open the \$25 million Hume Freeway, Bypass of Avenel, on Friday 11th December, 1981.

The 16km freeway section commences at the Goulburn Valley Highway, north of Seymour, bypasses Mangalore and Avenel to the south and connects with the existing Hume Freeway, north-east of Avenel.

Mr Maclellan, addressing 150 guests at the opening, said: "this joint Commonwealth-State Project, constructed by the Country Roads Board, is a further substantial step towards the upgrading of the Hume Highway between Melbourne and Wodonga. At a time when the road toll is increasing, this new section will provide safer driving conditions and hopefully an accident free holiday season."

The Commonwealth Minister for Transport, the Honourable R.J.D. Hunt, M.H.R., was represented at the opening by Mr E.C. Cameron, M.H.R., member for Indi.

The bypass of Avenel includes two rest areas. The Grass Tree Rest Area on the Wodonga bound carriageway is located adjacent to a stand of "grass trees" (*Xanthorea Australis*). A few of these trees were previously in the path of the freeway carriageways and were transplanted. The trees, some of which are thought to be



Cutting the ribbon: from left — Mr T H Russell, CRB Chairman, Mr E C Cameron, MHR Member for Indi, the Hon. R Maclellan, Minister of Transport, Mr T C Trewin, MLA, Member for Benalla and Cr N Smyth, Shire President Seymour.

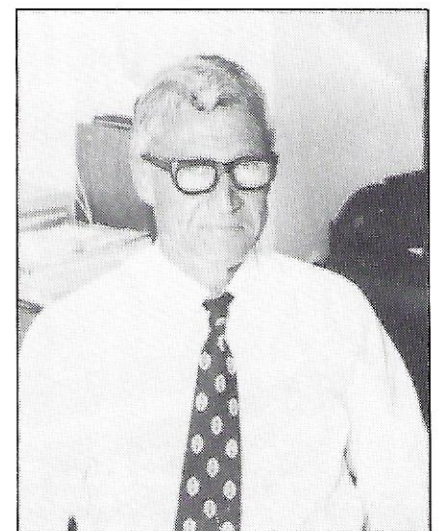
about six hundred years old, are now the landscape feature of the site.

The Coach Road Rest Area on the Melbourne bound carriageway is located on the original Melbourne to Sydney coach route. Traces of the coach route can still be seen from the rest area. The coach route generally followed the south

eastern boundary of the freeway reservation in the vicinity of the rest area.

Both rest areas include truck and car parking bays, toilet and picnic facilities, and short scenic walking paths. The toilet blocks also include facilities for disabled persons.

## MR COOPER TO RETIRE



Mr Russell G Cooper, the Board's Chief Accountant, will retire on March 24th.

Mr Cooper began with the Board in September, 1939, as a junior clerk. He served in the war and in 1945 attended the University of Melbourne to complete his Commerce degree.

In 1949 he was appointed as Divisional Accountant at Bairnsdale.

From 1952 until 1958 he occupied a number of senior accounting positions at Head Office and in 1959 was appointed Accountant.

The position was re-titled Chief Accountant in 1971.

## Princes Highway Project Opened by Minister

On Friday, 18th December, the Victorian Minister of Transport, the Honourable Robert Maclellan MLA, removed barriers opening a 6.7km section of duplicate carriageway on the Princes Highway.

The section of highway, from east of Army Road Pakenham, to the Nar Nar Goon-Longwarry Road, was constructed at a cost of \$3.6 million.

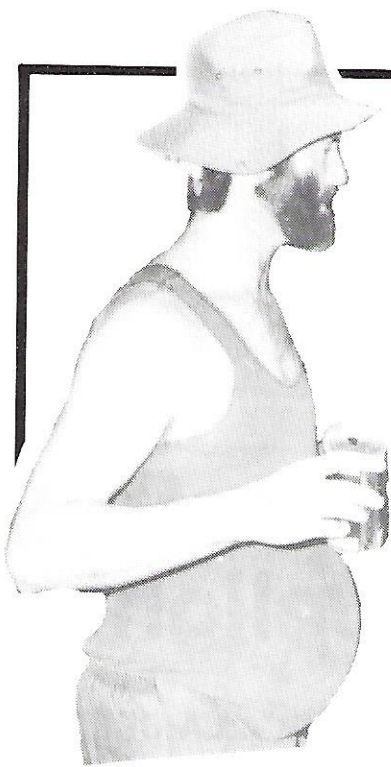
Mr Maclellan said: "the opening of this new carriageway will provide a divided highway which will result in safer travelling conditions for the heavy traffic over the Christmas holiday

period. Melbourne bound motorists on the Princes Highway will now use the new carriageway and Latrobe Valley bound motorists will use the previously existing carriageway.

"The Princes Highway is the most important road in eastern Victoria and links Melbourne to the Latrobe Valley and the recreation areas of Gippsland."

The new carriageway was constructed to the south of the existing carriageway to preserve roadside vegetation. About 20,000 trees and shrubs will be planted adjacent to the new carriageway.





# HAVING ONE OF THOSE (AUSTRALIA) DAYS...



Simon Eggleston summed up his character: "I'm just a Foster drinking, singlet wearing Yobbo!"

Taking out the Best Dressed Awards: Margaret Goddard and Alan Banfield.

A meat pie and a cup of tea—one couldn't think of a more appropriate way to spend Australia Day.

About 50 staff members from Materials Division celebrated January 26th with a special Australia Day Picnic.

Some of the patrons even decided to dress up for the occasion, and shorts, singlets, thongs and Digger hats were the order.

Acting Materials Engineer Roy Gilmour presented the 'Best Dressed Awards' to Architect Alan Banfield and Scientific Officer Margaret Goddard.

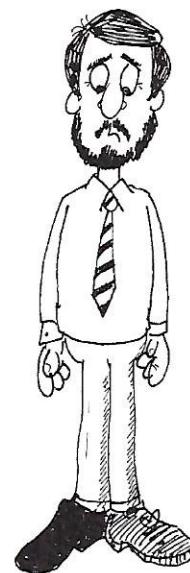
When interrogated by Interchange, both winners were emphatic that they were 'dinki-di Aussies'.

"I was born in Clifton Hill!" stressed Alan. His co-winner Margaret was less specific: "I can't remember where I was born, but I know grandad was a shearer!"

The picnic was the brainwave of Materials Division cafeteria attendant, Eileen Walsh.



## Diversions



Who suffers the most during pregnancy—the wife or husband? Mike Morris (Eastern Freeway) was obviously feeling the strains when his wife Gail (ex-Personnel) was expecting. Mr Morris fronted up to work one morning wearing one black shoe and one brown shoe, which is considered unfashionable even by project site standards. The unfortunate father-to-be had to bear the brunt of jokes all day, and, as one observer put it: "he didn't have a leg to stand on."

They take car security very seriously at Traralgon Division, especially since there has been the odd circular or two about the matter. One very senior engineer however got a bit over cautious and inadvertently locked the keys in his Board vehicle. It wasn't until the following day that an enterprising admin. officer managed to gain entry—only to discover that the car had a most unco-operative flat battery. The engineer's terse comment? "Well, that's what happens when you're conscientious!"

The Wodonga Office telephone number had obviously been allocated elsewhere in the past. Calls are frequently received for a dancing school and for a butcher shop. One persistent female caller seeking the dancing school was informed by an exasperated Cost Clerk that she either trace the dancing school through Telecom enquiries or she present herself at the office whereupon he would teach her a polka or two.

You just can't leave anything lying around these days. When metallurgist Andrew Walker noticed that his late model Honda Accord had been stolen, he informed the police and earnestly spent the next few days prowling the streets of Camberwell and Hawthorn to see if it had been 'dumped'. The vigilant law, however, soon recovered it: sitting ignominiously in a ditch 160km east of PERTH! That wasn't a joyride so much as a joy-expedition.

# David faces the music

Singing 'God Save the Queen' with Pete Seeger is "an interesting experience", says David Lumsden.

Especially when it's at the Melbourne Town Hall and there are 3000 people in the audience.

David recalls quite vividly that exhilarating evening, in 1963, when he was invited on stage by the popular US folk singer to accompany him with the National Anthem.

"I got drawn into it without any forewarning," he explains.

"It was a little traumatic...but a very interesting experience."

An accomplished banjo player, David has always been involved in music. It's an attribute he seems to have inherited from his musically talented family: "My mother played the violin and used to sing, and both my parents have been involved in Australian folk singing since the early '50s."

But it doesn't end there. "My mother's family and various uncles all seem to be singers of one sort or another!" says David.

"Not in a professional capacity, though," he adds modestly.

David, an engineer with Road Design, and his wife Lynne still "play informally", although he points out they're not as busy now as they were in the '60s and '70s.

They mainly confine their onstage performances to stints at folk clubs and selected pubs. In fact, the only commitment the Lumsdens observe are visits to the Swan and Peach, an amiable little restaurant set in the rustic Mt Macedon area.

"We perform there once every five weeks," says David.

**You could almost say that their regular rural engagement at the Swan and Peach is, more or less, "a family affair" — the restaurant is owned by engineer Ian Relph, who is also with Road Design.**

David seems to appreciate his limitations. Although a proficient musician and singer, he admits he's not a writer.

**"I have written a few songs over the years but they all came out rather depressing, so I gave it away."**

With work, family duties and his dependable banjo, it's hard to believe that David has time for other ventures.

**But he also dabbles in cartooning, mainly at lunchtimes, and is keenly interested in film making.**

In the early '70s he became involved in a production called 'The Last Seagull'.

"One of my friends used to make 16mm films, so we re-wrote the story of Don Quixote, put in a modern day setting and showed it at the Melbourne Film Co-op in Carlton.

"It's now one of the forgotten classics of Australian cinema!" he laughs.



David at the 'Swan And Peach' — a restaurant run by fellow Road Planning engineer Ian Relph

With such a variety of interests, what does David regard as his most favourite pursuit?

**"Music is my big involvement!" he says, after a moments pondering.**

And his favourite folk singer?

**"I suppose Pete Seeger affected a lot of music I play...he's probably the person I hold an affinity for."**



A case of curiosity nearly killing the CRB employee! Bert Harris, from Traralgon Division, was travelling to Warragul on the Princes Highway when he noticed a dead cat on the road. Bert—being safety conscious AND an animal lover—pulled to the side of the road and was endeavouring to remove the kitty's corpse when suddenly it jumped up and attacked him. As a result of his benevolence, Bert is now nursing a sore wrist, a bruised arm and a tender rear end—the latter affliction being the effect of a tetanus injection.



## TOURING TASSIE THE HARD WAY

**What's your idea of the perfect holiday?**

Answers will range from lazing on a pacific island to skiing the slopes of Falls Creek. A few of you might dream of riding a pushbike around Tasmania for three weeks. Well you guessed it, that's what I got up to in December, covering 1000km with four other crazy friends, and scoring three grazed knees (don't worry, I grazed one knee twice) eleven punctures and three packets of out-of-focus photographs.

Even though it was December, the weather wasn't the best. We enjoyed no more than two good days per week and nearly every day we fought some sort of head wind, no matter which direction we rode in. The hills weren't as bad as we'd expected—one lady had told us that Tasmania would be a big island if they ironed it flat. Heading south

By Andrew Doyle, who toured 1000km around Tasmania—on pushbike.

along the east coast meant that we rode down most of the long steep gradients.

After two weeks we reached Hobart and then investigated Huon Valley area. On our return to Hobart our group split up, two of my friends flying back to Melbourne and work commitments, while the remainder of the group headed north through the Lake Country, to Davenport.

Rough roads were encountered only twice on our long trip. The first time it was our own fault, we struck out across the Dazzler Ranges, east of Davenport and found ourselves on a very steep and rough timber logging road in 30° heat. At the top of the range we found a state forest that

consisted of denuded hillsides as far as we could see. After five punctures it was a pleasure to get back onto a sealed surface. The second gravel road we traversed was the only way into Freycinet National Park. Thirty kilometres of corrugated dirt road wasn't fun, so we organised a boat ride out, across a 200 metre strip of water, to the start of a very quiet sealed road into the township of Swansea.

Other than those two stretches, all other roads were in good condition for touring, their main attribute being lack of traffic and wonderful scenery.

And so if your idea of the perfect holiday is touring Tassie by pushbike—then do it!

It's well worth the effort.

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**New Feature:**



## chef's delight

### COEUR A LA CREME (Heart of cream)

**Coeur:** 415gms Philadelphia cream cheese, 210gms non-fat cottage cheese, ¾ cup of castor sugar, 1¾ cups of thickened cream, 1 teaspoon vanilla essence.

**Glaze:** 1 punnet fresh berries (strawberries, raspberries or blackberries), 2 tablespoons castor sugar, 2 teaspoons cornflour, ½ cup water, ½ cup redcurrant jelly.

**Garnish:** 1 punnet fresh berries

**METHOD:** Beat Philadelphia cheese, Cottage cheese and sugar together until creamy. In separate bowl beat thickened cream and vanilla essence until thick. Mix cheese mixture with cream until well combined.

Spoon the mixture into a heart-shaped mould with small holes punched in the bottom, which has been lined with muslin. Leave in refrigerator overnight, on a tray to drain.

Glaze puree berries. In a saucepan heat redcurrant jelly, puree of berries and sugar. Dissolve cornflour in water and use to thicken berry mixture when it comes to the boil. Simmer for 2 minutes. Allow to refrigerate until completely cold.

**Serving:** Turn mould out carefully on to a flat serving dish. Arrange berries around heart, and pour glaze over top of heart.

# Santa Mullen

For 90 children from Avenel Primary School, the opening of the Hume Freeway bypass of Avenel will stay in their minds for a long time.

The reason: one of the official guests was none other than Father Christmas himself.

He made his surprise appearance in a Board utility, appropriately decorated for the occasion, just before the new section of freeway was opened to traffic.

And he proved to be a popular attraction at the opening, held on December 11th.

The man behind the snowy beard was Ian Mullen, from the Board Secretariat, who confessed: "I enjoyed it. The kids there were really good and well behaved, and it's a day I can look back on."

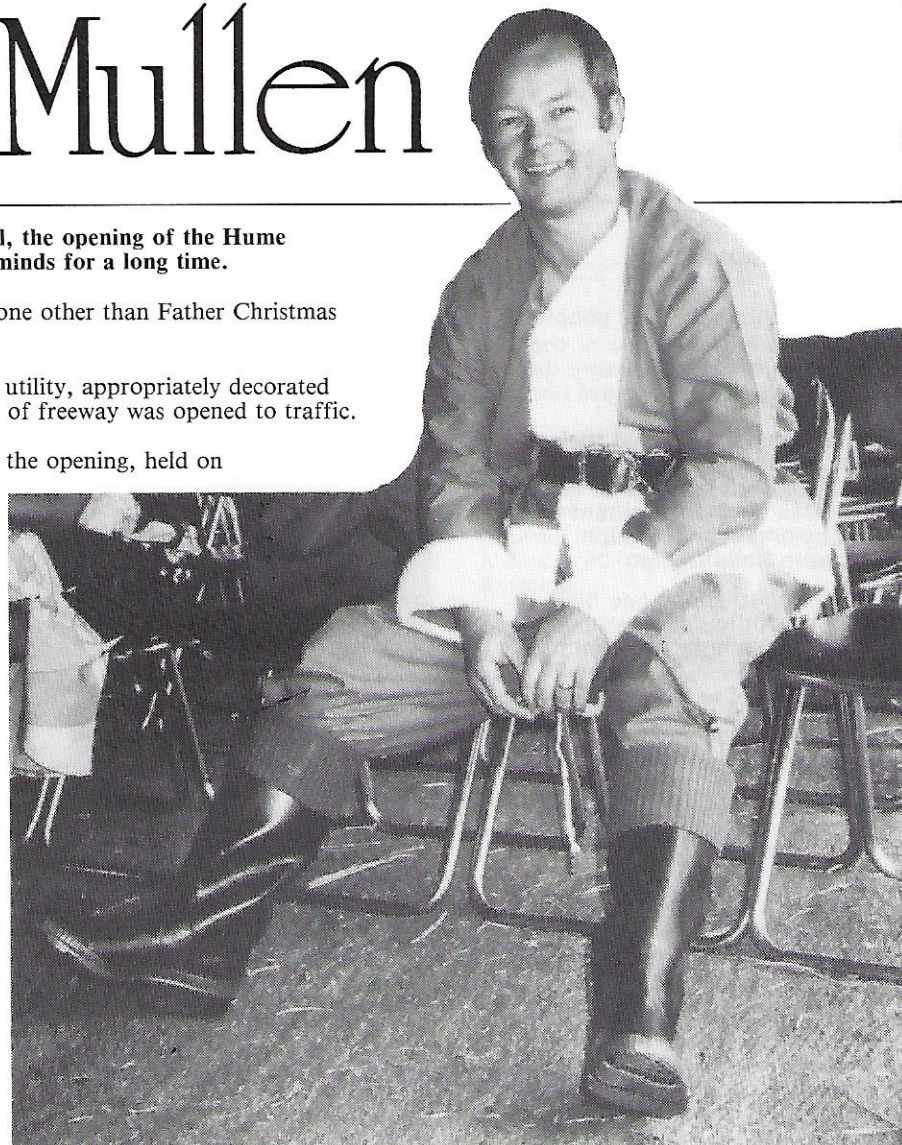
Ian has been dabbling in "very amateur acting" since he was about 15, although it was the first time he had ever taken on the vigorous role of Santa.

As it turned out, it wasn't the last. A few days later Ian had another chance to show that he wasn't just a pretty face. He took on the challenge of playing the gregarious St Nicholas at the Boronia Heights Primary School break-up.

It was a role which was slightly more demanding.

"Would you believe there were 300 to 400 schoolkids?" Ian asked.

Fortunately Ian enjoys the company of children—he has two of his own—and survived the day's functions without any turmoil.



With all this experience behind him, Ian now admits he wouldn't mind having a go at being a Father Christmas in the toy department of Myer.

Ian Mullen—pictured just before he donned his Father Christmas beard at the Hume Freeway opening

"It would be fun to try it," he said. But hastily added: "Just for a day!"



"A formal ball—that's what we're having this year! says HOSA Secretary Carolyn Amey.

"Just like in the old days when the ball was held at the Camberwell Civic Centre. That's what our members have been asking for."

So that's the word! Gents: get out your tails and brush the dust off your top hats. And ladies: you've got plenty of time to browse through the shops before the gala event.

The venue will be at the Kew Civic Centre and a tentative date has been set for Friday, 7th May.

Both Interchange and the HOSA Committee will keep you informed of further plans.

Meantime, if you've got any queries, ring Carolyn Amey on 2060 or Leanne Brady, HOSA Vice President, on 2115.

And let's make this the most colourful, exciting CRB BALL in history!



## Bogged down with problems

So much for 'the good old days'.

A horse and its owner find themselves up to their knees in mud on this road in Korumburra. The photograph, taken in 1914, reflects the general standard of roads in Victoria at that time.

On the right: the same location — 1982!



# NOSTALGIA

## Our New Landlord?



David Veitch, the Estates Officer, has left the Board to take on a new role: "I'm going to be the CRB landlord" he says.

If it sounds as if David is over-estimating his new position—that with the Railway Construction and Property Board—he's not!

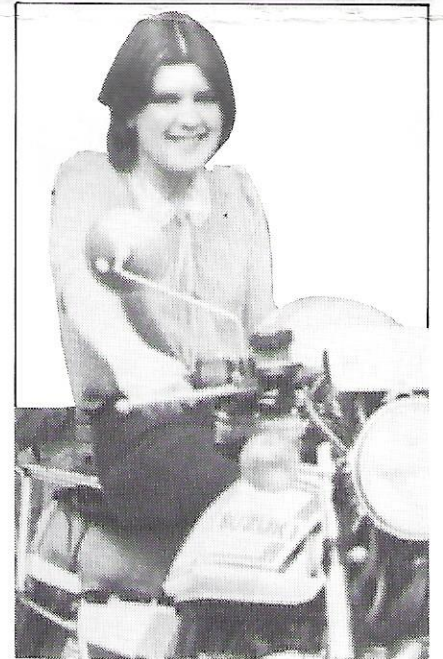
For David will be the Assistant Manager of Properties with the Construction Board, an ironic transfer considering that the CRB Head Office building is actually on rented Victorian Railways property.

David joined the CRB in May, 1964, after 18 years service with the SEC. He was appointed as Assistant Estates Officer and was promoted to Estates Officer in April, 1967.

"I'll miss all my friends in the Board," David says, "but the job is something new and different."

"Oh—I haven't decided if I'll put up the rent yet either," he adds drolly.

## PC ALLEN



As you read this, Jenny Allen—the young lady pictured—will either be sitting in the City Court listening to a murder trial, visiting the morgue to watch an autopsy, or tackling a 95 kg instructor in karate.

And if she's not doing any of the above, chances are she'll be swotting over the law books.

Jenny, who resigned from her job with Advance Planning, has just started training at the Police Academy in Glen Waverley.

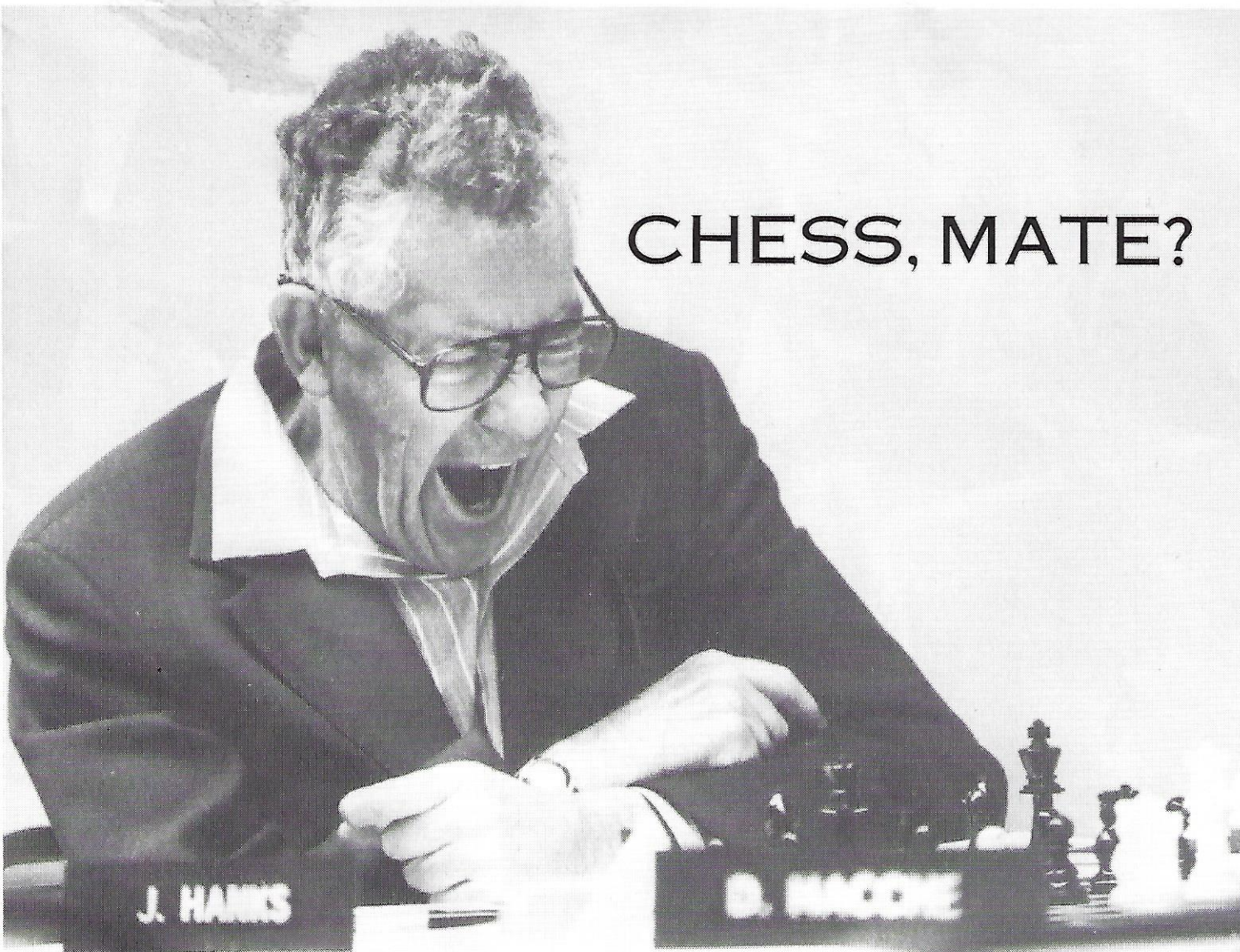
"Training consists of physical exercise, schooling in English and Law, court visits to watch proceedings, and lessons in self defence," says Jenny.

Jenny will be training for five months at the Academy. She will then transfer to a training station for another four months work, and after that she'll have the chance to apply for a specialised field.

"I would be interested in joining the Traffic Operations Group in either St Kilda or Nunawading," she says.

So if in twelve months time you see a familiar face in a police van that's tailing you—hopefully it'll just be Policewoman Allen... wanting to renew old acquaintances.

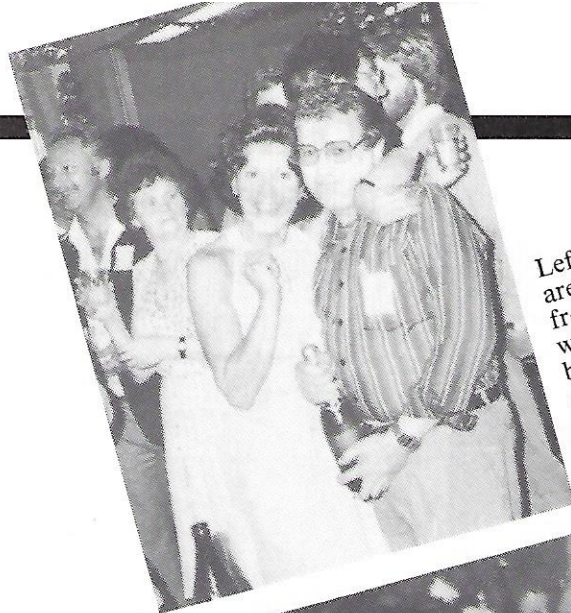
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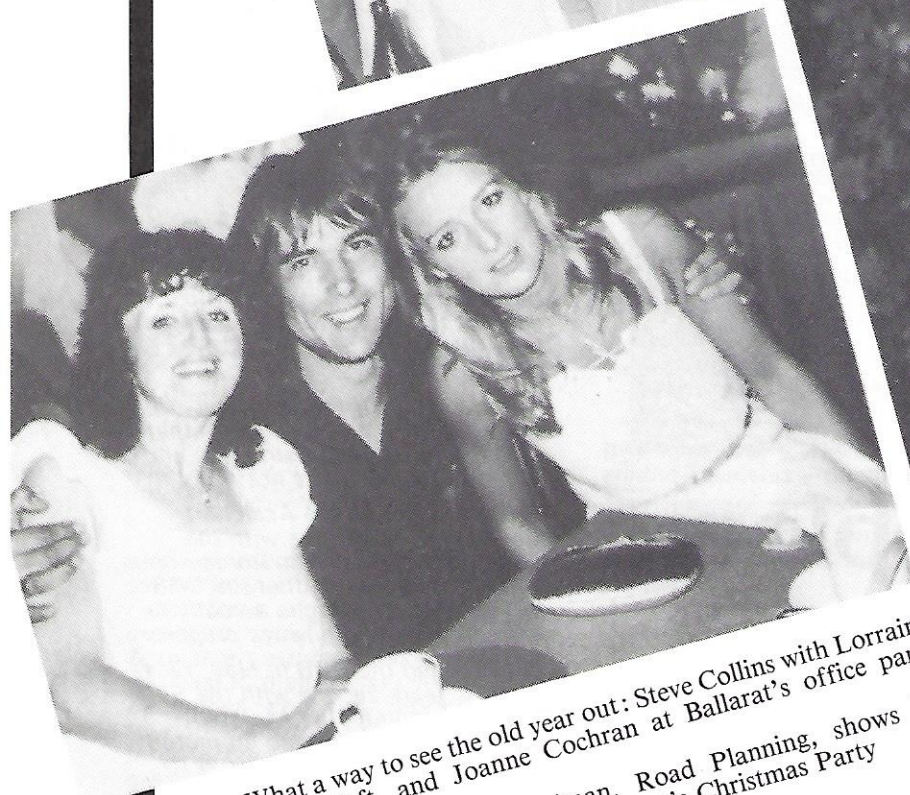
We all know that chess can be slow moving at times—even the experts sometimes find it difficult to hide their emotions.

John Hanks, a Scientific Officer with Materials Division, was looking just a bit weary when he was photographed playing at the Australian Chess Championships, held in the Myer Gallery in Melbourne recently.

Photograph courtesy The Age



Left: Getting into the Christmas spirit are Maria Keck and Barry Sawyer, from Photographic Services. The lady with the disapproving look in the background is Dot O'Reilly, normally seen on the other side of the Head Office cafeteria counter



Above: What a way to see the old year out: Steve Collins with Lorraine Hyrmakowski, left, and Joanne Cochran at Ballarat's office party



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Right: Flying high! Judy Boardman, Road Planning, shows her aerobic skills at Glen Waverley's Children's Christmas Party



Below: Sporting the latest in Dandenong Summer fashions are, from left, Trevor Phillips, John Glenn, Division Engineer Stan Hodgson and Raleigh Robinson



Above: It's not as easy as it looks...the intrepid trio experimenting with the 'Life Be In It' skis at Bairnsdale's office party are, from left, Dave 'Tippy-Toes' Pettman, grader driver, Brendan Bowden, sprayer driver, and Max Goding, fitter



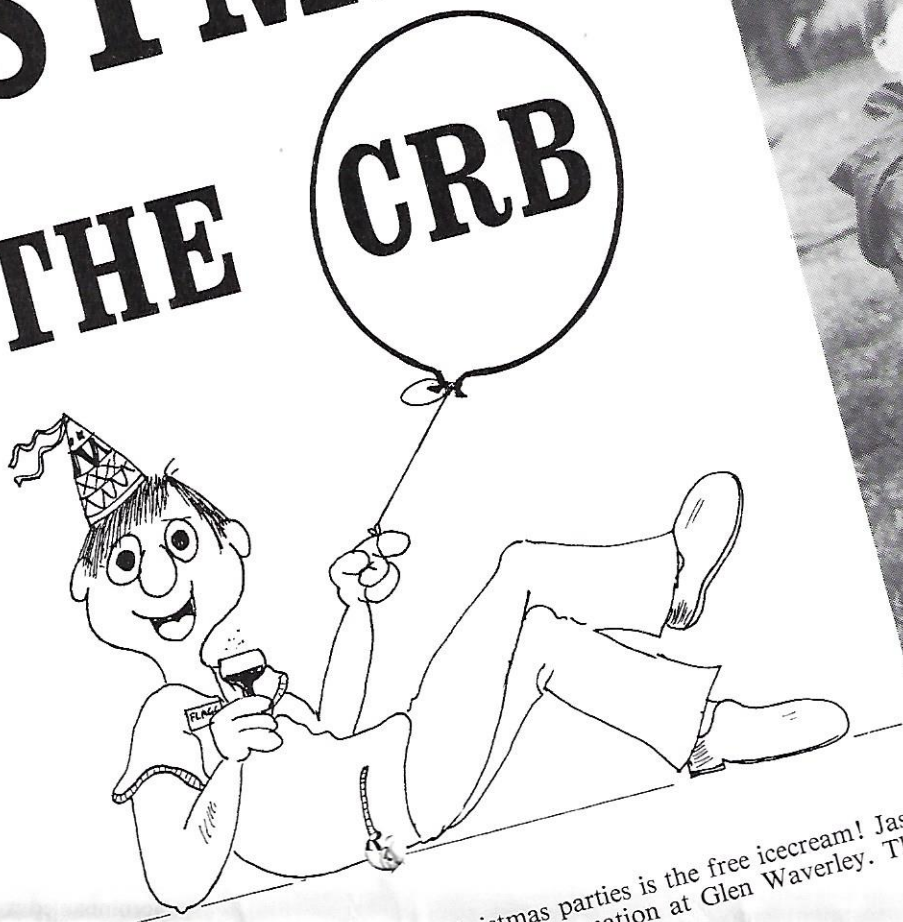
Left: Not everyone at the Glen Waverley Children's Christmas Party took a liking to Father Christmas. Here a perturbed toddler seeks comfort with her older sister while Santa, alias a dejected Merv Bailey, looks on

Right: Jeffery Manning certainly has a way with the ladies. The bevy of beauties surrounding Jeff are, from left, Liz Ryan, Sally Hellwege, Barbra McDonagh and, seated, Sharon Bell. All are from the Estates section and were photographed at the HO staff luncheon



beer, moselle and asprin flowed liberally throughout December as staff  
 ad Office, Glen Waverley, the Divisions and projects joined in the  
 who shared the merrymaking are featured in this special double page

# CHRISTMAS WITH THE CRB



Right: The best part about Children's Christmas parties is the free icecream! Jason and Michelle Vickery sample the health food of a nation at Glen Waverley. Their father, Ken, works in Personne

Left: Keith Braun, Legal Section, at the HO office party

Below: At Benalla, Father Christmas with two youngsters



Right: Showing the strain and pressure of the Christmas/New Year festivities is Ballarat's Peter Sandford



# OMEHO HIGHWAY'S HAUNTED HISTORY

The Omeo Highway must take the dubious distinction of being Victoria's only haunted highway.

Sixty kilometres north of Bairnsdale is a place called 'Haunted Stream', and legend claims that the area is frequented by the spirit of a murdered Englishman called Lord Harry.

Harry, it seems, was the son of an Earl who fell victim to foul circumstances during the gold rush era. It is alleged that he was murdered by his gold prospecting partner, though the authorities could never prove it because Harry's body was never located.

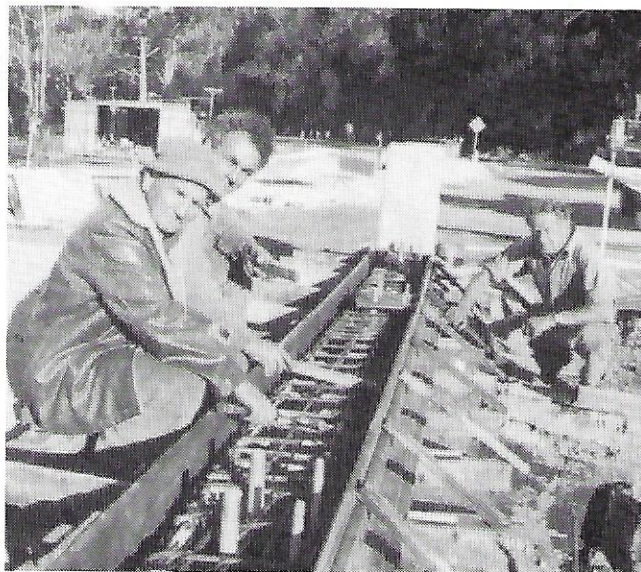
Harry is just part of the colourful history of the Omeo Highway. It is a history which comes to light when one examines the place names of the many tiny settlements and river crossings that dot the picturesque 282km route.

Some of those more interesting names are explained here:

**BATTLEPOINT:** Two road gangs were constructing the highway from opposite ends. When the two sections of road met about half way between Tambo and Ensay, the rivalry between the gangs erupted into an all out brawl.

**DEAD HORSE FLAT** — Just north of Bruthen is a spot where a figure is cut into a tree stump. Apparently a wagon driver was trying to lead a horse at the back of his loaded wagon. The horse was very lethargic for some reason and it was some time before the irate driver could get it to move. When he later stopped to check on the horse he found, to his consternation, that it was dead. It had been dragged along the road for kilometres.

**DOCTORS FLAT** — About 30km south of Omeo, it was named after a Dr Arbuckle who was a friend and companion of Angus McMillan, a pioneer regarded as the man who discovered Gippsland.



Working on the bridge at 'Haunted Stream' are, from left: Albert Frankie, Sid Dawson and Alby Kyle... 'Lord Harry' didn't make it that day.

**GOAT FARM** — An old lady used to live here and breed goats.

**LOCK UP CREEK** — A small prison was located near Tambo Crossing where prisoners, being escorted from Stirling and Omeo to Bairnsdale, used to spend the night.

**MONKEY CREEK** — North of Bruthen Angus McMillan saw groups of 'monkey bears' in the bush. The animals are known today by the more common name of 'koala'.

**PIANO CREEK** — The name of a bridge, not a creek. Locals say that whenever wagons used to cross the bridge the planks on the deck would move up and down—like the keys of a piano.

**PIG AND WHISTLE** — In the early 1900s the Railways Department was surveying a proposed Bruthen to Omeo line near Tambo Crossing. The work crew were not permitted to drink after a day's work, so the locals began to surreptitiously

provide bottles to them underneath the bridge.

**RAMROD CREEK** — Near Bruthen, this spot marks the area where a local was out shooting one day with an old muzzle loader. A kangaroo suddenly came bounding along and he fired at it—forgetting to withdraw the ramrod. History does not record the fate of the unfortunate roo.

**SNAKES BACK** — The winding nature of the old road north of Tambo Crossing gave rise to this name.

**TUCKER BOX POINT** — Immediately north of Tambo Crossing a large box was placed at the side of the road. Coach drivers would deposit supplies in the box for the hard-working miners in the nearby hills.

Ghosts, dead horses, road gang battles...a drive along the Omeo Highway is an excursion into Victoria's colourful past.

If you are finding your lunch three quarters of an hour boring lately, why not pop into Public Relations, Head Office for some reading material — namely past editions of Roadlines/Interchange — back to the year 1965... See CRB staff with more hair, darker coloured hair, longer hair — and some with hair!

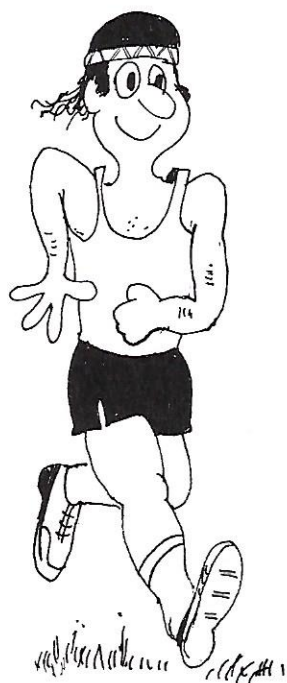
Copies may be borrowed for a few days, or you are welcome to browse through issues in the Public Relations Section.

## Travel Talk



Been on a safari through Kenya lately? Or moose hunting in Canada's rugged north-west, perhaps? Maybe you've just been content to tackle Darwin's wide range of beer gardens?? If you've got an interesting travel story to impart, write to us. Text should be about 200 words, and black and white photographs must be accompanied with detailed captions. Address your contribution to Travel Talk, c/o INTERCHANGE. Our closing date for the next edition is March 12th.

# JOGGER'S CORNER



### Training Notes from Graeme Kennedy

With the anticipation of a year full of running events, culminating in the 1982 Big M Marathon, it's probably time to think about tightening up our training programmes. A quick phone call to one of the CRB's own long distance champions, Graeme Kennedy, gave us an insight into how we should be training.

On training programmes, Graeme recommends that you spend one day a week running a substantial percentage of your total weekly distance. By this he doesn't mean half your total, but a longer distance than the normal days run to get you used to the idea of running the marathon. He also suggests that you sandwich your hard training days between rest days, not necessarily cutting your mileage back, but more importantly, lessening your pace on rest days. The distance you run each day varies on your own progress over the last few years. Take notice of any signs of constant fatigue and cut back your training accordingly.

Just to make us all green with envy, I asked Graeme about his own running schedule. During the week he runs six miles every morning and on the first three nights of the working week he runs 10 miles. On Thursday nights he does track work and on Friday nights he rests doing only six miles. On the weekend mornings he runs around the Dandenongs, starting from Ferny Creek, doing 14 miles on Saturday and 21 miles on Sundays. In the

evenings he does a standard six miles back in the suburbs. His fast time for a 10 mile stretch is 51 minutes and forty seconds, but at the moment he is recovering from an injury and so his 120 miles is taken at a more stately pace.

Due to his recent injury, Graeme is trying to look at running on softer surfaces whenever possible. He advises people who run to do the same, seeking out nearby parklands and golf courses and even making special trips to Sherbrooke forest or the tantrack in the city.

If injuries due to overtraining on hard surfaces prevail, then Graeme thinks it's best to seek the help of a good masseur rather than a traditional doctor. He has found that even specialist athletics doctors aren't much help, compared with the work of a masseur.

In a previous issue of Interchange it was mentioned that Graeme prefers running with friends rather than alone. On Sunday mornings Graeme runs with a group of 30 to 40 people, taking off from the milkbar at Ferny Creek at 9am. The organisers of the run are Rob de Castella and Chris Wardlaw from the Huntingdale athletics club. Anyone can join in and the distance you run is up to yourself. This form of group running is probably helpful for those people wanting to run the marathon for the first time.

## A NEW LACING METHOD

Here's an experiment you can try with your own running shoes to take pressure off your metatarsus, that is, the top of your foot. Instead of lacing your shoes up in the conventional cross or crisscross method, try doing up the laces so that the cross over of the lace is always on the top of the shoe, never hard on the tongue. By doing this you allow the tongue of your shoe to do the correct job of acting as a protective cushioning between the metatarsus and the lacing.



Now this may sound complicated but it's worth trying. Ron Clarke endorses the method and its instigator, Arthur Lydiard, was invited over from New Zealand to speak on the theory to Melbourne runners, before the 1981 Big M marathon. Now if you're still not convinced, have a look at the illustration, spend 10 minutes relaxing and then go for a road test. I'm sure you'll be happy with the results.

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Illustration Courtesy The Herald



# DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT

news and photos from the divisions and projects

## BENALLA

Reporter: Mike Farmer

Mr Max Stevens, Divisional Accountant, was the recipient of the annual fickle finger award given for meritorious service during the year.

Other nominations for the award were Des Hare, Lyle Grinter and Mary Young.

Max received the award from last years winner Bruce Hope at the end of the year luncheon held in the Divisional Office gardens.

Engineer Peter Leyden has departed to Bridge Division. Peter was the only single engineer in the office and was one of a number of engineers who had lived over the past 15 years in a small cottage on a large estate a few kilometres out of Benalla. The small cottage was the venue for numerous parties and other engineers who had lived there included Rick Bain and Allan Koch. There was never a time to be lonely there, as I believe there was every sort of wild life, possums, kangaroos etc. in close vicinity of the cottage. I hear the cottage is being kept on as a base for engineers when coming up for snow skiing in the winter or water skiing in the summer. All enquiries to Peter Leyden or Fred Crook.

Typist Mary Young reluctantly left the Board's service at the end of the year after four years of service, to join her husband in a family business in town. Besides being a typist, Mary had been at different times the telephonist/receptionist, filing clerk, tea maker, telex operator and a dictionary, according to Bill Peyton, Mary was the "Big Mumma", however to her work mates, clerks and typists she was a psychologist, counsellor, hostess and a confidante.

Thanks for a good job Mary and for the many reports that had to be typed cheerfully when they were required on the day before etc.

We were fortunate in getting Roz Baines back to fill the position vacated by Mary. Roz was with us several years ago and has recently returned from a stay in Alice Springs. Welcome back Roz.

The Interchange representative has been told by the girls that they have not done anything interesting over the holidays, however Helen Allan, husband Neil and son Richard had a beautiful holiday in Tasmania. They were on hand to welcome the yachts at Hobart and visited many of the sights.

Dianne Meadows spent a few days at Halls Gap and also had a lovely time.

Engineer Neville Hallam and his wife Mary spent a month in Europe including attending the International Winter Congress in Davos Switzerland. Neville has the oversight of snow clearing operations at Mt Hotham and Falls Creek and went overseas to check on the latest technology and equipment available in snow clearing.

Receptionist Sophie Sharkie received a lovely Christmas present, her daughter Tessa rang from Brisbane with the news that she was expecting her second child later this year.



Dot Foley is the Interchange rep. at Seymour. She's anxious to hear from anybody who has got a story or photograph they want published.

## BALLARAT

Reporter: Ron Hrymakowski

### Christmas Functions

The first gathering for 1981 was the CRB staff children's christmas party held at the Divisional Depot on 15th December. Once again it was a tremendous success and the kiddies thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

A week later the Divisional Office Social Club Christmas Party was held at the Sebastopol Bowling Club and was judged "the best yet" it was attended by 90 of the staff and partners and the function took the form of a smorgasbord meal with dancing to a five-piece band. The highlights of the evening were the arrival of Santa Claus who distributed kisses, sweets and best wishes and the drawing of lucky table prizes. We still don't know whether or not Len Walker received his toy truck from Santa. It was one of many requests he made whilst sitting on Santa's knee—probably slightly merry.

Having had a day's rest the festivities once again commenced at 7am on Christmas Eve on the shores of Lake Wendouree. About 30 of the office staff attended the yearly champagne and chicken breakfast. The chill in the wind did not deter anyone from having a good time.

This christmas festivities for the office staff concluded with a barbecue held in the courtyard of the CRB office.

Special thanks is extended to all those people who helped make the above functions a success.



When Kerrin Grimshaw went to the staff car park at Warrnambool Division recently, she almost didn't recognise her Mini Clubman.

It was buried beneath balloons, ribbons, rolls of Sorbent and 'Getting Hitched' slogans—all of which were quiet appropriate as Kerrin was just about to get married.

Kerrin is a receptionist at Warrnambool Division.



### Dinner Dance

Seventy-one people wined, dined and danced till the early hours at Park Orchards Chalet. Renny was once again in the act, having a mortgage on the raffles—his table collected 2 bottles of bubbly and 1 box of chocolates. (He is banned from the raffle next year). The main prize (a bottle of Dexsal) was won by Hazel Ross—just what Andy needed.

### Children's Christmas Party

Father Christmas (Arnold Easton) presented 132 children with gifts at the annual Christmas Party at Glen Waverley Depot on Sunday 6 December. The weather was kind to us and a good time was had by all.

### Staff Breakup Parties

At 7am on Christmas Eve, the peace and quiet that generally surrounds the Blackburn Lake area was shattered when 24 early birds from the Division began celebrating the last working day before Christmas. As sausages, bacon and eggs sizzled, those awake were entertained by Dennis Maxwell, who showed the form that makes him one of Australia's top boomerang throwers. Following breakfast an impromptu cricket match was organised, with the bowling honours going to Alan (Cannonball) Turnbull. The batting honours were taken out by Peter (Slasher) Kotsanis who, on one occasion actually managed to hit the ball. Stumps were drawn around 8.30am when it was realised that the flexi clocks were not ticking.

After a short rest back at the desks it was then time to tackle the Christmas BBQ luncheon in the Divisional gardens. The revellers were entertained by the running of the first Division Iron-man and woman contest, Iron man contest was jointly won by Enzo Calvi and David Williamson. Val Pye was the Division's Iron Woman.

During the luncheon the D.E. presented his New Year's Honours list. Among the "honours" presented was the quote of the year, awarded to Trevor Phillips. The quote concerned a traffic study being conducted by Cliff Lawton regarding traffic movements to and from a large industry at Dandenong.

Cliff: "Do you know how many people work there?"

Trevor: "About half."



### Social Club Activities

#### Ten Pin Bowling

On Friday 6 November approximately 36 people attended a Ten Pin Bowling night at the Box Hill Bowl. Congratulations go to Renny Kratky who top-scored for the night in the men's section, to Lee Krathy and Maureen van Deuren who led the ladies in, and Katherine Turnbull who brought in the minor's division. It is bad luck Renny will have to wait another year to collect that elusive trophy, and it is no good pestering the Social Club committee.

Reporter: Ian Ellis

## BAIRNSDALE

### On Loan

Engineer Neil King is 'on loan' to Bridge Design for 3 months to give instructions on rural bridge design.

### Golf

Overseer Des Law cleaned up the competition at the CRB Melbourne Golf Day on 30th November. Des made the trip from Orbost worthwhile by bringing back the trophy for the senior event.

### Childrens Xmas Party

On Sunday 5th December, we held our Childrens Party at the Race Course again. Kevin Hadingham supplied some Life Be In It skis (complements of the depot) and with

horse rides, tug of war, treasure hunts and lots of goodies the day went off very well. The day started off with a BBQ which got everyone mixing in and set up a very relaxing atmosphere.

### Bee of a job

Our expert Bee keeper, Brian Bagley, has been called to two gatherings lately. One at the Squash Courts where patrons were refraining from entering the establishment and another swarm settled in a small scrub in the shopping centre, much to the concern of the local pre-Xmas shoppers.

### Definition

Expert—ex an unknown quantity  
spert a drip under pressure.



Reporter: Reg Marslen

Don Peckham has joined the ranks of lawn bowlers. According to his coach his form has been atrocious. This prompted Peter Ryall to challenge Don at his new game, Peter having had little success with past challenges in other sports, such as squash to name one. The match took place at the Bendigo Bowling Club under the watchful eye of Reg Marslen who acted as coach for both players, scorer, umpire and adjudicator. The game played was the popular 100 up. Peter commenced the game in notable fashion preferring to listen to Don rather than his coach, needless to say first and second bowl were delivered on the wrong bias. The wager was a bottle of scotch whisky (which Peter didn't want and Don can drink) against one dozen bottles of beer (which Don can't drink and Peter can). Don's form also prompted Reg to back Peter, at suitable odds, and a sizeable bet was placed. The result does not bear mentioning, suffice to say that Don Peckham has a bottle of scotch to supplement the beer and Reg had to play Don and win, at double or quits odds, to avoid having to explain to Rose his lack of finances. Reg got his money back but Peter hasn't got the whisky or the beer. It is expected that another challenge will be issued before the season ends, with different odds. According to Reg, Don has shown a remarkable improvement in a short space of time.



Reporter: Victor Lawther

Who was the roadmaster who went fishing with a bent piece of wire recently, and what was his catch?

Ray Trenfield was his name, and a set of keys, out of reach in a locked Patrol Office the catch.

Ray dutifully slammed the door of the F.T. Gully Patrol Office and went to drive off in his car, but alas, to his consternation, discovered he had left his keys on the office desk, keys to his car and the office!!! How to get them posed a problem, as there was no one else in the yard. The thought came to try the office window, but sadly that was a couple of sizes smaller than Ray's ample proportions! Eventually he did his 'Tom Sawyer' trick with a long piece of wire and was able to proceed on his merry way.

We reckon he'll check the whereabouts of his keys next time before slamming the door.

# DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT



**Reporter: Ken Mathers**

## Welcome

Fortunately our Accounts Section has had an influx of staff to bolster the ranks depleted by the mass exodus prior to Christmas. David Wood, our new Divisional Accountant, has already got onto the right side of the ledger by taking his first four weeks off on annual leave. During this period John Hartnett fresh from West Gate Project took up the purse strings admirably supported by other newcomers Bill Rae, ex-Assets and Equipment and Jamie Harris, Earnings and Tax Records, and not to forget the remnants of the old team in Shirley and Pat.

Mike Butler from Traffic Engineering has recently joined our Design Section whilst an internal reorganization has given this group the opportunity of retraining Col Kosky after his years in the Construction Section.

## Extended Holidays

At this stage there is a recession in Long Service Leave applicants, but Geoff Kloot has managed an extended break by attending the Traffic Management course at Sydney University. Unfortunately Geoff had to leave the family in Melbourne.

## Social News



Our Christmas function beside the pool at the Roy's establishment proved a great success and it is understood that the venue has already been booked for Christmas '82 as has the services of the organizers, caterers and cleaners Geoff Hose and Barry Schmidt and Company. Unfortunately we had the usual fickle weather and Greg Kelly has claimed to be the only person to brave the chilly waters. At the time of writing we are still not sure whether Greg fell or was pushed in as it happened so late no one has claimed to have witnessed the event.

The office party went off with its usual gusto despite the girls leaving early and the non appearance of Jack Waters in bike riding gear due to a stomach ailment. The Divisional Engineer was evidently last to leave on the pretext of bearing the responsibility for office security, but rumour has it he had to work up time for the flexi day he took during the Christmas-New Year period.

Lunch time pool still highlights the working day with no apparent lessening in standard of play, despite the transfer of our former coach Les Bull to Horsham. Bill Draper appears as the likely successor to the coaching role but is ever so reluctant as he now spends most of the lunch break with only one foot in the coaching box.



## Retirements

Well known Board identity Dick Mathews, Workshop Foreman, retired on 23 November 1981 after 30 years service with the Board.

Indifferent health over the past 18 months necessitated Dick's early retirement.

A farewell retirement dinner with approximately 60 persons in attendance was held at the Royal Hotel, Horsham for Dick on 20 November.

A very good evening was had by all with many of Dick's friends coming from Glen Waverley and various other regional centres.

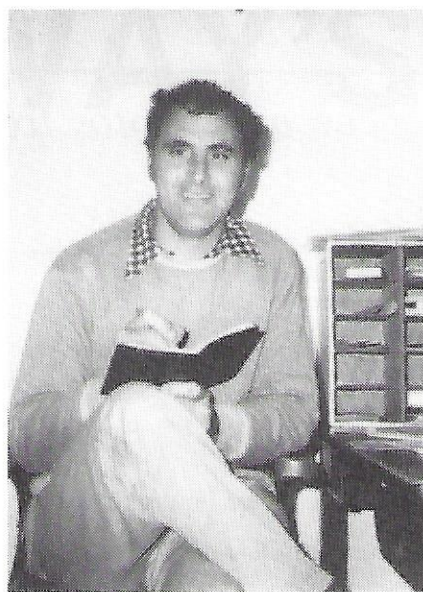
The D.E. presented a stereo record player to Dick on behalf of the Division.

Geoff Hocking presented Dick with a set of pewter mugs on behalf of the Workshop Foreman and members of Mechanical Sub-Branch.

Geoff also relayed comments made by other Workshop Foremen at the November Conference.

These comments are typified by Col Turner Bendigo. He said "I miss that lankey b....., its hard to get support now. They all pick on me. I am getting shot down in flames."

This and other comments from regional foremen serve to show the esteem in which Dick was held during his long term with the Board and as Workshop Foreman, Horsham.



*Peter Simmons, an instructor driver at Traralgon Depot, knows a lot of the men on the roads around his Division. So if that's your territory, and you've got something of interest for Interchange, let Peter know—he's one of our two diligent reps at Traralgon and he'd only be too happy to pass material on to the Editor.*

*Sonia Delost is our other equally hard-working reporter, Traralgon readers please note. Her photograph will appear in a forthcoming issue of Interchange.*

Welcome to Les Bull, Divisional Accountant, Brad Clarke, Engineer, and Chris Tippet, Apprentice Motor Mechanic. We hope they have a long and happy stay with us.

The CRB Ladies Social Club held their Christmas Party at the Marma Gully Hotel at Murtoa. Everybody travelled to Murtoa by bus, and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

The Office Social Club held their Christmas Party at the Horsham Golf Club. A good night was had by all.



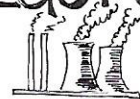
*Lisa Neal's hobby is horse training and riding in Gymkhanas and local Shows.*

*The picture shows Lisa's horse Blue boy, one of four she owns, who was broken in early this year and had his first round of showing this year. He has done extremely well with placings at Horsham Gymkhana (3rd) and 4th and*

*5th at the Horsham Show. He came 3rd at Ararat Show recently in which he competed against horses that had been in the Melbourne and Adelaide Shows.*

*Photo: Lisa on Blue Boy after winning 3rd place at Ararat Show in October.*

# TRARALGON



**Reporters: Sonia Delost & Peter Simmons**

## Patrols

Welcome to J Speed and J McLean and congratulations to M Avery on his promotion to Patrolman, Yarram Patrol. Congratulations also to B Harrison on his promotion to Patrolman Cl. 2, Traralgon Patrol.

Les (Snow) Simmonds who passed away suddenly prior to Christmas, will be sadly missed from the Traralgon Patrol and by all who knew him.

## Leave

L Dove, R Hennes and B Ritchie will all be taking LSL soon. We wish them an enjoyable break and we hope that you remember to return to work 'fellas'.

## Sick Leave

D Newby (Steneographer) is now recovering after a recent operation. We are hoping she is resting and aiming for a speedy recovery so we can see her back at the keys soon.

B Busk (Foster Patrol) while on LSL injured his hip and we believe he isn't enjoying himself as much as he could. We all hope to see him back soon.

## Quotes

A supervising Engineer was overheard explaining to an Overseer that "the new watermain location would be round-about the roundabout".



Citizen to Roadmaster after a violent storm. "The wind was so strong that it blew over trees that had been blown over before." Now that's strong.

# road planning

**Reporter: Judy Boardman**

## Office Movement

We say farewell to Mick Wood who has been seconded to West Gate for 12 months (God help West Gate), and welcome back both John Farthing (returning from West Gate), and Peter Bon (returning from Dandenong). We also welcome George Curran, Engineer, from Bridge.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Ross Gordon on his recent appointment to Class 4. His new suit (hired especially for the interview) does wonders for the office image, but the green tartan vest will be sadly missed.

## Social

Road Planning staff certainly had a Merry Christmas!! We kicked off the season with our divisional Christmas Party which this year was a Bar-B-Que at Studley Park on the 6th December. After competing with the S.E.C. social club for a spot in the park, we had a very enjoyable lunch cooked by capable chefs, Sven Eriksson, David Trace and Mick Wood. The weather was great, and seventy adults and children had a pleasant day. The only loss for the day was Robyn's frisbee, which went missing in action, feared drowned.

We finished the season on a good note with a Champagne breakfast at Alexandra Gardens, Kew, on the 24th December along with Traffic Engineering (and the rest of the Board) we had hot dogs and chicken for breakfast, which was a great way to start the day.

## General

We congratulate Peter Bartlett and wife Glenda on the recent arrival of their new daughter Christy Jade. We feel sure Peter will make a great dad but God help the boyfriends in later years. We were pleased to hear that Trevor Smith and wife are finally expecting their first child (after much practice) and Helen Crompton and hubby are also expecting their first child.

Two recent weddings in the division have left our fleet of Bachelors a little depleted. Joseph Gentile was married in December and Bruno Aleksic to Rosemarie in February. Two great gals sadly bite the dust.

John McLean and wife are about to go overseas for 12 months.

# MATERIALS

**Reporter: Lee Scott**

## Welcome

Peter Balf is the new Section Leader in the Geotechnical Section. Peter was previously with Seymour Division.

Welcome also to Sandra Poli (typist) in the Admin. office.

The new Engineer in the Pavement Section is Bruce Gidley from the Dandenong Division.

## Farewell

Keith McKenry, Engineer in Geotech. has returned to Caulfield Institute after 6 months with the Board.

Peter Hodges resigned from the Instrumentation Lab in December.

Farewell and good luck to Bryan Weinberg who is now at the Geelong Division.

## General

Congratulations to Paul Davies on his reclassification as an E.O.1 from a Special Fitter.

Simone Servais is on leave until March, as her parents are visiting from Belgium. Dr Jim Holden is once again in the good old U.S. of A. This time as an advisor for the building of another Socket Inspection Device for the Florida Road Building Authority.

Steve Brown (Geotech) and his wife have gone to Europe on a skiing trip. Michael Betts was given a surprise 'Stip-o-gram' for his birthday. The MD Tennis Tournament Championship was won by Rob Van Tilburg and Geoff Jameson.

The Christmas party held at Roy Gilmour's residence was a huge success. The food and drink was plentiful and delicious and the weather and surroundings were perfect for the occasion.

Everyone wishes to thank Roy and Laura for the use of their lovely home. Also thanks to Margaret Goddard and John Jobson for all their hard work organising the sheep on spits,

Eileen for just about everything and to all the people who contributed with the food.

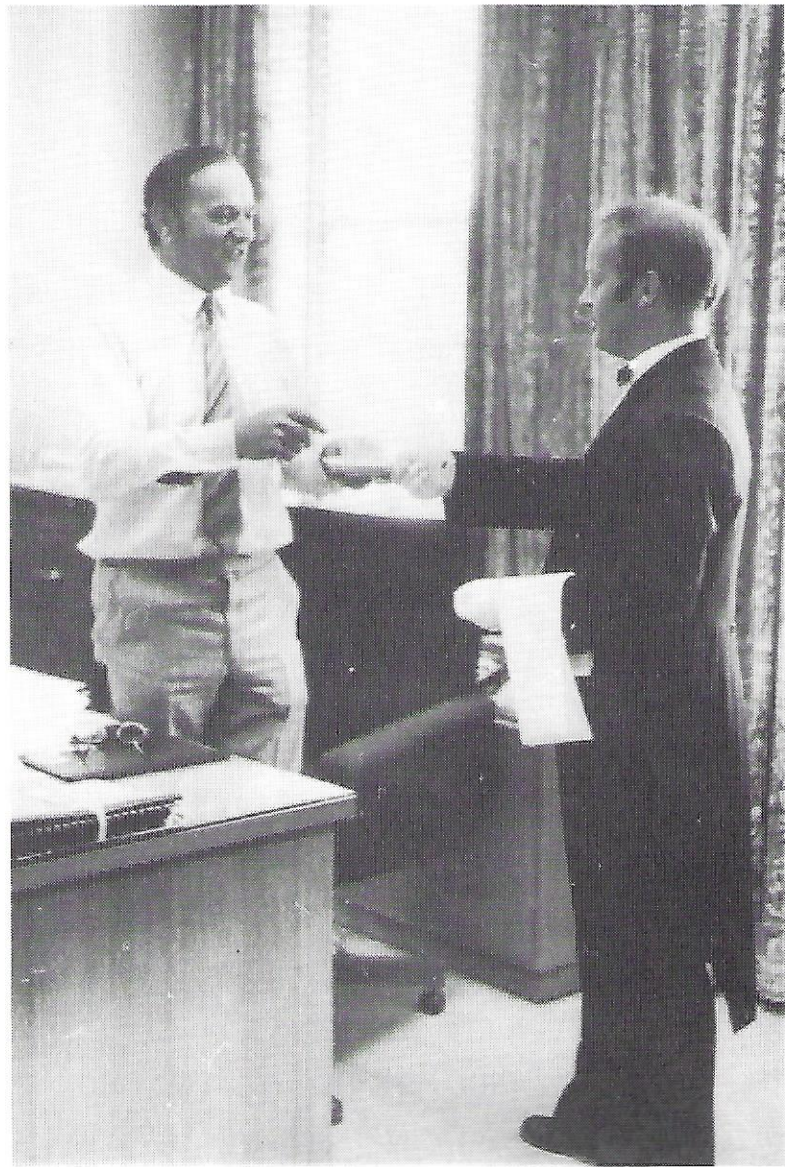


Our Chicken and Champagne Breaky held on the 'break up' morning went off very well and was enjoyed by everyone. At the end of the party I was wheeled back to work in a Supermarket trolley, up in the lift and abandoned in Peter Lowe's office. For once I was lost for words!

## Get Well

A get well wish from allof MD is for Tony Babos who suffered from a heart attack on January 13th.

# Tea-with style!



It's not very often Ian Mullen decides to take on the role of the office tea lady.

But when he does—it's done in style!

The CRB Chairman, Mr Tom Russell, is seen here accepting a cup of tea from a formally attired Ian when he did the tea rounds on the morning of Christmas Eve.

Ian emphasises that it's not normal protocol on the Fifth Floor.

"I just thought I'd provide some lighthearted relief from the day to day routine" he said.

## INTERCHANGE CLASSIES

### MARRIAGES

**ALEKSIC:** Bruno (RP) and Rosemarie in February.

**FOLEY:** Chris (Wodonga) married Lois Northey at Corowa on 28th November.

**GENTILE:** Joseph (RP) was married in December.

**NEAL:** Lisa (Horsham) and Robert on 20th March.

**SCAMMELL;** Colin (Traralgon) and Marilyn Templeston (Traralgon) on 20th February. After a touring honeymoon of NSW they will make their home in Traralgon.

### BIRTHS

**BARTLETT:** Peter (RP) and Glenda a girl Christy Jade.

**BRUIN:** Robert (Dandenong) and Geraldine, a son, Benjamin Paul.

**CHUDASKO:** Harry (Dandenong) and Sarra a daughter, Rebecca Lee, sister for David and Adrian.

**CORCORAN:** Les (Dandenong) and Tina a son, John William.

**MORRIS:** Gail (Personnel) and Michael (Eastern Freeway). Congratulations on the birth of Simon Nathan on 25th December.

**PRICE:** Ian (Dandenong) and Miriam, a daughter, Rachel Miriam, born on New Years Day, sister for Katherine, Jonathan and Timothy.

Send your classifieds to The Editor, Interchange, c/o Public Relations Ground Floor HEAD OFFICE

### ENGAGEMENTS

**BARNFATHER:** Karen (Personnel) and Jurgen Heselschwerdt (Printing), announced their engagement on 25th December.

**PARKIN:** Christine (Ballarat) and Gary Hickson on 3rd December 1981.

### DEATHS

**SIMMONDS:** Les (Snow) (Traralgon) Patrol Assistant on 11th December.

### GENERAL

We are happy to advise that Pete Lindsay's dog "Roscoe" has survived the operation and is now better.

### RETIREMENTS

**BORMAN:** Wally (Horsham) Motor Mechanic, retired on 5th January due to ill health after 23 years service.

**BURRIS:** Roy (Horsham) retired on 13th January.

**MATHEWS:** Dick (Horsham) retired on 23rd November (see Divvy notes)

**PURCHASE:** Ron (Horsham) Tractor Operator, retired on 13th November.

**REIDY:** Tom (Wodonga).

**STOJANOVIC:** Stemenko (Horsham) retired on 27th December after 30 years service.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

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

### Sportsdesk



## PRINTING SECTION ON THE WARPATH

'We'll take on anyone!'

Printing Section is confident and eager—and is prepared to confront anybody in a social game of one-day cricket.

That is the challenge from printer Henry Matthewman, who successfully captained his section recently against Kew's Greyhound Hotel in an exciting game at Elgar Park, Box Hill. The team from the Greyhound consisted of hotel staff and regular patrons.

Printing belted its way to a 25 run victory in the second annual Printing vs Greyhound Cricket Challenge.

Top batsmen for Printing were Henry, Chris Allan and Kim Edmonds.

Following the victory, Henry is full of confidence and has faith that his team are ready for anybody.

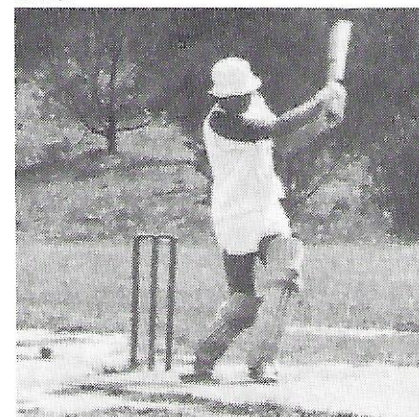
"And that includes Estates," he stressed.

It is well known that Estates provides a healthy percentage of players for the CRB versus Public Works Department Cricket Challenge every year. Henry isn't perturbed at all by these sorts of references, however.

The formidable line-up. Recently they demonstrated that their talents just weren't in off-set printing.

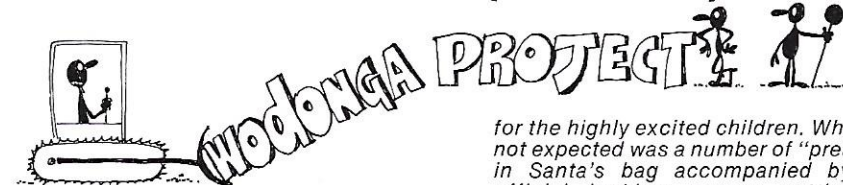
Henry adds that he is impressed with his team's mastery display of cricket because: "the opposition had one sub-district player and four other regular players. There aren't any regular cricketers on our team."

Anybody who seriously wants to take up Henry's fearless challenge can ring him at Head Office on extension 2006.



Ian Carnegie, Senior Reprographics Officer, shows his batting skills during the Printing Section - Greyhound Hotel cricket match.

## DIVISIONAL NOTES (Continued)

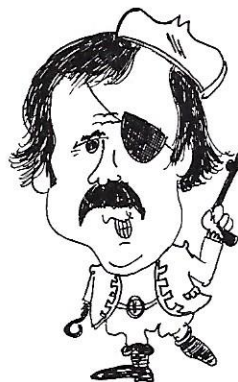


Reporter: Bruce Phillips

### Welcome Mat

Latest additions to the staff and newly arrived at Wodonga are:

Roger Thorp, Engineer, Ian Lister, Experimental Officer, Frank Robinson, Clerk of Works, Ian Kemp, Clerk of Works Assistant—all ex Seymour Project Staff.



The number of ex Seymour Project Staff at Wodonga now numbers six and this fact has apparently earned the Project Engineer the title of Bruce "the Pirate" Phillips in the Seymour area.

### Retirement

Overseer Tom Reidy retired, after 26 years service with the Board, on 4 January 1982. Tom who is highly respected by field personnel, engineers and contractors alike, will be sorely missed.

### Children's Xmas Party

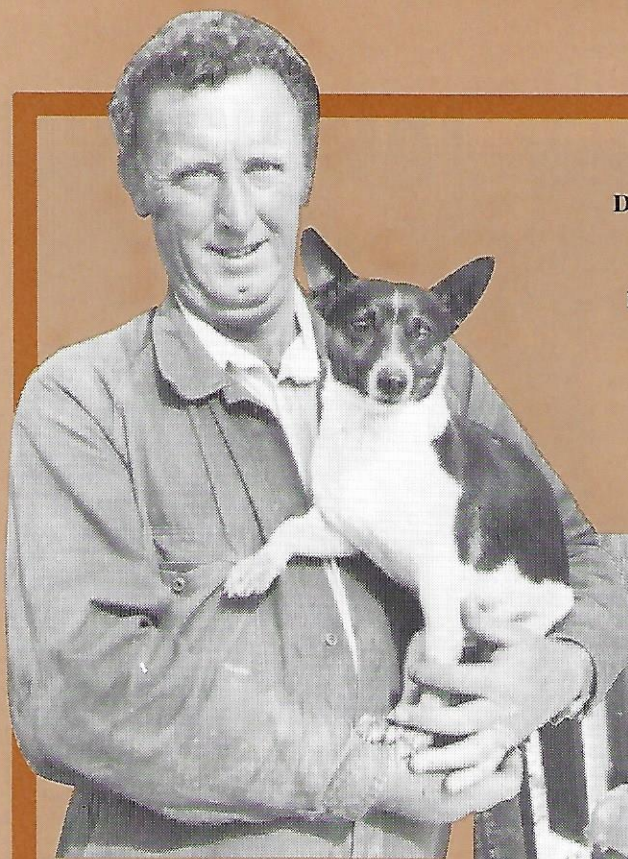
The children's Christmas party was held at Mclean Park, Bandiana, on Sunday 27 December. The undoubted highlight of the day was Santa's arrival with presents

for the highly excited children. What was not expected was a number of "presents" in Santa's bag accompanied by very official looking memos setting out instructions for use.

Recipients were: Debbie Deretic—pair of ear muffs with attached pixie ears to avoid hearing damage whilst answering telephone. Bill Farrell—a chart in the form of a baseball diamond with which to make "ball park" estimates. Paul Tucker—a hard hat adorned with a pair of horns, a candle and pig tail for leading cattle through the newly constructed abattoir cattle underpass. Norm Esdale—a bag full of balloons for attachment to survey instruments to prevent them from blowing over. Gerry Turner—a packet of breadcrumbs—being a secret additive for crushed rock pavement material. Bruce Phillips—a complete pavement construction kit with labelled jars of ingredients and mixing implements. The instructions stipulated that the process and ingredients were subject to being Mervanised or Moodyised at any stage of work—whatever that may mean!

### Xmas Breakup Dinner

Field personnel staged their Christmas break up with a dinner at the Stump Hotel Bandiana on 23 December. A very enjoyable evening ensued with field personnel, contractors and office staff voicing opinions on the state of the nation, the Board, the job and society in general. The Christmas atmosphere was diminished a little by the imminent retirement of overseer Tom Reidy. Tom Pitts acted as spokesman for the work force and Bruce Phillips for the Board in paying tribute to Tom's character, attitude and work. These sentiments were endorsed by contractors Geoff Cheshire and Jimmy Jackson and supported by acclamation and three cheers for the whole gathering. Tom in an emotional response concluded by wishing the Project team every success in bringing the Wodonga Project into reality.



Traralgon Division's D.E. Dr David Currie and the CRB Chairman Mr Tom Russell talk to a resident at the opening of the Princes Freeway bypass of Drouin in February. →



↑ Work began on the \$26.5 million Barnawartha to Wodonga section of the Hume Freeway. Pictured above are two employees on the project: truck driver Tom Pitts and his diligent canine offside, Spot. The whole project is scheduled to be finished by 1986.



Men at work: this time on the \$15.6 million Princes Freeway bypass of Berwick, under the control of Dandenong Division. →

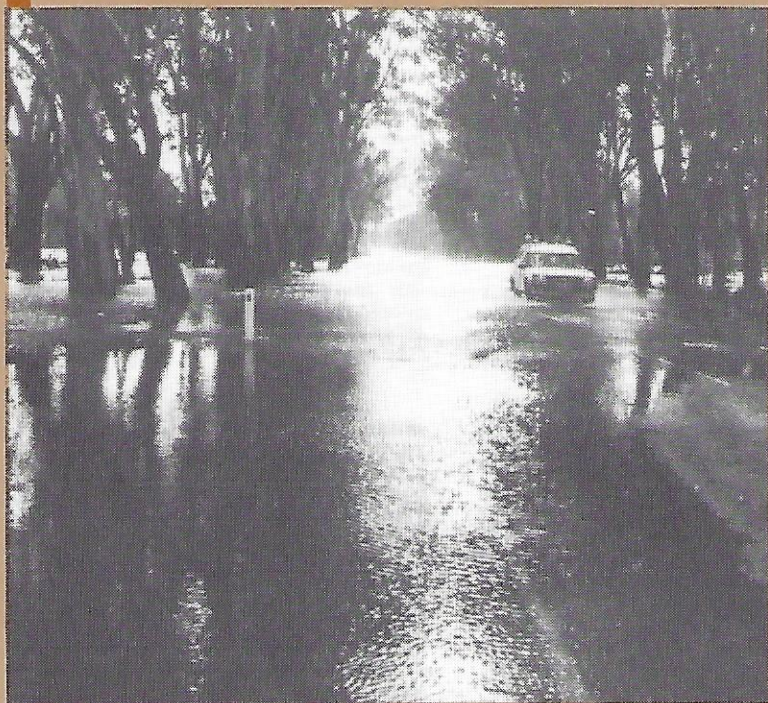
The final section of the Mulgrave Freeway, from Huntingdale Road to Warrigal Road, was opened in June 1981—two decades after Victoria's first freeway, the Maltby Bypass, was opened. Victoria's Transport Minister Mr Maclellan stands in front of the banner which also features the new CRB logo. →



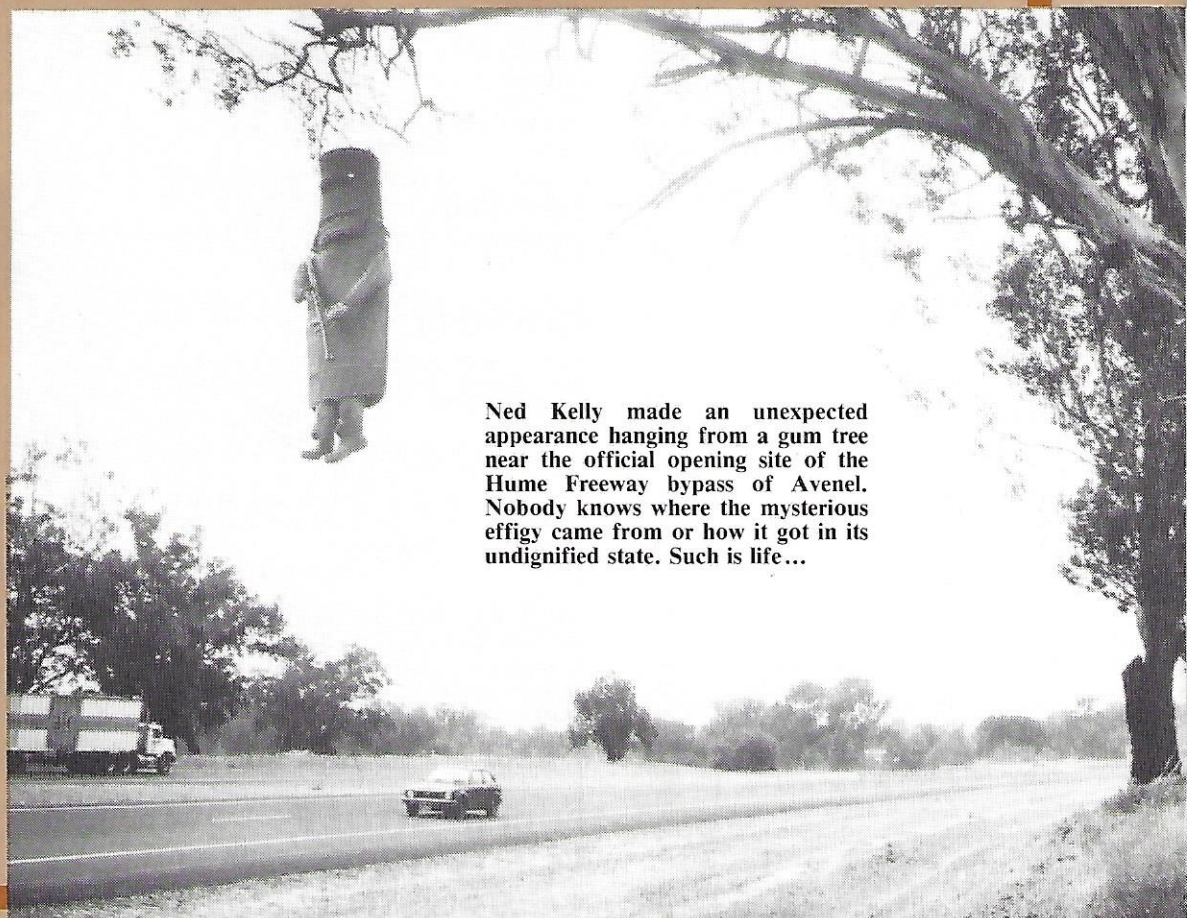
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## IN PICTURES

Benalla Division snowclearing teams got snowed under with work when heavy drifts closed the Harrietville approach to Mt Hotham during August. But the keen skiers still flocked to the other alpine resorts. Here a CRB photographer joins fellow motorists on the Bogong High Plains Road as he fits snow chains to his car. →



↑ Slippery when wet—the Ovens Highway near Wangaratta was under water when the rains came in mid-Winter.



Ned Kelly made an unexpected appearance hanging from a gum tree near the official opening site of the Hume Freeway bypass of Avenel. Nobody knows where the mysterious effigy came from or how it got in its undignified state. Such is life...