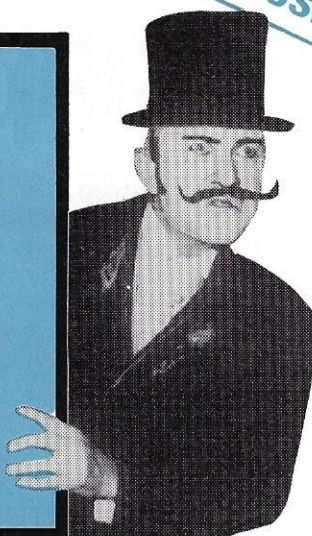


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Glen Waverley Depot and Materials Division showed that they were fair dinkum about Australia Day with some special celebrations...

## ALL IN AN AUSSIE DAY'S WORK

It was enough to stir the spirit of any true-blue Aussie.

**Witchetty Grub Soup, followed by a choice of Rack of Lamb—Bush Style, Aussie Mixed Grill, featuring a chop, snag and rissole, or Beef Casserole—with dumplings.**

The bonzer menu was prepared by Glen Waverley's talented cordon bleu couple—Louise McKenzie and Kim Spencer.

"I don't think we notice Australia Day enough," said Louise, the Cafeteria Manageress, "so I thought of a special Australia Day menu. The blokes loved it."

Any how many opted for the Soup of the Day?

"We sold out of the Witchetty Grub soup," said Louise, "it was popular. I didn't think it would sell, but a lot of them had a go."

The soup was authentic too, Louise said. "It originally comes from the Jem River Boat on the Murray River at Swan Hill. A chap there has the world wide patent on the soup."

Louise and Kim, whose father is a foreman at Penalla, both began working at Glen Waverley on the same day in September, 1982, and have joined forces to inject some excitement into the daily menus at the Depot.

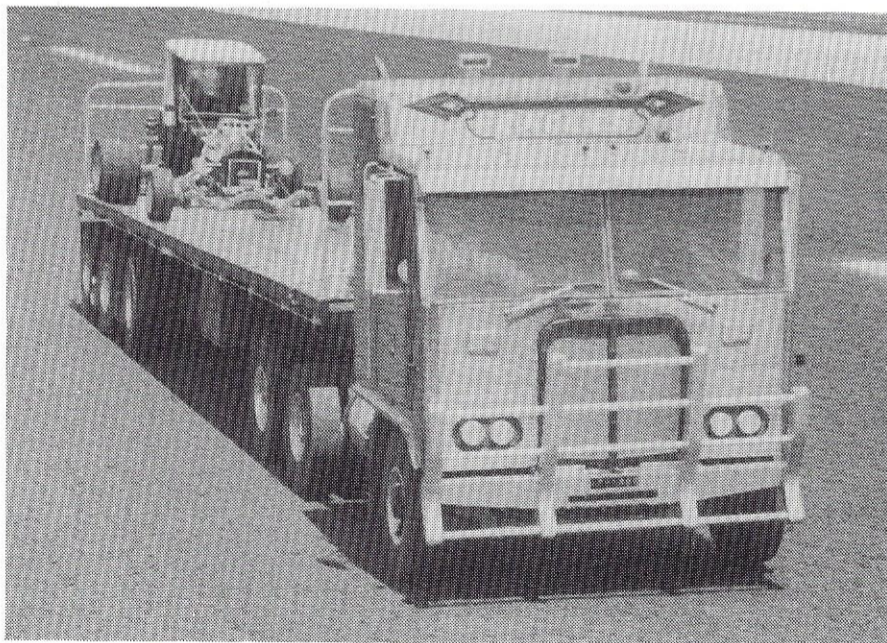
The meals Materials Division were a bit more elaborate—pies, pasties, fish and snags. And the best tea in the CRB.



But, as everybody knows, people go along to Materials Division's celebration to see the fashions. After all, it really should be called the Annual Aussie Ocker Awards for Outstandin' Apparel.

Looking very patriotic are, from left, Mark Hughes, Lucy Auff, Robb Scott, Lee Scott and Mike Betts, all from Materials Division.

## Trick Photography?



At first glance it just looks like a normal truck. But there's more to this vehicle than meets the eye, as you'll discover by turning to page 3 for our exclusive story about the Ianbuilt V8. . . .

And they were there by the throngs. In their throngs, plus T-shirts, shorts, dressing-gowns and beach 'ats.

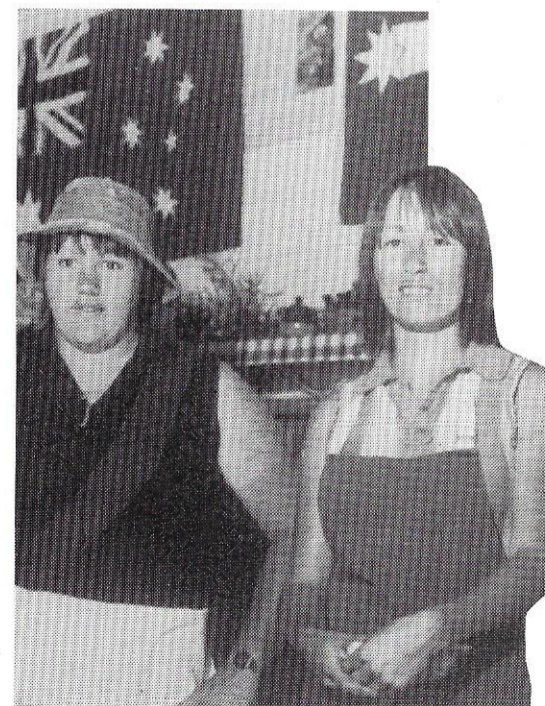
Experimental Officer George Carruthers, attired in the latest white CRB All-cotton Work Wear jacket, made the presentations.

Lucy Auff, Scientific Officer, took the honours for the Typical Oz Housewife Award, and Robb Scott, Engineer, secured the True Blue Award for his Australian Flag wardrobe. "You can't get more Aussie than that!" Rob stressed.

Runners up were Lee Scott, Drafting Assistant, for her exclusively tailored 'Hanging Rock' costume, and Alan Banfield, Architect, for his imaginative Suburban Gardener outfit.

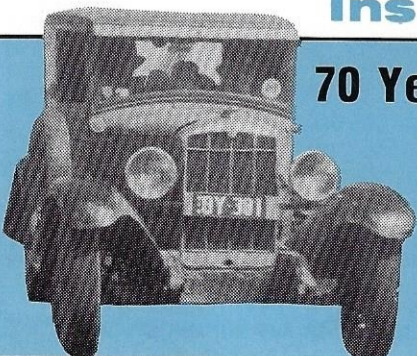
A special presentation for the Division's Best Oz Shiela was jointly won by Experimental Officers Mike Betts and Mark Hughes.

Organisers of both functions, Eileen Walsh of Materials Division and Louise at Glen Waverley, claim they have plans for another Aussie Day next year—but be warned. Patrons will only be served if they're wearing T-shirts and thongs.



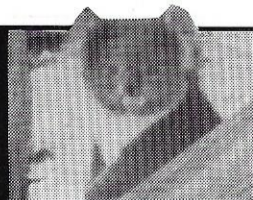
Glen Waverley's 'cordon bleu couple' Kim Spencer (left) and Louise McKenzie in Aussie Rules costume.

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Our Interchange envoys across the State are only too keen to hear from CRB staff with stories! If you have got something to say; a travel story, a account of any unusual hobbies or pastimes, or something about work etc., don't hesitate to contact your Divi rep or the Editor.

In the country we've got **Ian Ellis** at Bairnsdale, **Ron Hymakowski** at Ballarat, **Mike Farmer** at Benalla, **Reg Marslen** at Bendigo, **Charles Low** at Geelong, **Sonia Delost** at Traralgon, **Darryl Watts** at Warrnambool and **Bruce Phillips** at Wodonga.

Around Town there's **Vic Lawther** at Dandenong, **Leanne Brady** at Road Planning, **Trisha Phillips** and **Dave Hosking** at Road Design, **Jenny Risol** at Traffic Engineering, **Jenny Spilar** at Registry, **Karen Heselshwerdt** at Personnel, **Joan Lo** at Computer Section, **Annette Taylor** at Accounts and **Gloria Kilpatrick** at Survey.

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\* Remember when submitting photographs that they should be well CAPTIONED! That is, the who, what, when and why of the photograph. If it is a group shot of workmates, we'd like to know names, where each person works and their designation. Also, if the photograph is from a newspaper, let us know who to give credit to.

These days if your weekends are getting boring you have nobody to blame but yourself. **Penguin Vic** has been getting a lot of media coverage lately on popular tourist spots to visit across the state...Hanging Rock, Sovereign Hill and so on. And of course **Vic Venture** — our little travel man launched in November — has been telling Interchange readers about the not-so-well known places around. This time he's found an interesting wildlife reserve located in an extinct volcano crater!

Do you know of a relatively unknown spot that could appeal to Vic, and Interchange readers? It could be a hidden lake, a remote waterfall or a isolated old gold mining ghost town... anything that is unusual and relatively unknown! You can share your favourite visiting spot by writing to Vic now!!! And contributors note: Vic gets lost easily so please send a sketch or locality plan.

**Vic Visits a Volcano**



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# A blooming good pastime!

George Benesh is certainly no amateur to the world of orchids—he's been growing them for 17 years.

"My first orchid plant was given to me as a present in 1965," recalls George, a supervising draftsman at Geelong Division.

Within a couple of years, his interest in the exotic flower began to blossom and by 1966, with two friends, he had established the Geelong Orchid and Indoor Plant Club.

Today the club has a patronage of more than 120 members and holds regular indoor shows and competitions. George's orchid collection has enjoyed a similar success story: in 1967 he had 20 plants; today he has more than 1000.

"They range from the cheap to the expensive, tropical to native," explains George, as he goes on to describe his Dendrobiums, Cymbidiums, Cattleyas and Miltonias.

**George takes his interest very seriously, and often ventures interstate and overseas in search of unusual species.**

"Orchids used to be only about 80 cents or so in the good old days," he recalls, "nowadays this hobby can cost you a fair bundle."

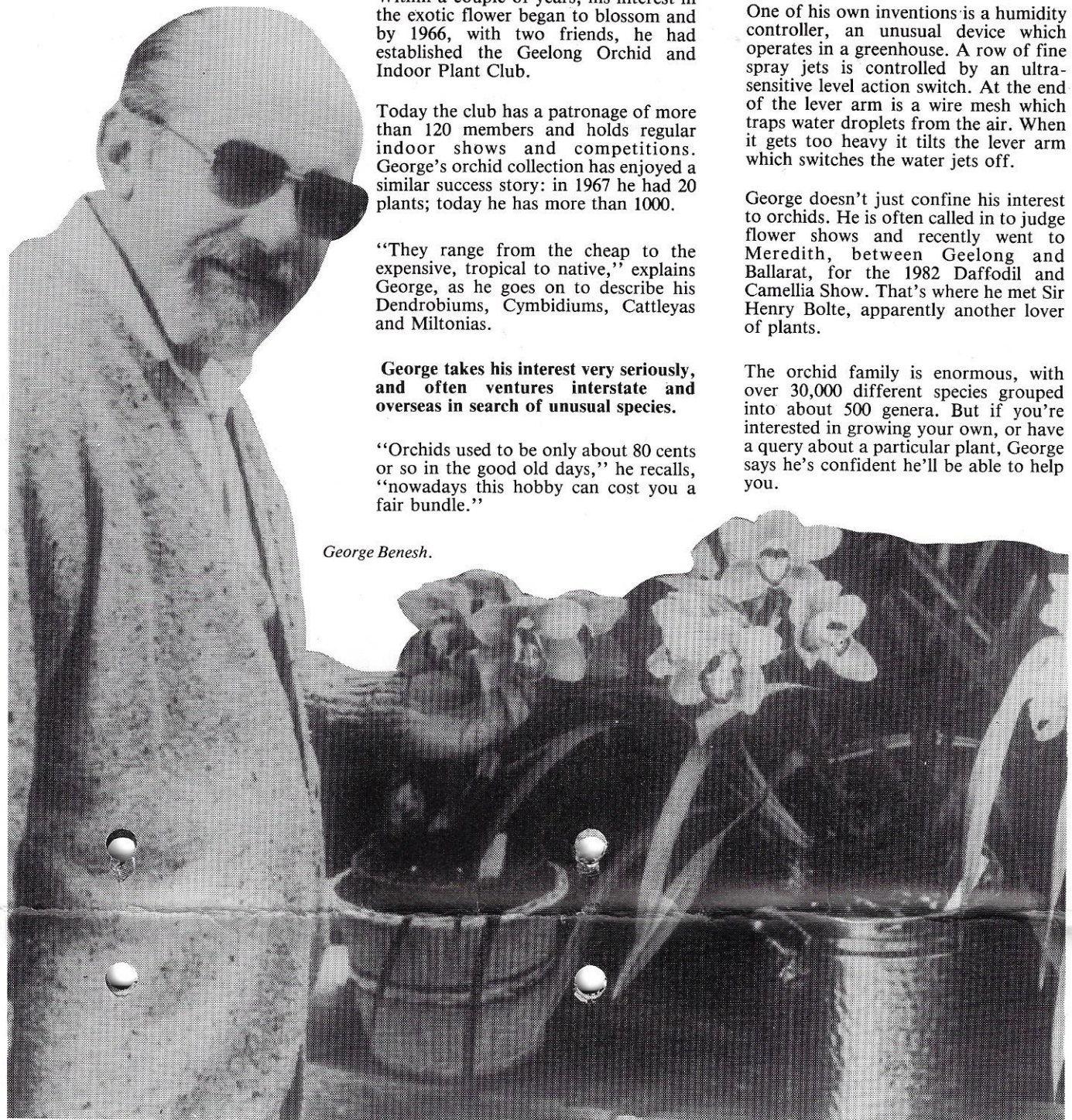
**Innovative!**

According to his colleagues, George is not only an adept orchid grower but also "a very skilled, innovative fellow".

One of his own inventions is a humidity controller, an unusual device which operates in a greenhouse. A row of fine spray jets is controlled by an ultra-sensitive level action switch. At the end of the lever arm is a wire mesh which traps water droplets from the air. When it gets too heavy it tilts the lever arm which switches the water jets off.

George doesn't just confine his interest to orchids. He is often called in to judge flower shows and recently went to Meredith, between Geelong and Ballarat, for the 1982 Daffodil and Camellia Show. That's where he met Sir Henry Bolte, apparently another lover of plants.

The orchid family is enormous, with over 30,000 different species grouped into about 500 genera. But if you're interested in growing your own, or have a query about a particular plant, George says he's confident he'll be able to help you.



George Benesh.

## 70 YEARS OF THE CRB

"Yer know...I can remember when yer used to get bogged on the Wallerong Road in SUMMER...used to use it as a swimming hole in Winter...then the CRB came and sealed it...must have been '27 or '28, I think!"

"...Well I'm flamin' well bogged at the moment...the shoulders are like porridge!!!"

"Yer probably went off the seal, did yer? Shouldn't go off the seal."

"What seal? There's only about a one metre strip in the centre!"

"You got one of those big American cars, have yer?"

"NO! I'm on a MOTOR BIKE! Had to swerve to miss a sign someone had stuck in the middle of the road...said Soft Shoulders..."

"That'd be old Jim Morison...he does a bit of work for the CRB...his old man worked for them too...old 'Toady' Morison..."

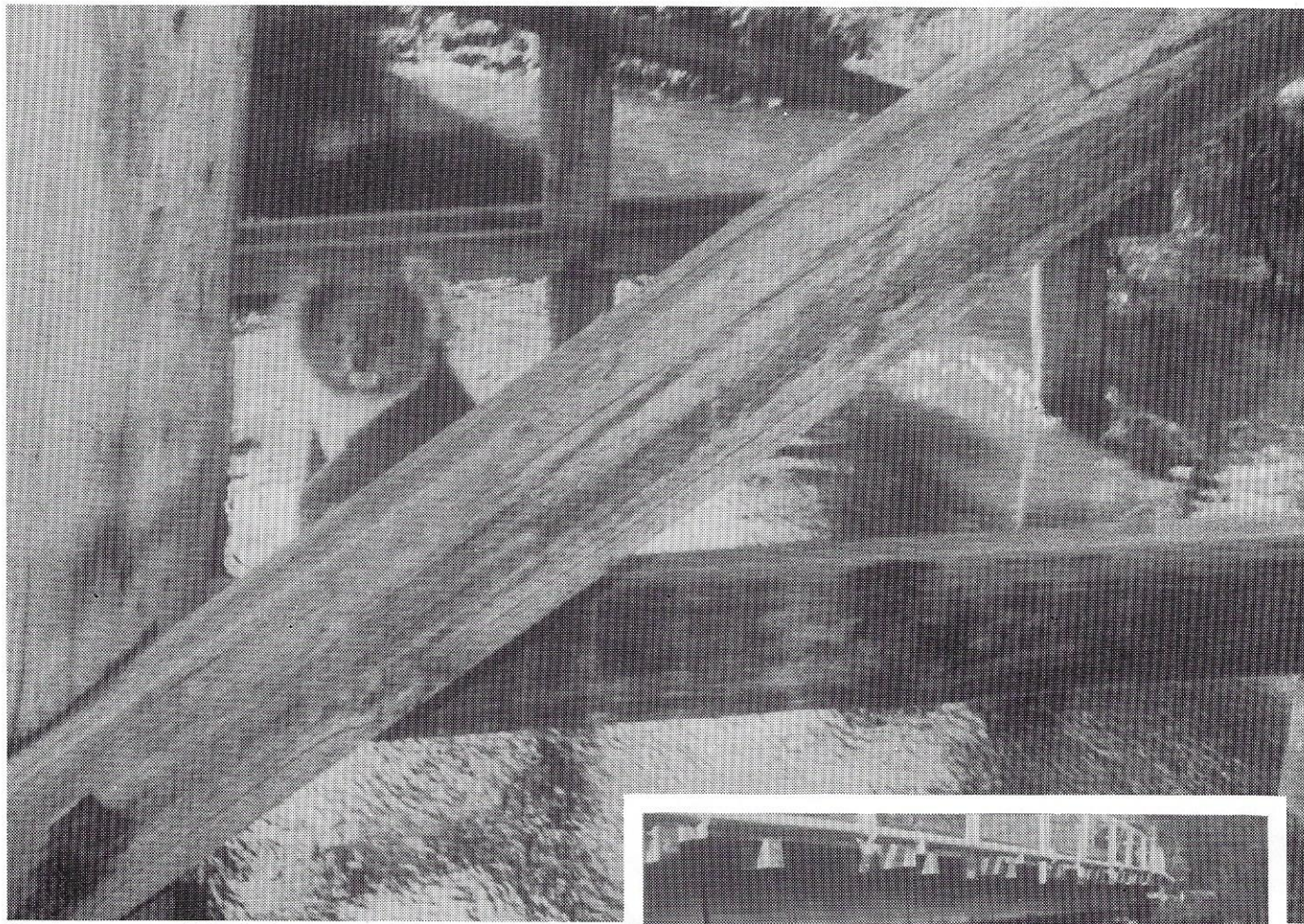
"Well how am I going to get out—it's up to its handlebars...he should have put the sign ON THE SHOULDERS!!!"

"No...he couldn't put it on the shoulders..."

"It'd sink out of sight!!!"

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# BEAR INSPECTING

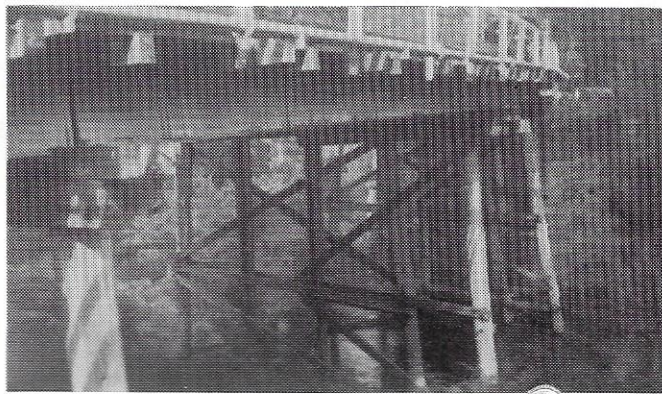


**Koalas are noted for being reserved little marsupials that have a love for tall gum trees and an aversion to water.**

Needless to say Alex Johnson, the Bridge Inspecting Engineer, was somewhat surprised to find this little creature sitting complacently under a bridge on the Grampians Road.

"He was sitting there for about an hour while we were inspecting the bridge piles," said Alex. "When we started to use an electric drill he got a bit startled, slipped about 12 feet and landed on his back on a crossbeam. Then he just scuttled off into the bush."

The koala was 'inspecting' Alex and his assistant, Kevin Haines, on the Grampians Road at Fyans Creek, near Halls Gap.



*Bear in mind that they don't like water and yes, have a rather unusual photograph (above) of a koala under a bridge. Inset: the bridge over Fyans Creek.*

# The Ianbuilt V8

**It is so lifelike you almost expect its CB radio to start broadcasting: 'breaker....breaker....'**

**This is the incredible Ianbuilt V8.**

**It's a scale model truck made from wood, steel and cat food tins.**



*You can appreciate the true size of Ian's truck with this photograph. Ian is pictured here on La Trobe Terrace Overpass just prior to the official opening.*

It took its attentive creator, Geelong depot clerk Ian Templeton (hence the name Ianbuilt), an estimated 500 hours to build.

And if you examine the model in close-up you'll see why it was such a mammoth undertaking.

Says Ian: "The entire model is made of wood, except for the exhausts and trailer gates which are steel and petrol tanks which are converted cat food cans. Oh, the air horns are made out of golf tees!"

Ian's quest for detail was unremitting: the cabin for instance includes a gearstick and pedals, and a dashboard complete with gauges and speedometer. A miniature CB radio sits conveniently next to the steering wheel, and the rear vision mirrors are carved out of genuine glass mirror. If you open the doors to the cabin you'll find the sleeper section is complete with bedding, pillows and vinyl upholstery.

### Breakdown?

In case of a breakdown — even scale models need repairs — Ian has installed his own set of tools, chains, ropes and an oxy-welder.

"The bull-bar and cabin tilt forward to allow access to the supercharged V8 diesel motor," explains Ian, who estimates that the whole vehicle has more than 1200 hand made parts to it. "It measures 7 foot (2.1m) long, 14 inches (350mm) wide and 18 inches high (450mm)!" he adds.

**Ian has nurtured an interest in model cars and machinery since childhood, and says that it consumes a lot of his leisure hours. The hot rod on the trailer, incidentally, is based on a 1915 Model 'T' Ford.**



Staff member in Head Office was driving through city with friend from Capetown who was navigating by Melways. "Turn here at the robots," he advised driver. "Robots...what robots?" came puzzled reply. "Robots... those things directing the traffic!" Seems that in South Africa traffic signals have always been known as 'robots'. Driver then asked if they made science fiction films with titles like; "Attack of the Traffic Signals" and "Buck Rogers verses the Traffic Lights".

Car rallies can be gruelling events, and certainly separates the men from the women! At the HOSA rally recently drafting assistant Trish Phillips managed to defy the laws of Science by getting lost between two suburbs!! Although the route was estimated to be 50km, from Doncaster Shopping Town to Westerfolds Park in Templestowe, Trish's crew accumulated an amazing 170km. A spokesperson for the rally crew says they first became wary of their navigator's proficiency when they saw a sign marked: 'Ballarat: Left Lane'.

### A recent telephone conversation in Public Relations went like this:

Lady caller: I'm replying to your letter from Mr Thrussell.

PR: Mr who?

Lady: Mr Thrussell.

PR: I'm sorry, we don't know any Mr Thrussell!

Lady: Yes, he's sent me an invitation to a freeway opening.

PR: You must mean our Chairman, Mr T H Russell.

Lady: Oh. . . .well there aren't any full stops here!

### Quote of the Month

Head Office Messenger to Barry Wilson (Supervisor General Duties): "What date is the first of February?"

*During December several ceiling fans were being installed in Registry when one observant Clerical Assistant queried one of the gentlemen as to why there was a lack of blades. "Oh, they won't be available until May!" came his cheery reply.*

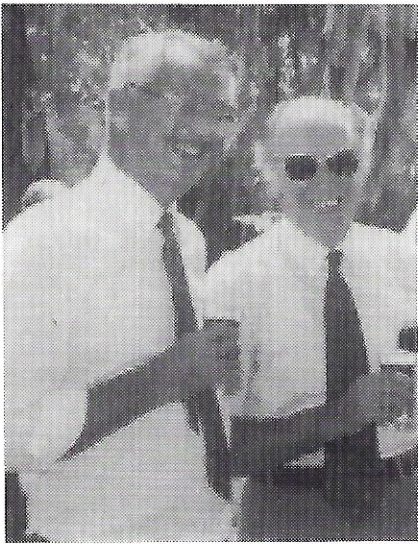
### Shortest Guardrail in Victoria Competition — Entry 1



Spotted at the corner of Burke Road and Rathmines Road, Hawthorn. The diminutive Armco guardrail protects a MMBW standpipe, and was sent to us from Vic Lawther, Dandenong Division.

# SEYMOUR BYPASS 'A BOON'

## Minister opens new \$26 million section of freeway



The mercury hit the mid 30s and the light refreshments were fully appreciated by all at the official opening. Pictured here are (left) Mr Bill Thomas, Chief Planning Engineer, and Mr Bill Brake, Deputy Chairman.

**A duplicated Hume Highway from Melbourne to Wodonga — we're getting there.**

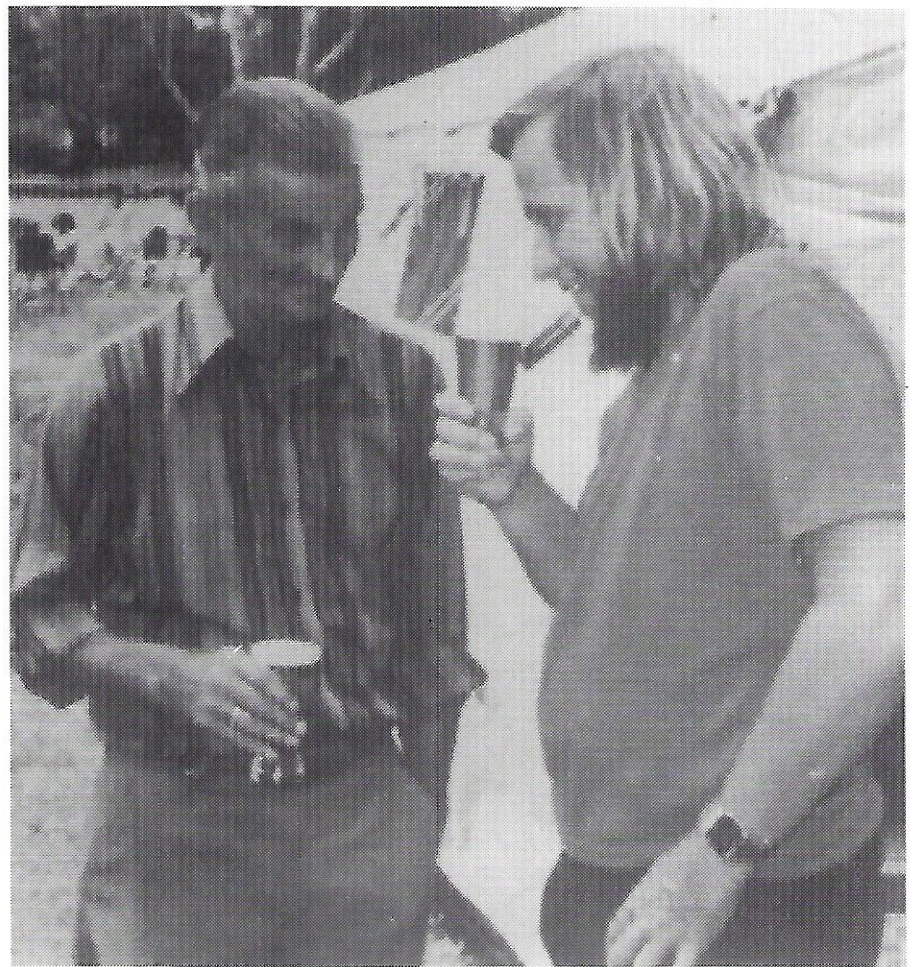
The latest major development in the CRB quest is the \$26 million bypass of Seymour, opened by the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Steve Crabb, MP, on 14 December, 1982.

"The bypass will be a boon for motorists and commercial vehicle drivers," Mr Crabb said at the opening.

The 9 km bypass crosses the Goulburn River flood plains and involved building 15 bridges at a cost of \$10.7 million.

The Goulburn Valley Highway connects the Hume Freeway by way of a full diamond interchange — the largest in rural Victoria.

**Motorists travelling to Wodonga can now enjoy almost 120 km of duplicated highway from Melbourne to Tubbs Hill, north of Avenel.**



"That wraps up Seymour!" Now for a quiet celebration — overseer Bill West (left) shares a joke and an ale with surveyor Tom Gubbels.



At the opening ceremony, from left: Mr Tom Russell, Chairman; Mr J Rowland, Deputy Secretary, Dept. of Transport & Construction; Mr P McNamara, MP; The Hon. Steve Crabb, MP Minister of Transport, and Mr N Smyth, Shire President of Seymour Shire.

## Off to a fiery start

The plaque was unveiled, the ribbon was cut, and CRB personnel, guests and media eagerly waited for the first motorist to come thundering down the new Hume Freeway bypass of Seymour.

**And they waited. . . . and waited. . . . and waited. No traffic!**

Suddenly a two-way radio in one of the project vehicles came to life: "We have a grass fire. . . traffic can't get through. . . there's smoke everywhere. . ."

It couldn't have come at a worse moment.

**The message continued: "Police have closed the carriageways. . ."**

Fortunately it was quickly put under control by nearby emergency service units and CRB workers, and the waiting was over. The radio gave the "all clear" and the television cameras began rolling — to greet the first vehicles as they passed over the Goulburn River bridge.

## That problem is back again!

**Next time you hear somebody complaining about their back injury—don't feel too much grief for them.**

Chances are it wasn't due to a car accident or an unfair tackle on the footy field. Figures released in the CRB Safe Working Practices Bulletin suggest that injuries can be traced to 'years of neglect and abuse'.

The Bulletin says that back injuries can occur very easily, and the final act which triggers the painful back problem can be as simple as bending over to tie up a shoelace.

'If you have to lift an object—and not necessarily a heavy object—keep your back straight, lift with the legs, and keep the load close to your body', the Bulletin advises.

**It claims that back injuries account for 60% of all workers compensation a year.**



## Keeping an eye on things

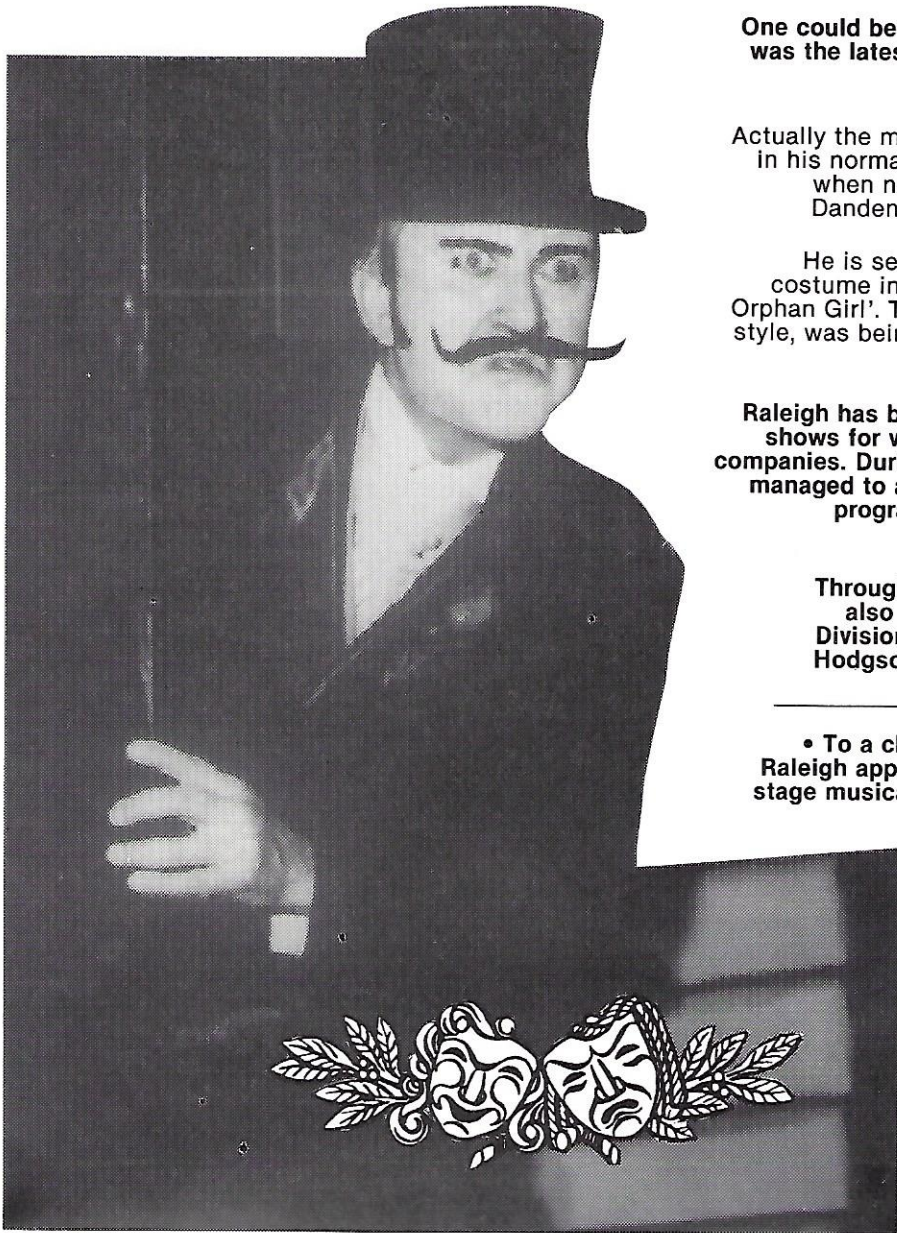


**No, Alan Stork isn't into sophisticated photography.**

The instrument he is looking into is a Geodimeter, an electronic distance measuring device. Alan, a Survey Officer with Bendigo Division, was photographed using the Geodimeter in Golden Square, Bendigo.

Picture: 'Advertiser'

# BOO - HISSED AGAIN!



One could be excused for thinking this was the latest in fashion for Assistant Divisional Engineers.

Actually the man behind the door is not in his normal garb. Raleigh Robinson, when not second in command of Dandenong Division, likes to act.

He is seen here performing in full costume in the stage show 'Only An Orphan Girl'. The play, set in music hall style, was being held at the Athenaeum Theatre in Lilydale.

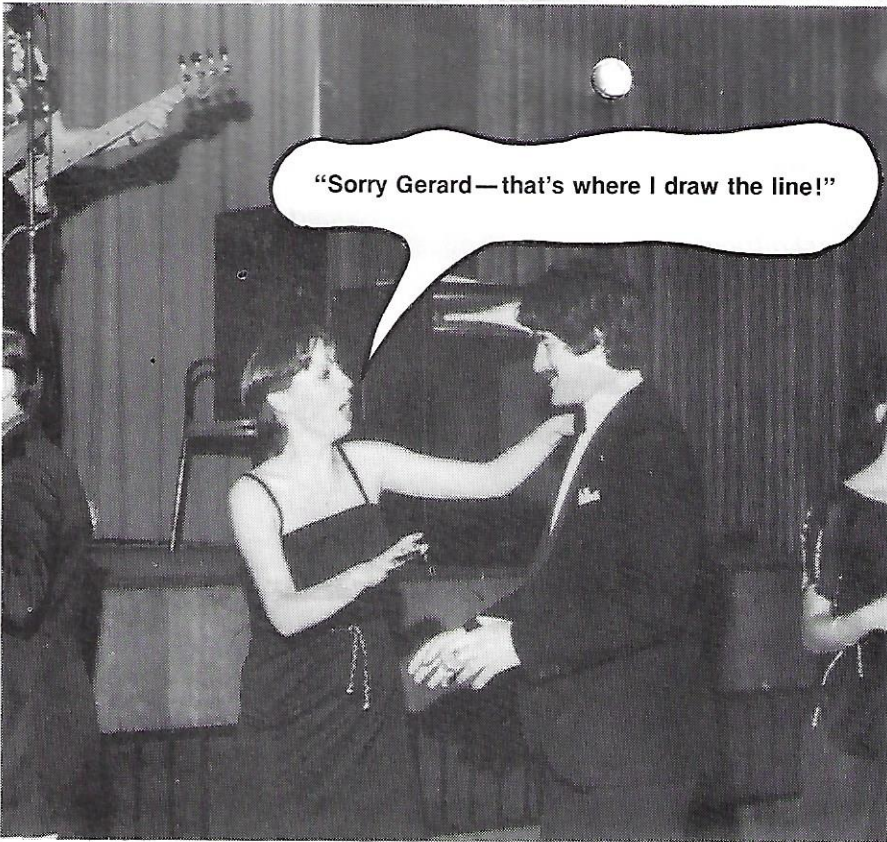
Raleigh has been in a number of stage shows for various Melbourne theatre companies. During vacations he also has managed to appear in a few television programmes and commercials.

Throughout January Raleigh will also be starring as the Acting Divisional Engineer — when Stan Hodgson takes his annual leave.

• To a chorus of boos and hisses Raleigh appears behind a door in the stage musical: 'Only An Orphan Girl'.



## YOU SAID IT



Let's hope Ian Hedley has a good hi-fi system, because he's won a \$30 record voucher from Brash's for his clever one-liner (above) in the HOSA/INTERCHANGE 'Caption the Pix' competition.

Ian, in the Accounts Section at Bairnsdale Division, sent in several witty entries and this was the pick of them.

Interchange received more than 50 entries and so the task of deciding a winning entry was a difficult one.

Many contributors took advantage of the fact that we misspelt the name of the gentleman in the photograph, Gerard Russell.

A selection of some of the other contributors is featured below:

\* "I AM using a deodorant!" Noreen Meagher (High St Cafeteria)

\* Judy: "Ruffell! I thought you said Russell!" Gerard: "Funny, I thought you were a Boardman too!" B Robertson (Bridge)

\* "And all this time I thought you were Mike Fitzpatrick!" Ian Hedley

\* "Just a minute blue! It's your feet that do all the moving about!! NOT Y'HANDS." Wayne Baker (Bridge)

\* "Not the BEAM TEST!" Lillian Scurrah (Accounts Typing Pool) For the benefit of non-engineers, a beam test is the determination of the strength and elasticity of something subjected to bending stresses under specified test conditions.

Thank you for all the entries, and, because of the encouraging response, Interchange and HOSA plan to hold another competition in a forthcoming issue.



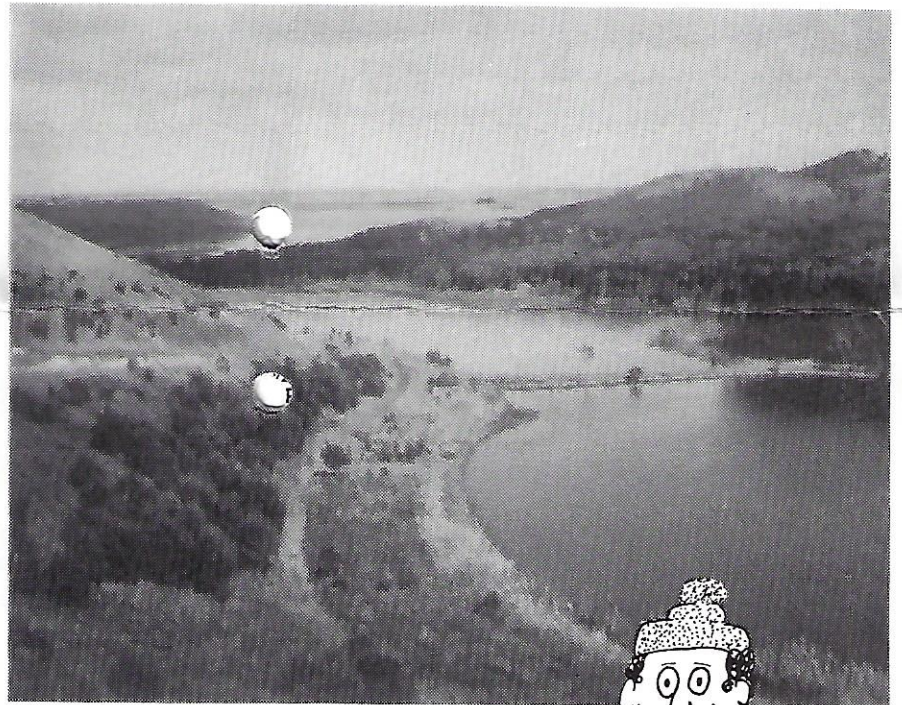
## Lost Count!

Linemarkers Neil Delaney and Bill Hall, from Horsham Division, had an encounter with the law recently; and to make matters worse, it was while they were on duty.

Neil and Bill were parked near a service station in Horsham doing a routine traffic count at an intersection. Unbeknown to them a concerned local was closely observing the car and, convinced the two were 'casing' the place, called in the local police.

Only after producing their licences — and traffic counters — were the police officers satisfied that the duo weren't in the holdup business.

## RETURN TO THE PAST: TOWER HILL



One day, if all goes to plan, Tower Hill will be almost identical to what it was in the 1850's: a lush bushland alive with swans, koalas, brush-tailed possums, kingfishers and sugar gliders — all located in an extinct volcano crater.

The huge wildlife reserve, west of Warrnambool, is being restored to its natural state by the Ministry of Conservation and its Fisheries and Wildlife Division. Its objective: "to create a living representation of the land as it was in the days of settlement".

Tower Hill is high on Vic Venture's 'must visit again' list. Vic says Tower Hill has so much to offer that it's difficult to absorb it all in one day: after all, it is a 614 ha wildlife reserve made up of islands, native animals, birds and vegetation. Visitors can book a guide to escort them through the reserve, and there is a modern natural history centre featuring Tower Hill's fascinating past.

### Volcano belt

And what a past: Tower Hill originally was a volcano which erupted about seven thousand years ago. It lies at the western end of a belt of about 30 similar volcanoes extending from Colac to Port Fairy.

Its restoration is one of the major projects currently being carried out by the Fisheries and Wildlife. It was declared Victoria's first National Park in 1892. In 1961 it became a State Game Reserve.



Vic points out that Tower Hill is definitely a 'weekend excursion'. It is 275 km west of Melbourne or 14.5 km from Warrnambool and the entrance is on the Princes Highway mid-way between Warrnambool and Port Fairy. Tours of the area can be arranged by contacting the Warrnambool Tourist Information Centre, telephone (055) 62 3274.

Vic suggests you also bring a camera, lots of film — the wildlife and unusual rock formations make excellent snapshots — and snags and sauce, as there are electric barbecue facilities available.

# SEVENTY YEARS OF THE

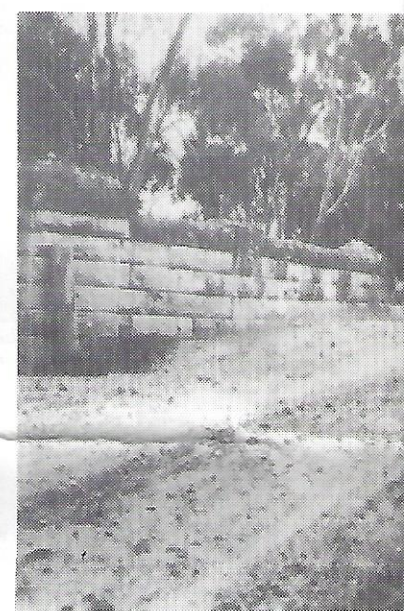
On 26 March 1913, the first Board was appointed — five days later it held its first meeting at the office of the Minister of Public Works.

For the next two years the Board — Chairman W Calder and Members W McCormack and F Fricke, travelled around the State to investigate road conditions.

In those days they had to often travel by horse on roads which were usually nothing more than roughly made stock routes.

Today — 70 years later — Victoria has 160,000km of public roads of which approximately 23,700 form part of the CRB's declared road network.

This feature is not a history of the CRB but simply a pictorial on how the techniques in roadbuilding, and the roads themselves, have changed in seven decades. Some past opening ceremonies have also been included in the selection.

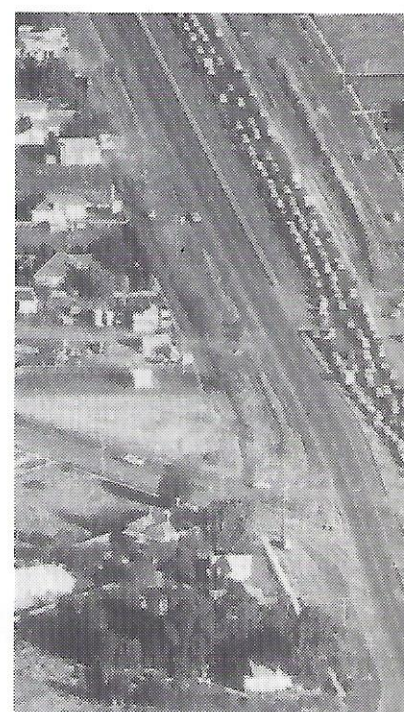
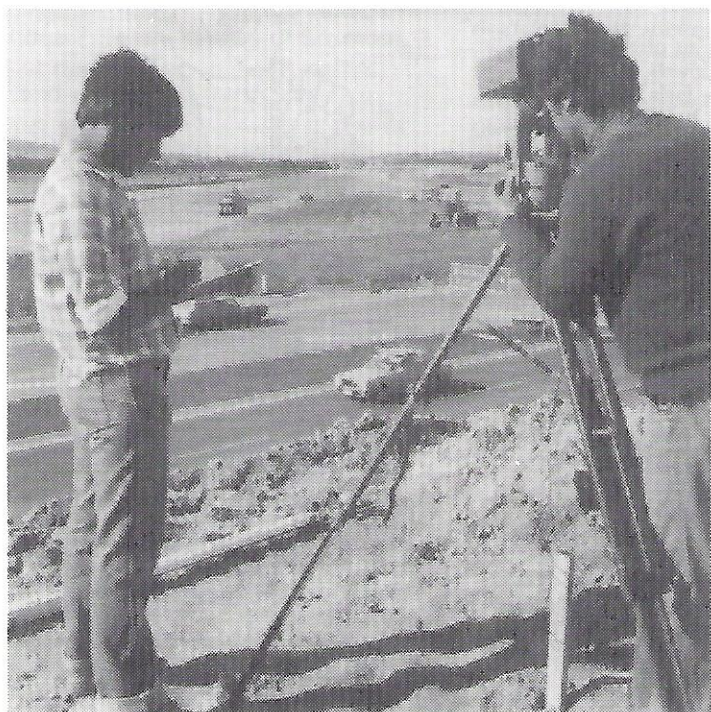


**1913**

Board members inspect road conditions at Mirboo South, in South Gippsland. They described the rugged area around Mirboo, Carrajung, Bulga and Lang Lang as: "the most difficult country for road construction".

**1925**

This was the opening of the Gip Creek, now a direct contractor.



**1983**

The CRB is currently working on several multimillion dollar projects including the Mornington Peninsula Freeway (photographed) at Dromana, the Calder Freeway at Keilor, the Princes Freeway at Berwick and Warragul, West Gate Freeway and sections of the Hume Freeway. The bypass of Wallace and Bungaree on the Western Freeway will be the next major project to be opened in March this year.

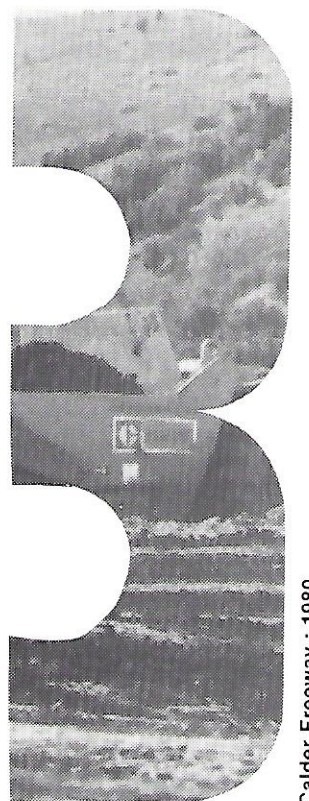
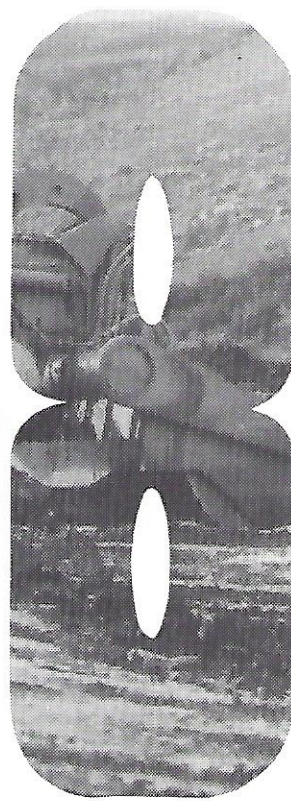
**1970**

Tullamarine Freeway constructed jointly by the CRB and the MMBW, was officially opened by the Honourable Sir Henry Bolte, then Premier of Victoria. Mr Hamer is seen here addressing the crowd at the opening.

# COUNTRY ROADS BOARD



Geelong Road (Princes Highway) 1915



Calder Freeway : 1980



The Hume Highway 58 years ago at Princes Highway near Longwood. Today a freeway bypass it in this vicinity. The CRB took over the control of State Highways in 1924.



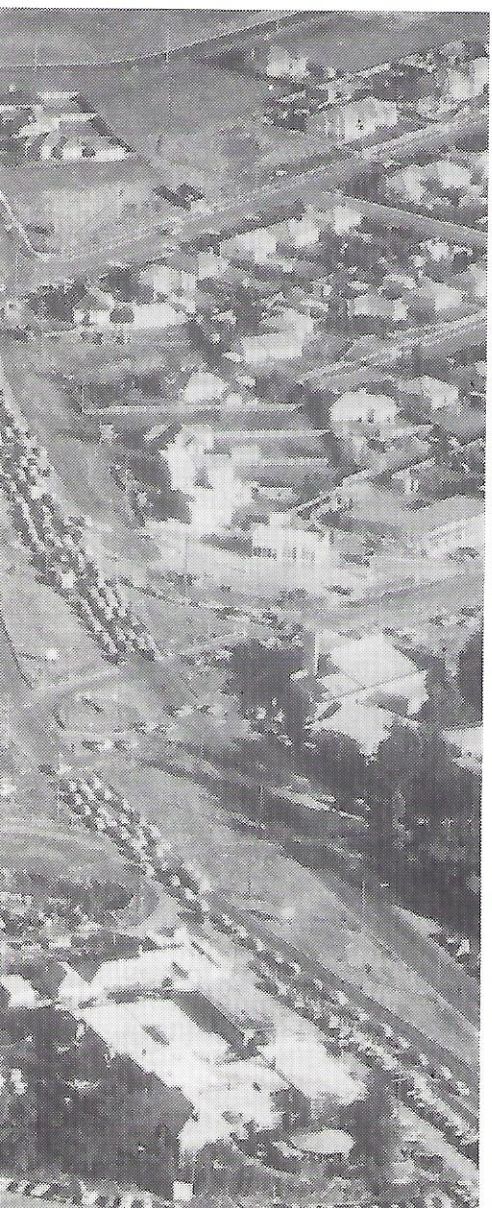
**1938**

A rather unorthodox but apparently effective way of watering concrete. The CRB vehicle was working on Epping Road, Epping. A year after this photo was taken most of the CRB resources were diverted to defence because of the war.



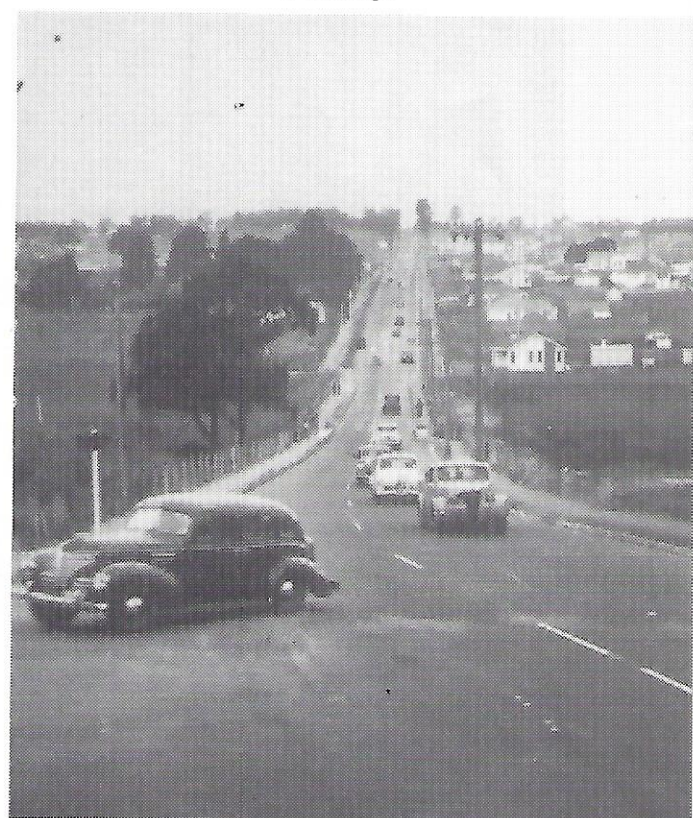
**1940**

The Phillip Island suspension bridge was opened and provided the first road link with the island. Up until then visitors to Cowes or Newhaven had to queue up for a ferry crossing.



**1958**

The crowds certainly flocked to official openings in the '50s. Mr Darwin, Chairman of the CRB, opened the Mitchell River bridge at Bairnsdale in August.



**1962**

It has always been one of Melbourne's busiest intersections—Princes Highway and Springvale Road, Springvale. Those small dots in the middle of the carriageways are—we can only assume—police officers endeavouring to direct traffic.

**1952**

No—it's not a busy country highway but Burwood Road—now Burwood Highway—at Box Hill.

# Jim Pell : a man with glass

**Bendigo's top glassblower owes his success to his daughter.**

Jim Pell, 54, a fitter from Bendigo Depot, says that six years ago he knew nothing at all about the craft. Then one day he began to read a few books about it.

"My daughter had to do a project for a final exam at the time and asked me for an idea," Jim recalls. "I suggested glass as a project and—ignorance being quite blissful—we tackled the subject."

**"Her project finished over six years ago—I'm still going."**

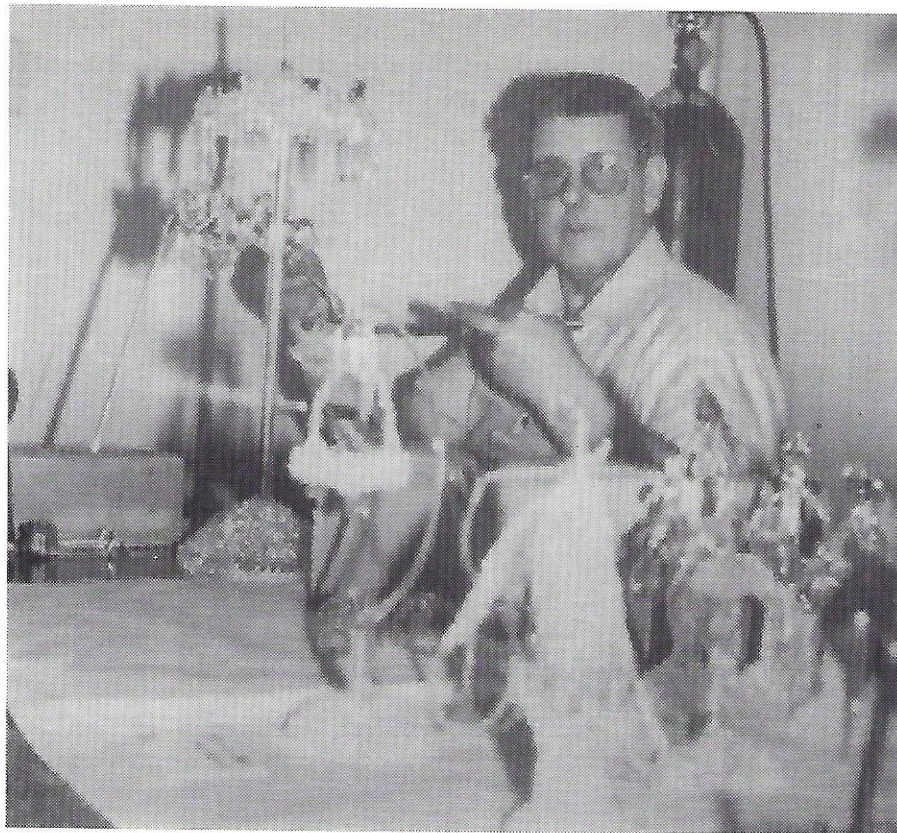
Jim says that he mostly works at home, although he has been known to demonstrate his skills at festivals around the State.

Jim's home in Violet Street, Bendigo, almost resembles a miniature glass factory. His equipment, a glass turning lathe and a kiln, are located in part of his garage, but he has also built a small office and a storeroom to cater for his needs.

## Hot work

All designs, whether they're blown ware, solid objects or lace work, require the melting of glass to a plastic state. It then takes a person with years of skill—and discipline—to manipulate the glass into the desired shape.

"At the moment I am using portable type burners which mix oxygen and propane to obtain flame temperatures from 50 degrees to 1800 degrees," Jim explains. "But some of the laboratory work requires a temperature of 2500 degrees."



**Jim is a craftsman, and his work takes him to various shows "to sell or demonstrate". He usually confines his travels to Victoria but occasionally ventures into NSW. He is Bendigo's only glassblower.**

"To get a good standard is not easy by any means but it's certainly not beyond most people...if they're interested enough."

Jim, who has been with the CRB for eight years, doesn't devote all of his spare time to the workshop.

*Jim uses imported glass and mainly concentrates on ornamental designs—that is, animals and birds, candlesticks, etc. He aims to keep all of his work original.*

**"I have become very interested in stamps," says Bill, "which is very handy when the weather gets a bit too hot for glassblowing!"**

## POOL RESULTS

By  
Graeme Stone

**Firstly, thank you to all those people who completed the car pool questionnaire—your contributions were appreciated.**

The aim of the survey was to assess both the overall performance of car pooling at the CRB and the advantages and disadvantages to individuals and to the community. These details will be published in this column in the next few editions of Interchange.

Respondents offered a lot of suggestions for improvement to car pooling at the Head Office complex, and many people claimed that more publicity and education on pooling was necessary.

Interchange will not only assist with this column but also invites anybody who wants to promote a car pool arrangement, or participate in one, to write to our CLASSIES section.

### How It Works

**Before analysing the survey, I think it is prudent to outline just how the CRB Car Pool system operates.**

You can qualify for an exclusive, reserved car pool parking area if you and a work colleague regularly travel to and from Head Office by car and both of you reside more than 20km from the Head Office building.

Alternatively three or more staff members who regularly travel together can qualify for registration as a car pool. It doesn't matter if one person lives in Epping, the second in Coburg and the third in Kew: you still qualify.

Reserved bays for registered car pools are provided in the south car park and at 89 High Street, and applications for registration can be made from Office Services (phone 2593).

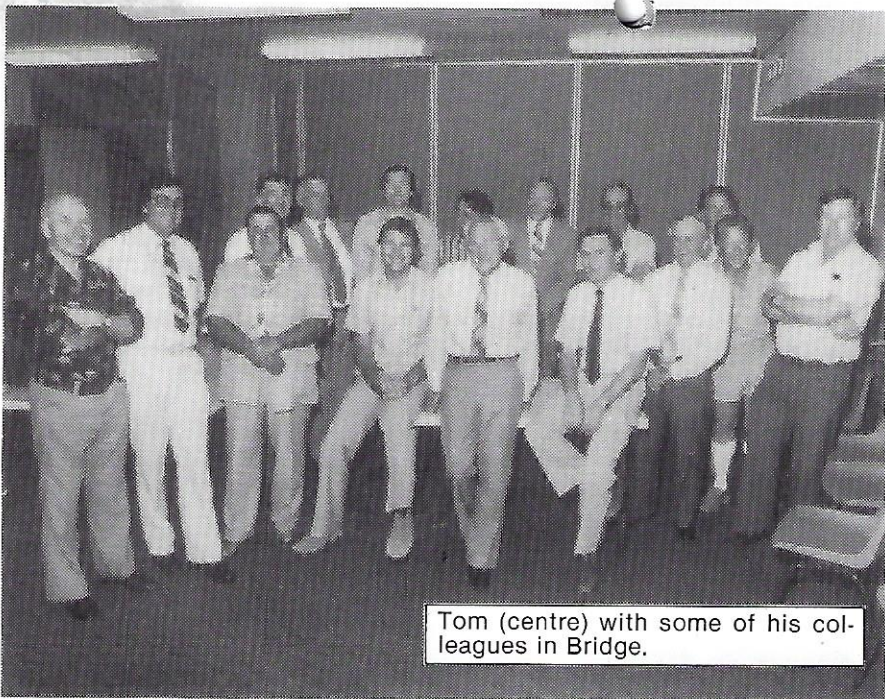
One of the biggest advantages of car sharing, according to 71% of respondents, is the cost savings. Most of them claimed that a reduction in petrol costs was the biggest bonus, although some did include other savings such as in maintenance and depreciation. Some said that by joining a car pool it meant they didn't have to purchase a second car. Three people also made comparisons with alternative public transport and suggested a saving of \$7 a week.

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**Anybody who wishes to speak to Graeme about the results of the questionnaire can contact him in Survey Division (tel:2529).**

## Retirement

# Tom Bowden bows out



Tom (centre) with some of his colleagues in Bridge.

If you rang Bridge Sub-branch on Tuesday 30 November, and no one answered the telephone, chances are they were at Tom Bowden's sendoff.

**Everyone, it seemed, was at Tom's sendoff.**

Tom, a Superintendent of Works, is well known around the Princes Street building and it's not surprising: he's been involved with bridges for almost 28 years.

So it was to be expected that a big turn up of Bridge personnel would appear at the Clifton Hotel to say goodbye to a veteran. The cartoon was drawn by Geoff Humphries, of Glen Waverly - one of Tom's many associates with the CRB.



## On File?

**Whether you're in a car pool system or drive on your lonesome, you should have details about your car filed with Office Services. As in your own interest as if you have a flat tyre or leave your lights on, you can be easily traced down.**

"All people have to do is tell me their name, phone number, registration number and model of car, and I'll put it in file," says HO receptionist Margaret Tehan, who maintains the register.

**Drivers can ring either Office Services (2583) or Margaret (2062)**

# Down and out!



It is annoying how on some days one just gets bogged down in silly little problems. Despite the drought, the driver of this excavator found the conditions a bit too damp on the Warragul Section of the Princes Freeway.



# DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT

## DANDENONG

From Victor Lawther

We welcome **Bob Conlan** from Horsham Division as Patrolman in Charge at Pakenham patrol, **Tom Casamento** from Bridge Sub-Branch and **Marcella Raszkievicz** as "girl friday" at Berwick after maternity leave. Trust you all enjoy your so journ with us.

Congratulations to **Garnett Gibbs** and **Cliff Lawton** on their elevations to class 3 positions. Garnett has returned to duty after his illness, also pleased to report that **Ray Forde** has left hospital but still receiving regular treatment as an outpatient.

The annual christmas luncheon in the form of barbecue on the lawns saw **Maurice Burley** win the Iron Man competition after a very close finish.

## MATERIALS

From Lee (scoop) Scott

Well Christmas and New Year festivities are over and most of us have survived the endless parties and everlasting family get-togethers. MD went into full swing early in December with a chicken and champagne breakfast and a good time was had by all.

Our annual Christmas Party was held at Alan Muirs, in Barkers Road, on December 17th. Approx 85 people turned up and sampled the beef and lamb on spits, salads, jacket potatoes, fish, cheeses and kebana, the biggest Xmas pudding you ever saw and port and cigars to top it all off. Thankyou to everyone who helped with the organizing and especially Alan Muir and his wife for making the venue such a picturesque one. On Christmas Eve morning, we had a Bacon and Egg breakfast which was cooked to perfection by Peter Lowe, hopefully we'll have another this year. We dominated the Xmas raffles by winning two 1st and three 2nd prizes! Geotechnical Section has had quite a reshuffle with Dominic Cimino and Steve Brown transferring to Bridge Division and three new arrivals; Engineers Felicity Finlayson, Julian Seidel and Tom Flintoff.

**Pavement Section** have finally and sadly waved goodbye to Russell Bittner who is now at the Baddaginnie Bowser Section (Hume Freeway) Dr Kumar is the new Engineer Class 2 and Pauline Kalny is admin. Officer Class 1: Nice to see more ladies infiltrating the building. We have two of our staff holidaying overseas; Kathy Renic in Yugoslavia and Margaret Goddard in America. Both will be returning to Oz in February. Congratulations to Sandra Poli on obtaining her first car. Lets hope 1983 will be a good year for everyone!

## WODONGA

From Bruce Phillips

### WELCOME

The Project welcomes the following recent appointees: **Michael Duncan** Technical Assistant (Laboratory) last year at Monash University. (Civil Engineering) ex Bank employee in Wodonga. **Tim Matthews** Clerk of Works (Materials) ex Plant Manager — RMC Vermont Asphalt. **Ian Musgrave** Clerk of Works (Roadworks) experience in major construction Australia wide and overseas. **Robert Wiseman** Clerk of Works Assistant (Roadworks) ex Plant Supervisor Berrigan Shire and Albury Shire.

### SOCIAL SCENE

Project members enjoyed a sumptuous Christmas breakup luncheon at the excellent charcoal grill restaurant located adjacent to the office. As a result of the Project Engineer's well known affinity for steaming cups of coffee, empty coffee tins from the tea room were cashed in at the local scrap yard enabling a presentation to be made to the boss. This presentation was a framed illustration of the long term effects of large intakes of this beverage.

### CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Project's Childrens' Christmas Party was held on Sunday 19 December once again at the Army's McLean Park, Bandiana.

Despite an 'army' of flies which disrupted the BBQ, a good time was generally had by all those attending. Numbers at the function were down on last years inaugural event despite the fact that staff numbers have increased more than 100% during the same period. Perhaps a special 'preference clause' for applicants with large families should be inserted in future job advertisements.

Of special interest to the fathers was Santa's "little helpers" — two suitable attired elves. Whilst most of the kids were hoping to sit on Santa's knee, most of the fathers were hoping to have an elf sitting on their knee. Ever watchful spouse's prevented the latter eventuating.

### TRIVIA

Upon Norm Esdale's return from three weeks leave, Bruce Phillips was heard saying "Friday night drinks just haven't been NORMal without him".

## BENALLA

From Marj Jones

Mike Farmer is away on holidays so here goes with a few bits and pieces we could find out—When asking around I was told some things that were quite funny but alas not for publication!

We had our usual lunch at the office finishing up with the "fickle finger" award. Gary Edwards 'won' this year for his effort of going to visit the Patrolmen at Shepparton—on their rostered day off! Other nominations included Des Hare, Mike Farmer, Bruce Hope (yet again). Was suggested we have 2 awards—one for Bruce Hope and one for the also-rans.

Unfortunately I was not able to go to the Workshop break-up but can well believe everyone had an enjoyable time. When asked if any "g" out of the ordinary happened, some-one said "Well Stella didn't get drunk this year". The boys did tell me that they really appreciated the address by Mr Chandler as he thanked them for the work carried out over the past 12 months.

### Departures

Stella Warton has left the Board after almost nineteen years in Accounts. Stella will be sadly missed around the office as she was always willing to cheerfully fill in on any job—just didn't quite make it to the Accountant's chair though. Has guaranteed that her days will be fully occupied with dressmaking, bowls and golf.

Admin Officer Robert Allen left our ranks to join the Project Office and apprentice Ian Gipp has left the workshop after two years to join the Army.

### Arrivals

Welcome to Engineer Arthur Meyers who is now with us from Traffic Engineering and has settled down happily to country life. Even though another young fellow is not in the office he is certainly a new arrival—his name is Huw and he is the new son of Neville and Mary Hallam.

Recipe from the Divisional Engineer's clerk for dealing with the public—Butter them up first before you knock them down.

Any other Divisions worried about lack of water in the present drought? Perhaps we could loan Gary Edwards, as due to his water divining skills we now have water to help John Price our gardener keep the grounds in their usual immaculate condition.

How does Traffic Officer Roger Powell find his way around I wonder? When he writes a report putting the wrong roads to a certain place.

Speaking of such people, although we won't mention names, who was the gentleman at the Tennis Club Social who removed most of his clothing? The reason he gave us was that the wife of one of our Engineers poured a cup of coffee down his back.

Seems very quiet at the Workshop as several people are on leave. Les Russell has been to Wagga, Horsham and taking the children to a test match; John Gilbert is taking his family to Tathra on a fishing holiday and we didn't find out where Barry Shuttleworth is spending his long service, leave. Actually Barry is so quiet they only realised he was missing when the tea was not being made.

Then some-one told me that Jim Harrison had a hand taken off—seems he was putting it on his sister-in-law's knee; and I'm not sure what he meant about "a birthday yesterday so on a promise tonight".

Everyone sends their very best wishes for a speedy recovery to Kathy Helman, wife of one of our brightest and most popular fitters. Kathy was travelling back after collecting their daughter from Tullamarine when a drunk driver ran into them, wrecking the car and causing injuries to the occupants. Kathy is still in Royal Melbourne Hospital where she has been since the accident which happened prior to Christmas.

Guess we must have one of the fastest Patrolmen in the Board at Mansfield. His wife made up some cordial and one of the ingredients was a packet of Epsom Salts. Yes, you guessed it, the recipe was about 30 years old from the days when Epsom Salts came in 1/2 oz packets, not 500 gram packets as Patrolman's wife bought and put into the cordial.

Mike Farmer and his family are holidaying at Cowes and before he left, John Bridges asked Mike if he was going to put peroxide in his hair ready to play the real surfie bit. Maybe that is what John had in mind for himself as he and his family have also gone on a beach holiday.

Helen asked Roger for her 'Wite-out' he had borrowed saying she didn't think she would need it so soon—Roger's reply was "That is because you have started work earlier than usual, it's only 10 past 9".

Reg O'Connor heard we needed some new seats in the ladies room so arrived down from the workshop with some. On opening up the box we found two sets of shark jaws—Guaranteed to stop people from sitting too long.

"TITBITS" FROM ROAD DESIGN DIVISION or "THE HIGH STREET NIPPLY BITS!"

From Trisha Phillips & Dave



This sinister, highly untrustworthy looking person (yes, he is standing up!!) is David Hosking...one of the contributors to this scandalous, muck-racking column from Road Design Division.

Would you buy a used car from this man...? ...or even sit next to him on a tram?... We have to work with him!!

### General

Things have been pretty quiet in High Street in January. The New Year and Mr Claus seem to have taken an irreversible toll on some people, so the ranks of our sun-bronzed Anzacs appear quite depleted at the moment. If it were not for the influx of new personnel after the festive season, about the only exciting thing to talk about would be the new dust on the window sills and the lint in the carpet.

Dec/Jan saw many new faces and a few familiar wrinkly ones in the hallowed halls of design. David Sajfar returns from Bridge after being on the Draftsmens' Training Scheme, and Neville Schmidt returns from Eastern Freeway. Welcome back Nev...Neville? Great to be amongst the rat race again! Chris Graham returns after one year's LWOP, sorry, study, not cavorting, and a galaxy of new draftspeople and engineers—Len Dalli, Suzanne Cook, Greg Diffen, John Duymmer, Mike Polinghorne, M Brewer, Gerald Koster, Gerard Krause, John Tinkler, T Obouhoff, Caroline Hoerauf, Roger Woodland, Paul Bowden and Luke Jusup.

### Departures

To make room for all these people, we had to boot a few out from behind cupboards and under desks. Mike Tolhurst departs for West Gate Site Office, where he says the best pubs are, Warren Winkler leaves for the State Rivers and Water Supply (I didn't know we built rivers?), Peter Taylor returns corrupted from Traffic, Allan Gundry was deported to Road Planning, and Glen Hesketh takes up residence in Traffic on the Training Scheme.

### Leave

Whilst we all work our fingers devotedly to the bone, there is a small band of lucky ones sunning it up on leave. Avars Bruns has taken LSL and disappeared without trace, Trisha Phillips has flown off to Fiji to shake the beatles out of her grass skirt, Mike Jones decided to give his pink Pommie skin some Queensland sun, Mary Morgan flew over to Bali to get rid of her Christmas hangover, and Ian Saynor is on 2 years' leave teaching.

### Births

Apart from Ricky Keen who feels reincarnated after the Christmas silly season, there have been no Road Design babies, officially.

### Marriages

Nil, but John Adshead is still free, well, cheap—a good bargain!

### Promotions

Nil, though Trevor Boyd did get higher duties for a week!

### General Gossip

General gossip and naughty bits were a bit lean this month as most people are away. Annette Livingston had her twenty-first before Christmas. She already had a key to the door so we gave her a crow-bar for the windows.

Was that Charles McClaren dancing at the Christmas break-up with one of Santa's fairies! I though you only rubbed Aladdin's lamp?

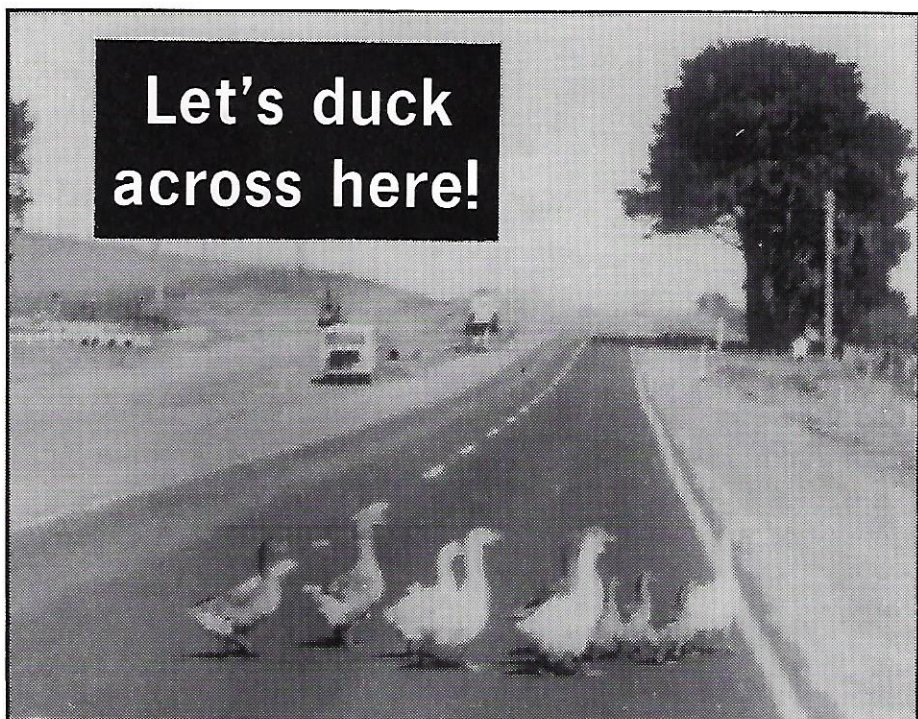


Photo: Ballarat courier

Motorists using the Western Highway recently had to watch out for CRB roadworks AND geese!

The boisterous gaggle of geese waddled onto the Highway at Trawalla, west of Ballarat, where a CRB road patrol were working. An alert photographer took this as they crossed the highway during a break in the traffic.

# DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT

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## BALLARAT

From Ron Hymakowski



Above: Three ladies at the Ballarat Division's Chicken and Champers breakfast are Betty Gullock (left), Joanne Cochrane and Joanne Judd...sure beats typing.

A warm welcome is extended to the Divisional Office's recent arrivals—**Joanne Judd**, Typist/Machinist (Accounts) and to **Richard Fugiel** who came into the laboratory from the field as a temporary technical assistant.

### Christmas Functions

The annual picnic BBQ for families of workers on Wallace-Bungaree Freeway project was well attended again this year. Christmas bags of goodies, financed by the jobs 'bingo tickets system' which operated throughout the year, were given to all children and mothers present. Santa **Alias Max Whiting** seemed to enjoy the change in usual routine when it was time for the mothers to sit on his knee before getting their present. He is pictured with Mrs Kath Rodda as he receives a bottle of 'good cheer' from the children in appreciation of his services.

The Divisional Depot Social Club Christmas Party was held on Wednesday 22nd December at the Divisional Depot. The party was once again a great success with the children enjoying lots of gifts and goodies from Santa.

The Divisional Office Social Club Christmas Party was held at Sovereign Hill's New York Bakery. It was attended by 70 of the staff and partners and the sit-down meal and music by "Castle Trio" was enjoyed by most. The view overlooking the Gold Diggings provided a warm and cosy atmosphere.

The sound of corks popping and chickens clucking at 7.00am on Christmas Eve—you guessed it—our chicken and champagne breakfast held on the shores of Lake Wendouree was enjoyed by 30 office staff who braved the brisk conditions to have a good time. The festivities concluded with a barbecue held in the courtyard of the CRB Office.

### Retirements

**Herbert Hooper**, one of nature's gentlemen, retired from the Board's service on December 1st, 1982 having reached the age of 60. He commenced in July 1948 and until his retirement had devoted 34½ years as a sprayer personnel. Herby first commenced with Cyril Hewson spraying unit and later came to Ballarat as a leading heater hand when Frank Lagoon's spraying unit was formed. With the advent of Bulk Bitumen he was reclassified to a rail tank car attendant, the position he held until his retirement. In recognition of his service Herby was given a retiring farewell by his workmates and friends at the Bulk Bitumen Depot and was presented with a Bowling Bag by Ted Oppy, Divisional Engineer.

Farewell also to **George Doggett** who retired after 19 years service on 3rd January 1983 having reached the age of 60. George was a conscientious and willing worker having spent his service attached to the Divisional Store as a Storeman and later reclassified to Storeman Grade 2.

We wish Herby and George a long and happy retirement.

## HORSHAM

### From Betty Sleep

The Annual Break Up at the Depot was on Friday 17 December. It was pleasing to have over 100 members this year.

The Ladies Social Club had their Christmas Dinner at the Dooen Hotel. It was a great night. We all enjoyed a superb meal and the music supplied by Phil Lynch.

The office celebrated Christmas at the Horsham Golf Club. This also was an enjoyable evening.

On Sunday 12 December we had the Childrens Christmas Party at Sawyer Park. There was a barbecue lunch and

## BAIRNSDALE

### From Ian Ellis

#### Grave Problem

The Board is faced with a grave problem after enquiries were made regarding the shifting of a public hall.

The difficulty is that all the trustees are now dead.

The engineer is now trying to dig up someone who knows something about the matter.

However, there will probably be some stiff opposition to its relocation.

#### Xmas Spirit

Party goers were well catered for on the lead up to Xmas. The field break-up party at Wy-Yung went off very well with approximately 50 turning up and enjoying the fine food and music. **Alastair Bryan** donned the red outfit at the office break-up at the Marlin and kept his Scottish "ho! ho!" going for another year. The beautiful Mitchell River bank provided the setting for the inaugural chicken breakfast followed by the office break-up dinner which culminated a very successful year.

#### On Leave

The Assistant Divisional Engineer, **Wal Dyall**, is off in April for 4½ months on a trip to Tonga via New Zealand and Fiji. Wal will be working with other groups on voluntary cyclone restoration work. His old skills as a carpenter will definitely be put to good use in the rebuilding programme.

#### Out and About

You can't grow grass on a busy street but you can bale hay on the Mitchell River bridge. Yes, that's the story after a semi lost its load in December and the only way to clean up was to windrow it and to rebale it.

Prawns and flounder stories are getting bigger and better with **Russ Adams** now complaining about sharks, not to mention the crabs and the eels.

## REGISTRY

### From Jenny Spilar

Welcome to a whole stream of new people: **Dianne Alkemade, Tony Carecos, Colin Cook, Peter Curry, Shane Feeney, Glen Hesketh, Scott Matthews, Graeme Schultz, Oliver Vido, Matthew Walsh, Richard Yeoman** and two old faces well-known to the section, **Ken Hall** and **Peter Taylor**.

Farewell to **Trevor McCullough** who has gone to Metro to bolster their pool team, and **Dayan Hettiarachchi** (RoSTA) after his short stay has left for the Housing Commission. **Arthur Meyers** has returned to Benalla and **Varis Abele**, after eating Traffic out of house and home, has gone to Eastern Project. **Dominic Cordeshi** has gone to Italy on extended leave. Watch out all 'signorinas'.

**Kerras Burke** is making his annual pilgrimage to Wye River to recuperate from Traffic Signals.

Finally, good luck and best wishes to **Bill Edgar** on his retirement.

games and the children were delighted to see Santa arrive with presents at 2.30pm. It was a most enjoyable day.

Horsham celebrated its Municipal Centenary (1882-1982) between 17 November and 5 December 1982. The weekend of 4 & 5th December was also the annual Kannamaroo Festival.

Congratulations to **Neil and Jenny Delaney** on the arrival of a daughter **Lyndelle Kim** on 9 January.

Early in January we said farewell to **Chris Dack**, Chris began work in Benalla Division on the Hume Freeway (Baddaginnie-Bowser) Project. Chris came to Horsham on 12.1.74 and left us exactly 9 years later on 12.1.83. We all wish Chris, his wife **Karen** and family all the best for the future.

We also said farewell to **Eddie Degen**, Acting Divisional Accountant who was with us for 6 months. To Eddie, Anna and family all the best and we hope that you enjoyed your stay in Horsham.

## PERSONNEL

### From Karen Heselschwerdt

#### Resignation

Farewell to **Dina Dokos** (Industrial Relations Section) who resigned on 7.1.83.

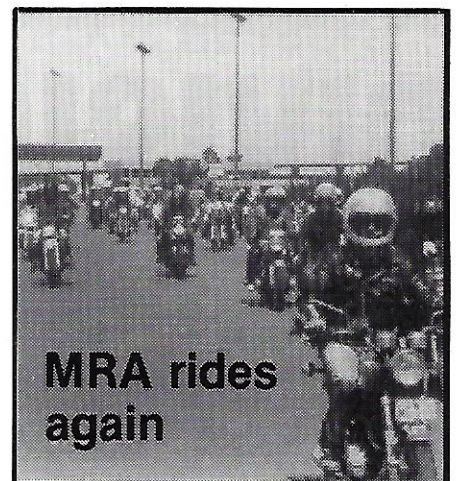
#### Holidays

**Sue Taylor** (Salaries Section) is leaving sunny Australia for 5 weeks when she will return to England with her husband.

**Cheryl Hopcroft** will commence 5 weeks leave in March. Cheryl and her husband are heading for Perth via Alice Springs, Darwin and the North West Coast on a camping safari.



Traralgon's Divisional Engineer Dr D T Currie presents Mrs Harvey Briggs with Gold Cuff Links in recognition of her late husband Harvey's 41 years service with the CRB. Harvey, who worked on the Boolarra Patrol, died suddenly on 11 July 1982. He joined the CRB in 1939.



## MRA rides again

At first glance it was an awesome sight—190 bikies riding over West Gate Bridge.

The bikies, however, were all members of the Motorcycle Riders Association, and their ride was a goodwill gesture: they were proceeding to the City Square for their annual presentation of toys and cash to the Salvation Army. The gifts will be distributed to underprivileged children throughout the State.

To support the MRA in its quest, staff on duty at the West Gate plaza took the hat around before the bikes arrived. The money they raised was handed to one of the lead riders as he passed through the toll gates.

The association, which has 15,000 members Australia wide, aims to improve the image of motorcycling and to improve road safety through the education of motorcyclists.

## TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

### From Jenny Risol

**Julie Colborne-Veel** (Schnitzel) prematurely retired from Registry due to a growing problem. It is expected that mother and Registry will be fine in early March. Celebrations were held in the Clifton Hotel, Kew, and a good time was had by all. We wish Julie and family all the best.

**Debbie Egan** (Stb Typing Pool, Ex-Registry) left the CRB in early January to work at BDM Chemicals, East Kew. Best wishes to Deb—the Spilers will miss you. They finally split the Spilers and Egan's...

Jen got back from Wrest Point...big deal!

OIC of Registry, **Des Chapple**, presented Julie with the prestigious Diploma of Seaching certificate. Julie received the award in front of her many colleagues in Registry when she left on Jan 28th. She gained distinctions in the following fields: \*Receipt of sexual harassment without undue recourse; \*Polite conversation with the most ignorant of staff; \*Feminine logic—with particular reference to the ability to completely confuse the File Examiner; \*Development of the first pot plant to thrive on smoke; \*The conduct of illegal two-up games.

## TRARALGON

### From Sonia Delost

We welcome Experimental Officers **Alan Roach** to Warragul Lab., **Daryl Lancaster** to the Divisional Lab. and Admin. Officer **Tony Joyce** to the Accounting Section.

#### Christmas

Traralgon Division's Christmas dinner dance was held at the R.S.L. this year. **Doug Ryan** (Cost Clerk) provided the floor show for the night.

The childrens Christmas party was a B.B.Q. lunch held at the Divisional Depot and the visit from Santa Clause provided the children with the highlight of the day.

Santa also made a surprise visit to the office Christmas Eve during morning tea. With a firm handshake and biscuit he extended good wishes to all. The office staff then joined with the depot personnel and had a beef on the spit and salad luncheon. The beef was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

**Joe Beaumont** (Warragul Project) has a plastic oil container with one side completely cut away which he was using to carry water to prime a pump. Two engineers who arrived at the time were amused to see Joe carefully remove the screw cap to pour out the contents of the sideless container. Joe's comment "It pours better that way". It did too!

# HOUSEWIFE IN 40 MILLION

A 26-year-old Yarraville housewife became the 40 millionth driver to cross West Gate Bridge.

She crossed the bridge at 11.44am on Monday, January 24th, as Australian motor racing ace, Allan Moffat, flanked by press and TV cameramen, flagged down her 200B Datsun with a chequered race flag.

A surprised Mrs Helen Keating, 26, of Yarraville, said: "I thought I'd driven into a protest rally."

"I was just returning from a shopping trip in the city when I saw all these people and all the Press and TV cameras and this man with the flag."

Allan Moffat presented Mrs Keating with a commemorative certificate and sash, a basket of fruit and champagne and three months supply of toll vouchers to mark the occasion.

Mrs Keating said she used the bridge three to four times a week while her husband, a representative with the HBA, used it daily.

After the presentation, Allan Moffat drove Mrs Keating across West Gate in a replica of his RX-7 racing car and she later toured West Gate's control and computer centre which had monitored her vehicle onto the bridge as the 40 millionth.



The General Manager of West Gate Bridge, Mr Graeme Comben, said the 40 millionth vehicle represented more than 200 million kilometres travelled by an estimated 90 million people who have crossed West Gate since it opened on November 15, 1978.

## Sportsnotes...

Wayne Croxford from the Benalla Workshop is a decided asset to his district cricket team: he scored a double hat trick in his bowling figures of 8 for 13 in the first innings...the Benalla Field and Game Club has several members from the CRB in their workforce and committee, including Tom Challis, all from Benalla Division. If you're a shooter and you feel you need some target practice, the boys would be only too happy to welcome you to their simulated shooting ground...

# BATTLE OF THE BEARDS



Les Lawes was a winner in the celebrated Horsham Centenary Beard Growing Contest - by a hair's breadth.

Les, (left) an Instructor Driver from Horsham Division, was competing with some staunch opposition to grow the longest beard in Horsham. Thirty three clean shaven men entered the contest on June 30 - six months later 28 still hadn't touched a razor.

The judges awarded Les a trophy for winning the Longest Beard category.

The judging and awards were carried out at Horsham's Kannamaroo festival and the two judges spent almost an hour trying to select winners.

Photographed with Les are other winners of the beard brigade. Second from left are Alistair Cowie, Australian Postal Institute: Most Classical Beard, Doug

Baker, Salvation Army: Bushiest Beard, and Terry Wallis, St Michael's Tennis Club: Most Colorful Beard.

At the judging, compere Greer Dellar commented on the prolific beards: "See what you can achieve even in a drought year!"

The successful four received trophies designed and produced by students at Horsham Technical School.

# CLASSIES

## MARRIAGES

**AMEY:** Carolyn (Personnel) married Michael Aitken on 27 November 1982 at Tatra Hut.

**BARNFATHER/HESELSCHWERTD:** Karen (Personnel) married Jurgen (Printing) on 29 January at Sherbrooke Lodge.

**McCORMACK:** Gary (Printing) surprised everyone by announcing his wedding one week before the big day. Gary and Linda Gardiner were married on 15 January 1983 at Birregurra, (where)???

**McDONALD:** Debbie (Registry) married Paul McNelly on 4 December. Congratulations from Registry.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**GRAHAM, WINKLER:** Chris Graham and Warren Winkler (both from Road Design) have decided to crawl over the perilous wall of bachelorhood and take the financial plunge. May the force be with you.

## BIRTHS

**CARTLEDGE:** Susan and Terry (Ballarat) welcome with love the arrival of Steven Raymond, born 9 December 1982 (3.5 kilos).

**DEVER:** Congratulations to Keith (Registry) and Sue on the birth of their second daughter, Chanel Susanne, on 28 December 1982. Best wishes from all in Registry.

**HARMAN:** Alan and Kath (Ballarat) proudly announce the arrival of Rachael Kathleen, sister for Tony, Greg and Peter. Born 10 September 1982.

**HOOPER:** Margaret and Allan (Ballarat) proudly announce the arrival of Daniel Allan (4.3 kilos) on 27 October 1982.

**McINTOSH:** Murray (Survey) A 6lb 5oz boy, Grant William on the 18th January.

**RODGERS:** Graeme (Traralgon) and Julie. A daughter, Joanne, on 10 January.

## RETIREMENTS

**BYRNE:** Ian (Benalla). Patrolman at Yea, 20 years of service.

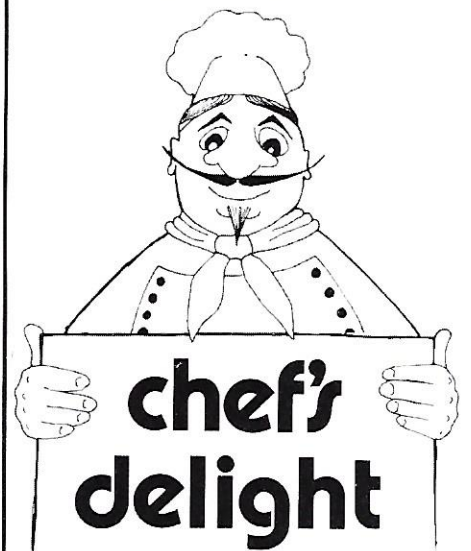
**EICKE:** Harold (Accounts), Internal Auditor, on 4 February.

**HORSFIELD:** Tom (Materials), Experimental Officer Class 4 on 12 January.

## RESIGNATIONS

**ASHTON:** Richard (Benalla).

**WARTON:** Stella (Benalla). 19 years of service.



## Date & Ginger Slice

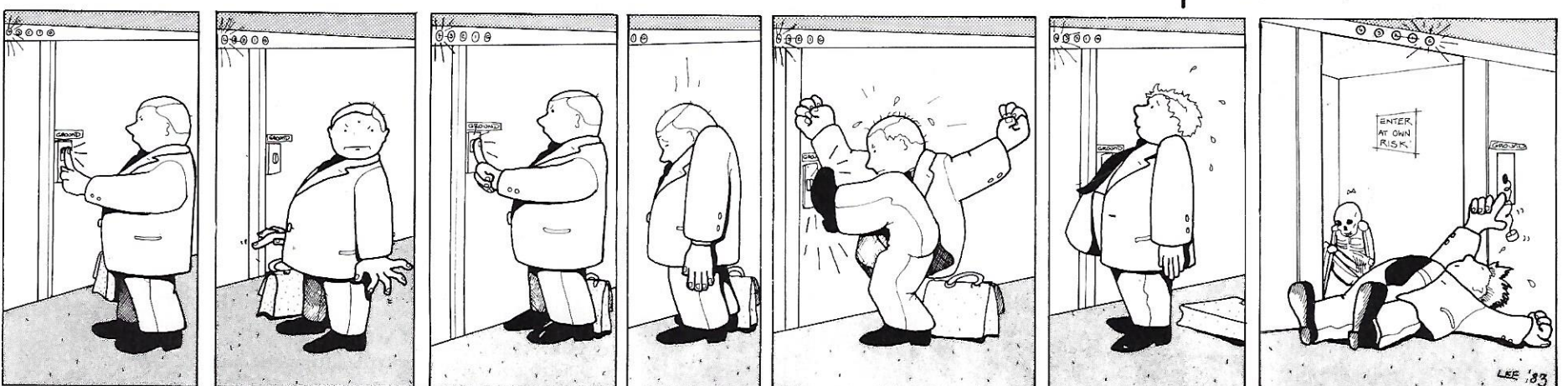
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2 oz chopped ginger  
4 oz butter  
½ cup sugar

Cook above ingredients until dates are soft. Add 3 cups of cornflakes to cooled mixture. Press into greased tin and refrigerate until set.

Topping: 1 oz copha  
½ lb cooking chocolate

Melt copha and chocolate over double saucepan then spread over base.

What's up here? Certainly not the notorious, slow-moving lift in the Materials Division building. Cartoonist Lee Scott, who works on the 4th floor of the building, explains why so many of her colleagues are taking to the stairs these days. . . .



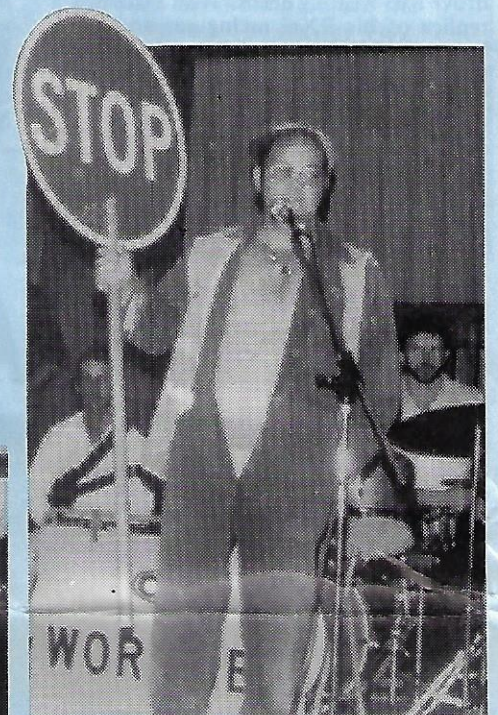
# How the CRB spent Christmas

As you can see from these photographs, Christmas meant a good time, and wine, for all throughout the CRB.

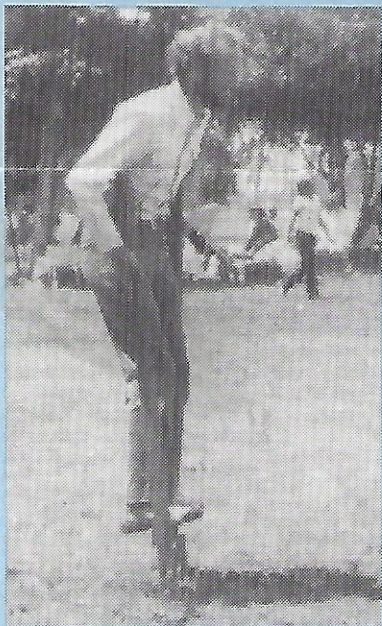


Left: Grace Licitra, Registry, at the Head Office luncheon.

Below: Sovereign Hill's 'New York Bakery' was the setting for Ballarat Division's party. Caught in mid-celebration are from left, Neil Brogden, Gillian Freestone, Len Walker, Carol Agterhuis and Graeme Freestone.



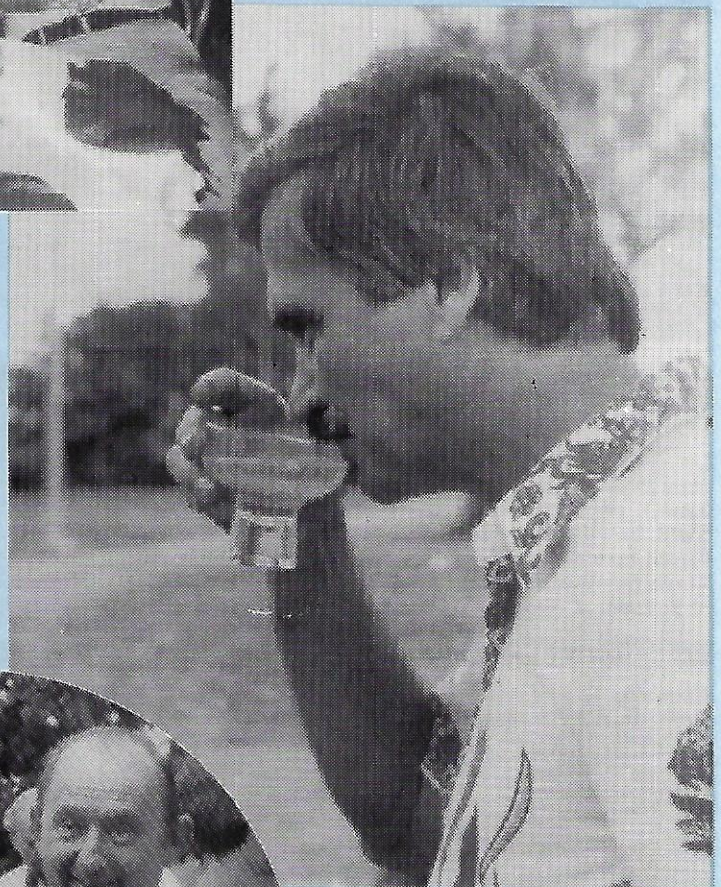
Above: Cost Clerk Doug Ryan entertains patrons at Traralgon Division's Christmas dinner dance where he gave a stirring vocal tribute to the flaggie.



Above left: Walking tall is HO surveyor Graeme Stone, at the Children's Christmas party at Glen Waverley.



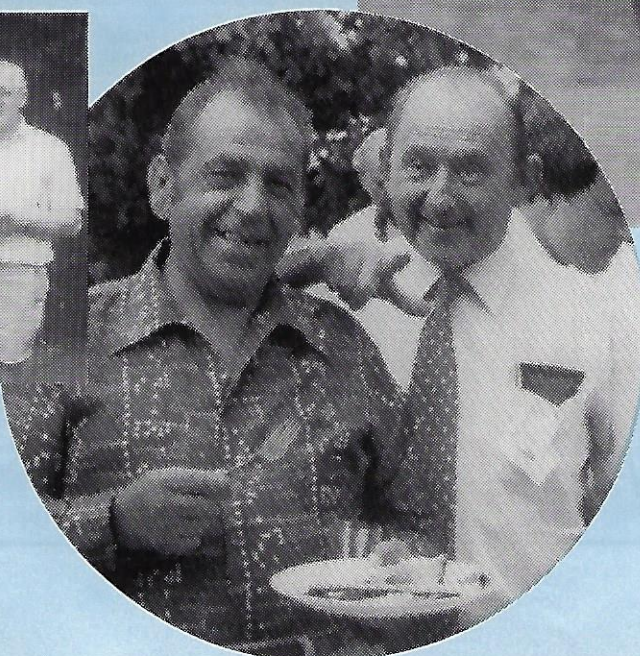
Right: Maurice Burley, left, endures one of David Vampani's jokes at the Dandenong luncheon.



Above: The champers flowed freely at Metro Division's early morning office party. Here Micheal North-Coombes, DE's Clerk, partakes in a glass of bubbly.



Above: These six gentlemen almost have 200 years of dedicated service with the CRB between them. Snapped at the Dandenong luncheon are, from left, John Mead, Stan Hodgson, Bill Kendall, John Glenn, Raleigh Robinson and Joe Hezky.



Left: Highlight of the Head Office Luncheon was a spit roast, organised by HOSA. The two gourmets seen here sampling the delicacies are, left, Danny Makris and Don McLeod.