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AN EXTRAORDINARY EGG!



The Midland Highway in South Gippsland is well known by locals for its meandering route, spectacular scenery and Easter Eggs. Easter Eggs?

About 15 km north of Welshpool (pop. 276), on the side of the Highway, sits this large, colourful Easter Egg, and it's become somewhat of a landmark in this peaceful agricultural district.

According to Ian Inglis, an engineer at Traralgon Division, the egg is actually a boulder. "Approximately five or six years ago the boulder was dislodged from an adjacent batter and fell to the road," Ian explained. It was pushed to its present location, where an anonymous artist took his paintbrush to it with fervour.

The budding would-be Picasso obviously made every endeavour to create an original piece of work, and to be fair has achieved just that. After all, how many Easter Eggs of this magnitude do you see when cruising the State's Highways?

Pictured above with the extraordinary, ostentatious egg are, from left, John McLean, John Speed and Mick Avery — all from the road patrol on the Midland.

Below: John Speed, Patrol Assistant, on the 'Easter Rock'



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We're Having A Ball

When was the last time you went to the CRB Ball?

Come on now, be frank! It has been a while, hasn't it?

Well, you can reform your poor track record and put Friday 7th May in your appointment book as a very important social date: namely, the 1982 CRB Ball.

Ticket sales are on NOW, and there are still plenty of tables catering for parties of six, eight or ten.



The venue for this year is the Kew Civic Centre. For country readers (we hope to see you there too of course), the Centre is located on Cotham Road.

Head Office staff can obtain tickets from the HOSA shop on first floor. Others can ring the HOSA Secretary Carolyn Amey on extension 2060.

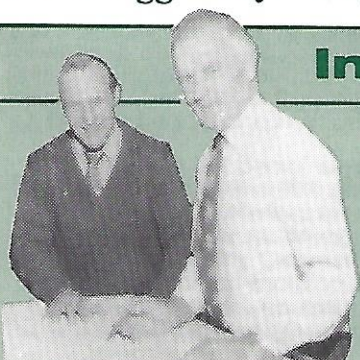
Miss CRB will be there so that's just another excuse to bring along your camera and flash.

Dress is semi-formal. "That means you can wear a dinner jacket if you want to but nobody will worry if you turn up in a sports coat!" says Carolyn.

It's a Bring Your Own affair and tickets cost \$32 for members and \$34 for non-members.

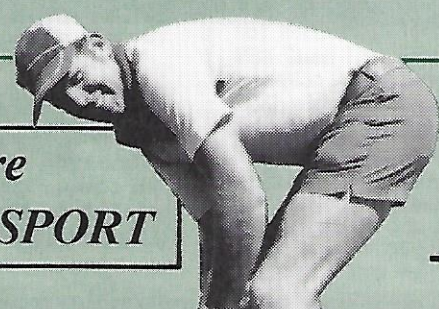
You can start the ball rolling by contacting your friendly HOSA rep. right now.

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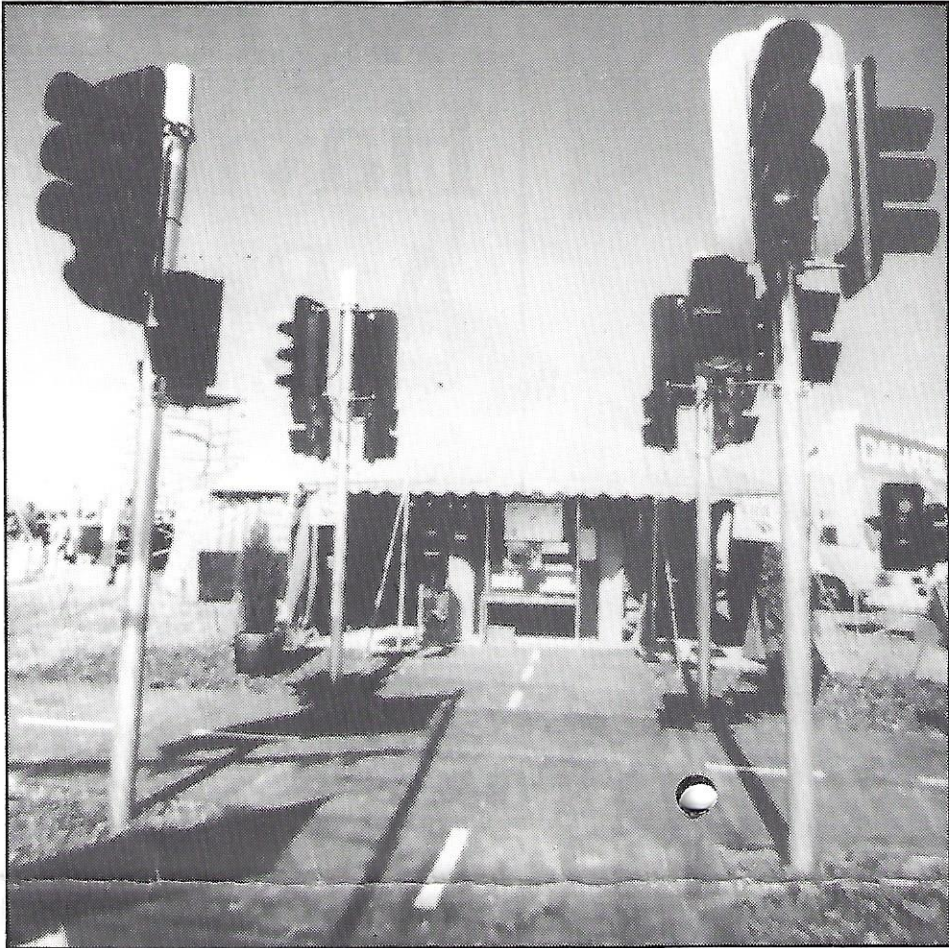


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CRB success at Civenex



SCRAM — on display at Civenex

The CRB again hosted the two day Conference of Municipal Engineers, held in conjunction with the Local Government Engineers' Association of Victoria. The Conference was followed by visits to the Civil Engineering Exhibition at Werribee Park and a tour of the construction work at the Art Centre.

The 38th Conference was held in mid March 1982 and included a Seminar on the "Community Benefits of Roads" which was attended by about 500 people including Members of Parliament, Municipal Councillors, Municipal Engineers and Representatives from Road User Groups. The Seminar arranged in association with the Victorian Division of the Institution of Engineers Australia was officially opened by the then Victorian Minister of Transport, the Honourable Robert Maclellan, MLA.

In conjunction with the Conference the LGEA held their annual Civil Engineering Exhibition known as Civenex. The venue was again Werribee Park and equipment demonstrated at the exhibit was used to commence construction of the National Rose Garden Project.

The CRB display at Civenex featured the SCRAM Project (Signal Co-ordination of Regional Areas in Melbourne) and the use of delineation markers and markings on roads.

As in past years a Special Review Committee assessed the stands for the presentation of five awards. The CRB exhibit won the award for the Most Imaginative Display.

The SCRAM traffic signal system is designed to improve traffic flow along roads by linking traffic signals to regional computers.

By monitoring changes in traffic flow, the signal phases can be altered through the use of the computer to maintain traffic flow.

The exhibit featured a display of SCRAM equipment, traffic control pedestals with various signal phases and a computer terminal connected, via a Telecom line, to the operating Melbourne SCRAM network.

An early traffic signal controller was also on display to demonstrate how traffic signal technology has developed over the years.

The exhibit also included a static display on delineation markers and markings with samples of retroreflective materials displayed in a dark tunnel to simulate the night delineation of a state highway as seen in vehicle headlights.

A brochure explaining the SCRAM system was also available at the display.

The display was a combined effort of the Traffic Engineering Division, the Traffic Signal Maintenance Section at Glen Waverley and the Public Relations Section.

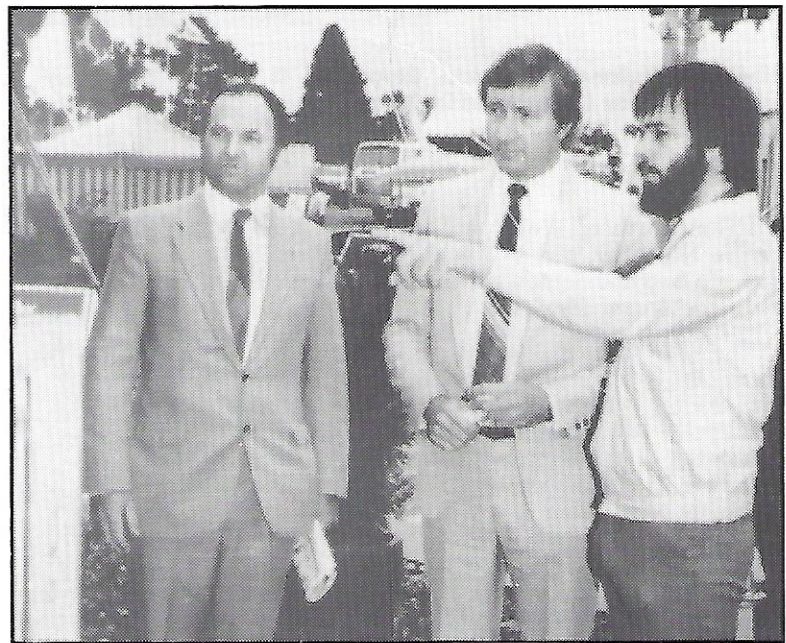
Gold for Mr Cooper



At a special Board luncheon on March 22nd, Mr Russell Cooper was presented with gold cuff links to commemorate 43 years service with the CRB. He retired from the CRB on March 24th.

The CRB Chairman, Mr Tom Russell, (right) is seen presenting the award to Mr Cooper in the Board dining room.

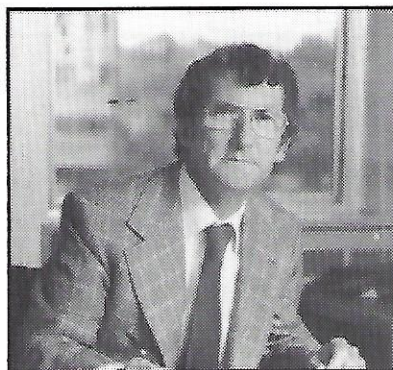
Mr Cooper will be replaced by Mr R J Bulman. Mr W Turner will be Deputy Chief Accountant.



Greg Tinkler (right), an engineering assistant from Traffic Engineering, discusses the display with the CRB Chairman Mr Tom Russell (left) and the then Minister for Local Government and Planning, Mr Lou Lieberman, at Civenex in March.

Senior Appointments

New Estates Officer



Mr Jack Foster was appointed as Estates Officer on March 1st, 1982.

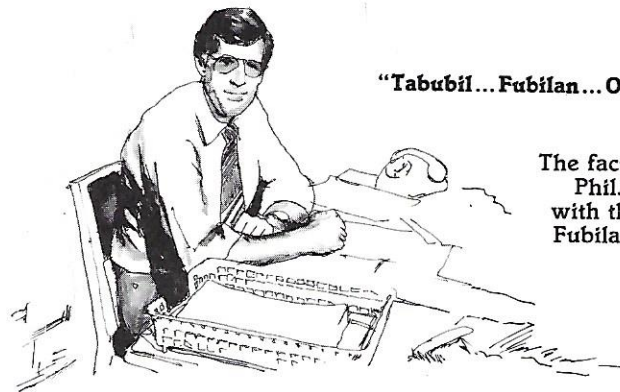
He will replace Mr David Veitch who has resigned to join the Railway Construction and Property Board.

Mr Foster joined the CRB as a Training Officer in May, 1968. He has been Personnel Manager since February, 1979.

Other positions he has held in Head Office include Contracts Officer, Personnel Officer and Deputy Estates Officer.

Two CRB engineers have resigned to seek new opportunities abroad. Geoff Hose, Project Engineer of the Calder Freeway, Keilor Section, is now in South Thailand working for the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation, Phil Marshall, from Asphalt Division, is working for Bechtel in New Guinea's rugged north west. Interchange spoke to both them before their departure...

On the Kokoda Trail



"Tabubil... Fubilan... OK Tedi... Ningerum..." Phil Marshall rolls off the foreign names with impressive fluency.

The fact is, within a few months the names will be anything but foreign for Phil. He's resigned from the CRB to take up the role of 'project engineer' with the US giant, Bechtel. The job will be taking him to New Guinea's Mt. Fubilan, in a remote, mountainous region in the north west, 18 kilometres from the West Irian border.

"Bechtel is involved in the one billion dollar OK Tedi development scheme". Phil told Interchange, "It's New Guinea's second major copper and gold mining project. I'll be involved in a 160 km access road".

Phil Marshall: high rainfall won't dampen his spirits in New Guinea

"The road project itself has got every facet of engineering in it from a road construction point of view".

Phil obviously is keen on his new venture, although the working conditions won't exactly be idyllic. There are no proper roads, and access is only by aeroplanes which land at nearby 'Ningerum International' and 'Tabubil International'. Walking is the most common form of transport.

"We can expect rain 312 to 340 days a year" Phil says, "so it can get rather wet".

As one of the largest engineering companies in world, Bechtel has done everything possible to improve living conditions. Staff will have access to a library, movies, table tennis, billiards and video tapes. "I've even learnt a bit of pidgin English," boasts Phil. "Kik Belo"... that means Alarm Clock!"

Phil, who has been with Metropolitan Division, Road Design Asphalt Division, began his engineering career with a Board Cadetship in 1972.

"I've done design, construction and maintenance work, so I've virtually covered the whole spectrum of road construction."

"I'll now be working six, 10 hour days a week in New Guinea. On Sundays I'll be occupied writing letters, washing... that sort of thing. Oh, I'll be doing a bit of bushwalking too."

The high rainfall is the biggest hurdle that will plague Phil in his new role. "Drainage and landslides will be the major problems"

Phil's wife and two children hope to join him in about six months. "It all depends on when the accommodation quarters are built. And they can't be built until an access road—to bring in construction material—is completed. It's too costly to fly in building equipment."

With that sort of motive, Phil Marshall may very well be breaking a few records in road construction.

THE EGG STORY

By now you're probably sick of the sight of milk chocolate, Crumble Munchers and Polly Waffles, but has it ever occurred to you where the Easter Egg custom emanated from?

According to one theory, Easter Eggs are symbols of **CREATION**.

Egyptians and other ancient races believed the world was shaped like an egg. They attributed the egg shape to a belief that the Creator had made an egg and the world was 'hatched' from this immense spheroidal body.

We can blame this theory to the legendary Greek poet and lyreplayer, Orpheus.

The tradition of exchanging an egg on Easter Saturday is thought to have originated during the Roman Empire. It was forbidden to consume eggs during Lent, but not during Easter.

It wasn't until 1847, however, that the English company Fry and Sons developed chocolate foods. Thirty years later the enterprising Swiss added milk to a chocolate product and gave birth to the idea of chocolate eggs.

Geoff joins the men from the Snowy

When one talks about the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation, one instantly thinks about dams.

So, what is a nice guy like Geoff Hose doing working for a large organization that builds dams?

After all, Geoff is a personality around Metropolitan Division. He's been an integral part of the \$24 million Calder Freeway project since 1970.

"The Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation is now a consulting engineering body", Geoff explains, "It consults governments in aid projects all over the world."

It was formed from the Snowy Mountains Scheme in the 1960's, and now involves engineers on dam projects and road projects.

And that's where Geoff Hose fits into SMEC.

Geoff left the CRB in March to take up a position with the Corporation in South Thailand, where he'll join a team of 17 Australians working with the Thailand - Australian Rural Improvement Project.

"My main role there will be with the construction of sealed rural roads."

"The Australian Government provides all the plant and the Thai Government provides the manpower...all 600 of them."

Geoff's new title will be Deputy Project Manager, and he expects to start in early April. He'll be living with his wife and three children in a two storey house that's even equipped with "a live-in maid".

How does his wife feel about the shift? "Terrific! She's very keen and it'll be a change from the routine life in Balwyn".

Geoff says that they'll be living about 80km north of the Malaysian border. "We'll be based in a rather developed commercial area of Thailand," he adds.

In fact, Thailand is one of the more developed countries where SMEC sends its engineers, geologists and surveyors—at present the Corporation also has staff in Ghana, Kenya, South Yemen, Kathmandu and somewhere in Nepal.

Geoff is obviously looking forward to his new job in a new country. "It'll be good for the kids to see somebody else's culture".

When he's not providing advice on compaction, grading and spraying bitumen, Geoff plans to travel. "I'd expect to see all of South East Asia the time I'll be there".

That, basically, is what a nice guy like Geoff Hose is doing working for a large organization like the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation.

• Geoff Hose: he's now working for the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation... building roads!



YELLOW PERIL

Overseer, Barry Perkins, from the Werrabee duplication project, has learnt that painting survey marks can be a hazardous occupation. Barry was shown a simple, straightforward method by a colleague of how to remove plastic tops from spray paint cans. Barry attempted to strike the top off his can but could only manage to puncture the side — consequently spraying himself with an aesthetically pleasing shade of yellow. After two hours in the bath and two litres of turpentine Barry emerged a cleaner — but wiser — overseer. He has now enlisted himself in special 'can opening classes' which, we understand, he should pass 'with flying colours'.



SNAKE IN THE GRASS

Dennis Summerfield, who lives at Barnawartha, is a bird fancier (feathered variety as well) and breeds prize whistling canaries. Dennis had one such bird separated into an isolation cage and returned one evening to find a snake in residence in the the cage ...and no bird to be seen! It seems that the snake had forced the cage bars apart sufficiently to enter, consumed the canary whole and been too fat to escape. Being sated anyway, the snake had curled up and promptly gone to sleep. Needless to say Dennis disposed of the voracious reptile. There has to be a moral involved and it might be that: "bird chasing can land you behind bars".

AND MORE ANIMAL TALES FROM THE WODONGA PROJECT...

Frank Robinson, who has already commenced work at Wodonga, shortly has to move his furniture and effects from Euroa to Wodonga. No ordinary furniture van will accomplish the task satisfactorily because numbered amongst Frank's "effects" are: 1 donkey, 4 sheep, 3 ducks, 1 shetland pony, 3 galahs, 6 quail, 1 dog, 3 turtles, 6 parrots—5 golden rings—4 terrapins, 3 pair of pheasants, 2 peacocks and a partridge in a pear tree.

Anybody got an Ark for hire?

NEW LOOK LOGO



We're not too sure where this contribution came from—the author was anonymous.

But the drawing, which bears an uncanny resemblance to the CRB logo, arrived in our mailbag recently so we thought it at least deserved a brief acknowledgement.

EO WINS V.M.Q.T.

From Bairnsdale we've just heard that Engineering Assistant, Brian Sampson, has successfully retained the Victorian Mini Quest Title. Before you let your imagination get the better of you, the Quest ISN'T hosted by Bert Newton nor do participants show off the latest in autumn fashions. Our Interchange rep. assures us that a Mini Quest "features entrants from recognized yacht clubs who race 14 foot catamarans". All of which is a bit of a let down because we're told that Brian has "very nice legs" and "comes up well in a bikini".



Bob takes on a new calling

Bob Gooch has joined the exodus north and is going to work in Queensland. Unlike a lot of Victorians who have migrated to the Sunshine State, however, Bob won't be selling real estate or surfboards.

He is resigning as Assistant Divisional Engineer at Warrnambool to take up a position with the Anglican Church—in the isolated Diocese of Carpenteria.

Basically Bob will be one of five priests working in a pastoral district occupying almost half of Queensland.

An unusual move for an engineer, you say?

On the contrary, for Bob it is quite a logical—and expected—step.

He was ordained deacon with the Anglican Church in 1972 and priest in 1979. Since 1972 he has been working as an honorary curate in the Warrnambool parish.

Bob and his wife Betty will easily adapt to the wide, open spaces north of the Tropic of Capricorn. They spent 16 months at Cooktown in 1979 and 1980 when he relieved the priest in charge of a local parish there.

"I'll be taking the same position in Cooktown as I had then," Bob said. "My wife and I have been preparing for this work for some time with the idea of moving there when I retire. The opportunity came up sooner than I expected so we've decided to make the shift now."

The move will be taking Bob to 'the great outdoors' in more ways than one, as an integral part of the work will be involved with the Carpenteria Aerial Mission—a sort of Flying Clergy Service.

"The Mission's principle function is to provide a ministry to outback areas," Bob said. "We also supplement the work of land base ministries when roads are closed, and provide an emergency service for people involved in accidents or sudden illness."

The headquarters of the Diocese is located on Thursday Island, one of those little specks of land masses sitting atop of Cape York, the most northern point on the Australian continent, 800 kilometres north of Cairns.

His most isolated visits, however, will be west—to the Bowthorn homestead, a sprawling cattle station bordering the Northern Territory. Its rugged terrain is enough to make any red-blooded Leyland brother shudder in his Land-Rover.

"It's right off any commercial air service and even in the dry season you need four-wheel drive vehicles to get there."

As well as making long distant calls to homesteads, Bob will be visiting the many aborigine settlements scattered throughout the Cape York Peninsula.

Bob joined the CRB in 1946 and says that he finds engineering "very enjoyable".

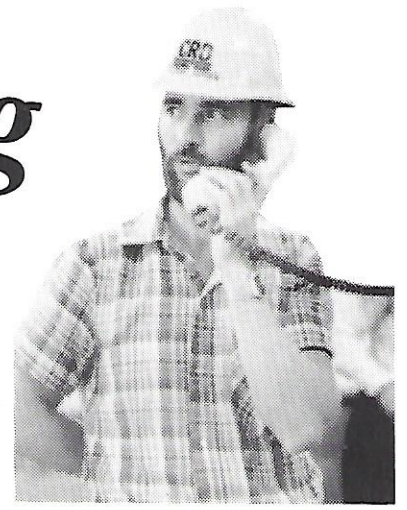
He has worked in Bairnsdale Division too, and also had a satisfying time when he was with Bridge Construction.

"It was an extremely good crew working in Construction at that stage and there was a lot of new work around in the 1950s and 1960s."

As ADE at Warrnambool, Bob Gooch has been working one of the CRB's more remote divisional offices. But distance and isolation take on a new meaning for the Gooch family after mid-April—especially when one considers that Bob's new 'office' will be about one and a half times the size of Victoria.

Photo: Bob outside the Warrnambool Divisional Office.

Knowing the Drill



• David Pope — (Computer Operations Supervisor-come-Deputy Floor Warden) during the fire drill

The alert signal let out a piercing call at 10.31 am.

Thirteen minutes later the Head Office building was deserted. The evacuation drill was over.

And the exercise—the evacuation of all staff from the Head Office building—proved an overwhelming success.

"We evacuated in much less time than we originally considered," said Bill Gill, the Office Services Manager.

"We thought it would take 45 minutes ... but everybody was out in 13."

The fire drill exercise, held on 10th February, was organised by Office Services Section, and involved members of the Head Office Emergency Control Organisation and nominated fire wardens.

Coincidentally, it all happened just two days after the United Firefighters' Union spoke out against fire protection in Melbourne. The Union warned that fire precautions in many buildings were inadequate, and claimed that these included a lot of Government and commercial office buildings.

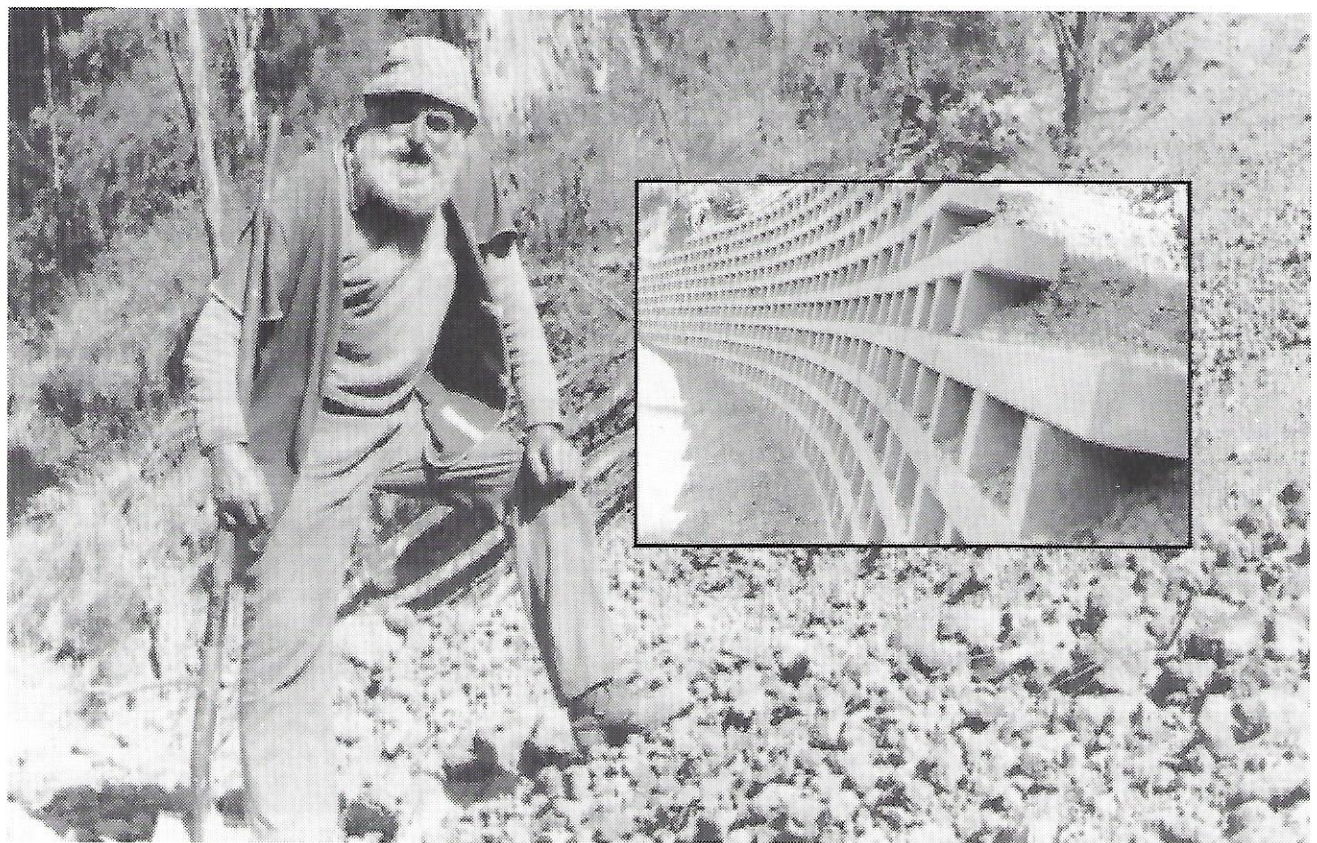
Head Office staff at least know they are working in a relatively safe environment.

"I think we've proved that we can get people safely out of the building in good time," said Bill.



• Second Floor staff are in the secure hands of Carolyn Amey, Peter Lindsay (floor warden), Wayne Robb and Neil Trethowen

ALISTER IS BUSHED - AND LOVES IT!



Alister McKenzie probably would have retired five years ago—when he was a sprightly 60—but he simply "didn't like the idea".

"I love the bush" Alister explained, "and I love working in the bush with my mates."

And that's exactly what Alister was

doing when Interchange met him on the Great Ocean Road.

He was working with a road gang on a retaining wall, being built on the famous tourist road near the Calder River, west of Apollo Bay.

Alister has been with Geelong Division for 11 years and retires on

• Alister working atop of the retaining wall being built on the Great Ocean Road near Apollo Bay.

22nd May. "Born and bred in Apollo Bay", Alister plans to spend his leisure hours doing some fishing ... no doubt he'll be doing his fair share of bushwalking, too.

Two CRB staff members have recently received awards for their services to scouting. Interchange spoke to both of them...

Scouting Around

Joan Summers probably has a very cluttered mantelpiece.

She must have somewhere to put the numerous awards and medals she's collected during her 25 years in Scouting.

And recently she received one of the most honoured awards — the Silver Acorn. It is presented to members of the Scouting Association 'for special distinguished services'.

Joan received the Silver Acorn during the Founder's Day Awards on March 21st. The award was presented by the Chief Scout of Victoria, His Excellency the Governor, Rear Admiral Sir Brian Murray, KCMG, AO.

Joan, an admin. officer at Bendigo Division, joined the Scout movement in 1953 and served as a Cub leader in the Eaglehawk Group of the Whipstick District.

In 1967 she became the District Cub Leader, and a year later received the Long Service Decoration.

Her 'long service' really was just beginning. Since then she has won a number of other awards including a Medal of Merit for 'especially good services'.

Joan, who is currently the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Training (Northern Region), has attended many Jamborees in Australia, Fiji and the U.K. Jamborees are huge camps for members with programmes of outdoor, social and educational activities — the emphasis, however, is always on adventure.

When asked if she ever spent any time in the Girl Guides, Joan's Scouting loyalty was quick to emerge. "Never!" she replied, "I've only liked the boys."

John Rebbechi, the Assistant Asphalt Engineer, was awarded a Medal of Merit for 'especially good services as a Scout Leader'. "I've been a Leader for 22 years," John said, "with a total service going over 30 years."

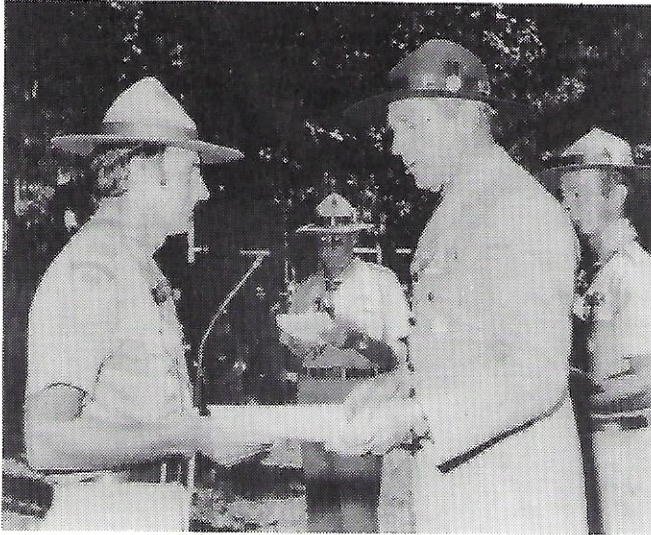
Photographs: Joan Summers (top) from Bendigo Division and John Rebbechi from Asphalt Division accept awards from His Excellency the Governor, Rear Admiral Sir Brian Murray, KCMG, AO — the Chief Scout of Victoria

John, who has been associated with Cubs and Scouts, is currently in the Waverley District. As with Joan, his work has taken him overseas. In 1959 he went with the Scouting Association to New Zealand.

John said that just over 100 members of the Scouting Association took out awards, held at Gilwell Park, Gembrook.

The Scouting Association — worldwide — has a membership that would make any club or organisation envious. It boasts more than 15,000,000 members in at least 110 countries.

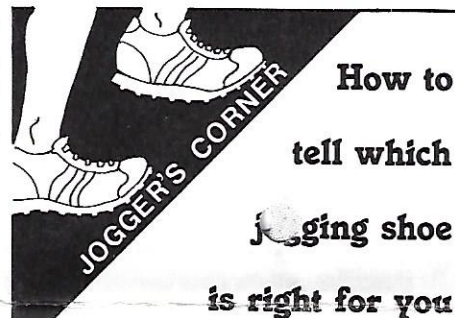
Photographs courtesy: Classic Studios, Melbourne



PRAWNS OR SCALLOPS
EN BROCHETTE

Allow 3-5 green prawns or scallops per person, 1 cucumber, champignons, bacon rashers, rice, tomato puree with spices (chilli sauce, tarragon etc) or white wine added.

Cut cucumber lengthwise and scoop out seeds and cut into 3/4" wide banana shape. De-rind the bacon and wrap around prawns or scallops, trim stalks from champignons. Thread cucumber, champignons and seafood onto satay skewers. Fry in butter and oil until cooked (12-15 min) remove, drain then place on bed of cooked rice, garnish with tomato puree (with spices added if required) and serve.



How to

tell which

jogging shoe

is right for you

Thanks to Rob Magennis, an experimental officer with Materials Division, our Jogger's Corner this month deals with excerpts from a shoe survey written by an American physiotherapist, Vivien Grisogona. This commonsense guide to shoe design appeared in "Jogging Magazine" and will be useful for those wanting to minimize potential foot and leg problems. The secret of choosing the right jogging shoe lies in reorganising what you need and applying commonsense to your selection. Don't rely on the manufacturer's description of a shoe but on the feel of the shoe on your foot.

When buying jogging shoes try them on in the shop and run a few steps in them to make sure they are comfortable in practice. If you have "un-average" foot dimensions, then look around for shoes that offer variations in width fittings and other dimensions.

Shoe weight is not an important factor to the jogger. However, if you opt for a lighter shoe, make sure that the lightness has not been achieved at the expense of the protective material that a jogging shoe must have. If you are overweight, always choose a heavier, tougher sole.

The most commonly used materials for shoes' uppers are nylon, canvas, leather and suede. Out of all these materials suede is the most suitable, being flexible, long wearing and weather proof. Canvas tears along seams, nylon doesn't breathe and absorbs water whereas leather is waterproof but too stiff.

The front of the shoe should not only be wide enough to accommodate the foot without strain, but it should be deep enough to allow adequate space for the big toe.

In the central foot area the inlet, over which the laces tie, should extend from the top of the shoe (just below the front of the ankle joint) to the base of the toes. This ensures that the laces can be tied to give uniform pressure along the front of the foot.

The tongue underlying the laces should reach beyond the top of the shoe towards the ankle to avoid slipping downwards into the shoe, and it should

be softly padded, to protect the upper part of the foot from friction from the laces and their knots.

The heel counter lends the shoe stability, so it should be firmly reinforced, and should surround the heel bone. The back of the shoe's heel should extend no further up than the level of the ankle-joint.

Any heel tab protruding above this would impinge on the Achilles tendon and damage it. If you cannot find suitable jogging shoes without a heel tab, a vertical slit on either side of the tab, down to the level of the ankle, will ensure that the Achilles is not subjected to friction from it.

The most commonly used materials for soles are rubber and polyurethane, and both can be formed to give the resilience needed for good shock absorption. Sole grip is not vital for jogging although some grip is needed in wet or icy conditions.

Jogging places equal stress on the forefoot and hindfoot as the weight of the body is transferred from the heel to the toe in the running action. It is therefore essential to have adequate sole thickness under the forefoot as well as under the heel.

Cut away and wrap-around toes and heels are said to assist the normal rolling of the foot in running. However, the rounded heel carries the heel further towards the ground on the heel-strike phase of the running movements, and this can give excessive stretch to the Achilles tendon, especially if this is normally shortened in heeled shoes.

The sole of jogging shoe should be uniformly flexible throughout its length, except under the heel, where it should be firmer. Movement in the foot during running starts in the small joints directly in front of the heel-bone, so the shoe should be flexible from that point.

And as a final note, the authoress is a regular jogger and for the past three years she has used Adidas Stan Smith tennis shoes, proof of manufacturers not being the best judge of their own models. Her comments on this shoe "They have a good thick sole all the way through with a slightly raised heel, good toe depth and width; very good width of upper and sole; a small heel tab (which I snipped anyway); and they are very hardwearing."

Contributions — whether they're pro or anti jogging — will be gratefully accepted. Send them to 'Joggers Corner' c/- Public Relations, Head Office.

They've joined the (CRB) Club!



There's been a rush for Maternity Leave at Personnel Section recently, and here's why. It's the Head Office Mum Squad, a collection of five expectant young ladies who are well into the family way.

They recently gathered at the Clifton Hotel in Kew for a celebratory lunch, and were photographed by Head Office photographer Bill Jansen when he made an unexpected appearance with his camera.

The matronly line up are from left, Cheryl Ross (Accounts), Diane Pollard (ex-Public Relations), Tracy Steele (Personnel), Marcia Raszkievicz (ex-5th Floor Typing Pool) and Jane Formica (ex-Registry).

Sporting highlights within the CRB over the last few months have been cricket, cricket and cricket. Our far flung reporters summarise some of the matches that have been played recently, and Alan Baker, the HOSA President, reports on the CRB vs Tasmanian MRD games.



IT IS CRICKET

THE ANNUAL METRO vs DANDENONG 'GRUDGE' MATCH

East Burwood Reserve, Sun 21st Feb:

Ian Mullet and George Mavroyeni got Metro away to a good start with an opening partnership of 32 runs. However, a continual procession of makeshift batsmen from the grandstand followed. Apart from 'extras' topscoring with 23, the only other highlight was ex-Nong Len Bettess who followed with 22.

Metro's innings closed at 11 wickets for 126 runs, after 41 overs.

During the break between innings Dandenong captain Ron 'Tiny' Ashton instructed the Nong batsmen not to poke about. "Crash the ball into—or preferably over—the pickets!" he ordered.

Dennis 'Boycott' Maxwell and Alan 'Lawry' Collins gave the Nongs a steady opening partnership of 41. After they were removed the scoring rate was accelerated by Nong's batsmen David 'Slasher' Vimpani, Major Peter McCulloch and Warwick 'Slippery' Peel.



The final nail in Metro's coffin, however, was hammered in by the Nong's surprise packet: Stan 'Bradman' Hodgson—five n.o.—who rediscovered his batting prowess after a 25 year absence. Metro promised to retaliate with the inclusion of Reg Patterson next year.

That's Stan H. on the left

When innings closed Dandenong were 13 wickets for 214 runs off 38 overs.

'Man of the Match' was awarded to P McCulloch for his 30 runs—retired—two great outfield catches and three 'classic' dropped catches. The annual Metro vs Dandenong cricket matches have been held since 1979 and two victories each is the current tally.

Sportsdesk Note—we thought in cricket a team was out after 10 wickets had fallen unlike Metro 11 and Dandenong 13.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CRB WORLD OF CRICKET?

A challenge issued by Printing in the February issue of Interchange has caused ripples in the CRB cricket circles. Here is some of the feedback...

SURVEY ARE CONFIDENT...

"Printing Section are now in the gun-barrel!" That's the word from Survey's exuberant cricket team. The challenge is out and according to our sports writer on First Floor: "The Printers will need to be in good form to knock us off!"

... BUT ARE PRINTING CONFIDENT?

Bridge Sub-branch has accepted the challenge from Printing. "But THEY got cold feet!" said one keen cricketer from Princes Street.

Are Bridge perturbed? "Not at all! We'll wait to the footy season is over and we'll force them to play our formidable side" came the threat. Over to the Printing Section...



Cartoon: David Lumsden

"Look Clive... I don't think it really matters whether you ran THREE times or FOUR times... the fact is we're both at the SAME end and I think they're waiting for one of us to go...!"

DECISIVE VICTORY TO A.J.'S SURVEY SIDE

Burnley Oval, Sun 21st Feb:

The annual Survey Division social cricket match, a festive occasion that will possibly crack it next year in the Weekender.

The rematch was between the teams of A.J. Mason (Survey Officer) and Brian Harland (also a Survey Officer). A.J. was thirsting for blood, as well as a can, and on winning the toss elected to bowl.

Phil Harrison and Ian Bathie opened the batting against the formidable attack of Charles McLaren and Peter Newman. In the third over Bathie lost his off-stump to a McLaren thunderbolt. Steve Chapple then joined Harrison for a slow partnership that ended with Harrison's compulsory retirement (20). Peter Coxon came to the crease with obvious instructions to get rid of the slow scoring Chapple who was promptly run out when Coxon took a suicide single on Derek Brownlee's arm. Chapple's departure cleared the way for Ken Wells, Brian Harland and Peter Wells. But in a matchwinning performance by A.J.'s side, the aforementioned trio and Peter Coxon were all bundled out for 13.

A gritty innings of 7 from Max Corry and a swashbuckling slog from Steve Trask weren't enough to prevent the tail crumbling: the innings closed at 69.

It was a score A.J. was happy to be chasing and his lubricated larynx was still in action as Jim Tullberg and Derek Brownlee walked out to commence the innings.

Derek Brownlee was soon bowled by Chapple, and a matchwinning partnership followed with Jim Tullberg and Frank Mau. Tullberg retired after 20 to be replaced by A.J. McLaren. He was to exit for 4, and John Liddell came on to stay for only 2. A.J. then joined Mau for the coup-de-gras... both made unbeaten 20's to carry the side to a winning score.

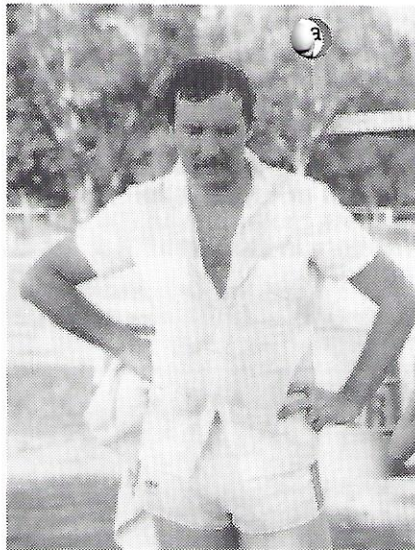


INTER-BRIDGE SPORTS DAY

Construction vs Design Kevin Bartlett Reserve, Richmond Sun 14th Feb:

Only Mad Dogs and Englishmen—and the boys from Bridge Sub-branch—would've decided to play cricket on this day: the top temperature was 42 degrees.

The Construction team reluctantly took to the field and it looked good when John Gavin took three quick wickets. But then Don Bertram began to play some graceful shots and finally had to retire at the agreed score of 130 runs. The fieldsmen were feeling quite distressed by this stage and it helped the batsmen get amongst the runs. The innings ended with Design at 130.



• David Hughes (Design), shows the strain after facing the fast bowlers from Construction.

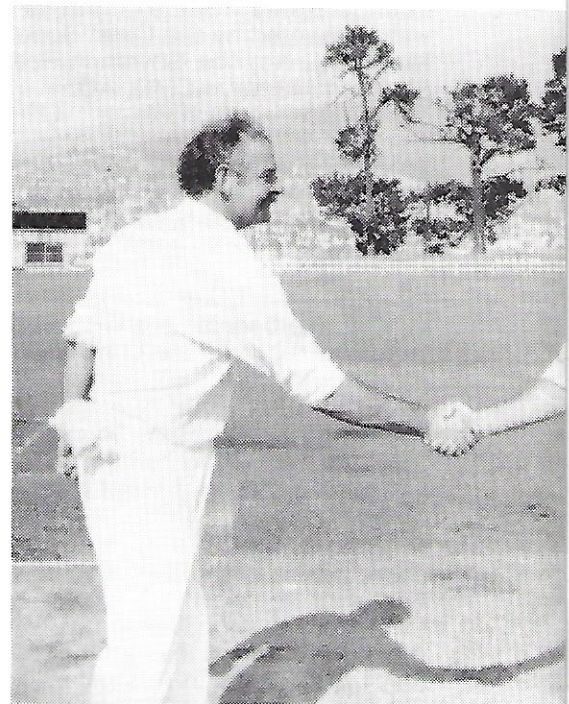
Design then took to the field hoping to dismiss Construction quickly (no doubt so some serious drinking could start). After a good opening stand the wickets began to fall, the most memorable innings coming from Mark Blundell. The rules were that EVERYONE had to score at least ONE run but Blundell was clean bowled—three times—before he got off the mark.

A little stability in the middle order thanks to John Gavin and Tony Christian made a game of it, though once they made their exit the wickets tumbled. The innings came to a quick end with Construction collapsing at 108.

John Gavin took the 'Man of the Match' award for his 3 wickets and 40 runs. The inject a 'bridge flavour' into the award the cricket bat was made out of reinforced steel!



TASMANIANS TURN ON HOSPITALITY BUT NOT



Tasmanian captain Ian Pook with fellow Victorian

CRB vs Tasmanian Dept. of Main Roads, Hobart Mon Feb 15-Fri 19th:

Monday: the CRB arrived in Hobart to be greeted by the hottest day on record: 39°C. From the moment they touched the ground the touring party was exposed to Tasmanian hospitality that was to last the full week.

Tuesday: some 26 bleary eyed tourists emerged to participate in day 1 of the competitions. It saw the CRB golfers 11 shots down while the cricket team compiled 257 runs. DMR were 0/3 from the only over bowled by the CRB before stumps. Evening saw a cruise of Hobart's Derwent.

Wednesday: morning showed the full extent of the previous night's entertainment. Over at the cricket ground 12 catches had been dropped allowing the DMR to claw their way to a respectable 5/202. The CRB total of 257 looked in danger. However the combination of Panadol, Disprin and Enos triggered a fightback—to rival Carlton's in the 1970 Grand Final—and five Tassie Wickets fell for the addition of only 31 runs. The DMR were all out for 233—24 runs behind the Victorians.



Paul Petridis slams another six: carefully watched happened during the Inter-Bridge Cricket match

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Inter Divisional Day 'A success'

Good Sports!

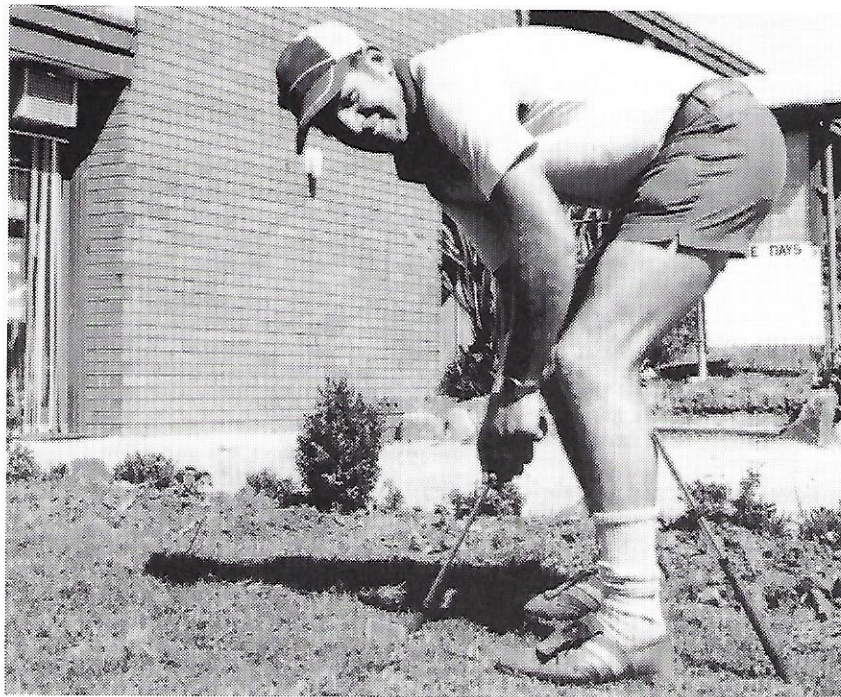
Although the crowd didn't quite meet expectations, the 1982 Inter-Divisional Sports Day held on 21st March has been described as an 'Outstanding success'.

"It was a very successful day", said John Wilson, one of the organisers from Traralgon Division—the host this year.

"We did aim for 130 people participating in sports", John said, "but only 72 actually played."

Because of the lack of response, only tennis and golf were held. Organisers had to cancel the proposed Fun Run, squash and volleyball.

But as Traralgon Division will quickly point out, the size of crowds is no barometer of success. About 120 players and visitors attended the afternoon luncheon and the consensus was that it had all been worthwhile.



Traralgon's Dennis Hammond had difficulty on the fifth hole: his backswing connected with a tree and his club snapped in half



Ken Salter, from Traralgon Division, on the court

Who Won What—all the sporting results at a glance:

GOLF

Best Net Club

- 1st — Fred Pedelty (Bridge) 47 points
- 2nd — Hans Raun (Traralgon) 46 points
- 3rd — Jim Dawson (Bairnsdale) 44 points

Best Net Social

- 1st — Steve Parsons (PR) 42 points
- 2nd — Geoff Pullen (Dandenong) 40 points

Nearest the Pin

- 5th hole — David Farrow (Road Planning)
- 15th hole — Phil Williamson (Glen Waverley)

Longest Drive — David Payne (Bridge)

NAGA — Bret Wilson (Glen Waverley)

Divisional Trophy — Traralgon Division 126 points (Hans Raun, Gary House, Dennis Hammond)

TENNIS

Pennant Competition

- 1st — Larry Wright (Works Sub-branch)
- Keith Story (Materials Div.)
- 2nd — Bruce Van Every (Traralgon)
- Ken Salter (Traralgon)

Social Competition

- 1st — Ron Ashton (Dandenong)
- Warwick Peel (Dandenong)
- 2nd — Peter Velcek (Dandenong)
- Mike Jeffress (Dandenong)

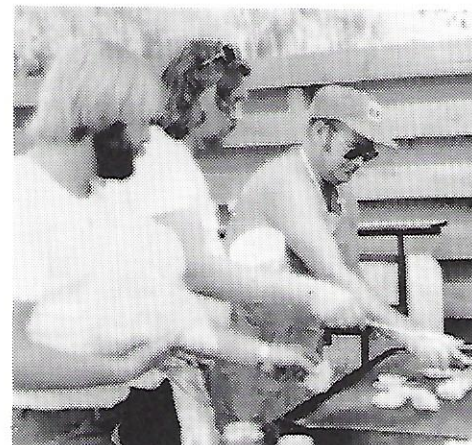


Geoff Lawrence



CRB Chairman Mr Russell with Jim Dawson, from Bairnsdale. Jim scored third Best Net Club with 44 points

"Well—I think I've managed to get the numbers for the Inter-Divisional football match!"



A barbecue luncheon followed the sporting activities. Above: in action are Gary Lawrence, Ken Crosby and Doug Ryan, all from Traralgon

THE BROTHERS FROM BRIDGE

It must be difficult for Al or Jim Winnett to go for a peaceful Sunday drive in the country.

For every time they'd drive over a bridge, their engineering experiences would undoubtedly prompt a conversation on... BRIDGES! "Wasn't that the post-tensioned box girder I designed in 1972?" ... "That looked like a precast concrete-Winnett original, Al."

Bridges are what the Winnett brothers are all about. "We have got it in the blood," says Al. It's been 'in the blood' for quite some time (see story: 'Bridging the Generation Gap') and because of this, they've left their mark all over the State: on freeways, state highways and the rural back roads.

Jim (born Alva James) joined the CRB 24½ years ago and probably has designed more bridges than he cares to remember.

He's been involved in all areas: from developing whole new concrete structures to designing handrails.

More than ten bridges on the Hume Highway were designed by Jim and the first freeway interchange at Chiltern, as well as countless underpasses.

His credits include the distinctive shaped splayed column bridges at Kangerong Avenue on the Mornington Peninsula Freeway, and the U-beam Snowy River bridges on the Princes Highway at Orbost.

But Jim doesn't just confine his skills to big projects. In 1970 he joined an inspection party on a tractor to examine damaged bridges on the Cann Valley and Princes Highways; one of them on his inspection list was the unfortunate timber bridge at Winnott's Creek. At Orbost Jim gained the reputation "the bridge designer who designed a bridge on a match box". Legend has it he drew on a matchbox details for building an additional end span at the old Snowy river bridge.

With two decades of bridge design behind him, Jim has a few unusual stories. There was the time, for instance, a concrete bridge he designed actually BURNT DOWN! He quickly elaborates: "A collision of a chemical tanker on the bridge caused fire damage which cracked the bridge's concrete. It had to be extensively rebuilt."

Jim's not just a well known name in Bridge Sub-branch. He is also a top golfer and has spent a lot of time on the greens touring in the CRB/Tasmanian MRD annual golf events (15 out of the last 21 games).

Al (Albert) first joined the CRB in 1946 when the Board was in its 'Exhibition Years'—a reference Al makes about the Head Office days in the Exhibition buildings.

In 1954 Al left the CRB and spent 17 years in NSW and Queensland. Much of his time was then spent with the Snowy Mountains Authority where his engineering prowess was used in the building of townships, roads and the aqueducts for the Snowy Scheme in the Upper Tumult region. He then went north to spend seven years in tropical Mackay where he was General Works Engineer for the Council.

After a stint in the sun Al returned to the CRB just as the "freeway era was beginning." He became involved with the Mulgrave and South Eastern Freeways and the building of "the largest cantilever box girder twin post-tensioned concrete bridge which spans the Yarra in a hop". In 1971 he rejoined Bridge Sub-branch, and has been in the bridge business ever since.

Come to think of it, with all the time they devote to designing and developing bridges and overpasses, Jim and Al probably haven't got much time for a peaceful Sunday afternoon drive in the country.



Albert (right) and Jim Winnett: "Bridges are in the blood".

Bridging the generation gap



Will Winnett was a road engineer in every sense of the word.

He started contracting in 1907 driving horse teams on road and irrigation projects in the Kyabram region of the Goulburn Valley.

He was only 13 years old when he began his career on the road. At the age of 80 he wrote a book 'Contract Fulfilled' in which he vividly captures the trials of early road-building in Victoria and New South Wales.

In 1917 he completed a CRB contract in the Orbost Shire to construct part of the Cann Valley Highway south of the remote NSW border. With his brothers Dick and Walter, they built 10km of the road to connect the highway to the border. The work involved building a number of timber culverts and bridges along the route, which had been surveyed by the CRB's engineering staff in 1915.

Will writes in his book: "...we got started with our team of eight horses, two drays, tools, wonky and bucksraper scoops, heavy road plough, new Austin drawn steel wheel grader and camp gear with about two weeks supply of tucker... this was pre Christmas 1917.

"... the job was five and one half miles going through virgin forest land... the grade following along the fall of the mountain area close down to the river. The clearing was all done by hand." He describes the social history of road building in the war years, and how by misadventure and floods the contract price was tendered sight unseen!!

Will says he was paid £1,400 for the Cann River Road contract which was completed in early 1919.

A legacy to his hard work and perseverance can be found on the Cann Valley Highway south of the border: a bridge straddles Winnott's Creek — unfortunately the signs incorrectly reads WINNOTT'S Creek.

Will and his brothers built the first bridge at the creek, one of the original three span timber designs in the State. It became a victim to the ravages of floods in 1970 and was replaced with the current timber and steel structure.

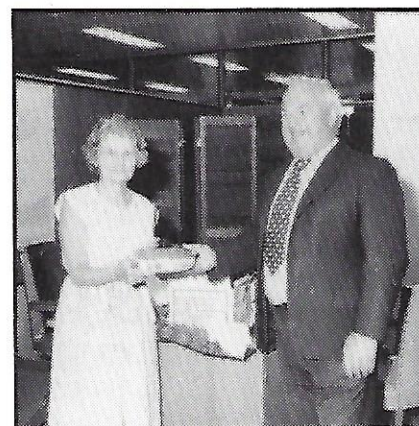
'Winnott's Bridge' on the Cann Valley Highway fell to the ravages of floods in 1970. The name should read 'Winnett's' but is misspelt at the creek site.

You could be excused for thinking that the Winnett clan has a monopoly on roads and bridges.

Will died in 1980, and today all remaining five (of six) of his sons are involved in roads, bridges and civil engineering. Al and Jim Winnett both work for Bridge Sub-branch.

The other three all live in NSW: Walter and Alex operate one firm — W.A. Winnet & Sons, and Bill runs the Sydney firm — Winnett Brothers.

And speaking of 'keeping it in the family': Jim has been involved in a number of projects for municipal councils, one of the most picturesque ones being the Violet Town-Dookie Road bridge. The construction of the bridge was supervised by the Assistant Shire Engineer of Shepparton, Steven Winnett. He just happens to be Jim's nephew.



Retirement

The Engineer In Chief, Dr Keith Moody, presents a gift to Mrs Beryl Down who retired from the CRB on March 26th.

Beryl joined the CRB in April, 1970 and was a senior receptionist in the Engineer In Chief's Branch.

Uphill All The Way



Roadmaking has its ups and downs, especially when you're working in the Grampians.

A road gang from Horsham Division recently took on the onerous task of resealing the summit road to Mount William, west of Ararat. The section of road to the 1167m high mountain is one of the steepest around; parts of it

have a gradient of one in five.

At times a tractor had to pull the bitumen sprayer up the road, and trucks had to reverse uphill. In the photograph, Bob Jennings watches as a truck unloads aggregate onto the freshly sprayed bitumen.

Photo courtesy: Wimmera Mail-Times

DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT



From Ken Mathers

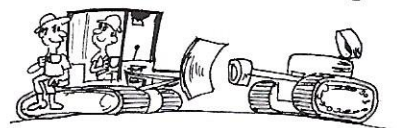
Welcome
Barbara Reid, ex-Claims, is the latest newcomer joining our Accounts. Evidently Barbara is a keen sailor being a member of the Blairgowrie Yachting Club and will be a welcome acquisition to our sailing team, led by Bob Stamp and Graham Gilpin.

Departures
The exodus has continued with Linda Turner leaving us in February on maternity leave and with gifts suitable for the coming event.

Geoff Kloot returned to us briefly from Traffic Engineering before venturing off to see the bright lights at Sydney on a Traffic Management Course.

Owen Thomas has taken off on an extended holiday, planning to tour USA, Canada, Europe and the UK.

SEYMOUR



From Dot Foley

Sick Bay
Looking good and full of mischief Overseer Cec Miller visited the Project Office recently. Cec, who suffered a stroke before Christmas, has been sorely missed and all on the Project continue to wish him well.

It's good to see Overseer Joe Faulkhead back and at it again after being off on the sick list for several weeks late last year.

Resignation
Henry Turnbull, Engineer, who has been with the Board since 6 March 1972 and with this Project since 2 March 1977, resigns this month to join a private company based at Euroa. Apart from his work on the Social Club serving as a committee member and current President, his untiring work on the Euroa Shire Council, serving on numerous committees in the Euroa area and spending the odd week with the Board's unit of the AAR as a Lieutenant, H did find time to construct part of the bypass of Seymour.

We all wish you and your family every happiness and success in your new venture, H. You will be missed (Except by the lolly jar) and we hope you will keep in touch.

Welcome
Leo Stella, Class 3 Engineer.

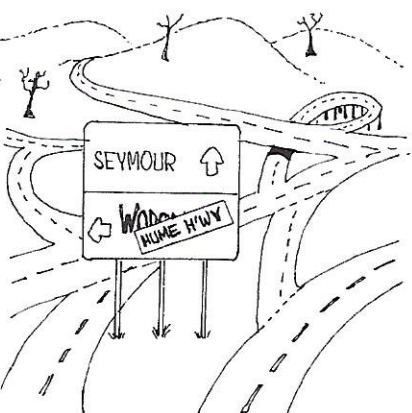
Births
Bruce and Trish Every, a son, Rodney, brother for Catherine and Michael.

Fun Stuff
The Seymour-Euroa Social Association Annual Water Sports Day was held at Lake Nagambie on Sunday, 27 February.

A lovely day and a good roll up with plenty of water skiing. Thanks again to David Harding-Smith and his trusty boat MOOLGA.

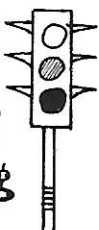
Our next "DO" is a film night on Saturday, 5th June. The film chosen is "The Black Stallion".

A message from the Project Staff to Mr B Phillips (now residing at Wodonga):



"Peter EL BLIPPO Pan turned Left"

Traffic Engineering



From Jenny Risol

We have had a huge influx of new people into the section: Bimbi Galdmbous, David Sajfar, Ruth Kershaw, Phil Symons, Andrea Bayliss, Gemma Rigutto, Ian Pearson, Ken Chong, Greg Aplin, Bob McKay and Joe Carakasidis.

We farewelled Linda Rogers (Twinkletoes) who has left the Board to devote herself fully to ballet dancing.

John Smelt has gone on secondment to the Ministry of Transport, Mike Butler to Metro and Nick Szwed has taken 5 months leave to play housewife.

The first annual single handed pool competition was recently completed on the Divisional layout table. After some exciting preliminary matches, some of which were notable for the participant's ability to keep the balls on the table rather than in the pockets, two worthy finalists emerged.

Ernie Mensforth and Peter "Dennis" Taylor put on a magnificent match with Ernie coming out on top. He was presented with a trophy after the match and was banned from using his stepladder in any future matches. Peter was so upset he left for Bridge Division soon after.

Teik Ng recently returned from Kuala Lumpur, arm in arm with two transvestites.

Arthur Meyers recently returned from 8 weeks in Nepal and India. The mountain scenery in Nepal was fantastic and the people very friendly. India is a land of stark contrast with beggars, living amongst extreme wealth. Beautiful women though!

Russel Clarke leaves the Board on 16th March after 12 years service. Russel will be resident engineer at Juna Creek, 257km from Mt Isa. Good luck Russel.

Materials

From Lee Scott



Lee Scott is the lady in Materials Division for news tips (they don't call her 'Scott for Scoops' for nothing). Lee is always exploring the corridors for interesting stories so if that's your division, give her a ring on the hotline: 2275 (bus. hrs only).

Welcome
Two new T.A.'s started work in February: Warren Rowe in Bitumen and Salvatore Bisignano in Geotech.

Welcome to Fred Reynen, Special Fitter in the Instrumentation Lab.

Two new E.O.1s in the Soils Lab are Carl Smith and Lochlan Lauder Mc Arthur (Serbo-Croatian). Also welcome back Ruth, from the Eastern site Lab. and Joycie from the Coburg Lab.

Farewell
Only one farewell this edition and that's to Alan Edge, ex M.D. Store, who left in February.

Get Well

To Simone from all her friends in M.D. We're all thinking about you and send our heart-felt wishes for a speedy recovery.

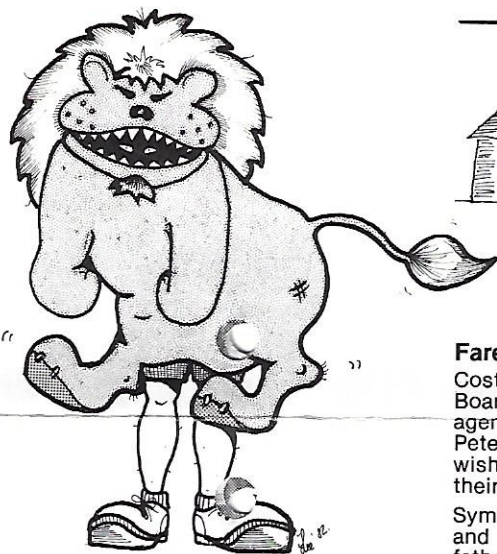
General

Compared to the last couple of months M.D. has been fairly quiet! All staff born under the sign of Aquarius celebrated their birthdays collectively at 'Nats' in Hawthorn for lunch. Once again that Yugoslavian fire-water 'Slivovitz' had a lot to answer for.

Pavement Section and friends celebrated Chris Cimino's 21st birthday at the Prospect last month. It appears that the 'Skinny Dog' has lost out to the Prospect for M.D. people wanting a good, quick and cheap counter lunch.

George Carruthers had quite a shock on arriving at work one Monday morning in February. The ute, used by the Eastern Site Lab, was sitting there minus 4 wheels and tyres!

Pea Beau had the Moomba spirit in March, when he and his friends performed the Chinese Lion Dance in the Alexandra Gardens (see cartoon).



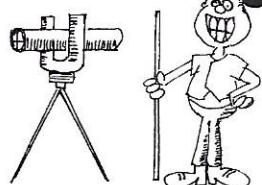
Peter Bow and friend— performing the Chinese Lion Dance at Moomba (with apologies to the Asian employees at the CRB for lack of authenticity).

Ray Batty is off on Long Service Leave. James Xenephontos Geotech. section is off to Bridge Division and Sam Plesiotis is going to work at Westgate.

Kathy Renic had a nice surprise—she found her shoes that were lost at the Chicken and Champagne Breakfast two months ago. Where were they found you ask? Would you believe under a certain good looking Geologist's desk! nudge nudge!

Roy Gilmour is on Leave for 8 weeks. First stop is Bombay at the Baba Atomic Research Institute. Next stop is skiing in Austria and then finally he'll shake the dust out of his sporran for a visit back to Bonnie Scotland.

Survey

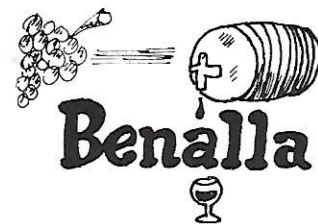


Survey Division welcomes Alan Beavis who has come from West Gate.

The Black Velvet Band

The intrepid trio of Greg Connell, Steve Trask and Jim Tullberg has returned from a flying 3 week tour of the US west coast with two nights in Vegas and four in Honolulu. Reports as to their physical and financial state are a bit sketchy but we're sure the lads will have had a good time.

Rumour has it that Mal F is flying over to see Ronnie in an attempt to patch up the American alliance.



From Mike Farmer

Farewell to John Piper, the Divisional Traffic Engineer, who has joined Traffic Engineering. John with his expertise on traffic matters will be hard to replace. All the best John and thanks for a good job.

Welcome to new members of the accountants team, Bradley Willis and Jenny Sinclair, also Ewen Pritchard who has replaced Mark Sherwill who left the Board to travel to Western Australia.

Noel Dumesny, Workshop Foreman, has lost several of the workshop team: Bill Forrest back to the farm, Geoff Simms, off to Western Australia, Jack Heaphy who has retired and Andrew Taurins who was re-trenched.

A farewell function was held at Wangaratta when workmates gathered to say farewell to Overseer Tom Reidy who has had to retire on grounds of ill health after 24 years of service.

Horsham

From Betty Sleep

Farewells
Cost Clerk P Foster resigned from the Board on 5th March to take over a Newsagency at Keilor. Mr Savage presented Peter with a gift from his workmates and wished Peter and his family all the best in their new career.

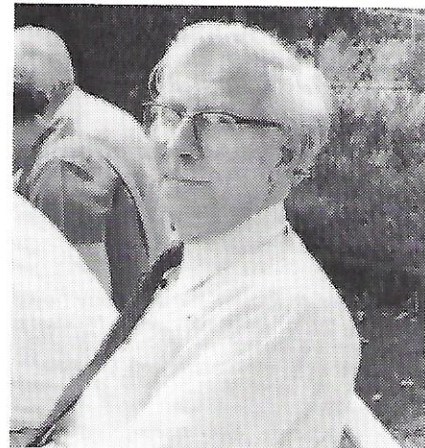
Sympathy to Bruno Haenel (Workshop) and family in the recent death of his father.

We are pleased to see that Fred Brauer (Workshop Welder) is recovering after open heart surgery, but are sorry to hear ex Workshop Foreman Dick Mathews has been admitted to hospital.

Yabbie Tales
The Horsham Yabbie King (Ivan Jones) and his newly appointed Crown Prince (Les Bull) have been amazing locals with the size of their catch. Brian Francis, hearing of their exploits, managed to be appointed First Mate on one successful (but not altogether happy) expedition.

Les has been grumbling about supplying the grog, baiting the nets, pushing out the boat, pulling up ALL the nets AND piggybacking Brian so that he wouldn't get his feet wet. Final straw, so the story goes, was Ivan being called away on a State Emergency Service callout, Brian falling asleep and Les left to cook and peel 5 wheat bags of yabbies.

Les remarks "Yabbies are nice to eat but there's a lot of work to be done before they are eaten."



Retirement
On February 24th Survey Division farewelled Lou Lousada, who retired after 10 years with the Board. About 90 of his friends gathered in the Cafeteria for afternoon tea and for the presentation of a Mantel Clock and Sunbeam Sandwich and Snack Maker. We all wish him a long and happy retirement.

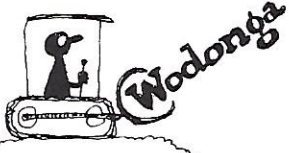
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ROUNDAABOUT



'The Growing Project': this is some of the crew at Wodonga. Front row: Chris Foley and Debbie Deretic, second row: Bill Farrell, Gerry Turner and Bruce Phillips, third row: Max Proksch and Paul Tucker and at the back are Guy Quantrill and Norm Esdale.



From Bruce Phillips

The Growing Place

The official slogan for the Albury-Wodonga National growth centre is "Albury-Wodonga, the growing place". The Board is certainly playing its part in the growth process. Latest appointments to the Project Staff are:

Mike Villani — Bridge Sub-branch, Engineer, Max Proksch — Benalla Division, Cost Clerk, Bruce Morrison — Local engagement, Technical Assistant.

Naturalists Corner

Communicating with nature must be very much in vogue these days and the city cum rural environment of Wodonga is very conducive to such pursuits—or so it would seem from the string of exploits of Project staff recounted below:

Bee in the bonnet

Admin Officer, Guy Quantrill had the misfortune to sit on a bee, lurking in the Project Engineer's car, whilst taking the mail to the Post Office. The bee retaliated to this sudden and rude intrusion by delivering its sting to the inside, upper thigh of Guy who was wearing shorts at the time. Guy made a bee line for the Notice of Injuries book on his return to the office and sported a red, swollen and sore leg for some days. Guy's only consolation was that the bee died as a result of the encounter and as Guy said himself—"it could have been worse."

Another Fishy Story

Ian Lister is temporarily accommodated in a caravan, only 10m from the water, at the spillway caravan park on the banks of the Murray River. Ian is a keen fisherman and enjoys being able to keep an eye on the fishing rods whilst cooking dinner or whatever else he does when not fishing. Ian's fishing parties are becoming legendary if the stories can be believed. Paul Tucker was very "tinny" on one occasion catching two redfin on the one hook but since a few tinnies had been consumed we're not sure whether Paul was seeing double at the time.

Laying Down The Law

Paul Tucker caused some consternation amongst the truck driving fraternity recently. Paul was expecting a truck load of bridge components for one of the jobs and espied such a truck on the roadside apparently "lost". Paul parked his powder blue car with radio aerial on roof, and extracted his blue shirted, black tied, burly frame from the car and approached the truck.

The truck driver was most uncooperative, defensive and evasive...thinking Paul to be a member of the constabulary.

Accounts

From Annette Taylor

Welcome

We wish to welcome the following people to the 6th floor: Debbie Rose to the Typing Pool, Mick Raftery (Metro) to Assets & Equipment, Robert Ukovic to Tax and Records, James McKillop to Claims, Sandra Johnson, Valerie Fernada and Leisa Redman to the Ledgers and Bill McCormack from Syndal to Final Ledger Accountant.

Wedding Bells

We wish to announce that Michael Byrne of Allocations and Expenditure married Gayle Gurry on 30 January. All the very best from the 6th floor.

Births

Jenny Jack from Ledgers had a baby girl, Melissa Sue, on 28 January. Mary Cayas from Ledgers also gave birth to a girl, Irene, on 28 January.

Congratulations

We wish to congratulate Mr Bulman on his appointment as Chief Accountant, Mr W Turner as Deputy Chief Accountant and Mr F Sandy as Assistant Chief Accountant. Well done boys!!!

Farewells

All the best to Peter Kello and Tony Doyle who are going back to school to study. Peter will be doing Recreational Studies and Tony is to do Accounting Studies.

Transfers

Peter Dekoeyer has transferred from Allocations and Expenditure to Costing, and Bill Rae from Assets and Equipment and Jamie Harris from Tax & Records have both transferred to Metropolitan Division. David Wood from Allocations and Expenditure has also deserted us and all his loved ones (especially the girls in the Typing Pool) and has gone to Metropolitan Division as the new Divisional Accountant



From Rita McBain

Welcome

A belated welcome to Margaret Gruppetta from Works Sub-branch who has been currently on loan helping the Admin. Section and gained the affectionate nickname of 'pen pincher'. We hope that you have enjoyed our stay and many thanks for all your help.

General

Alan Saunders is currently on two weeks leave at Merimbula to do a spot of fishing.

Phillip Marshall was brave enough to endure the hazards of the bushfires in Tasmania, while participating in the CRB Golf Tournament.

Vin Mankin's daughter, Helen, is hoping to tour Hong Kong in July with the Australian Childrens Choir.

The asphalt industry have been concerned about competition for concrete paving blocks. Lou Pecora tried to help by digging up part of the ARRB concrete paving block test section. The ARRB's insist that this was not fair play and are seeking reinstatement of the blocks so that they can do further trials.

There has been a steady stream of visiting engineers from places including Thailand, Indonesia and the Dept. of Main Roads, NSW. The NSW people admit that we can show them a thing or two about use of rubber in bitumen for sealing roads.

Congratulations also goes to Rita McBain who has recently brought herself a Mazda 1800 and has been practicing around all the city roads.

Bairnsdale



From Ian Ellis

Retirement

Paddy Bryne (Workshop Foreman) after serving with the Australian Army commenced with the Board in September 1946. He worked as a Fitter and Leading Hand until February 1959 when he took up his present position. During his service he worked in Indonesia with Bob Gooch building bridges under the Columbo Plan.

Due to medical reasons Paddy has been off work since September and has decided to bring his retirement date forward due to ill health. We all hope Paddy's health picks up and he has a long and happy retirement.

JOE'S ADVICE FOR THE MONTH, "Don't speed past men with Hair Dryers". BIGGS ADVICE, "Don't drive with Joe".

Is the latest trend to carry jars of jam and cakes around on site inspections these days? The long and short of it is that they are keeping sweet with the landowners. Private joke, so I won't mention Garth Stevens and Kevin Haddingham's names.

We appreciate Dave and Wendy Overy calling their new offspring Mitchell after the great river that flows through our town. May we suggest for the next one "Snowy" or "Victoria".



Bairnsdale - BE IN IT!

We must congratulate Kevin Haddingham on his job as Publicity Officer for the Bairnsdale Be In It Festival. After TV appearances and rapid interviews Kevin is now anxiously awaiting a call from Twentieth Century Fox.

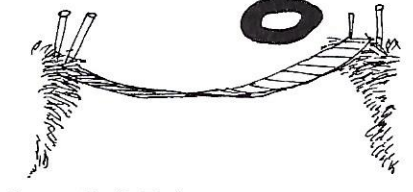
The office has formed a table tennis team to compete as the "Road Runners" in the local competition. All the best boys

Out and About

Our intrepid explorer rode off into the hills one weekend. After seeing him trying to sit down on Monday mornings we were wondering whether he rode a horse or a "Dinosaurse".

We all wish the "DE's Typist", June Trimmell, an enjoyable trip to W.A. whilst we welcome back Leslie Quirke to hold the fort.

Bridge



from Bob Baker

Kipit Desai and family headed overseas in February on eleven weeks leave to visit friends and relatives in India, UK and USA.

Recently we saw the departure of two Design Engineers namely Jim De Stefanis and Francis Tin Loi. Jim has taken up a position with the SEC and Francis joined the University of NSW as a Lecturer.

Avid South Melbourne (Sorry Sydney Swans) barracker Maurice Lowe has decided to stick with the club even though he won't be flying to Sydney every other Saturday to see them play.



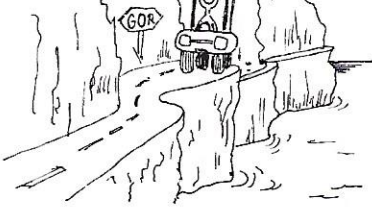
Wendy Battle

Wendy Battle (Bridge Drawing Office) recently married Mark Bailey. The ceremony was performed at St. Paul's, Glen Waverley and the reception was held in the Colony Room, Village Green Receptions. The staff presented Wendy with a beautiful decanter set and silver drink coasters.

Sandor Mokos and his family had a harrowing experience on a recent trip to Perisher Valley. The petrol tank of their car ruptured and they found themselves without any petrol many kilometers from the nearest town. They were forced to camp out until next morning when they were picked up by a passing motorist.

The staff in Bridge Design Division welcomes new engineers Alex Lukac and Brian Robertson. Emily Lobovska, a former Contract Draftswoman has also joined the Board.

Geelong



From Charles Low

The new apprentice, Michael Quinn is keen and quick learning so should do well. He will also escape the workshop's many stirrers as he has to be the biggest 17 year old on the planet.

Ricky Gloster, whose wife recently presented him with a baby boy, has now purchased a new home. How does he do it? I mean, he runs 2 cars and a trailer as well. Does he have 2 jobs? Does he have a money tree? Does he rob banks? who knows?

Another to move home was Preston Knight. There is no truth in the rumour that Preston's house is a converted semi. Preston is the workshop cleaner, that is when he can be pryed out of the yard truck. He talks at 100mph in strange slang that only a 90 year old outback truck driver would understand.

Ross Dorling has just returned from two months leave. He did some travelling and spent some time at Kalgoolie. He doesn't talk about it...just grins.

It is more than obvious that A Scott picked up more than "tips" on cricket in Tasmania recently.

Since our last report in Interchange the Geelong Depot has not been the healthiest place to work with the following taking turns at a stay in hospital: Kevin Hardiman, Cliff Trethowan, Ian Templeton, Eric Donohue, Peter McHugh, Bob Morell, Clive Alford, John Wojtowycz, Rupert Chidgey. Also in hospital was Mel Pike, he's not attached to the depot, just our best customer.



So there you have it, although we haven't been in Interchange for some months we are definitely alive, but unwell.

DIVISIONAL ROUNDAABOUT

from previous page



From Victor Lawther

Acting (in more ways than one) Divisional Engineer Raleigh Robinson donned Essendon football gear to make a farewell presentation before staff to Bruce Gidley prior to Bruce's departure to further his career in Materials Division. Bruce, an ardent Essendon fan, joined in all activities (except report writing) during his six years in the Division and will be missed in all the sporting events. Best wishes were extended to Bruce at the gathering before adjourning to the usual Whitehorse 'watering hole'.



Photo Above: Raleigh (right) with Bruce.

A presentation was made to Jane Hammond preceding her marriage to Geoff Davies on 20 February. It is reported a happy honeymoon was spent touring "up north".

Following the completion of Mulgrave Freeway Philip Symons and Trevor Kane have left us. Both worked for many years in the Mulgrave team, all of whom have now transferred except a small band of men doing the final touches.

Claire Kaylock has accepted a position at the University of W.A., Perth, to study for her Arts Degree. Acting D.E. Raleigh presented Claire with a squash racquet as a parting gift from staff.

Robert Keating has joined our drafting office team, and we trust his stay will be a happy one.

Bereavement

Paul Wilson, tractor operator with the Frankston Roadside Maintenance Patrol, was killed in a motor-cycle accident on 4 February aged 27.

Paul had been employed by the Board since 1971 and was a cheerful and capable worker.

His presence will be sadly missed by his fellow workmates and staff from Dandenong Division who extend their sympathy to Aileen, and to Mrs Wilson and family.

Lunchtimes in the Conference Room

At a lunchtime gathering in February Peter Evans journeyed from far off Berwick Project Office to show slides of his latest overseas trip. The slides were most interesting and were accompanied by Peter's inimitable commentary.

A slide show of a different nature was contributed recently by Graham Foley one lunchtime when we were treated to two hair-raising experiences in Tasmania: one a climb Graham took part in of Precipitous Bluff, and the other 'rafting down the Franklin', from which Graham has just returned—such scenery!

Traralgon



From S Delost & P Simmons

Welcome To

Rob Butler and Bob McPherson (E.O.s) at the Warragul Site Office, and Michael Downing (Survey Asst.).

We also welcome the Division's first female roller operator Betty Brown.

Farewell To

Sandy Millar (E.O.) who resigned to work in sunny Queensland.

Leave

L Flynn, J Hughes and R Crisp are all enjoying LSL.

Doug Ryan is welcomed back after many weeks on sick leave and is currently at the BS Depot.

We also welcome back to Australia Rob Scott (Engineer) who has been on 12 months leave without pay. He is now working in Materials Division and we are now listening for wedding bells.

L Marshall will be acting Roadmaster over the next few weeks, while the R/m is on leave, and he has hung up his football jumper for the duration!

General

Among other gear carried by a Line Marking crew, visiting this Division recently, were several fishing lines. The weather that week was great for marking lines, haven't heard how it was for fishing lines. Motor Mouth!

One engineer who has quite a reputation for putting his foot in it, was recently overheard introducing the local Labor MP as the Liberal MP to all staff. Staff realised the mistake, but not knowing quite what to say, said nothing.

The same engineer has been very busy collecting lemonade cans in order to cash them in, when a more senior engineer helped himself to them commenting; "you didn't have to collect all the cans for me. I would have done it".



Work has been fairly boring in Ballarat Division lately.

And the men behind all the boring are pictured here, drilling into foundations of a bridge in Grant Street, Ballarat.

Drilling Overseer Tom Hynds (left) watches as Jim Miller (right), Technical Assistant, and Dr Hong Keong Chiu (sitting), Engineer, operate a drilling rig. They were investigating the foundations of the bridge which is to be widened, and are all from the Geotechnical Section in Materials Division.

Photograph courtesy Ballarat Courier.

WARRNAMBOOL

From Darryl Watts



Meet the 'Mini Brigade', a group of fuel-conscious commuters from Warrnambool who believes that good things come in small packages.

Pictured with their little Leylands are, from left, draftsman Des Roche, senior draftsman Peter Crabbe, engineer Glyn Jones, tea lady Ethel Read, engineer Rod Cottrill, receptionist Kerrin Earls and Divisional Accountant Bill McConnell.

What's the big, or rather little, attraction of owning a Mini? "It's the next best thing to a bicycle!" Bill told Interchange.

New Arrival

A warm welcome to Terry Bond, our latest addition to the drawing office staff. In a good cover up Terry denies he is related to James.

Retirements

Draftsman Lou Lehmann retired on 5th February following 4 months Long Service Leave. Lou had been with the Board for 20 years.

A function was held on 12th February for Bridge Overseer Len Pollock who retired after 35 years service with the Board. Most of his time was spent on Bridge-works.

Sick List

Rod Cottrill is recovering in a Melbourne Hospital after a minor operation. He will be off his feet for a couple of weeks. Jim Bathe is also off for a couple of weeks rest after a bout of pneumonia.

Max Harper is still on extended sick leave. We hope he is feeling better.

Fitter David Bevan is recuperating after being hospitalised for a heart condition. We hope to see him back at work soon.

Odd Spot

Warrnambool's newest Army recruit Sapper Phil Cheslett has finally made it to his recruit camp. At last the Army remembered to put his name on the list.

CLASSIES

BIRTHS

ALLEN: Phil (Bridge) and Heather, a daughter Sarah Louise.

ATKINSON: Barry (Bridge) and Katie, a son, Robert Raymond.

BIRD: David (Survey) and Helen, a son Adam George, brother to Simon and Matthew on 8 December. All well.

LOWE: Amanda and Stan (Survey) a girl, Arianwyn 7lb 13oz.

OVERY: David (Bairnsdale) and Wendy - congrats on the arrival of Mitchell.

MALINS: Karen and Ray (Traffic Eng.) proudly announce the arrival of Laura Kate on February 1st. Sister for Kara.

TAVARE: Julie and Brian (Benalla) have much pleasure in announcing the arrival of Brian Leslie on 26 January.

TULLOCH: Sally and John (Survey), a daughter Jane Louise. Sister for Scot.

WALTER: Graham (Bridge) and Lorraine, a son, Andrew.

FOR SALE

CAMERA: Pentax SP1000, standard lens plus EMC auto 135mm lens and Braun flash \$200—Steve Parsons ext 2762.

MARRIAGES

HAYES: Mick (Traralgon) to Jean Renden on 13 March.

O'BRIEN: Adrian (Estates) and Marie Chalkiadakis (Survey) on January 9th.

TAYLOR: Peter (TE) and Cheryl Mehlert tie the knot on 13th March at Ripponlea. Another eligible male 'bites the dust'.

DE ZWART: Theo (Insurance Officer) to Lisa English (Ex-typing pool, HO).

RETIREMENTS

LOUSADA: Lou (Survey) retired after 10 years service (See 'Survey' Notes).

REIDY: Tom (Benalla) Overseer for 24 years.

FOR RENT

HOLIDAY HOUSE: At MT BEAUTY Accommodates 12 people, and close to Bright, Falls Creek and Mt Buffalo. Contact: John Finlay Ext. 2367 (HO).

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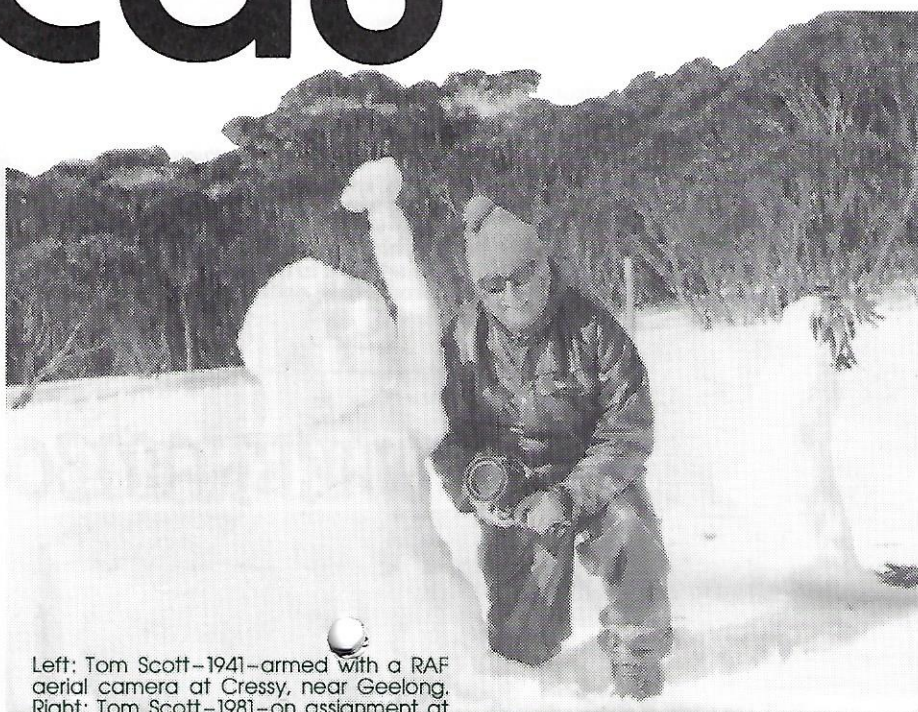
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You probably know Tom Scott. If you don't know the name, you'll probably know his face and camera. Tom has been with the CRB for 32 years—all of them with the Photographic Section. He's travelled to all the divisions and project sites taking photographs for CRB publications. In 1979 Tom's photograph of the Buchan River Bridge won an award in the annual National Publications Competition, held by the Society of Industrial Editors. A lot has developed since Tom had his first ever photograph published by The Age—when he was only 15. Tom, who retires in April, talks to Interchange about his career...

Scotty in Focus



Left: Tom Scott—1941—armed with a RAF aerial camera at Cressy, near Geelong. Right: Tom Scott—1981—on assignment at Mt Hotham.

IC: I understand photography wasn't your first area of employment, Tom. What else have you done?

TS: When I was 14 I worked as a gardener at Mt. Macedon. I did jobs for G J Coles, G R (Aspro) Nicholas and Sir Frank Clarke who used to live around there. When I was 17 I left home to be a trainee landscape gardener. I lasted a year...It wasn't my forte.

IC: How did you break into professional photography?

TS: I was always interested in photography. Mum was the local correspondent in Mt. Macedon for The Age and I was about 15 when the first picture I had published was by them. I was also interested in radio but photography paid better, so that's what I went into. I've no regrets.

IC: You joined the RAAF around 1941?

TS: Yes. First off, I went to South Wales to Number 10 Sunderland Flying Boat Squadron. I moved with them to Plymouth, and in 1942 I attended the RAF Photographic Instructors Course at Farnborough. In January 1943 I joined the RAAF Public Relations in London. From there I visited every Australian squadron in England.

IC: What basically did the public relations job involve?

TS: I was showing the world what the RAAF was doing. My work was sent to all the Aussie papers and were also distributed world wide.

IC: You spent a lot of time at Buckingham Palace then, didn't you?

TS: Yes. We used to go along to the Palace a fair bit. The English used to thumb their noses at the Germans with their weekly investitures every Tuesday at precisely 11.00am. My favourite model is the Queen Mother. I did some royal tours when I was with The Age and the CRB.

IC: How long were you a press photographer with the Age?

TS: Five years. It's a good job if you've got printer's ink in your blood and can stay sober...I liked fashion and social rounds—you mixed with the nicest of people!

IC: And how did you become involved with tennis?

TS: In London the RAAF had an arrangement with Wimbledon which gave us the use of the courts, etc. Then I used to photograph the Davis Cups as a hobby. I followed the Cup around when it was big, and I was single and more interested in travel...I now just stay around Kooyong.

IC: You joined the CRB in 1950. What was the Photographic Section—as it was called—like in those days?

TS: Jim Stirling, who retired about 17 years ago, was there. I was involved in photography as he was more interested in making films. I did a lot in editing photographs and writing captions for the annual reports. I've assisted with the annual reports since I joined.

IC: How many photographs have you taken in your lifetime, Tom?

TS: I couldn't say. The only statistics I kept was when I travelled 93,000 miles (on photographic assignments with the RAAF) around the British Isles. The reason I kept that record was that I reckoned I was being underpaid on expenses.

IC: So what future plans do you have now Tom? Will you be taking a busman's holiday?

TS: I'm going to travel to America with my wife in June. We've got a daughter living there... oh yes, I'll take a 35mm camera. Somebody has to...no one in the family takes an interest in photography.



Below: Another 'Scott shot', and for Tom, one of many taken during the war. It shows a glider being towed over England during a training exercise. Tom was sitting in another glider to take this photograph. "I had to take my parachute off to use the camera gear," Tom said. "And I nearly fell out."



Above left: one of the many cover shots Tom has taken for Australian tennis magazines. Above right: Sir Henry Bolte and the Queen Mother ("my favourite model") in 1957. Tom first met her during the Dam Busters Awards presentation at Buckingham Palace.