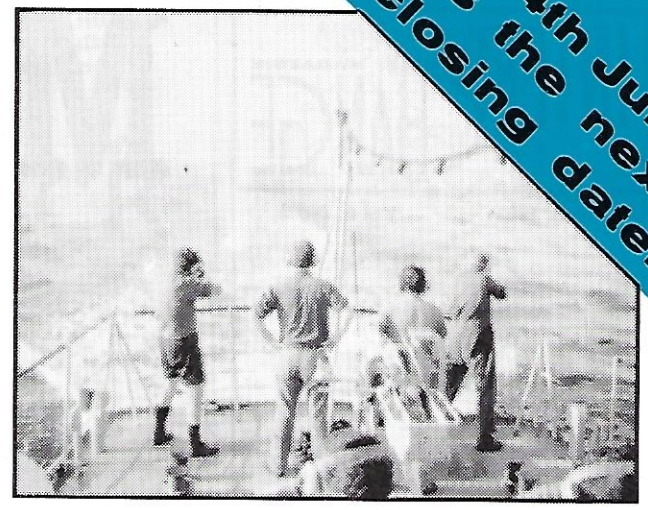


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Above: small arms firing — an empty beer can is used for target practice

Cairns to Melbourne...

# Aboard HMAS Bayonet

**Lt Commander David Trace admits that the ocean can be a dangerous place, at times. And he should know. He's just commanded HMAS BAYONET, an Attack Class patrol boat, on a 3200km journey from Cairns to Melbourne.**

**"It can be frightening at sea," David says, reflecting on the three week voyage, "but it has a fascination. It's always a challenge."**

BAYONET has been handed over to the Melbourne Division of the Royal Australian Naval Reserves as a training vessel. David, and crew of 19, battled cyclones, cramped living conditions and sea sickness to deliver the vessel safely to its new home in Westernport Bay.

"Off Queensland, Cyclone Bernie was bearing down on us and we were trying to outrun it," David recalls. "We were 500 nautical miles away but still felt the effects, winds up to about 50 knots and the seas five metres high. There were a few rolls of about 60 degrees either side...which is a fair way."

Ploughing the waves for three weeks usually has its toll. One victim, a sales manager from Melbourne, was unlucky enough to be eating a pie in the galley when there was a sudden roll. Without any warning he found himself cascading around the galley amid pots and pans, food, cups and a 15 stone cook. "The return roll sent them crashing into the tea urn," David says "it had been bolted onto the wall and was torn off. The end result he had three broken ribs and a chipped shoulder blade. And then we had to land a seaman at McKay suffering from a stomach ulcer brought on by chronic seasickness."

**But David emphasises that the voyage wasn't all drama.**

"It's a good break and there are so many people of different occupations working with you," he says. "We had bank managers, industrial scientists, school teachers and policemen..."

The patrol boat measures 107 foot from bow to stern, which means that living conditions can get a bit confined.

"It's very cramped on board. I live in luxury as my cabin (2.5m square) is about three times as big as anyone else's. The officers dining and lounge room ('Ward Room' for the nautically minded) is only 2.0 metres square."

During the seafaring expedition, the crew — under the watchful eye of David — carried out navigation, watch-keeping, small arms firing, and daily fire and emergency exercises. "Fire is a very feared

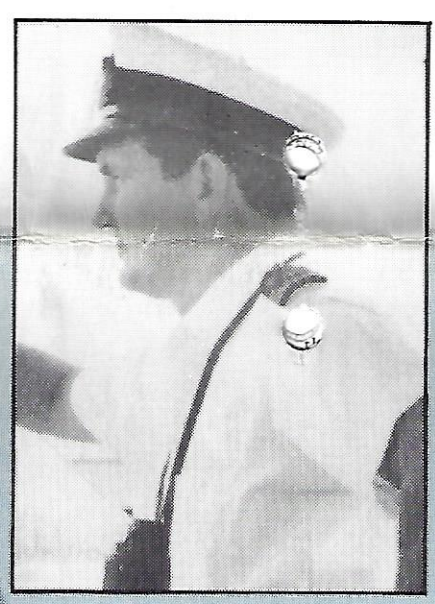
thing on board a ship. We carry a lot of ammunition on board which is very explosive. After all...there isn't a fire brigade to call!"

The weapons used in the small arms firing were F1 submachine guns and Browning automatic pistols. Both weapons are 9mm calibre.

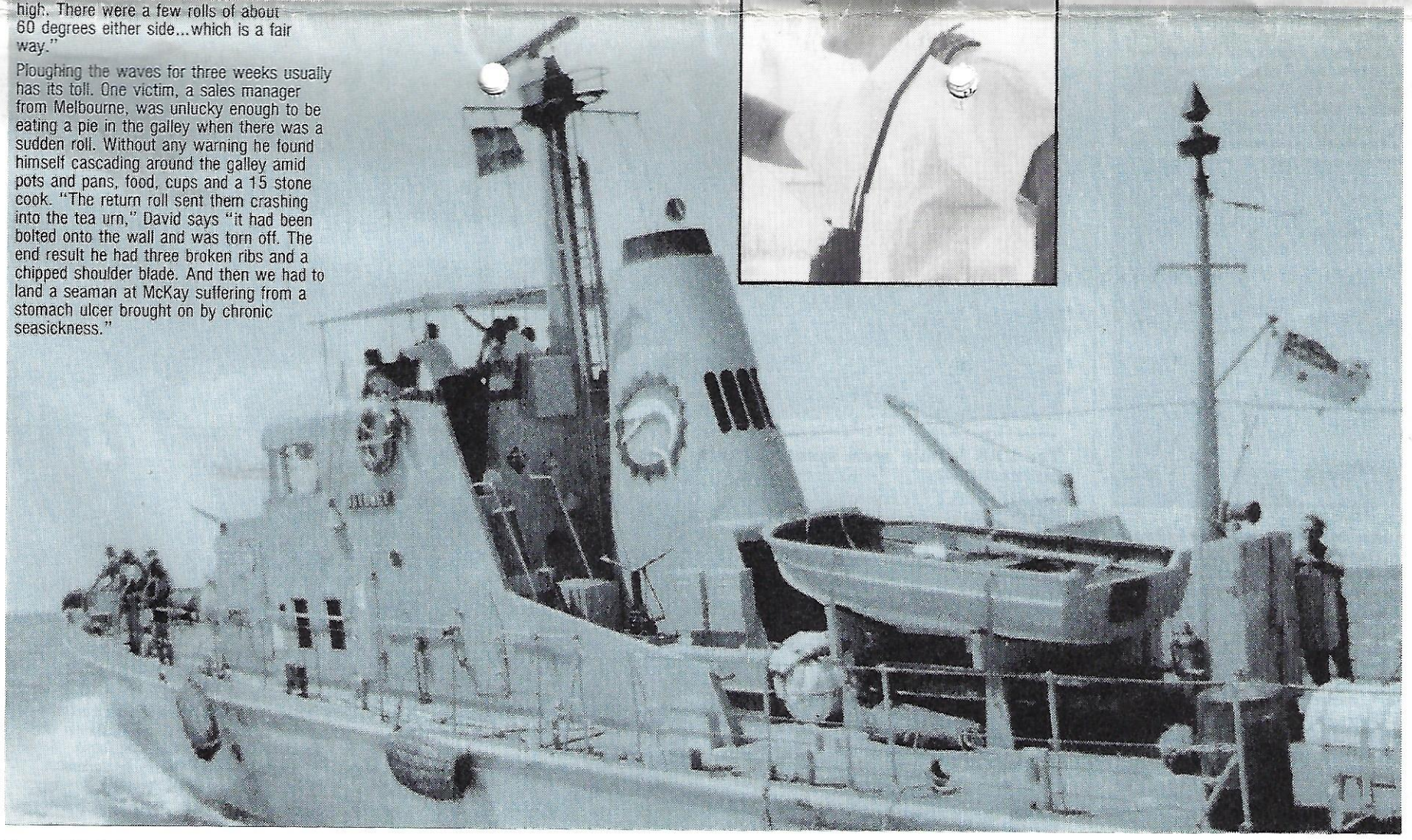
**Another activity on the agenda was the 'Man Overboard' exercises, which aren't as ominous as they sound. "We throw a lifebuoy into the sea and each member of the crew has to be capable of manoeuvring the ship to pick it up."**

David has been in the Naval Reserve for 19 years, and his service has taken him to Port Moresby, New Zealand and numerous Australian coastal regions. He met his wife on one of the excursions. "It was at a cocktail party on board HMAS STALWART in Wellington" says David.

**The Melbourne Reserve's previous patrol boat was reclaimed by the RAN in early 1974 when the Federal Government presented six boats to the Indonesian Navy. HMAS ARROW was subsequently sunk by Cyclone Tracy in Darwin Harbour in December 1974. "Since then we've had various World War Two vintage, antiquated vessels!" David says with a faint hint of displeasure.**



Below: HMAS BAYONET near Cairns. Inset: Lt Commander David Trace, from Road Planning



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Got something to say?

We'd like to hear from anybody with a good idea for Interchange. Already we're working on several suggestions from readers, but nevertheless there is always room for new material.

Remember, it's a staff magazine, and that's exactly what we're seeking - staff stories.

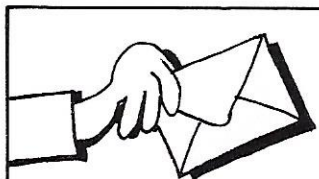
If you do want to submit photographs, they should be in black and white but colour material can be used.

Better reproduction can also be achieved if negatives are also submitted, and detailed captions are essential. The Editor would also like to hear comments about our regular features: Diversions, Joggers Corner, Chef's Delight, Divisional Roundabout and Sportsdesk. Tell us your views on them: whether it be complimentary or otherwise.



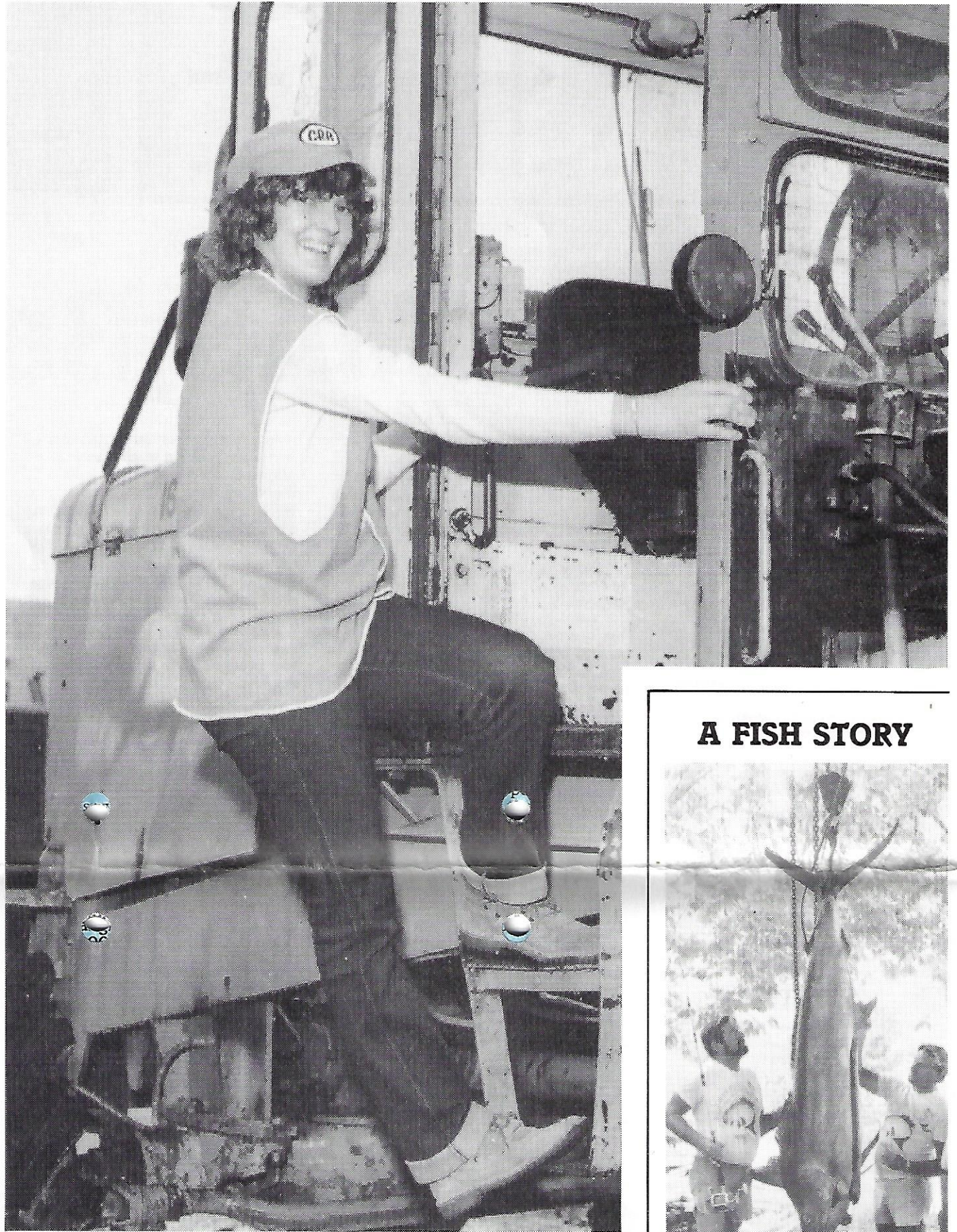
A few issues back you met one of the Interchange reps at Traralgon, Peter Simmons. The other half of the talented Traralgon team is Ms Sonia Delost, pictured above, who is only too keen to accept snippets of information from her fellow workers.

**Other country Division reps: Ian Ellis Bairnsdale; Ron Hrymakowski Ballarat; Mike Farmer Benalla; Reg Marslen Bendigo; Victor Lawther Dandenong; Charles Low Geelong; Ken Mathers Metropolitan; Darryl Watts Warrnambool; Betty Sleep Horsham**



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# Meet Miss CRB



**The CRB is once again sponsoring an entrant in the Miss Victorian Public Service Quest.**

Vicki Handcock, 19, is seeking this year's esteemed title and was ceremoniously crowned Miss CRB by the Chairman at the Annual Ball in May.

Vicki, who says she likes basketball and 'knitting in front of the open fire', is a ledger machinist at Benalla Division.

And she is seen here modelling the latest in 'flaggie wear'.

The new 'high visibility traffic jackets' have been designed for personnel who work in areas where there is highway or construction traffic.

Although not standard dress for ledger machinists, Vicki decided to show us what the new safety gear looks like.

Vicki says that a number of fund raising exercises will be held in the near future. One will be film nights which are planned for the Head Office Theatre, as well as numerous raffles.

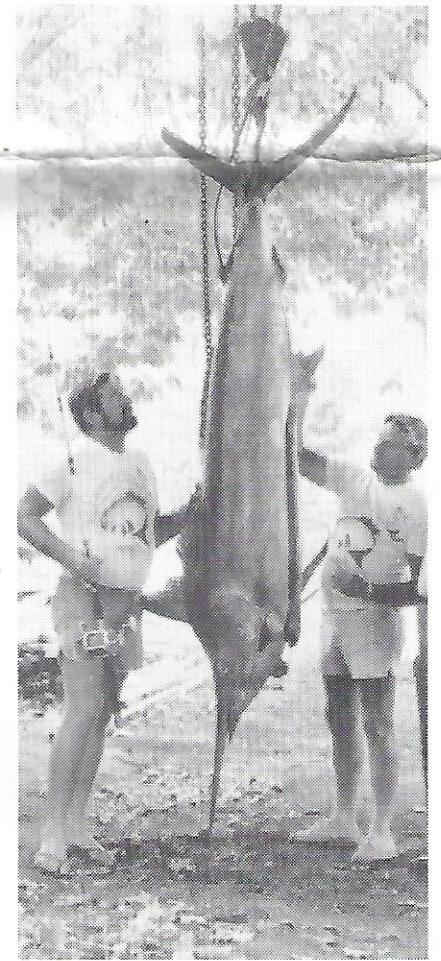
The Quest raises money which is used in the care and education of spastic children and adults.

Last year's CRB entrant in the Quest was stenographer Terri Langridge.



**If you have any suggestions on fund raising, you can contact Vicki at Benalla Division or ring Innes Russell in Estates on extension 2467.**

## A FISH STORY



Here's one that didn't get away!

Instructor Driver Rex Dixon, left, from Benalla Division, took several hours to land this huge marlin recently. He took the haul with the help of fellow fisherman John McLean, right, when they were fishing off the NSW coast.

John is Shire President with the Shire of Chiltern, north of Wangaratta.

Rex said that it was by far the biggest catch in the region; it would need a three metre frying pan if it was cooked whole.

For Rex the colossal catch will be the last for quite some time; during the winter he is involved with snow clearing.

**Will the last CRB Ball be the LAST CRB BALL? See Page 6**



What have Aussie Rules Football and Polocrosse got in common? Answer: they're the only two sports which one could safely say were 'originated' in Australia. The major difference, however, is that Polocrosse is going international. Interchange talks to Kevin O'Keefe, an Experimental Officer from Warrambool Division, on his association with this fast growing Aussie sport:

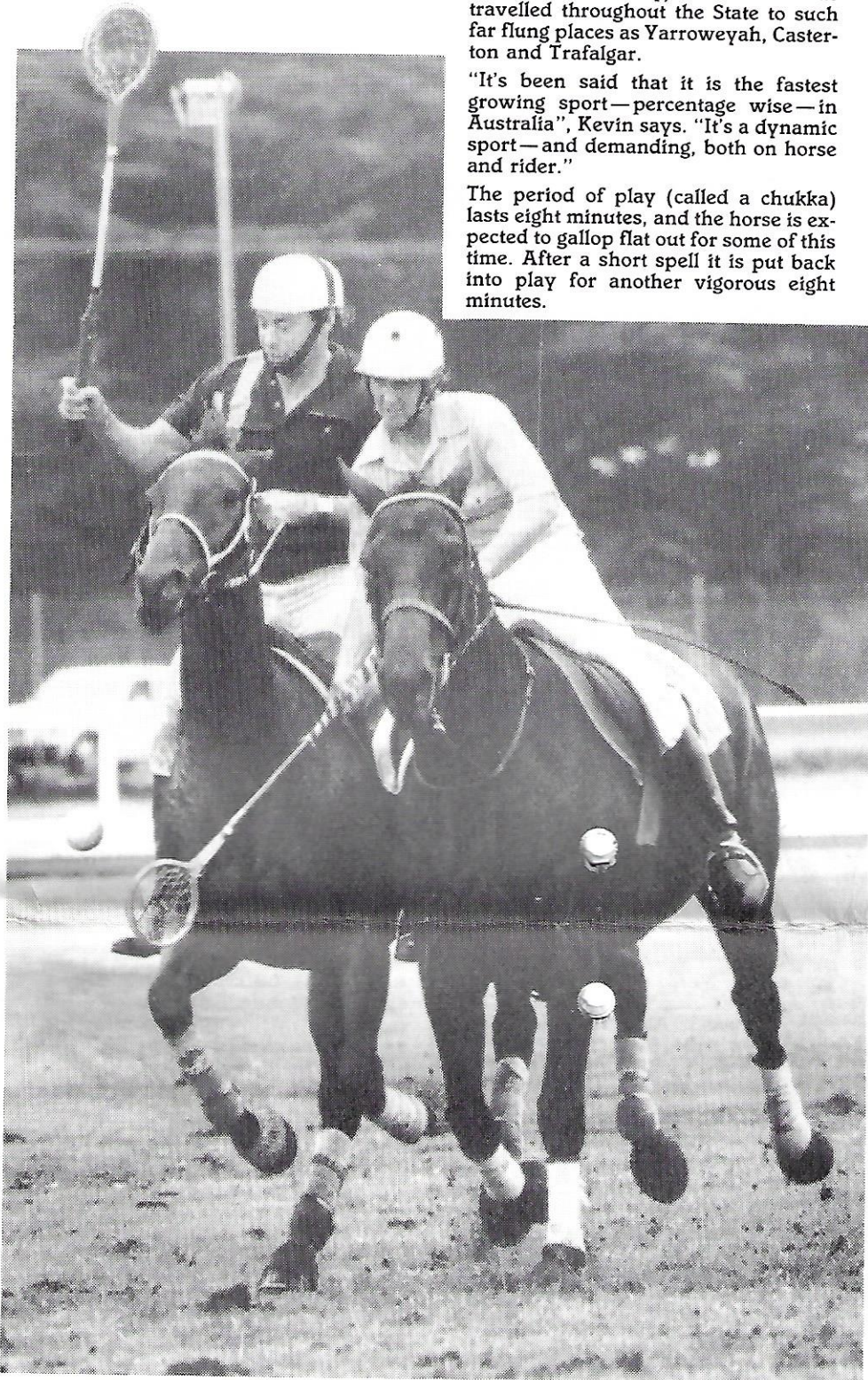
# Hockey on Horseback

Kevin explains his interest in polocrosse in a few words: "It's exciting". "You have to have a horse with good sense, though", he quickly adds.

Kevin, a member of the Polocrosse Association of Victoria, has just finished playing his first season with Warrambool (competition lasts from early January until May). His team has travelled throughout the State to such far flung places as Yarroweyah, Casterton and Trafalgar.

"It's been said that it is the fastest growing sport—percentage wise—in Australia", Kevin says. "It's a dynamic sport—and demanding, both on horse and rider."

The period of play (called a chukka) lasts eight minutes, and the horse is expected to gallop flat out for some of this time. After a short spell it is put back into play for another vigorous eight minutes.



"I play number three most of the time. My job is to act as a sort of defender to try and let my number one have a go at scoring.

"You've got to know what you're doing too. There could be four horses galloping down a field and if a player cuts across them he could bring the lot down."

Kevin attributes his close association with equines to his farm upbringing in the Warrambool district. "I have had horse orientated interests since I was a kid. We've got three horses now... two are Welsh ponies that are show ponies for the kids. I've got a polocrosse mare."

Horses have always featured prominently in the O'Keefe clan. "Uncle Kevin Lafferty was a renown VRC Sportsman of the Year. My father was a jockey in Warrambool and my brothers and I have ridden in many Melbourne Shows."

Although only a relatively young sport (it was 'invented' in 1939), polocrosse is already enjoying a reputation overseas. At the Australian national polocrosse championships in Benalla earlier this year, plans were outlined for a Test series to be held in 1983 in New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Zimbabwe.

Today, Warrambool. Tomorrow...

## HOCKEY ON HORSEBACK (AUSSIE STYLE)

As its name implies, polocrosse is a game played on horseback, with some elements of polo, with a lacrosse type of weapon.

There can be three players on the field at any time from each team: a Forward, a Centre and a Back. The field is rectangular, 146 metres by 55 metres, and scores can only be made inside the 27 metre penalty line, and outside the semi-circular goal line 10 metres around the goals, which are 2.4 metres apart.

The Forward is the only player allowed to score, and the Back of the opposing team plays him.

There are six or eight periods of play, or chukkas, of eight minutes. The ball is made of sponge rubber so that it bounces and doesn't trip the horses.

Photo: Kevin O'Keefe (left) moves in to prevent the opposition, 'Binny' Barkley from Heytesbury, from scoring a goal

## New Minister of Transport

Victoria's new Minister of Transport is the Honourable Steve Marshall Crabb, MP. Mr Crabb has been the Member for Knox in the Legislative Assembly since 1976.

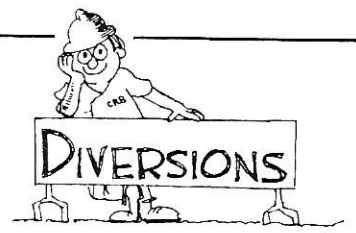
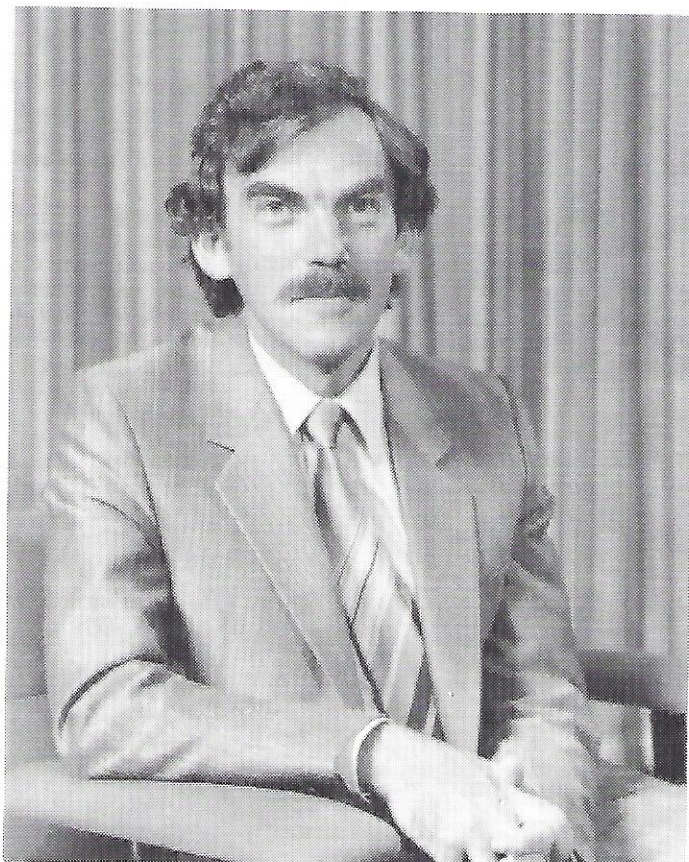
Born in Arbroath, Scotland on January 15th, 1943, Mr Crabb was educated at Forres Academy, Arbroath High School and is a Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries in Edinburgh.

Between 1972 and 1976 he worked for the Australian Insurance Employees Union, the Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society Ltd. and the Australian Council of Salaried and Professional Associations.

In 1977 he became Shadow Minister for Economic Planning, Public Works and Federal Affairs, and from 1977 until 1982 was Shadow Minister of Transport.

Mr Crabb was appointed Minister of Transport in April, 1982.

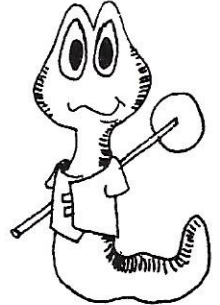
He is married with two sons, and his recreations are camping, jogging and reading.



### Odd Names Dept.

A roller operator in a country division has a surname that boasts 24 letters! Naturally nobody can pronounce it so his colleagues on site address him simply as 'Peter Alphabet'.

### Erratum



The typographical error below was brought to our attention by a reader from Bairnsdale. It appeared in the minutes of a meeting and was related to a report on the Painting of Vehicles:

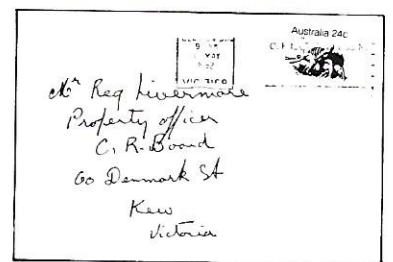
"Trucks painted in this fashion provided the best background for approaching motorists to see wormmen wearing a traffic jacket and also gave a clear outline which enabled approaching motorists..."

### Kim's now in the book!

Technical illustrator Kim Edmonds (Printing) has just discovered why he never received any phone calls at work; when preparing the artwork for a new Head Office directory recently, he noticed his name had inadvertently been omitted over the last few issues. (Just in case the error isn't rectified in the 1982 edition, Kim can be contacted on 2006 during normal office hours).

### Male Slave Dept.

A number of excited people have contacted Interchange about an article in the Truth newspaper titled 'I Kidnapped Sex Slave: Divorcee'. The item claimed that a 'buxom Blonde' had kidnapped 'a male slave called Derryn' who worked as a 'Stripper for a St. Kilda nightclub'. As it turns out, the article states Derryn quit his stripping routine for a job with the Country Roads Board. Who this elusive, mysterious Derryn is nobody knows! But there are a lot of female readers of Truth in the CRB who are anxious to find out. If Derryn is reading this, he can ring Interchange and ask for Debbie, Dianne, Heather or Lee.



### Letters Dept.

It seems that the writer of this letter, who was seeking information on property, somehow got his Livermores mixed up. DAVID Livermore works in the Property Section of Estates, whereas his namesake REG can occasionally be found performing in Her Majesty's Theatre.

### Road Talk!

Dandenong Division engineer Peter Evans and surveyor Peter Wells were deep in debate over the height of an embankment. After much wrangling an agitated Peter declared; "I'll get my level and staff!" Five minutes later he returned with a dumpy level and two Field Assistants.



The CRB has been host to two official openings recently: the first stage of the Keilor Bypass and the extension of the Eastern Freeway, from Bulleen Road to Doncaster Road.

# KEILOR BYPASS: FIRST OF MANY FOR THE CALDER HIGHWAY

A 140km duplicated road from Melbourne to Bendigo — that's the aim the CRB has for the Calder Highway.

The Minister of Transport, The Hon Steve Crabb MP, said this at the opening of the Bypass of Keilor on 18 May.

"This 3.8km bypass of Keilor will enable motorists to bypass the commercial centre of Keilor, which has been a traffic bottleneck for many years," Mr Crabb said.

"This project is the first of many planned for the Calder Highway. Eventually the entire 140km to Bendigo will be duplicated with all major towns bypassed."

Mr Crabb said that, at today's prices, this will cost an estimated \$100 million.

"These roadworks are entirely in keeping with the new Government's priorities — removal

of bottlenecks and improvement of the existing road infrastructure," Mr Crabb said.

The newly opened section is between Erebus Street and Arundel Road, and cost \$15.5 million.

## Bridges

The new 127 metre-long, four-span twin bridges over the Maribyrnong River are the third river crossing in the locality. Two other bridges — one built in 1868 and the other in 1964, are within sight of the new crossing.

An estimated 27,000 vehicles a day were using the Calder Highway through Keilor before the opening. It is estimated that approximately 25,000 vehicles a day will use the new section of freeway.



Mr Crabb, Minister of Transport, at the official opening of the Keilor Bypass



## An Important Guest: Michael McLean

A very special guest at the official opening of the Eastern Freeway extension was Michael McLean.

Michael was a surveyor on the project until last year when an accident on site sent him to hospital and, ultimately, a wheelchair.

It happened in October when a trench in which he was working suddenly caved in. He was buried in wet clay, but fortunately was freed by some quick thinking workmates. An ambulance rushed him to the Austin Hospital where it was found he was suffering from broken ribs and spinal injuries.

Since then Michael has made a speedy recovery, but is now confined to a wheelchair.

The accident is in Michael's past now and if all goes well he should be back working for the CRB in July.

Charlie Robinson, the Assistant Principal Surveyor, said he hoped Michael would be resuming duty in the Photogrammetry Section of Survey Division. "He will be involved in the Board's mapping programme," Charlie told Interchange.

Michael has been described by his colleagues as being very good-humoured and resolute, and they all are looking forward for his return to work.

Michael is pictured here at the opening shaking hands with the Minister of Transport, Steve Crabb, while Mr Russell looks on. Behind Michael are Alan Alford, left, and John Cafferkey, both Survey Officers with the project.

## EASTERN OPENING

The Minister of Transport, The Hon. Steve Crabb, M.P., opened the four lane \$24 million arterial extension of the Eastern Freeway between Bulleen Road and Doncaster Road, Balwyn, on the 3rd June 1982.

Mr Crabb said, "This 3km extension, constructed by the Country Roads Board, will improve traffic conditions at the eastern end of the existing freeway".

However, the planned extension of this new road to Ringwood is not programmed by the CRB in the foreseeable future.

"And this proposal, along with all others, will be completely reviewed in the development of the new 1983 Transport Plan.

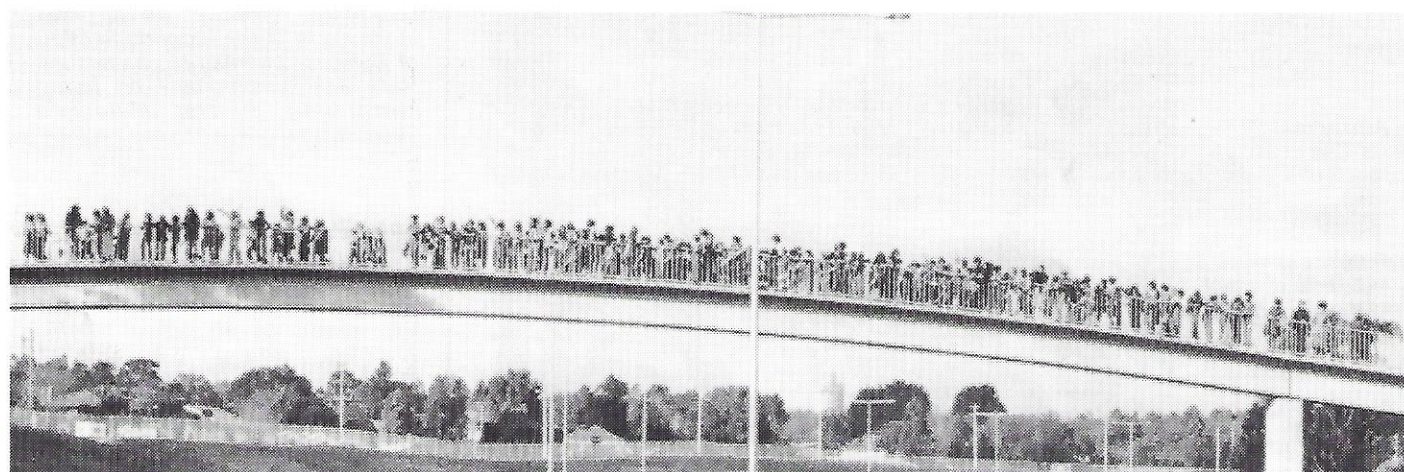
"The only part of the previous plan likely to be of benefit in the near future is the Ringwood by-pass".

This new road will remove traffic from roads and streets in the Cities of Doncaster and Templestowe and Camberwell which are currently being used for access to the freeway".

"Doncaster Road easterly from the Extension to Elgar Road has recently been duplicated by the Doncaster and Templestowe City Council to also improve traffic flow".

"The CRB has incorporated a median barrier wall in the construction of the Extension to avoid the need for a wide median and also to provide additional traffic safety".

Children from Booroondara Primary School gathered on the Kenneth Street pedestrian overpass to view the motorcade at the opening of the Eastern Freeway Extension.





In the April issue of Interchange the Nostalgia page described the early exploits of bridge builder Will Winnett. This month Mrs Melba Blare recounts some interesting aspects of a municipal road patrolman's life in the 1930s. Mrs Blare's husband Robert was the first patrolman on the Benambra-Corryong Road where he worked for the Shire of Upper Murray for 20 years.

## 'On the Benambra-Corryong Road'

Travellers and locals used to know the Blare residence as 'the Halfway House'.

For it wasn't unusual for Robert and Melba to put up a stranded motorist for the night, in their small but comfortable home at Nairiel Upper, about halfway between Benambra and Corryong.

And in those days—the 1930s—stranded motorists were plentiful as the road was often blocked by fallen trees or snow drifts.

The 127km Benambra-Corryong Road joins Benambra, near Omeo, with Corryong, a dairying town in Victoria's north east near the NSW border. Robert's main area of responsibility was the stretch of road from Sassafras Gap to Corryong.

"It was a very big job to keep the roads clear in Winter," Melba said, "and all Robert had was a horse and dray, axes, crosscut saw, wedges and crowbars.

"The trees that he had to clear were whoppers too."

It must have been reassuring for motorists to know that the Blare household was so hospitable. "We'd put people caught in the snow up for the night," Melba says, "and the next day Robert would tow their broken down cars through to the next patrolman."

Often the work load in mid-Winter was so unrelenting that Robert would find himself 'snowed under'—in more ways than one. Occasionally he would be forced to camp out in a tent at night so that he could clear the road, by hand, at daybreak. "He was up in a tent one Winter and four foot of snow fell in one night," recalls Melba. "He was up all night just keeping the snow off the tent."

But tackling fallen gum trees and snow was only part of the job. In winter many rivers were apt to flood their banks, causing a lot of damage to the numerous bridges in the area.

### T-MODEL FORD

During those dampening times one had to possess a sense of humour. "We had a T-model Ford and Robert would say: 'Lift up your feet we're going through a river'. The water would flow right through one side of the car to the other. Fortunately the engine on the Ford was up high and the water never got to it."

Summer brought no respite from hard work either, for bushfires were a constant problem. In fact, Robert was nearly a victim of the infamous 1939 bushfires that ravaged Victoria.

Robert took on the patrolman role in 1932, when the Depression was still causing havoc to the economy.



• Above: Robert and Melba Blare

### BARK KITCHEN A HOME

Home for the first few years consisted of a bark kitchen and two tents. Electricity and telephones were unheard of: kerosene lamps and lanterns fulfilled their needs.

When Robert was out on the road Melba was kept occupied educating the children, attending the vegetable gardens and milking cows; people learnt to be self-sufficient in those conditions. She also became a very adept shooter.

"Snakes were a problem and we were mainly concerned about the children. So if they came around the house I'd shoot them."

"I'm a pretty good shot too!" she added (snakes weren't a protected species in the 1930s).

Robert died in 1966, after 34 years of living in the Nariel district. Melba still lives



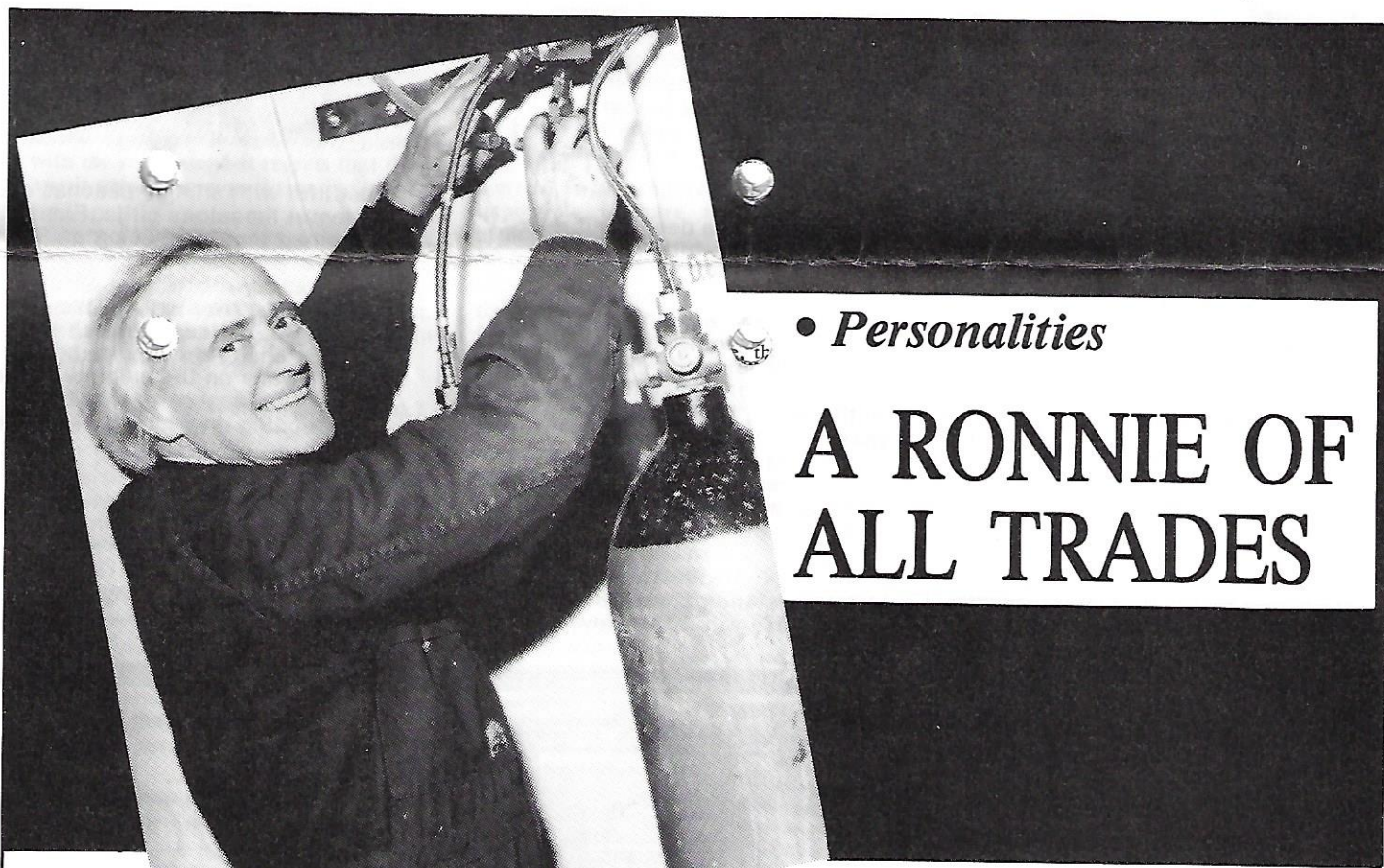
• A common problem on the road in the 1930s: fallen trees. And this was in the pre-chain saw era too. Top photo: Robert Blare, the first patrolman on the lonely Corryong-Benambra Road

in the same house, although it has now been transformed into a cosy, modern cottage. She says she plans to write a book about the life of a patrolman.

"I think patrolmen did a wonderful job in Australia and the record should be kept for the archives and as part of the history of this country," she said.

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ARE YOU about to write your memoirs on your first job with the CRB? Would they be appropriate for our NOSTALGIA pages?? Then put quill to paper and write to us. Text should be confined to approximately 400 words and any photographs submitted should be captioned.

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### • Personalities

## A RONNIE OF ALL TRADES

His mates call him 'Ronnie' but his real name is Roland. Roland Ryan.

So, why the confusion?

"Most people call me Ronnie," he says, "but my real name is Roland." Then comes the explanation. "Mum was going to call me Ronald but the day she registered my name she wasn't feeling very well and she misspelt it. I've been a Roland ever since."

But he adds that he answers to almost anything.

Ronnie—or Roland—joined Office Services at Head Office in September, 1971, as the Plant Maintenance Technician. He's well known around Kew (his travels take him to all the annexes and Metro Division), and his job makes him sort of 'Jack of all trades'.

Ron's duties vary daily: one moment he's doing a spot of plumbing, then it's a hammer and screwdriver job, and then he's called on for some removalist work. "I do a lot of shift work" he explains. Then adds that he isn't talking about overtime. "I shift people from one place to another...for example Metro Division to High Street...I don't think I've ever missed a shift."

Ron describes himself as 'easy going'. "I'm not in bad humour very often," he says. And in his job, that sort of disposition helps. Mistakes do happen.

"My most embarrassing experience was when I overflowed a drain and flooded the kitchen and theatre. About half of the floor there was covered with tea stain and water."

And the confessions continue,

"There was the day I was moving an air conditioning unit from the

Computer Section to the lower ground floor. It slid off the skates and knocked over a large rack of computer tapes. It didn't make them terribly happy."

But despite flooded kitchens and broken tapes, Ronnie says he likes his work. "I enjoy fiddling around with pipes," he laughs. "The only thing I hate is replacing broken windows. It can be a nightmare, all that fiddling around. It can take ten minutes to four hours depending on the type of window."

Ron, who is married and lives in Glen Iris, is certainly a handy man to have around. "I'm no electrician" he adds hastily.

So the next time you see an amiable little man with a case full of screwdrivers, hammers and wrenches, take a moment to say 'hello'.

It's probably Roland...but you can call him Ronnie!



# chef's delight

## LEMON CRUMBED CHICKEN

by Elaine Haines,  
HO Cafeteria Manageress

4 chicken breasts, ¼ cup lemon juice, ½ cup dry white wine, 2 tablespoons of oil and salt & pepper,

Marinate the above for two hours. Drain chicken and reserve liquid.

1½ cups of breadcrumbs, 60gms of ground almonds, ¼ teaspoon of oregano, 2 tablespoons of chopped parsley, 1 teaspoon of grated lemon rind, 1 tablespoon of parmesan cheese (optional).

Coat chicken in seasoned flour, dip in egg (2 eggs beaten) and coat in the combined above ingredients.

Butter and oil, extra flour.

Fry chicken in butter and oil until golden brown and cooked, remove from pan and keep warm. Add extra flour to frypan and cook one minute, then add, marinate, stir until smooth and bring to boil. Simmer for a couple minutes, add cream and extra parsley. Reheat without boiling.



Maria Mestrovic took a break from the Head Office kitchen on June 3rd to attend the opening of the extension of the Eastern Freeway.

Nothing unusual about that you say? The point is that Maria, a Cafeteria Attendant, didn't show up to assist with the catering — she was amongst the official guests.

Maria's husband Ivo was a major contractor on the project, and was responsible for the erection of the median barrier wall on the new section of divided road.

"Ivo has done a lot of bridges for shires and the CRB," Maria said.

Maria joined the CRB Head Office Cafeteria in 1977.

In February Robert Parr (Metro Div) and Graham Foley (Dandenong Div) braved the Tasmanian wilderness by rafting the Franklin River with three companions.

This is Robert's account of their rather wet encounters...

# RAFTING THE FRANKLIN

In the final weeks leading up to departure some of my co-workers will testify to my reservations about the trip. Stories of bodies still churning around in "stoppers" in the river and the list of drownings did nothing to bolster our confidence. Nonetheless, once on the river most of these thoughts receded.

The first day was spent on the Collingwood River (there wasn't a magpie in sight) before we reached the Franklin. By the second day we had reached the Irenabyss, an incredibly beautiful gorge, just before our campsite for that night.

Along with most of the rafters we left the river at this point and, over the next two days, walked to the top of Frenchmans Cap and back. The view from the top of this quartzite monolith would literally cover a fifth of Tasmania's land mass. It's magnificent!

The next two days were spent gloriously "fanging" the rapids with some bravado, good fortune and newly learned skills. However the next two sections, the Great Ravine and the Glen Calder, lay ahead with all those sinister black crosses on the river map and notes.

These major rapids were generally impassable with typically three metre drops terminating under enormous boulders midstream. The drawback however was the arduous portage of rafts and gear up and over the gorge walls. The compensation was to see the beauty and power of the river and to wonder as to how it would be in flood conditions.

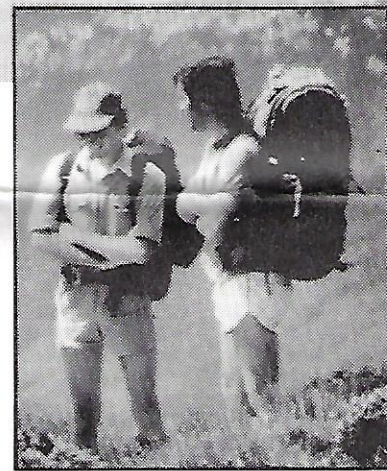
The Franklin is a deeply cut river and most of the tributaries have not kept pace and thus join the river as significant waterfalls. This in conjunction with the gorges and the delicate vegetation made an impressive aesthetic experience. The vegetation consisted of leatherwood, Huan Pine, sassafras with very few eucalyptus and the effect was like North American or European type settings, although the plants were obviously endemic.

The lower Franklin River had many less rapids and gorges but nonetheless was extremely



beautiful with shingly beaches and undercut limestone cliffs. Finally, we joined the mighty Gordon River which was icy cold — because of a dam — and swift. After the last night on the river we met the Dennison Star laundrette, which took us to Strahan for many rounds of Royal Swans on the balcony of the pub, or the local camping ground — depending on your luck with the ladies.

Fortunately, one of our friends managed to "con" a movie camera to capture our exploits on celluloid. This, along with Graham's slides, will make a memorable record of the best holiday that any of us have experienced.



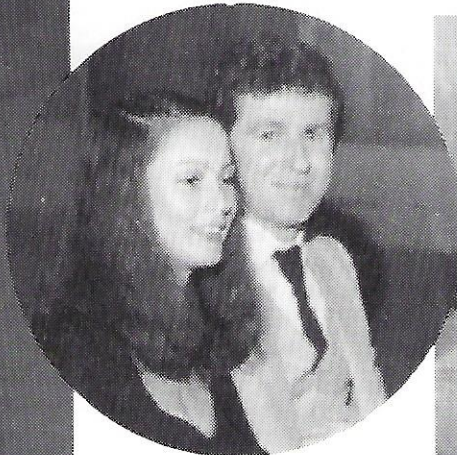
Robert Parr (right) from Metro Division: had 'reservations' about the venture

Above: one of the party riding the rapids



Keeping one's eye on...

# THE '82 BARN DANCE



Above: Mark Gurry, from Computer Section, with his wife Rebecca. Left: Judy Boardman, from Road Planning, with unknown partner during the Barn Dance.

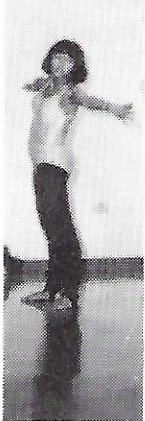


Above: Representing Benalla Division were, from left, Neil and Helen Allen, Paul Bushman, Peter Leyden, John Byrden, Max and Jenny Rankin and Vicki Handcock — Miss CRB 1982



# Getting Into

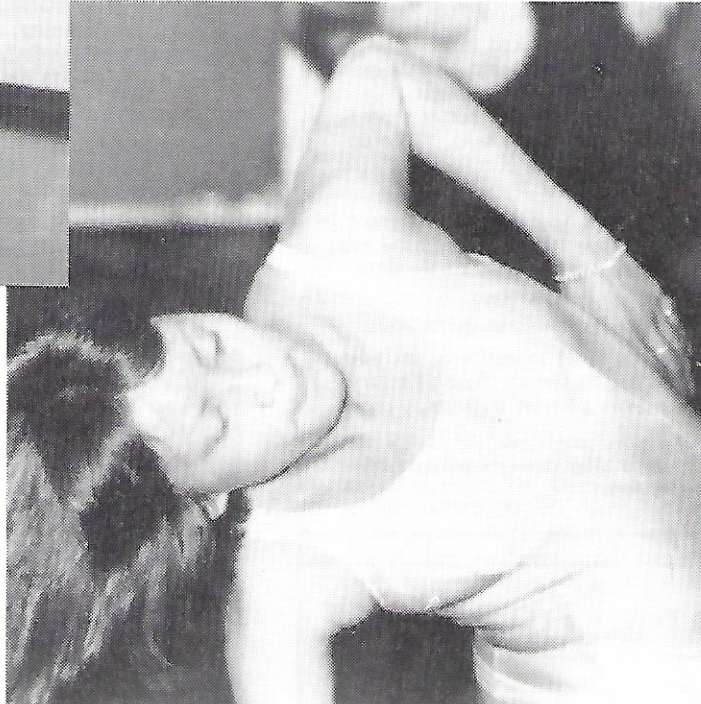
# Rhythm



Right: Ann Mathews gets into rhythm

Above: From left, Ilona Sevela, Karen and Kathy Renic.

Left: "One..two..three..STRETCH!!!"



The instructions are concise and clear: "Use your stomach muscles"... "Arms straight"... "Flex..point..flex.."

The class members follow their tutor's instructions in unison, to the music of Cold Chisel and Split Enz.

The music, and the lessons, are continuous. Surprisingly, everybody seems to keep pace.

The lady leading the class calls herself 'Karen'. She has been organising these sessions of 'Rhythmic Gym' for several weeks now, and the Monday lunchtime exercises share the Head Office theatre with the carpet bowls fraternity.

"Winter is a great time to exercise", says Karen, a perky blonde whose philosophy in life is: "fit people are happy people".

Karen says she is reasonably pleased with the response, but regrets that there aren't enough men participating.

"Rhythmic Gym is exercising to music", she explains. "The emphasis is on fitness, stretching and toning muscles, the latter which is very important for people who run or play squash. We also do heart and lung exercises to build up stamina."

And what do the class members think?

"The exercises makes you feel alive," says Ilona Sevela, a drafting assistant in Materials Division.

Her colleagues agree. "It's good for getting rid of my frustrations," explains Ann Mathews, a typist with Materials. "It's good for the mind and soul."

"I just like to get fit," says Kathy Renic Chemical Lab., who adds that, being married with children, it's virtually impossible to have regular visits to gymnasiums.

"I do it because everybody else does," says Lee Scott, pointing out that most of the class is made up of her colleagues from Materials Division. One of the few males who attend, experimental officer Cliff Parfitt, Bitumen Lab., says that he believes the weekly classes are 'good value'. "I find it good training for the Army Reserve." Cliff says.

Meanwhile Head Office staff will be getting accustomed to the sounds of Split Enz emanating from the Theatre every Monday lunchtime. And as one edges closer to the Theatre doors, the familiar sounds of Karen will also emerge: "One..two..three..STRETCH!!!"

## BELGIAN OFFER

You could be 50,000 Belgian francs richer just by writing a report on roads.

Two Belgian associations have offered the prize money to the authors of the two best papers dealing with problems related to roads (50,000 francs is about \$A1,000).

Those taking part in the competition must be individual members of the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses (PIARC) and registered as such by 1 July 1982.

The winners will be announced at the XVII World Road Congress of PIARC to be held in Sydney from 8th until 15th October 1983. A similar prize was awarded at the XV World Road Congress in Mexico in 1975.

The prize money will be given in each of two categories:

- (1) road construction, maintenance and operation and traffic improvements; and
- (2) road financing and economics.

An Information Newsletter, released by PIARC, says: "Papers submitted should be typewritten in English and be accompanied by two copies. They must reach The Secretary-General of PIARC, 2 Boulevard de la Tour Maubourg, 75007, PARIS, France, by 1 January 1983."

The Newsletter emphasises that works already published would not be eligible.

The Belgian associations offering the prizes are the Federation nationale des Entrepreneurs routiers and the Association des Congres belges de la Route. The prizes will be awarded by the Permanent International Commission on the recommendation of a jury made up of six PIARC members.

No award was made at the last World Road Congress in Vienna in 1979 because "the papers were not judged to be of a sufficiently high standard", the newsletter said.

For further information contact The Director, PIARC-AOC Administration Branch, Department of Transport AUSTRALIA, PO Box 367, CANBERRA, ACT, 2601.

## ELEVENTH ARRB CONFERENCE

The 11th ARRB Conference will be held at the University of Melbourne from 23rd to 27th August, 1982. As with previous Conferences the meeting will attract delegates from all parts of Australia and from many other countries.

The Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) is the national centre for road research in Australia, and the current research program covers all aspects of roads and road transport from pavement construction and materials to driver behaviour and traffic control and to transport and travel demand. ARRB undertakes and sponsors nearly 60 research projects each year, including some studies at Australian universities. ARRB disseminates road research information through a regular program of conferences and symposia, and through a large range of technical publications.

"It will be a great shame if the Annual Ball event is cancelled due to lack of interest," says Carolyn Amey, the HOSA Secretary.

"But it depends on staff support to make it a success." Carolyn, and her colleagues on the HOSA Committee, were concerned about the response for the 1982 Ball.

"It was a tremendous success with everyone having a good time," she said, "but numbers were greatly down on previous functions."

In fact, the Committee is so concerned about certain HOSA activities that it has released a questionnaire with its latest Newsletter.



"The object of the questionnaire is to see whether the Annual Ball and other activities are worth holding", said HOSA President, Alan Baker.

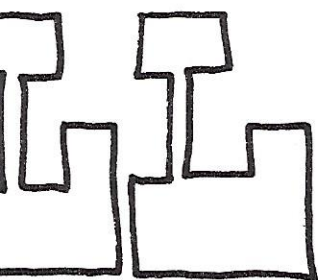
### 'GOOD VALUE FOR MONEY'

This year those that did attend the Ball at the Kew Civic Centre, on May 7th, had good value for money. They were treated to a four course meal and a versatile band that seemed to cater for all musical tastes.

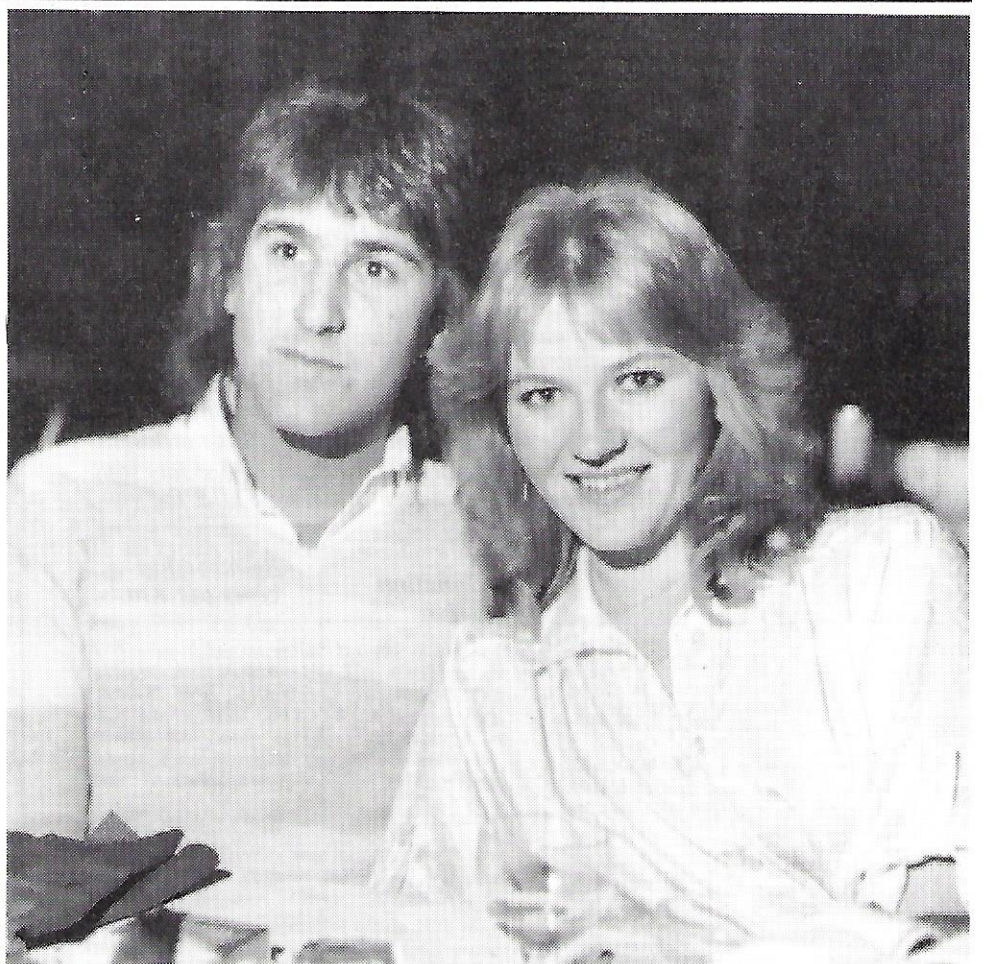
But the highlight of the evening was Miss CRB, Vicki Hancock.

CRB Chairman Mr Tom Russell gave Vicki a sheaf of flowers during a special presentation.

Right: Registry were at the Ball in full force, and Clerical Assistant Geraldine Hunt is seen here with friend Carlo Bontempelli



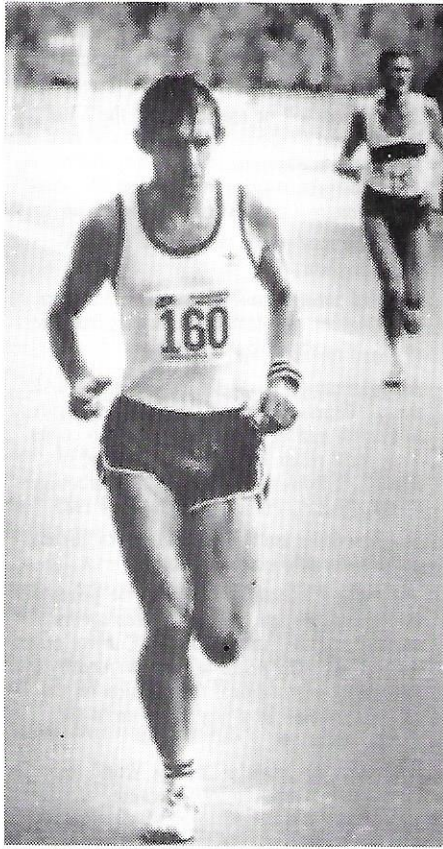
Above: Jenny Risol, Traffic Engineering





# KEEPING FIT - CRB STYLE

## WALKER IS ON THE RUN



Yet another CRB staff member has made an outstanding performance in the Nike International Marathon Race.

Andrew Walker, a Metallurgist from Materials Division, finished 52nd in the race which had 1100 entrants from Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia and Papua New Guinea. The race was held in Canberra on 4th April.

Last year Graeme Kennedy, from Glen Waverley Depot, came in first, completing the run in 2 hours 15 minutes 16 seconds.

Andrew, who clocked in at an impressive 2:30.06, said he was quite pleased with his achievement. "Actually I pulled up better than I ever did before," he said. "I could walk around quite comfortably after the run."

Andrew says he has been interested in running since 1970, although he has only been 'taking it seriously since 1978'.

By seriously he means marathons. "I've run in 11 marathons, including all the Big M ones." And of course that means a lot of training.

Andrew Walker during the Nike International

In preparation for this year's Nike International, Andrew was running an average of 130 kilometres a week for four months before the event.

"It culminated in a 39 kilometre run at Falls Creek one month beforehand."

When he's not training or actually participating in marathons, Andrew 'relaxes' by climbing, skiing and rogaining—which is 24 hour cross country navigation on foot.

**NIKE NOTEBOOK:** The winner of this year's race was New Zealander Derek Froude, whose time was 2:17.45. The top female runner was Queenslander Shane Barrett with 2:45.12.

The 26 mile 385 yard race is organised by the ACT Cross Country Club Inc. Next year's race has been set for 10th April, and information about the event can be obtained by writing, with an S.A.E., to PO Box 144, Kambah, ACT, 2902.

### GETTING IN SHAPE FOR 1983

If the Head Office Social Association gets its way, the 1983 Interdivisional Sports Day will be the biggest, best ever!

HOSA is organising next year's Sports Day and it hopes it will be held at Monash University in Clayton.

"We intend to hire the University's sporting facilities," said Carolyn Amey, the HOSA Secretary who is helping to coordinate the annual event.

Carolyn said this will mean access to squash, tennis, tabletennis and volleyball facilities.

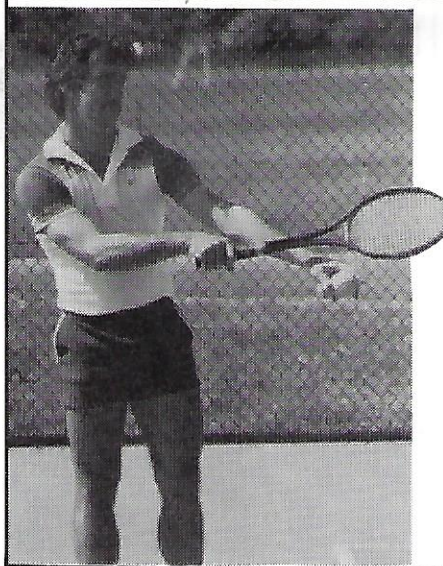
A fun run is also on the programme.

"It has got to be a great day," Carolyn told Interchange.

And already some sporting enthusiasts are getting into the spirit of Sports Day. Engineers Tony Youren and Bruce Van Every, from Traralgon, are planning to triumph in the tennis doubles.

"We'll give them a shake!" warned Tony, pictured above, during a training session. "We'll definitely be in the running."

Interchange will keep its readers informed each issue on the latest on Interdivisional Day '83, and how Head Office and the various Divisions and Projects are preparing for the gala event.



### HIS BOOTS ARE MADE FOR WALKING

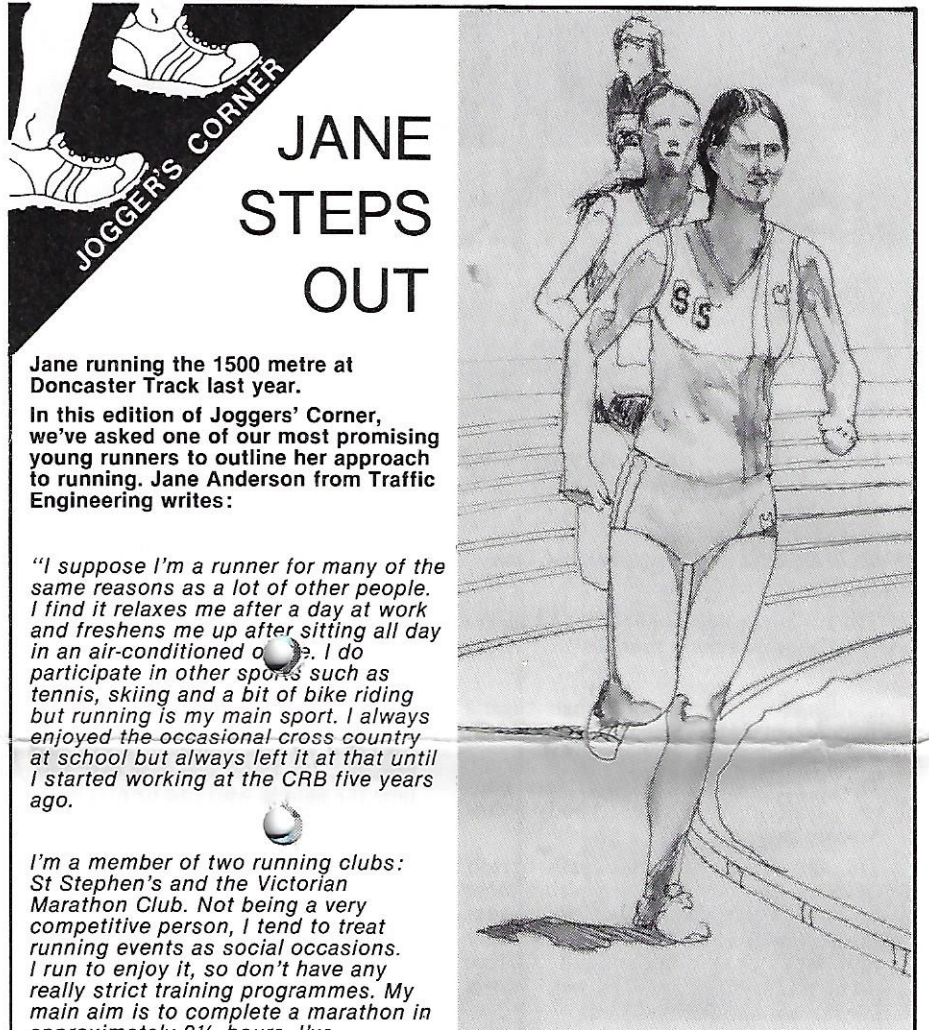
Once again, Alex Hunt is going Walk-about.

On Friday, August 6th he hopes to complete a 57km walk and he asks for your generous sponsorship. Alex not only likes walking but he also likes helping people, so your support will mean a lot to him. The proceeds from his walk will go to the Foster Parents Plan and the Melbourne Youth Support Service. MYSS assists disadvantaged children in Victoria between the age of eight and fourteen years by providing holiday camps and a place for homeless children to sleep—among other things.

So please open up your purses and make Alex's effort worthwhile.

Cut out and send this coupon to D. Ross, Head Office 1st Floor before July 30th. The donation can be sent to D. Ross after the walk.

Name	Phone No.	Donation	Sponsorship cents per Km



Jane running the 1500 metre at Doncaster Track last year.

In this edition of Joggers' Corner, we've asked one of our most promising young runners to outline her approach to running. Jane Anderson from Traffic Engineering writes:

"I suppose I'm a runner for many of the same reasons as a lot of other people. I find it relaxes me after a day at work and freshens me up after sitting all day in an air-conditioned office. I do participate in other sports such as tennis, skiing and a bit of bike riding but running is my main sport. I always enjoyed the occasional cross country at school but always left it at that until I started working at the CRB five years ago.

I'm a member of two running clubs: St Stephen's and the Victorian Marathon Club. Not being a very competitive person, I tend to treat running events as social occasions. I run to enjoy it, so don't have any really strict training programmes. My main aim is to complete a marathon in approximately 3½ hours. I've completed two Big M Marathons so far, my times being

4 hours 13 minutes for the 1980 Big M and 4 hours 7 minutes for the 1981 Big M. At the moment I'm averaging about 40 miles a week which consists of 5 to 6 miles on week-nights, a cross country event on Saturdays and a long run of between 12 to 15 miles every Sunday. A few months before the marathon I hope to be running 20 miles each Sunday and have increased my average weekly mileage to 60. I also compete in track events in summer. Some of my best times are: 1500 metres - 5 mins 26 secs; 3000 metres - 11 mins 44 secs; 10,000 metres - 42 mins 25 secs.

I train two nights a week at Wattle Park and one night at Collingwood and one night I run from home. I always have one day off a week which is usually Friday. I look forward to my rest day.

Fun runs are a major part of my training as it's a good opportunity to "get a long run in" but with a lot of company which really helps a lot. The same faces are there in just about every fun run and I've made a lot of friends through the runs. A nice surprise is often seeing somebody you know from work but didn't know that they run too. I think my most memorable fun run was quite recently when I won a grease and oil change for the car."

On another track, all runners at Head Office have the opportunity to do a fast ten miler, in just 45 minutes, every Monday lunchtime. Not only will you preserve your flexitime but you will also flex some of those tight muscles. Now to explain; you don't have to run a 4½ minute mile, just attend the Rhythm Gym classes for men and women in Head Office Theatre. After 45 minutes of this type of exercise the rest of your running week will seem a soda.

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Here is a list of Fun Runs over the next two months, supplied by courtesy of Fun-Runner magazine.

June 20 - Box Hill Lions Club Fun Runs, 12 & 6km, 9.30am, Bennettswood Reserve, Burwood Highway, Burwood. Ray Illing 232 9205

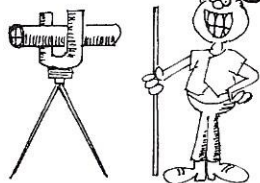
Jun 20 - VCCL Yooralla Fun Run, 10km, 10.30am, Albert Park - Ted Paulin 842 5974; June 26 - VMC 50-Mile Fun Run (limit 30) - 439 1013; June 27 - Beaconsfield Upper Huff 'n Puff Fun Runs, 9 & 4km, 10.15am, Upper Beaconsfield Primary School - Daryl Moody (059) 44 3302; Jul 4 - Percy Grainger Centenary Fun Run - 341 5267; July 11 - VCCL Big M Clinic & Fun Run, 16km - 842 5974; July 11 - James Cook Primary School Fun Run, 8.5km Endeavour Hills - Doug Humphrey 700 2601; Jul 25 - Central Highlands Marathon, Ballarat; Aug 1 - Malvern Mini Marathon - Ray Leeton 211 9393; Aug 8 - 3rd Annual Sri Chinmoy Marathon, Dromana; Aug 8 - VMC 20 & 10km Runs & Training Clinic - 439 1013; Aug 8 - Maribyrnong Valley 15km Run - 337 2440; Aug 14 - Victorian Country Marathon.

All contributions will be gratefully accepted. Send them to "Joggers' Corner" c/o Andrew Doyle, Public Relations, Head Office.



# DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT

## Survey



From Gloria Kilpatrick

Survey Division welcomes Andrea Clucas to the Drafting Section at Head Office and Ron Cramer to the Drafting Section at East Kew.

Goodbye to Jeff Smith who resigned to seek new pastures and to Bruce Sheedy who has gone to Dandenong Division.

Our globe-trotting Surveyor, Terry Shelden has just returned from a tour of China.

## ACCOUNTS

From Mrs Annette Taylor

### Welcome

We wish to welcome to the 6th Floor the following people. Gaven Squires from Eastern Freeway, Sophie Delianov, May Meidanis and Gaven O'keefe to the Allocations and Expenditure Section, Lyndel Whitaker and Karen Broadford to the Claims Section, also a warm welcome to Elizabeth Chapman who left us for a while and has come back and is now working in the Ledger-room.

### Transfers

Jane Anderson from Claims Section has moved to the Traffic Section. Michael Glazer from Glen Waverley to be the Assistant Internal Auditor and also Alf Panozzo from Glen Waverley to the position of Assistant Allocations and Expenditure Accountant. Also Doug Thompson from Cost Accountant to Budget Accountant.

### Farewells

Paddy Ryan has gone back to study full time at school, Licki Alabakis is now working as an Accountant for Target Stores, and Chris Lobb is now working at Permanent Building Society.

## ROAD PLANNING

From Judy Boardman & Leanne Brady

### Office Movements

I don't know whether or not they've put a new perfume in Pamolive Gold, but we've had no-one leave Road Planning...in fact people are actually coming to us!

We would like to welcome: Wayne Hyslop (draftsman) straight to us from RMT, John Apelbaum (Engineer) from Shell Oil Company (He slipped through their fingers), Mathew James (Engineer) M.M.T.B. Planning Branch, Joanne Brinson (Clerical Assistant) the new "shoot" in our administration section.

Other new members are: Brian Fitts (Engineer) originally from Geelong Division and Harry Hastas (Draftsman) with us from Road Design (on Training Scheme).

### Nitty Gritty's

Three lucky members of our staff are at the moment holidaying O.S. (that stands for Over Seas for you people not into travel talk). John McLean and his wife are in Europe for 12 months. Another in Europe is Shiela Herron for 3 months. And David Oliver (Doc) is back in his homeland England for nearly 3 months. (There have been rumours that he has been conscripted to the Falklands).

It's not that we despise and envy these people it's just that we turn "GREEN" every time we receive a postcard!

We would like to congratulate Helen Crompton and her hubbie on the birth of their baby daughter 'Catherine'. And a pat on the back to Brent Bates and his wife. Well it's 3rd time lucky, Brent has finally got his baby girl

'Kylie-Marie'. (Don't worry Trevor, by the time this magazine has arrived your baby should have too.)

We would like to announce that George Curran has the sexiest pair of legs in Road Planning (of course this excludes any of the ladies!). I mean, how many people are still wearing shorts in sub-zero temperatures???

Lt. Commander Trace recently back from a stint in the Navy Reserve, is still a little 'green' after bad weather. Being chased by two cyclones is apparently not much fun!!



From Vic Lawther

A farewell for Overseer George Keating was held at Beaconsfield on 7 May. George had 43 years' service with the Board, starting work as a labourer at Lilydale and working in a number of capacities, including service in the Northern Territory. He then became an overseer with one of the spraying units in Dandenong Division but more recently has been involved with roadworks.

At the farewell dinner Divisional Engineer Stan Hodgson presented him with a picture of a reclining armchair—on the understanding that a real armchair would be delivered to his home on the following day.

His many friends both from inside and outside the Board wish George and his wife Elsie many years of happiness and good health. Among the old-timers present were ex-Superintendent of Works Joe Thornburgh and ex-Overseer Jack McInnes.

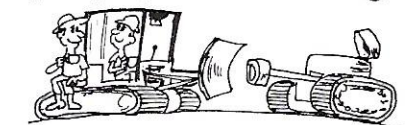
The Division has set up the 'last outposts' or, as the engineers working here call it, 'Siberia' (It's otherwise known as the Berwick Site Office).

A small tunnel has just been constructed on the project by a group of three Irish contractors known affectionately as the "I.R.A." Engineer John Cunningham was discussing their method of setting out and asked the question "What if you don't meet in the middle?" "Paddy" smiled and answered in a broad accent "We'll give you two tunnels for the price of one!!"

Meanwhile, in a deep cutting at the Beaconsfield end of the project, Engineer Richard Warwick was overheard telling the earthworks contractor that the size of the rocks being excavated was too large. The contractor replied "Can't break the b... things, they're harder than an engineer's head!"

Finally, Pat Mundie (ex-Mulgrave Project) was late for work recently—seems she was drying her hair and got her head caught in the crock pot!!!

## SEYMOUR



### Welcome

John Liddell (ex Traralgon), Class 3 Engineer

### Resignations and Transfers

It is with regret that we are AGAIN to lose our Assistant Project Engineer, Ted Goddard is leaving us shortly to return to Head Office. We wish you well Ted and thank you for your efforts here in Seymour.

Dot Foley has resigned recently and taken up a position in Euroa. As President of the Social Club and a dedicated worker for the club, Dot will be sadly missed by all on the Project.

### Activities

Our mid-year Dinner Dance is on 16th July.

### General

As work is progressing on the Baddaginnie-Bowser section, we have three of our guys 'hiding out' in Benalla Division. We haven't forgotten you Robin (Hicks), Bill (Peyton) and David (Rolland).

## BENALLA



From Mike Farmer

A presentation was made at the Divisional Office to Helen Allan of a beautiful cradle when she left in May to await the birth of her child.

All the best Helen for the happy event and look forward to your return in 1983.

### On Sick Leave

Patrolman Manfred Breunner was badly injured while attending to a "call out" near Yarrowonga recently.

Engineer Bill Stubington had a major operation in the Royal Melbourne Hospital in May and will be off for a couple of months.

All the best to the both of them for a speedy recovery from all their work mates and friends.

By the time this goes to print Engineer Bob Citroen will have returned from his overseas trip with his wife Beth.

Cost Clerk John Dickinson resigned to take a job nearer home and the death of Cost Clerks has created problems for Max Stevens and the Accounting Section.

Des Hare has been off for five weeks Annual Leave and that has meant that the fox population around Benalla has not had much peace for this time.



From Betty Sleep

### Trips

Perth seems to be a very popular holiday spot: Jack Ritchie and his wife are visiting their son Steven at Kalgoolie, then will tour around W.A., and Chris Dack and his wife Karen left for a caravanning holiday around Perth.

### Welcomes

Welcome is extended to Greg Coward on his appointment as Cost Clerk. Terence Pearce commenced on 18th May as Depot Painter.

### Depot/Workshop News

Fourteen Social Club members had an enjoyable evening when the SEC challenged the CRB to a Games Night of hookey, darts, snooker and table-tennis. The evening commenced with a barbeque tea followed by games: We lost 5 - 1 to SEC.

### Long Service Leave

Serviceman Barry Lane and his wife Kerry are planning a two month Long Service Leave trip to sunny Queensland.

Also Patrolman Steve Garwood and his wife Judy are having four weeks leave at Cairns.

### Sick List

It is good to see welder Fred Brauer is on the road to recovery after recent heart surgery.

Congratulations to Len and Brenda Hunter on the arrival of their first grandchild (You are getting old Len!).

### Promotion

Congratulations to Greg Carter on his promotion to L/H Fitter 3-10. Greg has also recently joined our local Reserve Army Unit as a hobby since retiring from football. He agrees with everything the Army offers except the RATIONS (or is it that they don't agree with him?).

### Long Way To Go

A Social Club member by the name of "Mick" had to leave the SEC-CRB games evening early (10.30pm) to relieve the babysitter—Mick had had a few beers before leaving for home (home I might add is .5km). Find out next day it took him two hours to walk the distance (feet got tangled).

### Ladies Social Club

An enjoyable evening was had playing Bingo after we had a counter tea at the Victoria Hotel—we are now broke!

We are holding a progressive tea on 25th May followed by a gantes evening. Thanks go to Liz Minne, Sandra Bulter and Liz Bull for allowing us to use their homes.

### IT'S CRICKET

## WEST GATE DEFEATS THE UNDEFEATED

By Greg Chambers (West Gate Project)

Just when everybody had thought or hoped that West Gate cricket team had finally sunk into the South Melbourne mud, news comes of a giant killing performance against the previously undefeated Printing Section.

The game was held on Sunday 28th March at Eltham High School. It was to have been held at Eltham Park, but the footballers became a little testy at us wanting to uncover the pitch.

In a rare piece of programming strategy, Peter Mulholland managed to organise a wet start to the day, Printing to arrive at 10.30am for a 1.30pm start, 11 players for the Project and a hot roast lunch for himself.

The game began with Project in the field and a little tentative about the reputation of the Printing line-up. The innings indeed started ominously with a partnership of 36 between Chris Allan and Glen Stewart (13). Chris Allan retired with a well hit 30 and Project looked in trouble when Ian Carnegie (13) was out with the score at 74.

A further quick wicket fell before Graeme Perkins and Kim Edmonds (23) took the score to 104. Then in an inspired piece of captaincy, Alan Hutchinson brought himself on, and with Jim Trajceviski, tore through the Printing tail working on the principle that if you bowl on the wicket, they have to hit it. Fortunately not too many did, and Project was chasing a total of 109.

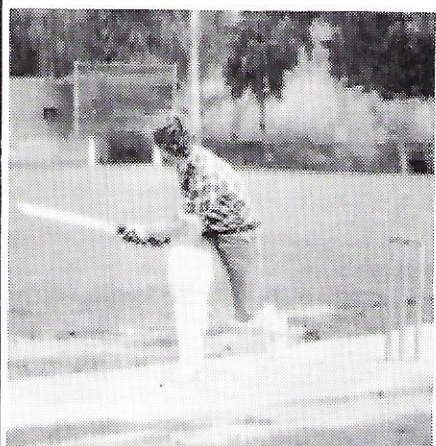
Project looked in all sorts of trouble after losing two wickets to Jurgen Heselschwerdt with only 8 runs on the board. However this brought Project Engineer Ray Valentine to the crease who, after a couple of sighters, proceeded to despatch the ball around, and indeed out of the ground before retiring for 34.

The score now stood on 59. Alan Hutchinson, proving that standing the wrong side of the bat is no handicap, scored a quick 14 before being dismissed with the score on 91. Greg Chambers, relishing the increase in striking area from his hockey stick, and opener Wayne 'Boycott' Shaw saw the side to victory, retiring at 21 and 30 respectively. The last few overs saw the Project total increased to 126.

### Men of the Match:

Printing — Chris Allan (30, 2/21)  
Project — Ray Valentine (34, 0/8)  
Wayne Shaw (30)

Thanks to Printing Section for the practice and Peter Mulholland for his organisation and faith in us all!



Did he hit it or did he miss it? Alan Hutchinson, from West Gate, wasn't too sure himself but decided on a quick run anyway.

### \* Footnote

The Printing Sections first eleven was unavailable so a reserve side was fielded just for this practice match.



# DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT

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## BALLARAT

From Ron Hrymakowski

### A Night Out

The Depot Social Club hosted a successful get together on 15th May at the Sebastopol Bowling Club. The function took the form of a 'bring your own food' with dancing to a seven-piece band. The band was organised by Don Leith (welder) who together with Ballarat Begonia Queen, Trudy Phillips sang a variety of songs.

The highlight of the evening was the drawing of a one kilogram crayfish which was won by Daryl Murnane (Storeman).

### Amenz It Is

The staff at the Divisional Office Ballarat waited anxiously with bated breath for his arrival. A beautifully bred untamed colt not yet old enough to know what the racing game is all about; eligible for inclusion in the Divisional Office darts team and the bookmakers guild—arrived on March 23rd—Sire Peter Menz.

### Aussie Rules

The accounts 1982 football competition has kicked off to a great start for the 65 eager competitors. With major prizes in excess of \$650 it looks like developing into a closely contested affair with only nine rounds having been played. The leaders, Jim Burzacott, Ray Burzacott, T Cartledge and Tom Cubitt (40 points) are battling it out for the number one spot closely followed by Greg Whitecross (39 points) and eight others on 38 points.

The Division's "Mr Rugby" Ian Gardner, winner of the 1981 competition is finding it difficult keeping in touch. Who knows, he might have thoughts of making his run when the competition has ended.

## HEAD OFFICE

From Jenny Spilar

Correspondence Registry would like to welcome Maria Constantinou and Jennifer Baker to their happy clan. Also, we would like to send our regards to Mrs Jane Formica, who left the Registry on 8th April to have a 'Bambino' or 'Bambina' or a 'Bambini'!!! Best wishes, Jane.

The Registry also farewells the famous, beautiful, ex-channel 7 TV star, Ms Deborah Egan, who recently become a member of the 5th Floor South Typing Pool.

Registry's 'Gina Lola Bridgitta' - Grace Licitra just returned from a two weeks holiday? (or whatever!) in Surfers Paradise. Her trip began at the same time the cyclone hit Queensland - 'Cyclone Grace' - maybe?!!

Ross Trompf Registry's 'Wonder-Boy' (HA! HA!) has also returned from taking his holidays in Surfers. Sounds a bit SUSS!!

From Karen Barnfather

### New Arrivals

Welcome to Doug Matthews (ex Estates Section) who joined Personnel as Assistant Personnel Services Officer in February 1982.

Welcome to Jane Worrell who commenced duty in the Leave Section in May 1982.

We also wish to welcome the new relieving sister in the medical centre—Sue Kennedy.

### Miscellaneous

Betty Scane (Salaries) will commence her six months' Long Service Leave in July and will depart with her husband on a camping holiday around Australia prior to her retirement. Best wishes for the future Betty.

### Tea Anyone?

Personnel Section had a new tea lady one morning in April, however she soon gave up her new job. She was seconded from her typewriter to the tearoom at short notice after being advised that the regular tea lady was busily preparing tea for those attending a conference.

Although inexperienced at making tea (she is a coffee drinker), she calculated that a few spoons per person and a few more heaped spoons for the pot would suffice. As the trolley was unavailable, she unquestionably carried all the crockery, milk, sugar and pots through the corridor to the Personnel Services tea table.

It wasn't until everyone had poured their tea that a certain leave officer commented on the absence of the regular tea lady and the fact that it was April Fools' Day. Our red-faced lady quickly returned to her typewriter and vowed never to make the tea again.

PS: The tea tasted wonderful, Sue, despite the abundance of tea leaves floating around the cups.

## Geelong

From Charles Low

### Gossip & Others

Tom Thornton has recently joined the ranks of 'Gentlemen Farmers'. Tom has just moved into his country-style cottage at his property at Belbrae near Torquay, after spending many months living on site in a caravan. He tells us his priorities are "building a fence to keep out marauding natives and wandering stock", then to "breed, chickens that lay fried eggs and self-destructing rabbits".

### Ladies Corner

Then there was the typist who decided to spend heaps on a new hairstyle. Decided she didn't like it so went back and got it altered (at extra cost). Finally a few days later, went back again, got it cut (at extra cost) and finished with the hairstyle she started with???

And Margaret Kenneally, typist, who recently bought herself a cat, a budgie, and heaps of new plants to decorate her flat. Came home one night to find the plants were the self-propagating variety—courtesy of a very active cat. Also found the budgie hanging upside down in its cage after the cat had terrorized it. Marg hasn't told the cat that she has bought a new car yet!!!

### Divisional Depot News

Now that the Sprayer Season has finished we have a yard full of plant. We have also gained the temporary assistance of Fred Brand and Tony Franzese from the Sprayer Gang. Tony will spend most of his time cleaning out the inside of the bitumen tankers. A job no-one

envis him. He crawls out of the tank each night covered from head to toe in black bitumen. Fred will be assisting around the yard as required. He has just spent two weeks relieving the Workshop Clerk and is now helping with the conversion of tankers to gas. Also back in the depot is Trevor Ford who was responsible for the sprayer mechanical maintenance. The Depot Painter, Bob Morell, has just finished giving our workshop a coat of paint. There is no truth in the rumour that he talked the paint onto the walls.

The Geelong Division is certainly living up to the Geelong reputation as the 'Cycle City'. Although the colder months dampen the enthusiasm, the warmer days see people like Peter Alsop, Ian Smith, Margaret Kenneally, Rodney Westwood, Peter Dabrowski, Bob Scott, Charles Low and Dennis Lewis riding their bikes to work.



Miss M Kenneally— one of Geelong's prettier pedalists with the Bike Division.

Peter Alsop is certainly the most durable of the riders, quite often seen braving the elements, clad in his weatherproof clothing. His bike is without doubt the oldest model at the office and has clocked many thousands of kilometres over the years.

Biking to work has become so popular that we have put in a bike rack to accommodate all the varying models from Bob Scott's 'supersonic' 12 speed racer to Ian Smith's 'push push oops me chain's fallen off again' special. It is also noted that 'Dobba' Dabrowski has a superduper whopper but doesn't ride it to work because it hibernates in winter.

Well we riders claim that apart from keeping us fit and trim, it sharpens up the reflexes and also smoothens out a few curves—Miss M Kenneally as shown in the photograph would certainly substantiate our claim.

## Traralgon

From Sonia Delost & Peter Simmons

### New Faces

Welcome to Jan Lee, the new E.O. in the Divisional Laboratory, also to Marco Mirabella, Surveyor, who has transferred from Dandenong Division to our Warragul Project.

### Farewells

John Liddell, Engineer, has transferred to Seymour Project. Golf must be different up north, as part of his going away present were iridescent orange golf balls.

John Harding has been promoted to Stock Control Officer at Glen Waverley.

### Leave

N Wight, E Goodwin, B Longmore, R Davis, D Johnson, W Ward, K Thomson, N Seven-son, J Reeves, R Crisp and G Selzer are enjoying extended leave at present.

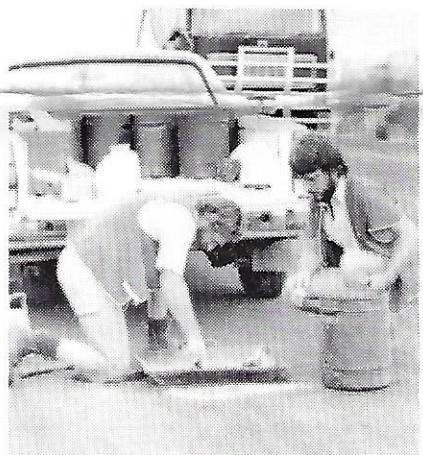
### General

Recently John McLean (Patrol Assistant) felt that "mowers weren't being made like they used to be". After wondering why the new tractor-mower was not cutting properly, he discovered that the blades had been fitted back to front.

"Even the biggest roundabout sign is capable of being blown from its secure (?) mountings" stated an engineer, following a recent wind storm when the sign was blown across the highway.

On his way to join a "fun run" against Puffing Billy, Tony Youren (Engineer) had car troubles. When he checked, he found that some Gippsland fog had turned to ice in the "carby". As there were no handicaps for late starters Tony was quite convincingly beaten by his 76 year old opponent.

## One of the road



Experimental Officers Len Hatswell (left) and Hans Raun carry out a pavement compaction test on the Princes Highway, near Warragul. The officers, from the CRB Warragul Site office lab., were using the IPCAD method which, in case you're not into pavement testing, means In Place Coarse Aggregate Density.



### A TASTE OF SCOTLAND!

The only thing that was missing was the Loch Ness Monster!

Alex Lawson, one of Material Division's favourite Scottish expatriates, was retiring, and the entertainment was laid on.

At a special farewell dinner, held in the Kew Bowling Club, Alec was presented with some drinking glasses and, to be expected, a whiskey decanter.

## Materials From Lee 'Scoop' Scott



This was followed by a steady stream of jokes about Haggis/Glasgow/close-fisted Scots/kilts and more Haggis.

Photo gallery: Left: Roy Gilmour, the Assistant Materials Engineer, played the pipes during a farewell with a difference for Experimental Officer Alec Lawson. Centre: Pavement Engineer David Anderson, Technical Assistant Max Corns and Alec share a Scottish joke. Right: Alex Lawson

### Farewells

Neil Brown left Pavement in May and is off to Darwin. Chris Vescio, also from Pavement, left in April to work with the Ministry of Transport, Tullamarine. Andrew Skotnicki left Geotech. in April for the SEC.

### Sickies

There has been a fair share of sickness in MD so far this year: Michael Betts and Graeme Gazzard both spent time in hospital for their various afflictions, Rob Adderley also had the misfortune to dislocate his collar-bone in a footy game, John Hanks was involved in a car accident and fractured three ribs.

### General

Welcome back to the 'mad house' to Tony Babos after his convalescence from his heart attack.

Emil Horbelt and Joe Scheerf both celebrated their 25th wedding anniversaries in April.

Technical Services played host to Sonia Baker (Dan's niece) who was on a 'work experience' course for one week in May. Sonia who is in 4th grade spent time in the drawing office, Calibrations, Signs and Delineation and learnt how to operate the computer in the Instrumentation Lab.

David Veith is on Long Service Leave and John Wu will be keeping his seat warm while he is away.

The Prospect Hill pub has been the setting for a few MD extravaganzas. Firstly was my 30th birthday celebration when about fifty people

had lunch there in March. The big moment arrived after everyone had eaten, and in walked a male stripper to test my ability to blush. After ten minutes of very professional stripping and wearing tiny lycra jocks, I had to remove the telegram from his suspended sock. By the way, he doesn't do private parties... I've already asked! Many thanks to all of you who contributed to the best gift a girl could ask for (well the honest ones amongst us!), 160lbs of near naked male.

The next event was for Margaret Goddard's Bon Voyage. Margaret was about to set off on a yacht race to Fiji and the majority of the MD staff were there to enjoy a very entertaining evening. Firstly we were served cheese and bikkies and drinks—compliments of our hostess. Then the 4'x4' artificial cake was wheeled in and after a giggly 'Abracadabra' from Lucy, Geoff Jameson sprung from the cake doing his Dorothy Lamour impersonation.

He was wearing a grass skirt, layer upon layer of leys and paper tissue hibiscii were discreetly dotted about his person. He gave a speech wishing Margaret (still in shock) a safe journey and good luck from all her co-workers. Next came the gifts to help her on her way: a packet of Lifesavers, an inflatable rubber duck, a bottle of Port, and last and definitely least, a slinky black net all-in-one camisole. Moments later Margaret dutifully tried it on for size and paraded through the Lounge for all to view. Margaret would like to thank all her friends for showing her their best side and the boys would like to thank Margaret for showing them hers.



## Divisional Roundabout - cont.

### Bairnsdale



From Ian Ellis

#### Memorial

Ray Brownlie (Plant Operator) died suddenly in January this year, aged 34.

Ray lived and worked mainly in the Cann River district and was well respected by all his workmates for his quiet, friendly and conscientious disposition. He had been a very active sportsman, specialising recently in woodchopping events. He had successfully competed at Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide Royal Shows as well as local events.

As a mark of respect, a fund was established through CRB workmates and the East Gippsland Axemen's Club to create a perpetual Ray Brownlie Memorial Woodchop event. The fund raised \$500 which will be matched by an equal donation from the Cann River Woodchopping Association to create a \$1000 perpetual event. The first competition chop for the Ray Brownlie Memorial is anticipated to be held at Cann River next February. Appeal organiser, Bruce Traill (Stores Truck Driver), said the generous support for the fund was a reflection of the high esteem in which Ray was held by his workmates, sportsmen and friends alike.

#### Retirement

A retirement dinner was held for Paddy Byrne (Workshop Foreman) in April and many people who have been associated with Paddy throughout his many years of service were there. Some travelled from far afield to attend and included Peter Jeffreys, Geoff Hocking, Alan Taylor, Bruce Grayling, Eric Curtis, Les Pearce, Reg Schlipalius, Bob Swift, Ken Whitney, Jack Craig, Sandy Ross, Peter Norton, all from the Central Depot at Glen Waverley. Brian Doyle, Bob Barnes and Geoff Inger came up from Traralgon Division, whilst John Heid made the long trip from Horsham.

Amusing anecdotes were told during the evening by Paddy and Chief Mechanical Engineer, Peter Jeffreys. Everyone went back to Paddy's place afterwards where Kath put on a marvellous supper.

Paddy hopes to spend much time down trying out his new rods and reels which were given to him from his fellow depot staff and he is also looking forward to his trip back to Indonesia.

#### All the best Paddy.

Norm Horne (Overseer) retired on 10 May. Norm first started work in the Division in 1947 and has had continuous service since October 1953. Norm became an Overseer in 1954 and has spent all of his time working on bridgeworks. Norm quietly went about his work very efficiently and there's probably not a bridge in the whole Division that Norm hasn't worked on.

All the best for a long and happy retirement Norm.

#### Left

Laurie Norris decided to heaf for wetter pastures after 13 years' service, mostly as a Plant Operator. Laurie has taken on a job on the Thompson River Project and his experience and wit will be certainly missed on construction.

#### Out and About

Footy tipping is right in gear with BS Engineer, Brian 'Tipper' Vowles, sealing his spot on top as leading tipper. He definitely doesn't take lessons from Lou but BS Cost Clerk, Ian Fleischer, definitely does.

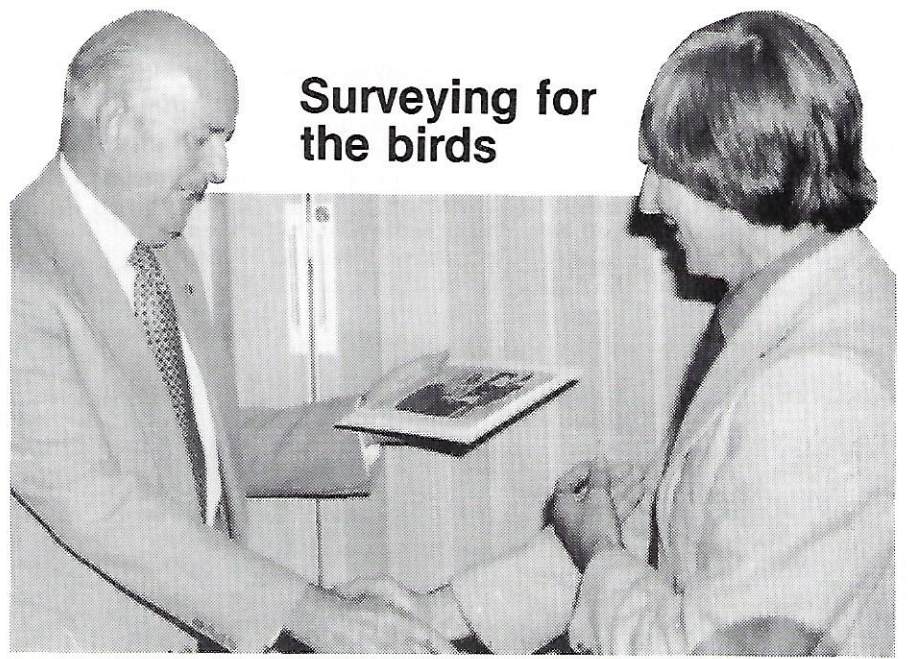
Sandy McLeod is off on LSL and is heading for Fiji with three other chaps on a 10m yacht. I'm sure Sandy will have a great trip and there should be plenty of good old sea stories when he gets back.

In the North East, W Haley (not Bill), Bonang Patrolman, has a problem with cockatoos. Being a model plane enthusiast he thought he would put his hobby to good use keeping the pests away. After a short stint of buzzing the would-be pests, the plane went out of range chased by a flock of enraged cockys. Apparently the cockys came back but not his plane.

Bill White is off on sick leave after falling from a ladder at home. Hurry back Bill, Scotty is going grey.

Vern Dawson (BS Engineer) has decided to take four months' LSL. All the best Vern.

Is it true that Bill Hall is now looking for a nice blonde secretary to make his new office complete?



## Surveying for the birds

Principal Surveyor, Rick Clarke, plans to carry on surveying during his retirement—the only difference is that now he will be surveying birds, not roads.

And to help him in his outdoor pastime, both he and his wife have been presented with a matched pair of binoculars.

When making the presentation at his send off, Survey Officer Roger Gamble said that the binoculars for Mrs Clarke were "to make sure Rick concentrates on the feathered kind".

Rick, who has been with the CRB for 31 years, claims he got interested in birdwatching because of a chainman who once worked with him in the Goulburn area.

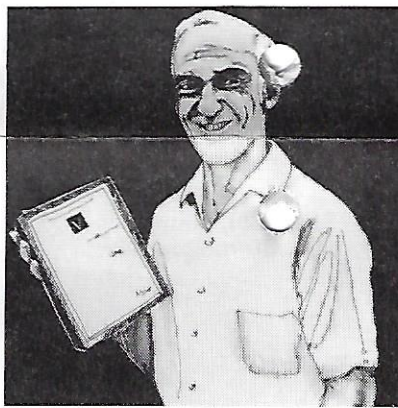
"Every time I returned from doing

survey work he would say: 'did you see that speckled duck or blue wren at the lagoon?', so it got me going and it's been a serious hobby since the early 50's."

Rick has always been associated with surveying since he joined the CRB in August, 1951. He started as a surveyor and became Senior Staff Surveyor in 1962. Since then he has taken on the roles of Title Survey Officer and Principal Title Survey Officer (title changed in 1977 to Principal Surveyor).

More than 120 people attended Rick's sendoff held in the Head Office Cafeteria on 29th April, and he was more than surprised by the gathering. "There are so many here I think you must have come to make sure I really am leaving," he quipped.

## A GOOD TRACK RECORD FOR RUPERT



When you ask Rupert Cheatham how his kids are, you're in for a long conversation. For Rupert, an Experimental Officer at Benalla Division, is one of the main strengths behind Benalla's Little Athletics Association.

In fact, over the last ten years Rupert has been as vigorous in the Association as most of his youngsters.

And recently, in recognition of his dedication, the Association presented Rupert with a distinguished 'Service Award'.

During his long running relationship with the BLAA, Rupert has served as chairman, treasurer, and executive member of the Track and Field panel. He also helped form Benalla's popular family camp at Churchill Park, where he has conducted coaching nights for athletic officials.

# INTERCHANGE CLASSIES

#### BIRTHS

**BAILEY:** Noel (Ballarat) and Wendy are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of a son, John Cameron on 13th May. Brother for Jo-Ann, Paula and Rebecca.

**CHAN:** Ping (Accounts) and his wife, a boy, Andy, on 11th March.

**FREESTONE:** Graham (Ballarat) and Gillian are pleased to announce the arrival of Emily Kate. Born 27th March, sister for Kylie and Amy.

**KING:** Chris (Benalla) and Lexie, a son Jesse William on 6th May.

**HRYMAKOWSKI:** Ron (Ballarat) and Lorraine welcome with love a son Dean Simon on 31st March. Brother for Trina, Renar and Adam.

**McLEOD:** Bob (Dandenong) and Libby, a boy Benjamin Robert, on 11th April. Brother for Sarah and Lauren.

**MARIAGER:** Greg (Ballarat) and Elspeth announce arrival of Paul James Gregory on 20th March. Brother for Jane.

**MARTIN:** Bill (Ballarat) and Cheryl proudly announce the safe arrival of Timothy Mark on 23rd April.

**MENZ:** Peter (Ballarat) and Bridget are proud to announce the arrival of Stephen August on 23rd March.

**MORGAN:** Leigh (Horsham) and Heidi, a son Nicholas, who arrived on Mother's Day.

**PEEL:** Warwick (Dandenong) and Tricia, a son Timothy Leigh, on 29th March. Brother for Mark.

**POLLARD:** Di (ex Public Relations) and Jim, a boy, Richard.

**RAUN:** Hans (Traralgon) and Carol, a son, Stephen Daniel, on 13th March.

**RASZKIEWICZ:** Marcella (ex-5th Typing Pool) and Steve are proud to announce the arrival of Deona Marie on 4th April

**ROLLANDIN:** Ray (Traralgon) and Jackie, a son, Paul Francis, on 22 May.

**STEELE:** Tracy (Personnel) and Douglas, a son Tyrone Manzie David, on 20th May. Welcome to the world little man.

**SYMONS:** Roy (Seymour) and Amanda, a son, Daniel Keith. Brother for Matthew.

**WEATHERSON:** Rob (Materials) and Annette, a son Matthew Leigh on 24th April.

#### MARRIED

**DEKOEYER:** Peter (Costing) married Wendy Bussell on 10th April. Best wishes from Accounts Branch.

**JOY:** Cheryl (Personnel) and Rob Hopcroft on 10th July.

#### RETIREMENT

**BAULCH:** John (Geelong) after 12 years.

**BYRNE:** Paddy (Workshop Foreman, Bairnsdale) See Divisional Notes.

**HORNE:** Norm (Overseer, Bairnsdale) See Divisional Notes.

**LAWSON:** Alec (Materials) on 14th May after eight years with the CRB.

**McKENZIE:** Alister (Geelong) after 23½ years, many on the Great Ocean Road.

**WHITEHAND:** Les (Geelong) after 25 years.

#### FOR SALE

**WEDDING GOWN:** Franke Stuart design, size 10. Satin and guipere lace, high neckline, long sleeves and train. \$100. Ring Andrea Clucas ext. 2079.

**BAR UNIT:** Nore brand six foot long, polished Victorian Ash timber, copper kick rails, provision for fridge. New price: \$1200 but will sell for \$750. Rob Scott (Geelong Division) 052-214744 ext. 42.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

**SOUFIS:** Penelope (Ballarat) and Andrew Kavadis announced their engagement on 16th May. Congrats. from Ballarat Division.

**WOJCIECHOWSKI:** Paul (Traralgon) and Margaret Cahill on 12th February.

#### DEATHS

**STEL:** Bernie (EO 2, Geelong Division) passed away suddenly on 24th April. Bernie joined the CRB in 1957 and had worked 24 years at the time of his death. He will be sadly missed as a friend and workmate and sincere sympathy is extended to his wife and family from Geelong Division.

## HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Automation has come to Printing Section in a big way. Two big ways, actually.

The Section has just obtained two new fully automatic machines: an Itek offset printer and an Itek platemaker, both designed to increase printing output quite significantly.



"The offset is four times as fast as the one it replaced", said John Broadrick, ex Printing Officer. He was referring to the aging 17 year old offset multilith.

"With the new machine, all it needs is some guy to push a button. All you have to do is preset the panel to tell it the number of copies you want."

The offset machine will be used mainly for A4 size work, such as manual updates, bulletins and circulars.

John will not be present to see the new machines at work: he resigned on Friday 30th April to work for Superior Press in Eltham.

## Warrnambool Get Together



Together these four chaps—all ex-draftsmen from Warrnambool Division—have worked 88 years with the CRB. Pictured above are, from left, Lou Lehmann, Vin Gilfedder, Don Gleeson and Max Irwin. The photograph was taken early in the evening at a recent winetasting, and the 'after' shot below was snapped about five hours later.

Lou retired in February 1982 after 21½ years' service, Vin resigned in 1979 after 32¾ years, Don resigned in 1979 after 9¼ years and Max retired in 1979 after 24½ years with Geelong and Warrnambool Divisions. Photographer: Peter Crabbe.





In March 1981, Rob Scott left Traralgon Division to see the world with his girlfriend Cheryl. Their early travels took them to the USSR via South East Asia. As passengers on the Trans Siberian Express, they visited Moscow and Leningrad, then headed to London. For the next several months, in between skiing stints at Andorra and Austria, the intrepid duo toured the UK, Europe including Scandinavia, Turkey and Morocco. And if that wasn't enough, their return trek took them to Sri Lanka and Singapore. Rob, who is now in the Pavement Section of Materials Division, writes about the highlights of his 12 month trip:

# On Tour

By Rob Scott

I thought for this article, I'd share some memorable experiences with you.

The first is the Trans Siberian journey of some 9,000km. We had seven days, with one overnight stop, on the train. Each carriage consists of nine compartments of four bunks and these plus the passage and toilets are



• Preparing aggregate—the hard way!

home for that time. The thaw was only just setting in so much of the passing scenery was snow covered countryside, muddy villages, and frozen rivers.

When we got sick of looking, Scrabble,

cards and a regular 'cocktail hour' kept us entertained. One very memorable occasion was the night we played team charades. The carriage attendants who spoke only Russian and had obviously never seen charades before thought we had gone totally bonkers. They kept a constant eye on us, no doubt in case we damaged their train or went on a rampage.

The train got very stuffy—31 degrees celsius one day—as in their inflexible manner the Russians kept the boilers stoked, and kept the keys—to unlock windows—in Moscow, until official summer time.

Despite this we loved every minute of our journey—probably the most

memorable experience of our trip occurred in Sri Lanka—which is a delightful country with superb beaches, fabulous tea plantations and lovely people. Adams Peak is a 7,700 ft mountain atop which is a sacred rock containing a footprint, supposedly Adam's, Buddah's, or whoever... depending on your religion.

It also has the unique phenomenon of its perfect shadow being cast very clearly on the mist below by the early morning sun. During the dry season (Nov-Apr) people make their annual pilgrimage to pay homage and, as the temperatures during the day are fairly severe, most people (including us) do it during the cool of the night.

**The trek is a four mile floodlit way from the town to the top—which is two and a half miles of fairly steep track and one and a half excruciating miles of steep slopes (I believe in excess of 4,600 steps).**

The experience was unique. There are literally thousands who go up each night and many are old and look like they will never make it. It is a real picnic atmosphere with people singing and merrily chatting as they climb—except for the tourists who are

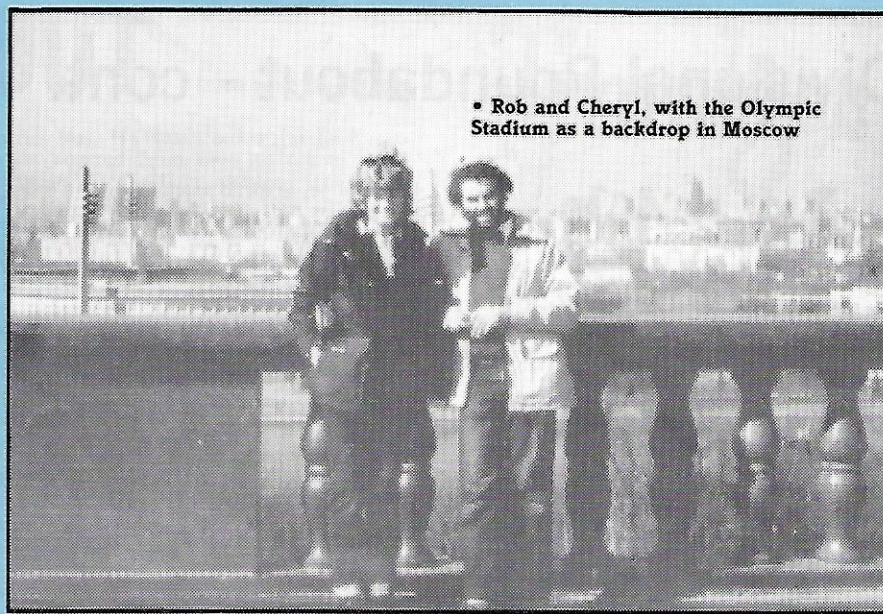
lucky if they are breathing regularly let alone singing. Fortunately, there are numerous tea and rest houses along the route.

The climax for the tourists (and not many do this trek) is the magnificent sunrise over the hills below and seeing the perfect shadow of the Peak. Back at the bottom after a sleepless and energetic night you are absolutely fagged but know that you have just had a once in a lifetime experience.

To finish, there were two interesting 'engineering' observations during our travels.

**The first was in Sri Lanka where nearly all aggregate is produced by peasants with sledge hammer, hammer and chisel (see photo). What a way to produce sealing aggregate for the Hume Freeway, eh! The other experience was in Spain. On rural constructions, where the flagmen cannot see each other, they give the driver of the last car they let pass a baton which he then gives to the flagman at the other end.**

**In this unique way they know when to/and not to let traffic pass. Imagine how many batons we would lose if using this system in Victoria!**



• Rob and Cheryl, with the Olympic Stadium as a backdrop in Moscow

CRB engineer John Smelt (currently with the Ministry of Transport) recently joined a party of 18 who travelled through China. During the three week visit, John toured eight cities, including Beijing—that's Chinese for Peking—and Tianjin, Nanjing, Wuxi, Suzhou, Shanghai, Hangzhou and Guangzhou. John explains how 18 tourists found the ultimate in hospitality in a country of 1000 million hosts.

# China Visit

by John Smelt

**We entered China from Hong Kong and travelled between cities by train or plane.**

The Chinese people are very friendly and are becoming interested in the outside world. Europeans in China are continually stared at and are often surrounded by crowds; however you do not get a feeling of antagonism, only interest. They are polite and courteous in the way they treat foreign guests, and each other.

Often they would approach us so they could practise their English, which was very interesting as it enabled us to find out more about their lifestyle. I often found myself trying to answer all sorts of questions on topics ranging from farming to birth control.

The Western influence is now showing in China—for example, the way in which people dress, particularly in the south, and in advertising and the types of consumer goods available.

Mao's influence is not as great as it was, although his face still appears on wall posters in a number of places. Political thought still plays a major part in people's lives.

The local Associations for Friendship with Foreign Countries organised a full programme of tours to a wide variety of establishments ranging from historical and scenic sites to industry, communes, education, medical centres and private homes. Special meetings were also held with people who worked in the same fields. In Nanjing,

I spent a morning with the Nanjing Municipal Public Transport Authority comparing transport in Nanjing and Melbourne.

**On occasions it was good to break away from the group and go off exploring alone or in a small group. One day we did not see another European for the day as two of us wandered around Wuxi by ourselves. It was fun looking for and buying suitable things to eat and drink and navigating around the city.**

## Roads

The road system is being developed, but has a long way to go. Most rural main roads or highways are two lane two way, not unlike many rural highways in Victoria. However, the main problem in travelling through the countryside is getting through the large numbers of slow moving vehicles. On a typical road there are pedestrians, horse and animal drawn carts, small tractors drawing trailers and hundreds of bicycles all fighting for space with trucks, buses and a few cars. The faster vehicles are continually weaving through the slow ones, risking head on collisions with oncoming vehicles. All this is accompanied by continual blowing of the vehicles' horns.

In the cities, all bicycles and slow moving vehicles have their own lanes physically separated from the motor traffic. In Peking there are wide avenues and in some places grade separated intersections, some which are in the form of rotary interchanges with a third level for bicycles. Motor cars are rare: in Peking, with 7 million



• Peak hour traffic in Peking

people, there are only 150,000 cars. Bicycles, however, are in large numbers everywhere.

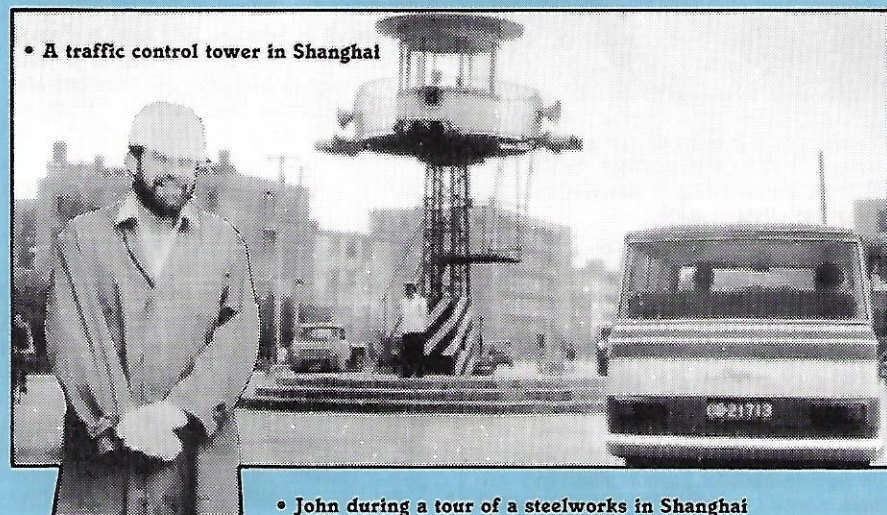
Public transport is provided in many cities by buses and trolley-buses. One or two cities have trams, and Peking has an underground railway.

I observed road construction and maintenance on a number of occasions. The final form of the new roads looks similar to our own but during construction far less plant is used. There are many more workers, including women, involved in quite heavy physical labour on construction sites.

All in all it was a very interesting trip from many angles. We can learn a great deal from the Chinese way of life and I am looking forward to going back for another visit in the future. I would encourage you all to go.

## 'Australia—China Review'

**Since returning, I have become involved in the publication of a journal—AUSTRALIA-CHINA REVIEW. This journal specialises in all aspects of relations, exchanges and other links between Australia and China. In addition, we include articles on many aspects of life and current developments in China. If you are interested in finding out more about China and would like to subscribe to the Australia China Review, please contact me at the Ministry of Transport.**



• A traffic control tower in Shanghai

• John during a tour of a steelworks in Shanghai