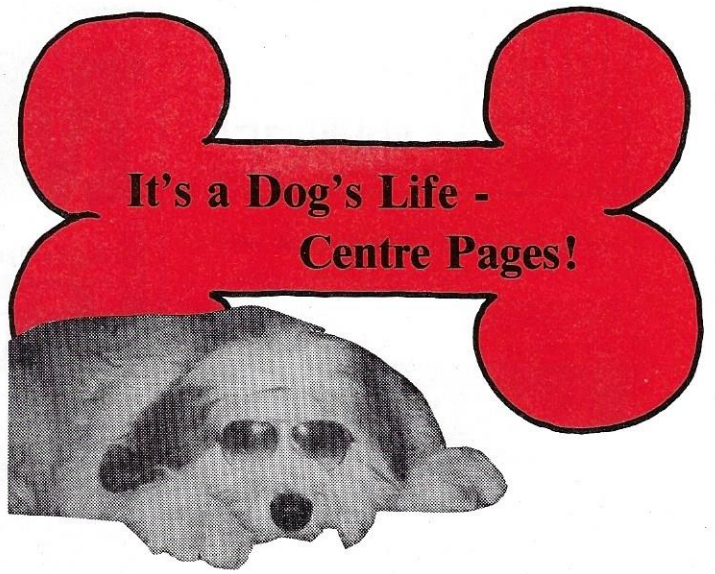


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MOVING WITH THE MOT

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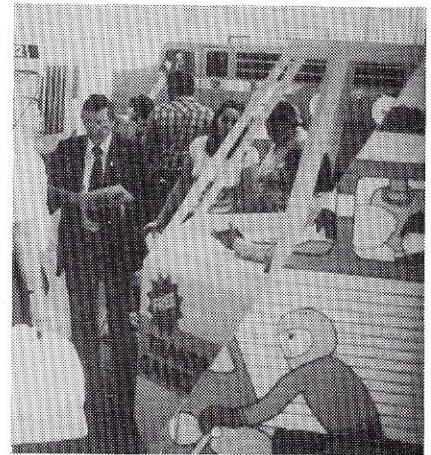
The exhibition, in the Government Pavilion, was designed by Andy Doyle, Technical Illustrator with the CRB's Public Relations.

The exhibition featured displays representing aspects of the CRB, RoSTA, the State Bicycle Committee, VicRail and the Tramways Board. Subjects highlighted were CRB snowclearing, how roads are constructed, police radar and bicycle safety.

One of the most popular attractions, however, was the West Gate Bridge structure which incorporated a slide tube. According to CRB staff on duty at the show, it was patronised by just about every young visitor to the Pavilion.

One estimate was that "four million schoolkids went through it".

Trisha Phillips, from Road Design, joins the throng on the West Gate Bridge slide tube.



Visitors to the MOT display at the Show

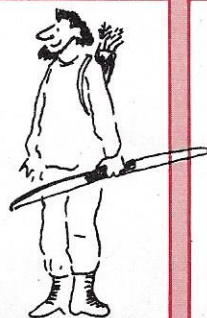
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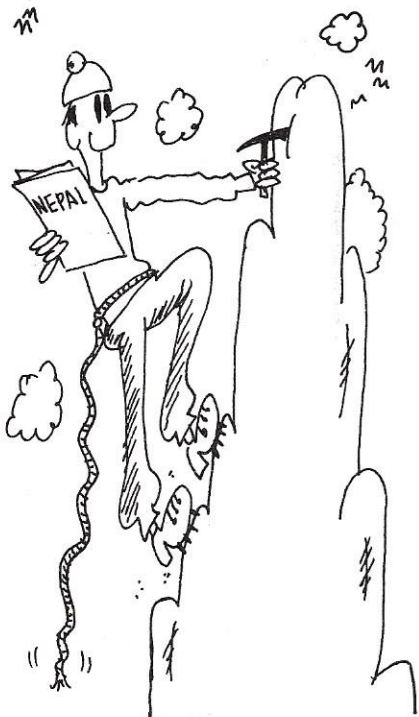
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Get Away!



There's nothing like travelling to soothe the nerves and escape from the routine working and domestic environment. Interchange would like to feature stories on PEOPLE and their TRAVEL adventures—however, we're mainly interested in OUT OF THE WAY PLACES! So if you've just spent three weeks exploring the Bay of Naples, cycling in Peru, canoeing in Luxembourg or Hiking in India—write to us!!!

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It is with regret that we report an unfortunate error appeared in the Deaths column of the September Classifieds.

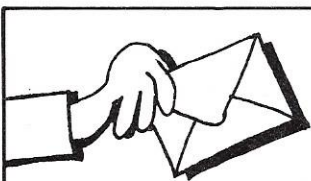
The error occurred at the editing stage when an entry under the name of Fred Brauer was included in the Deaths column.

The editor of Interchange regrets any anxiety or distress that may have been caused to Mr Brauer, or family and friends of Mr Brauer.

•Our Interchange envoys across the State are only too keen to hear from people with stories, photos etc. If you've got a story then don't hesitate to contact our contacts: in the country we've got Sonia Delost at Traralgon, Ian Ellis at Bairnsdale, Mike Farmer at Benalla, Betty Sleep at Horsham, Darryl Watts at Warrnambool, Ron Hrymakowski at Ballarat, Reg Marslien at Bendigo, Charles Low at Geelong, and Bruce Phillips at Wodonga. In Town there's Ken Huffer and Margaret Hollamby at Glen Waverley, Victor Lawther at Dandenong, Ken Mathers at Metro, Bob Baker at Bridge, Lee Scott in Materials, Mike Morris at Eastern Fwy, Leanne Brady and Judy Boardman at Road Planning, Trisha Phillips and Mike Tolhurst at Road Design, Jenny Risol at Traffic Engineering, and at HO, Jenny Spilar in Registry, Karen Barnfather in Personnel, Joan Lo in Computer Section, Annette Taylor in Accounts and Gloria Kilpatrick in Survey.

John Wilson is the contact at West Gate Bridge.

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Meet Vic!

Meet Vic Venture. He's an explorer and adventurer!

Vic likes to travel, and he knows Victoria fairly well. But he's quickly running out of places to visit, and he's getting just a little perturbed about how he'll be spending his weekends.



Perhaps YOU can help him.

Do you know of a relatively unknown spot that could appeal to Vic? It could be a hidden lake, an isolated, sandy beach, an unusual natural landmark or a marvellous bushwalk through unexplored fern gullies. You can share your favourite picnic points or mountain climbs with Vic by writing to him now!

And just to prove he's serious, he's going to tell you about one of his beloved visiting spots.

Visit the Rock!

Seven Acre Rock is a short, pleasant Sunday drive from Melbourne. It is a large, rocky outcrop in the beautiful Beenak forest area, south of Powelltown.

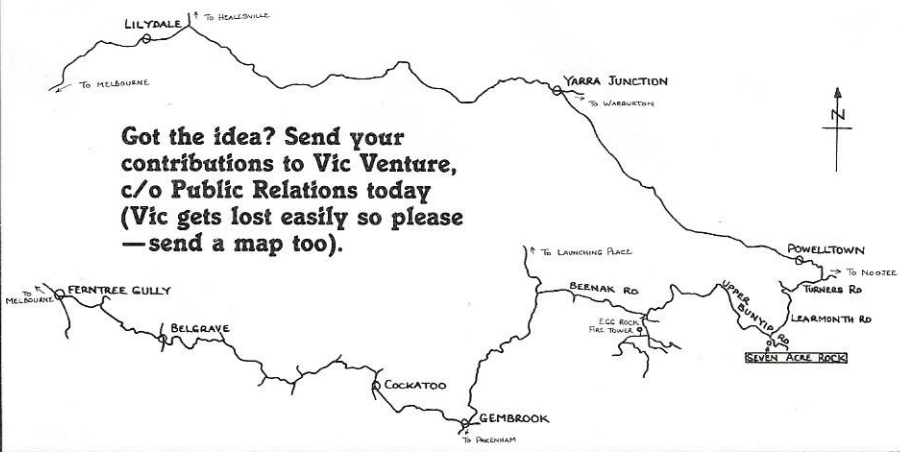
To get there, pack the coffee, crackers and camera and head off to Yarra Junction, east of Melbourne on the Warburton Highway. Once there, turn onto the Yarra Junction-Noojee Road and head for Powelltown. About 3 km past Powelltown turn right into Turner's Road and continue 3 km to Learmonth Creek Road. Turn left, and drive 4 km to Upper Bunyip Road. Turn left again and a 1 km drive will take you to the

Seven Acre Car Park; signs showing the direction of the Rock are located between Turner's Road and the car park.

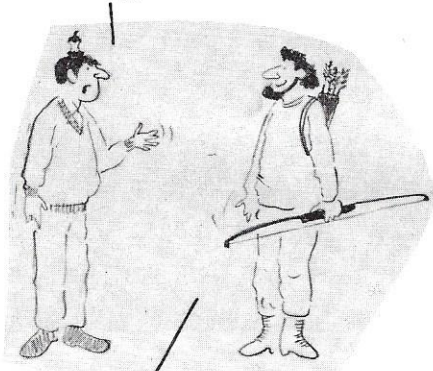
The return trip

You can enjoy a picturesque round trip to Melbourne by following these roads from Seven Acre Rock: instead of turning back into Learmonth Road continue along Upper Bunyip Road and Beenak Road to Gembrook, Cockatoo, Emerald, Belgrave and Ferntree Gully. Signs showing Gembrook are located between the town and Seven Acre Rock—along with a number of attractive picnic sites.

Vic says that an interesting deviation along the route is the Egg Rock Fire Tower, situated 2 km off Beenak Road on the East Beenak Road.



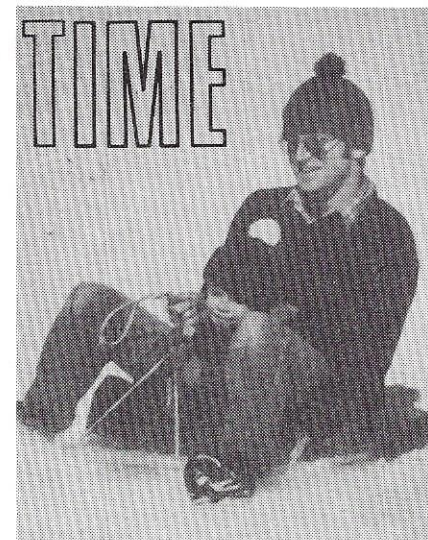
"But hang on... William Tell had a WHOLE apple!"



"...yes, but HE didn't have the benefit of improved technology and quality equipment...and anyway, I've got a pretty steady hand."

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**SNOW
TIME**



It's hard to remember a more eccentric year for snowfalls than 1982.

For Benalla Division's snowclearing crews, it's been one of the quietest seasons in years. The highest snowfall measured by CRB gauges in the alpine areas was only 550 mm at Mt Hotham. That was at the beginning of August, but since then the average fall varied between only 100 mm and 400 mm.

Meanwhile Bairnsdale Division reports one of its whitest Winters in decades.

"Snowfalls were recorded from east of Bruthen right through to Genoa, near the NSW border" says Ian Ellis, from the Division.

"They were the heaviest snowfalls recorded in 20 years!"

Bairnsdale's road patrol found they had to adjust to alpine conditions when, in July, snow drifts closed the Princes Highway and the Bonang Highway.

Ironically, in 1981 Benalla's snowclearing crews experienced their heaviest falls in 15 years. During August snowdrifts on the Alpine Road were varying in depths of three metres to 11 metres.

Photo: A rare shot in '82—snow and lots of it. It was early in the season when Bill Farrell, from Wodonga project, went tobogganing with his son at Falls Creek.



The annual CRB Wine Tasting is gaining amazing popularity by the year. Technical Illustrator Jurgen Heselschwerdt, Draftswoman Cheryl Lewin and Senior Reprographics Officer Ian Carnegie were just three of more than 100 imbibers who sampled some of the beverages at Head Office on September 1st.

Len Parker, at 65, decided he would wait no longer. He wanted to walk New Guinea's famous Kokoda Trail again—just like he did 40 years ago when he was a Corporal in the 2/14th Battalion during World War II. This time, however, instead of a Battalion, he would be walking with his family. Part of that family was David, an engineer from Horsham Division, who talks to Interchange about their adventures on...

the kokoda trail

Len Parker was determined that his trek up the Trail would be a family affair.

"So he invited myself and my brother, Garry a builder, sister Jan a nurse, and sister Judy an ex-policewoman," says David. "He figured that with our varied backgrounds we should survive most misfortunes that might occur."

As it turned out, there weren't any 'misfortunes' during the 96km trek...just a lot of adventures.

In fact, the first adventure began in Popondetta, north of Port Moresby.

"On arrival at the airport we were invited by New Guinea's Minister for Tourism, Mr Tago, to take part in the July 1942 Remembrance Day celebrations. They were being held to commemorate the start of Papua New Guinea's resistance to the Japanese advances during the war."

The commemorative march was held with two whites—Len and Australian Carl Mayoh, the RSL President—and about 80 Nationals.

The Trek

The intrepid five departed Popondetta the following day for the drive to Kokoda. From there they planned to walk 96km to Ower's Corner, where they would get a return ride to Port Moresby.

• Len (far left) and Dave meet some villagers who, they described, were "very friendly and helpful"



The Achievers :

Best: Part Time!

Gerry Scheltinga has good reason to look content—he has been awarded the Best First Year Part-time Student award at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (Electronics Technology Division).

Gerry is a Technical Assistant in Photographic Services at Head Office and is currently studying an Audio-Visual Media course.

The prestigious award was made by the RMIT Vice Principal Mr I Angus and the Senior Teacher with the Electronics Technology Division, Mr K Cross.

• Gerry Scheltinga

"In Popondetta the transport vehicle didn't turn up for hours," recalls David. "When it did arrive, it was a hot, dusty, winding, bumpy, hilly road to Kokoda. We were in the back of a Datsun one tonner with 15 people on board, plus walking packs, boxes of bread, vegetables, hardware supplies and coconuts."

The walk took nine days.

From Kokoda the trail climbed upward through warm, wet tropical rain forests. Some sections of the trail were 2300 metres above sea level, and the towering, dense trees disappeared into the clouds.

Leeches

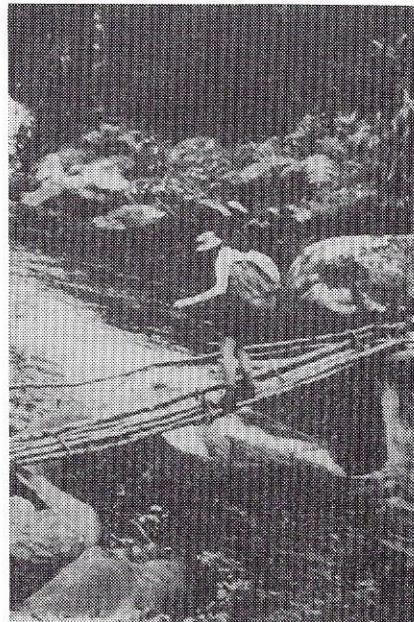
"The leeches were affectionate and plentiful," says David, "but the biggest damper was the perspiration."

"It was so heavy that when it rained there was no point putting on a raincoat."

The route snaked its way through some of New Guinea's most rugged terrain, and the ravage of war was still evident by the barren weapon pits that dotted the trail.

Setback

"We arrived at the halfway point—Kagi village—to be confronted by our first setback," says David. "Half of our food drop had been eaten by a villager."



• A makeshift bridge called Templeton's Crossing is tackled by Judy

So it was a case of a visit to the local market, where they managed to supplement their supplies with sweet potato, taro and yams.

"The walking had been tough so we had to fill the heaviest pack with unnecessary gear and send it back by plane to Port Moresby."

As Flag Motor Inns are somewhat of a scarcity in the highlands, the Parker safari had to either spend nights sleeping in a village guest house or under a lean-to in the jungle.

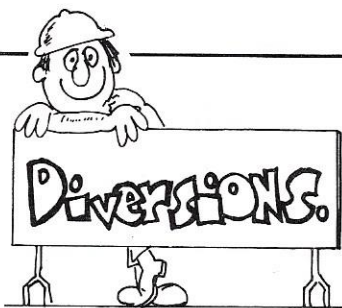
Lost!

The trail was extremely narrow and overgrown in some areas, David says. "At Ua Ule creek Garry and I got lost for 20 hours...rather embarrassingly Dad and the girls managed to stay on the correct trail."

"Luckily we met a National who showed us the way back."

The last big ascent was to Imita Ridge—the end of the Japanese advance. From there it was a quick trip to Ower's Corner, where the resolute crew waited for transport back to Port Moresby.

And, in typical casual New Guinean tradition—it was late.



Sorry...wrong number!

A well-known accountant from Head Office ended up at the wrong party in the wrong suburb recently. The misunderstanding, however, was forgivable.

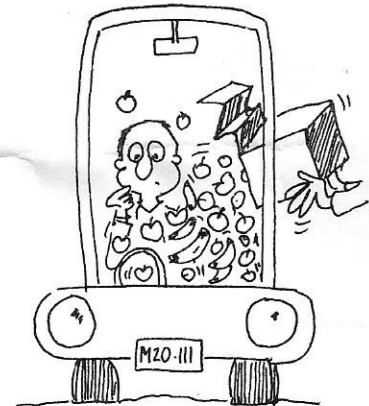
Bill McCormack had joined a merry throng of Whitehorse Hotel patrons one Friday night to celebrate a birthday. At the end of the evening's revelry Bill decided to 'kick on' with the festivity and promptly obtained the address of the party: No x Balwyn Road, BALWYN. Bill fronted up there to be greeted by a party of police officers. Further interrogation by Bill found that the officers were actually at the house investigating a burglary...incidentally, they asked 'what are you doing here?'. Bill described the evening's events to the Long Arm of the Law and they suspiciously took down the relevant details. As it turned out, Bill went to No x Balwyn Road, BULLEEN!!

"Balwyn Road is one of these odd roads where it is split up into two suburbs—Balwyn and Bulleen," explained Bill. "But the police officers were really quite decent... they drove me to the right address in their car."

Talking about the weather...

For Kim Edmonds (Printing), Lee Scott and Cliff Parfitt (both from Materials), trekking off to spend summer in the UK seemed like a good idea. But weather patterns being what they are, on August 30th, when all three were in England, Victoria languished in a winter temperature of 26.5 degrees while England basked in 18.3 degrees...with rain expected!

Fruitless exercise



After parking in a closed down fruit fly block on the Princes Highway, Bairnsdale's Graeme Palm and his Survey party were astounded by the number of passing tourists who stopped to bestow them with all sorts of fruit. By the way, Graeme claims there was one particular lady tourist who "had a lovely pair".

Rosta has arrived!

Is it a takeover bid or what? From the Road Safety and Traffic Authority the CRB welcomes new faces belonging to Louise Coburn, Colin Bates, Barry Jan, Mike Paterson, Henry Conway, Colin Smith, and Bernie So who are assisting Metro Division with the traffic signals programme. Also from RoSTA—but heading for Traffic Engineering in High Street—are John Bonceuski, Brian Charles, Bob Freemantle, Bruce Hearn, Dayan Hettiarachi, Tony Laino, Julie Mortimer-Dilena, Frank Raco, John Randall, Sue Stewart, Patrick Van Reyk, Michael Wallwork, Les Walsh and Ray Wong. There is no truth to reports that Hector the Cat has joined Public Relations.

Houston, Texas, is said to have 1.5 million potholes in its streets at any one time. In 1980 the Mayor of Houston offered two defences: first he felt that Houstonians were affluent enough to repair cars damaged by potholes, and second he considered potholes to be acts of God rather than of the City Council. —From the ARRB newsletter 'Roadside!'

They spend hours in deserted goldfields, rubbish dumps and mines. Armed only with a pick and shovel, they are a determined fraternity of fossickers who regard their pursuit as serious business. We're not talking about prospectors looking for gold, gemstones or nickle...but a dedicated clan whose quest is for bottles. Antique bottles.

All over the continent, Australians are scrutinising maps in a bid to discover unexplored bottle reserves.

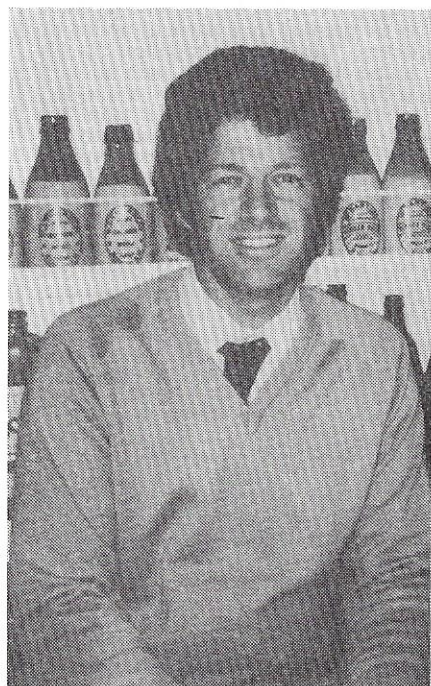
Antique bottle clubs are flourishing everywhere, with bottle shows over the next six months being held by such diversified groups as the NSW Blue Mountains Antique Bottle Club, the Wagga Wagga & District Bottle Collectors' Club, the Antique Bottle Club of Melbourne, the Adelaide Historical Bottle Club and the Canberra & District Bottle Club.

On 13 and 14 of November this year the Melbourne Historical Bottle Society has scheduled its first 'competitive bottle show and nostalgia exhibition' at the New Palais in St Kilda.

And if all those bottles are boggling your mind, the Australian Antique Bottle Collector produces a bi-monthly magazine—aimed specifically for the collector.

So for those who confine their interest in bottles purely to contents, Interchange now gives you a bigger insight into this unusual pastime. Tom Harris from Horsham, and Trevor Pilgrim from Bairnsdale are two dedicated bottle collectors. Here's why:

IT'S A BOTTLE HOBBY!



An excursion to a goldfield in Western Victoria sparked an interest in bottles for Tom Harris.

Tom, who has been with Horsham Division for 11 years, says that he was using a metal detector in one of the decayed goldfields when he discovered some rusted metal.

"It turned out to be a buried rubbish dump," says Tom, "which, as any dedicated collector will quickly tell you, means BOTTLES."

"Although they were all broken it started the interest and has led to three years of collecting."

Where does Tom find his bottles?

Photo: Tom Harris; bottle collector. Behind him are some unusual gingerbeer bottles he has accumulated

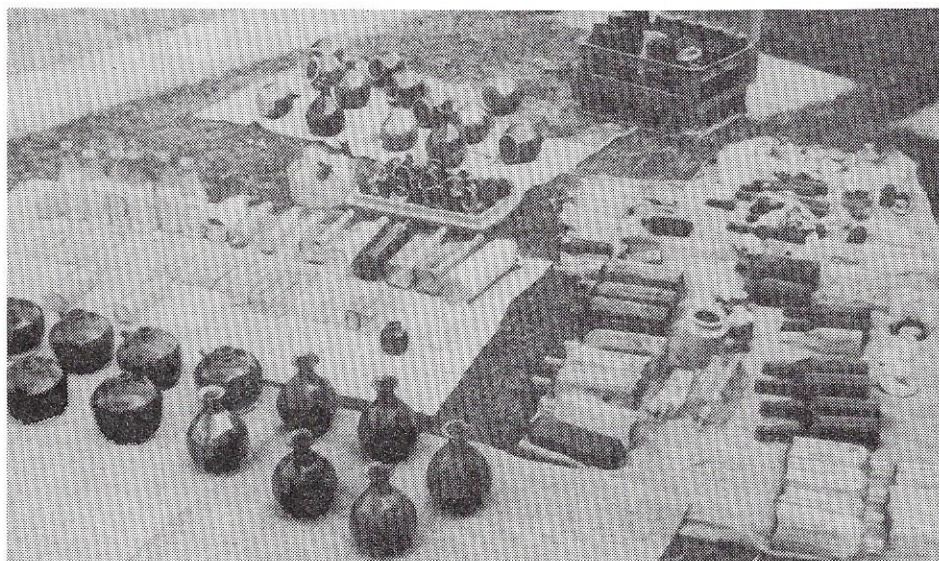


Photo: a selection of rare bottles that Tom has gathered over the years. In the foreground the Chinese ware are pictured in the foreground

"In dams, long forgotten rubbish dumps and in goldfields." He elaborates on the latter by explaining that during the goldrush era, prospectors used a wide assortment of bottles and containers during their hunt for wealth. "With a lot of luck, these bottle can be recovered."

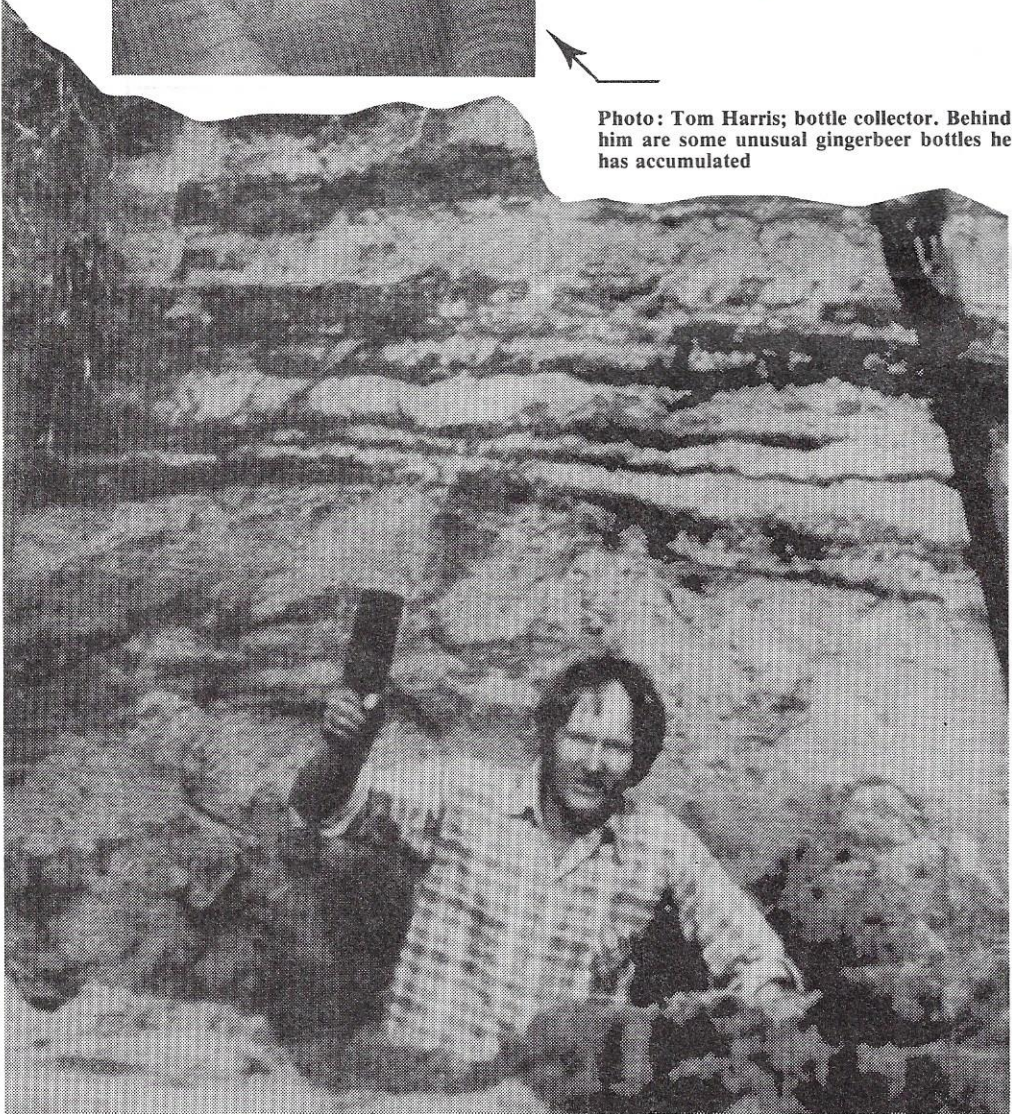
Old farms, says Tom, can be hosts to vast repositories of antique bottles. "Even if the original farm house is long gone the general area can be distinguished by large peppercorn trees, old sheds or the remains of brick chimneys."

Chinese Dig

Tom's most rewarding dig was in Horsham at the site of an ancient

Chinese market. "I found old marble and gingerbeer bottles, and some rare Chinese 'Tiger Whiskey' and 'Soya Sauce' wares."

Tom says that his hobby is an 'interesting and rewarding one' that is proving to be popular with a lot of people. And the numerous range of books, magazines and price guides available on the antique bottle market are testimony to this claim.



To a lot of people, a bottle is a bottle: a receptacle for accommodating liquids, usually of the alcoholic variety, for the purpose of imbibing.

Trevor Pilgrim has a different view. He believes there is more to bottles than just their contents.

Of course, the type of bottles Trevor is interested in are not your everyday variety. Trevor prefers something a little more ornate, and unusual: the antique bottles.

"I first started collecting bottles when I was on the Glen Wills patrol, north of Omeo," says Trevor. That was eight years ago, when he noticed that a lot of people were fossicking around the area with spades and picks. It didn't take long for Trevor to realize they were bottle-prospectors!

"A chap from Lakes Entrance found a big heap of bottles," Trevor recalls, "he gave me a couple of unusual ones and that started me off."

Photo: Trevor emerges from a digging exercise

Diving

Trevor shifted to Sale soon after that encounter and found that his diving skills were a valuable asset in building up his collection.

"I find most of my bottles diving in the many rivers around Sale. Last century the steamers came up the Latrobe from Lakes Entrance to the port of Sale.

"There were two hotels on the river bank just below the swing bridge, and this is where I do most of my diving."

In those early days a lot of the patrons in the hotels must have deposited their empties in the river, as Trevor has accumulated a vast supply from the surrounding murky waters.



The Achievers :

Quick on the draw

Trisha Phillips likes to draw anything: people, animals, landscapes, electric kettles...you name it.

And what's more important, she's good at it. At the Finished Art Exhibition in July she won an award for the Best Pen and Ink Illustration of the Year, a competition which attracted students from Prahran, Box Hill and Preston Colleges.

Trisha, who is enrolled in a Certificate of Applied Art course at Preston Institute, won the prize for her drawing of an electric kettle.

"The subject was Product Illustration," Trisha explains.

Trisha, a Drafting Assistant with Road Design, says she hasn't any favourite subject matter. "I like to draw anything. I haven't any preferences."

There's more to retiring than arranging those fishing trips up the east coast. Since 1975 the CRB has been involved in organising evening sessions, for staff, devoted to all aspects of retiring.

thinking ahead

Today many people who retire are healthier, better educated and financially more secure than ever before.

One of the reasons for this is that employers—such as the CRB—realize just how important it is for staff to attend regular pre-retirement planning meetings.

For the last seven years the CRB has been offering such meetings to staff who are within ten years of the official retirement age.

"It has been found that about five years ahead of actual retirement is a good time to start thinking and planning for the changes ahead," says John Gunson, a Training & Development Officer.

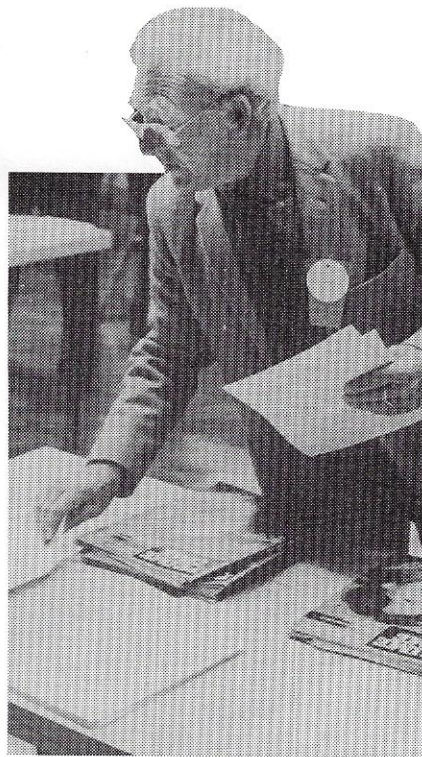
"A lot of people have such a total interest in work that when they retire they don't know what to do."

Topics

During the pre-retirement planning sessions a number of guest speakers discuss various aspects relating to a person's security and well-being in retirement. Topics covered include advice on investments, taxation, probate, wills, housing, social security benefits such as pensions, employment and, of course, superannuation. Personal adjustment, leisure and hobbies are also discussed during the evening.

John says that the sessions have been well attended and are widely appreciated.

"The secret to enjoying retirement," says John, "is to start planning ahead well before the actual retirement begins."



• A visitor to a CRB retirement evening

...The EPRA Has Plans For You

One of the main community organisations that helps the CRB with pre-retirement programs is the Early Planning for Retirement Association.

The EPRA was established in 1974 to help people put together long range retirement plans to open the way to a fulfilling, enjoyable life style.

It is a voluntary non-profit organisation which has established more than 20 community groups in Victoria. The groups, which have well over 3,500 members, conduct public meetings regularly where speakers cover a wide variety of topics relating to retirement planning.

EPRA groups also offer numerous leisure-time activities and hobbies for

members, ranging from such diverse topics as antiques, car maintenance and cooking.

EPRA groups are found all over Melbourne and Geelong, Warragul and the Goulburn Valley. Anybody interested in finding out further details can contact EPRA on the 1st floor, 440 Swanston Street, Melbourne, telephone 347 6657.

As well as the EPRA, there are a number of other community groups involved in pre-retirement planning. They are listed below:

• Advice, Counselling and Employment—the Australian Retired Persons Association, Willard House, 52 Russell Street, Melbourne, Tel: 63 3821.

• Welfare Entitlements; Commonwealth Dept of Social Security, Commonwealth Centre, Cnr Spring and Latrobe Streets, Melbourne.

• Investment Advice—Australian Retired Persons Advisory Services, Willard House (same address as ARPA).

• Wills, Probate etc.—Trustee companies or the Public Trustee, 168 Exhibition Street, Melbourne.

• Superannuation—State Superannuation Board, 35 Spring Street, Melbourne Tel: 651 3222 or the State Employees Retirement Benefits Board, 35 Spring Street, Melbourne Tel: 651 3599. John Robinson, the CRB Superannuation Officer, is also available for advise at Head Office, Ext 2406

• Long Service Leave—Maurice Langford, Personnel Services Officer, Head Office, Ext 2392

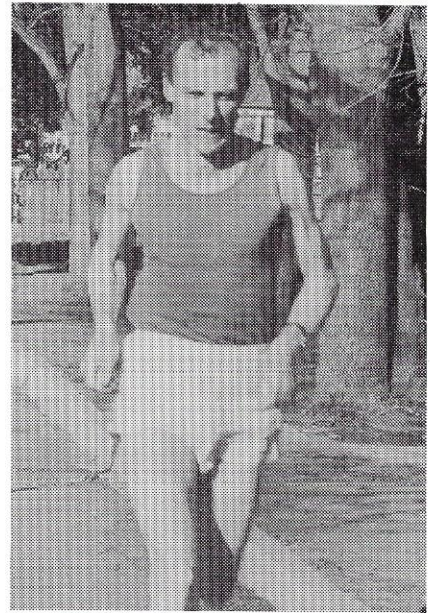
Alex Takes a L-O-N-G Walk

Alex Hunt, the Senior Correspondence Officer, has walked away with the fund-raising honours again!

His arduous 57km walk on Friday August 6th gained \$614 for charity.

Alex left his Glenroy home at 7.13am, traversed through the suburbs of Broadmeadows and Somerton, circled the Greenvale Reservoir five times and arrived back at his home at 5.06pm.

"This fund raising exercise has become an annual event," says Darrell Ross, who helped organise the walk. "The only difference is that the distance increases each year by a kilometre!"



• Alex Hunt: when he's not walking, he's running

Youth Welfare

The money raised will be used to buy goods for several youth welfare services in Melbourne. "Details of these purchases will be made public as soon as arrangements have been finalized," says Darrell. "The children involved in these welfare services are from broken homes, single parent homes, low incomes or State Government homes."

Darrell says that he would like to express his thanks to all those people who sponsored Alex. And to give you an idea of the distance Alex endured, it is almost equivalent to a walk from the GPO to Bacchus Marsh, Mornington or Healesville!

Not looking a day over...



Some people would do anything to see Des Chapple, Registry's OIC, get embarrassed. Mr Flim Flam and his Singing Telegram made an attempt, but when you've had as many birthdays as Des...well...

EATING OUT ?

Why not eat out in really good company! Plans are underway by HOSA for a restaurant at Stuches of Ivanhoe. The restaurant has a A La Carte menu and HOSA advises that the meal will be subsidised. So if you're not doing anything on 6th November—ring your local HOSA rep or Secretary Miss Carolyn Amey on 2060!





IT'S A DOGS LIFE

Greg and Judy Salt, and their 16 year old daughter Annette, have been involved in showing and breeding Old English Sheepdogs for almost ten years.

Greg is a surveyor with Geelong Division.

They discuss their close canine encounters below...

For the Love of an OES

Although Greg says he has a "back seat in the sport of dog showing", his wife claims he has been the much relied on "chauffeur, dog walker and minder," and that his constant support and encouragement have made the family's participation much more enjoyable.

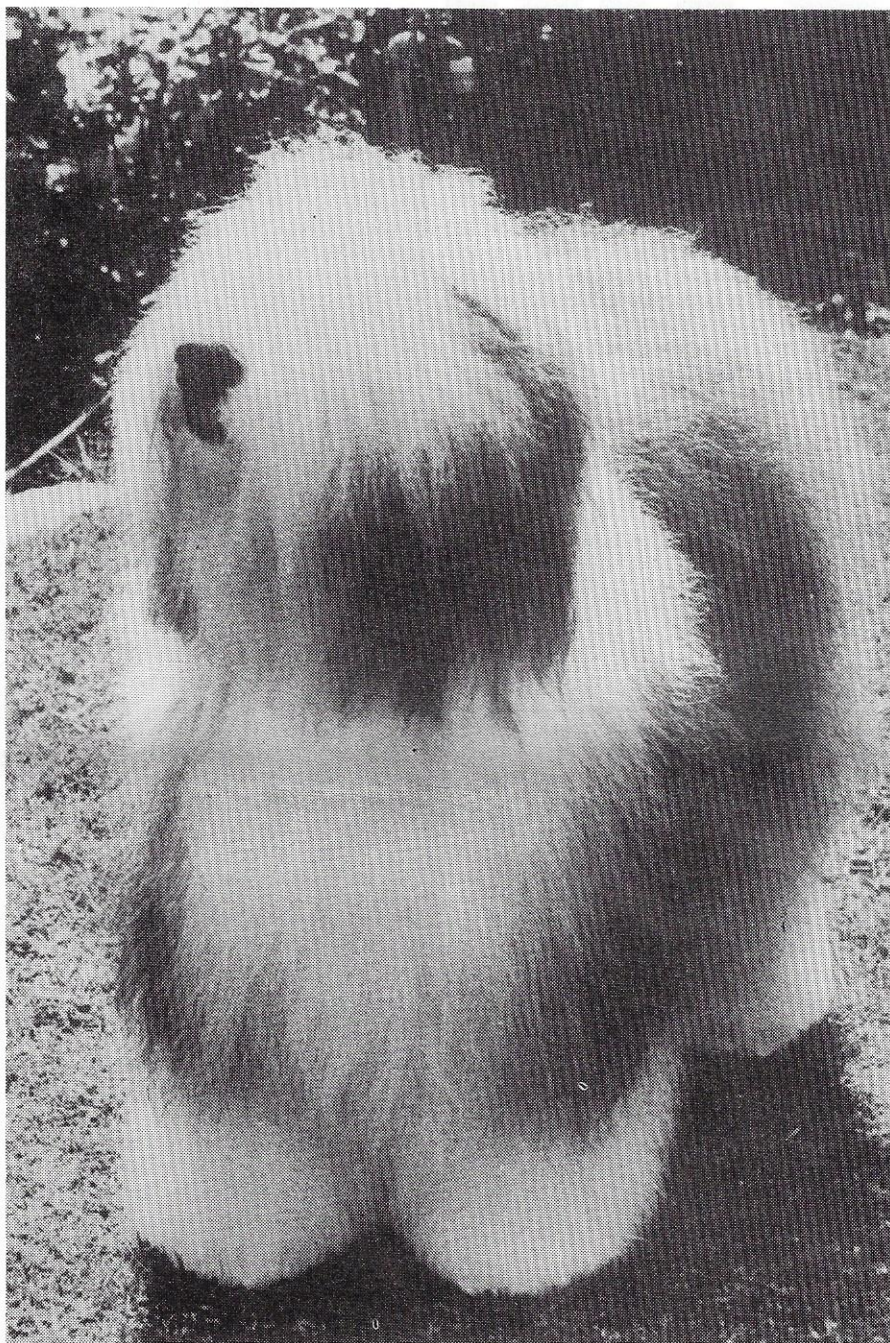
The Salt household is the home for three Old English Sheepdogs—Australian Champion Saxonlea Royal Yeoman (Spencer) and his two young daughters, Boudicca Yeomans Lass (Bess) and Boudicca Yeomans Shado (Shad).

Dog showing has taken the Salts on many interstate holidays and "Spencer" (retired from the show ring for some years now) has won many major awards under overseas and local judges. He was one of the first consistent In Group and In Show winning O.E.S. in Victoria and some of his progeny have followed on with similar success stories.

Apart from showing dogs, Judy has served on the Committee of the Old English Sheepdog Club of Victoria and, for the past three years, has been involved in the formation of a National Breed Society.

Preparation of an O.E.S. for the show ring is a continual job, with regular grooming being the major task, taking at least four hours per week plus the bathing and drying on the day before a show, and then the specialised grooming and "finishing off" at the actual show. "Good nutrition, training and exercise also play an important role in the successful preparation of the show dog," says Judy.

O.E.S. are generally born black and white and gradually change their coat colour to grey and white. They grow to be large shaggy coated dogs, compactly and squarely built, thick set and muscular, with an ambling gait resembling that of a bear.



• Australian OES Champion Saxonlea Road Yeoman...or 'Spencer' to his friends

Judy has been involved for many years in the sadder side of the breeding of dogs by being an active participant in the O.E.S. Club of Victoria's welfare programme.

"Unfortunately a lot of people rush into buying one of these delightful fluffy black and white bundles, without giving due consideration to the time required to properly care for this special breed" says Judy. "More unfortunate is the case where breeders do not carefully interview prospective owners, and then do not give adequate follow-up advice and assistance or, just as irresponsible, breed from unsound and bad tempered stock."

"Extroverts"

"O.E.S. are very special dogs for very special people says Greg. "O.E.S. are extroverts. They are large robust animals with an energetic, boisterous outlook on life. The purchase of any pet should be viewed as an addition to the household. However, in the case of an O.E.S., it is an addition to the family. They are loving and endearing, easy-going natural clowns, always eager to please and to learn the ways of humans. They do not thrive as outdoor dogs with little or no contact with members of the family.



JILL AND HER PALS...

Who would think that the lovable, loyal labrador could ever be regarded as 'vicious'?

Certainly not Jill Dwyer, a stenographer from Personnel—and Secretary of the Labrador Retriever Club of Victoria.

Jill was somewhat peeved recently when a top ranking British veterinarian received Australia-wide publicity when he claimed that 'black labradors are vicious dogs'.

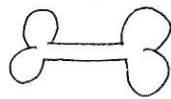


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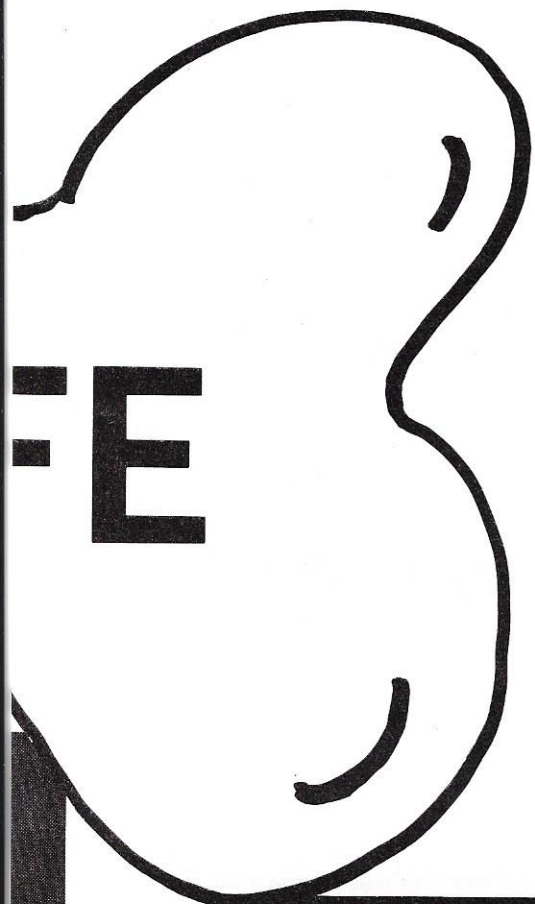
Photo: A relaxed Guy with a now affectionate Pearl



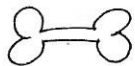
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It's a Dog Owner's Life



It doesn't pay to have an inferiority complex if you own a German Shepherd.

As Marilyn O'Connor will attest, you have to get used to being ignored, avoided and looked upon with disdain when going for afternoon strolls with a German Shepherd.

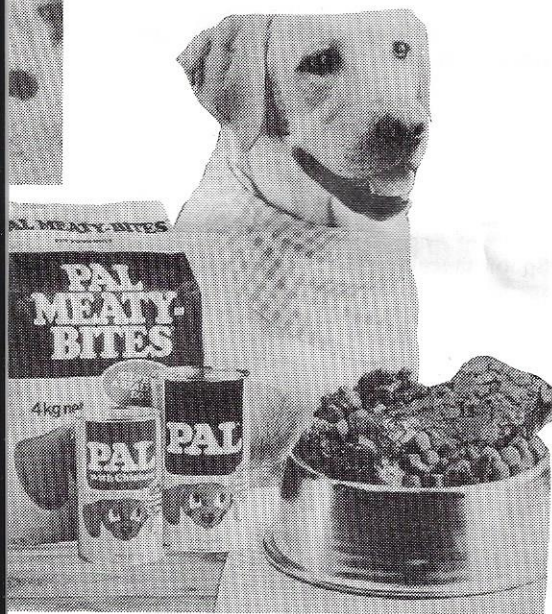
"People cross over the other side of the street...just to avoid passing you," says Marilyn, a receptionist with Bridge Sub-Branch.

Marilyn owns two German Shepherds—Sam and Sampson—and she's more than aware of the stigma attached to the breed. "They are protective dogs, but harmless...I'm in full control of them all the time."

Jill with Toffee in a typical show stance

His remarks had incurred the wrath of Jill to such an extent she joined a 3DB discussion show to air the views of the club.

"Some sections of the community were making adverse comments like 'black labradors are the most vicious dogs in Australia'. I simply went on radio to explain that it was utter nonsense."



• Toffee: expounding the nutritious virtues of PAL Meaty-Bites

And it's not as if Jill doesn't know much about labradors—black, yellow or chocolate. She has been Secretary of the Club for two years and has been showing labradors for seven.

"They're very well behaved and intelligent. I've always had a lab ever since I was a child."

Jill became Secretary of the Club after serving on the committee for a number of years. The job is timeconsuming as it involves organising championship shows, open parades, retrieving trials, competitions for puppies as well as routine administration work.

"At the moment we're on a fund raising campaign to bring out a breed specialist from the UK," says Jill.

Her two dogs, Jade and Toffee, have been to numerous shows all over Victoria, and they demonstrated their commendable canine qualities at the Royal Melbourne Show recently.

Three year old Toffee is a bit of a celebrity in the Dwyer household, too. Last year she took part in a state-wide campaign for Woolworths Ltd.

The poster which launched the campaign shows Toffee about to partake lunch.

Jill says that bringing up two labradors involves a lot of exercise, and expense. "It costs about \$200 to buy a pup, and averages ten dollars a week in meat and dry food."

And what does Jill do to relax when she's not involved with labradors?

"Nothing...they take up all my spare time," she says.

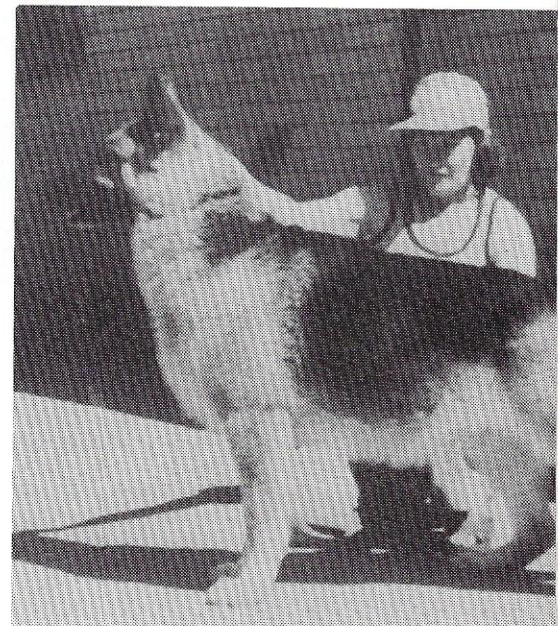
Sam and Sampson are show dogs, and their kennels are decorated with an assortment of ribbons and trophies from successful appearances. Sam, a Kiwi canine who was 'imported' from New Zealand when he was five months, is now seven years old and has retired from the show rings. His offspring Sampson, however, is still enjoying the rewards that are only acquired through hours of grooming and rigid discipline.

His biggest achievement was becoming an Australian Champion, the result of visits to over 100 kennel club and agricultural shows in Victoria and interstate.

Grooming show dogs is a demanding business, requiring many hours of dedication. "We go to shows rain, hail or shine," says Marilyn.

"My husband and I would think nothing of leaving Melbourne at midday Saturday, driving all the way to Adelaide for a show on Sunday, and returning home for work on Monday. You have to be keen."

And just how 'keen' is Marilyn? The fact that she owns an Australian Champion speaks for itself.



"The dogs have become part of us, a way of life for us," she explains. "We wouldn't be without them."

Even if it does mean putting up with lots of hard work, long country drives...and unsociable pedestrians.

Although Greg says he has a "back seat in the sport of dog showing", his wife claims he has been the much relied on "chauffeur, dog walker and minder," and that his constant support and encouragement have made the family's participation much more enjoyable.

Why the greyhound is just like a sportsman...

Bill Launders spends a lot of time with his greyhounds...365 nights of the year, to be exact.

"It takes dedication and lots of time—and a few words with the wife—as the dog has to be walked, no matter what time you get home!" says Bill.

"When dogs are racing they are in training, just like any sportsman. They have to be physically fit."

Racing Diet

Bill's training schedule is almost as stringent as the rules governing greyhound racing. He walks his dog up to 8 kilometres each night and provides a 'racing diet' of 1½ lb of beef plus 1lb of dry food plus 84 different vitamin supplements.



Bill: he's been breeding and handling dogs since the 1940s.

Before each race meeting, Bill takes his dog to a dog manipulator in Horsham who, to the layman, is probably a 'dog doctor'. He works out any sore spots and checks the dog out physically. A variation at a race meeting of more than one kilogram in a dog's weight incurs not only a fine for the owner but a compulsory scratching of the dog from the event.

Bill's interest in dogs dates back to the mid 1940's.

"That's when I started my association with dog breeding and handling with greyhound and staghound cross dogs.

"These were hunting dogs which caught up to 160 rabbits, 10 hares and 13 foxes in a day's hunting around the Nhill area."

Bill says he bred and sold hunting dogs all over the eastern coast; "From Cairns to Tasmania."

Success on the track

Athletic, one of Bill's favourite racing dogs, has won nine events as well as numerous placings. His other dogs are Namron Lass (whose story appeared in Diversions in September), and Lorquon Star, who is racing at the moment and has won Bill three placings out of the last four.

"When you see your dog racing down the straight," says Bill, "and passes that winning post, that's when the wife forgives you for your cold feet, miserable social life and the liniment in the fridge."

IN THE DOGHOUSE

Pearl, an amiable collie, was a puppy with problems.

She had an aversion to humans.

It was an ailment not very befitting for an animal which is supposedly 'man's best friend'.

"When we got her she seemed to be suffering from withdrawal symptoms," says her owner, Guy Probert, from Computer Section.

"She just would not come near a human!"

To appreciate Pearl's predicament, it must be understood that she was brought out from New Zealand at the tender age of three months. After a long flight in a tea chest on Air New Zealand, Pearl went straight into Guy's home. And that's when Pearl began to behave strangely, shunning any attention and generally being unresponsive.

"We talked to various vets and pet shop people," says Guy, "and we were told that Pearl needed to mix more with other dogs.

"Apparently she had been dragged out of her whelping box in New Zealand and literally dumped in Australia—alone, and without any brothers and sisters."

Warrigal Dog Obedience School, Heidelberg, a volunteer organisation, came to the rescue.

"Pearl was taught how to sit, heel and stand—in human company," says Guy. "A big plus for the puppy class was that half the time was devoted to 'socialising', which usually turned out to be a huge sniff session with all the class members—doggie class members, that is!"

Eventually Pearl was introduced into an intermediate class and, as Guy says, "the bond between owner and pup became greater".

The relaxed, socialising sessions were phased out and a more serious and comprehensive weekly training programme was initiated.

"Here Pearl was learning and responding to more commands," says Guy. "The important aspect, however, was that the dog was now happy to be in the company of humans.

"She was prepared to socialise with one and all," says Guy, who highly recommends the Dog Obedience centre as an ideal place for improving dog-human relationships.

BLUE NAMRON—coming soon to Melbourne

Jim Hartigan, a gardener with Horsham, has set his sights for Sandown.

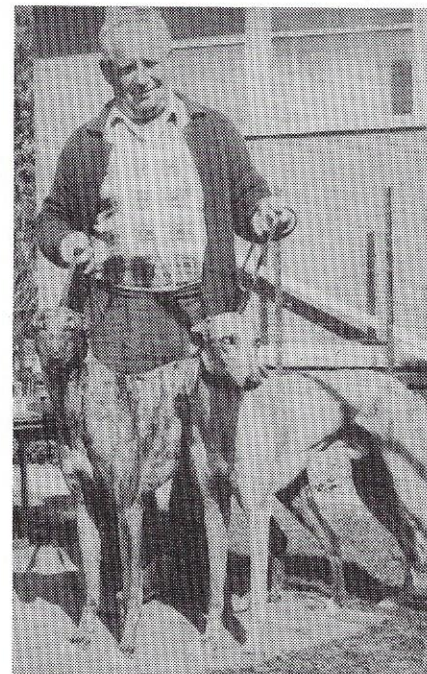
Bill and his wife Margaret have had a lot of success with their dogs, Blue Namron and Cindy Heather.

The defiant doggy duo have won major events at Horsham, Ballarat and Bendigo. Blue Namron's impressive track record shows eight wins and seven places from 20 starts, including the prestigious Wimmera Film Service Special Event at Horsham's Malcolm Hirtzel Cup. Cindy Heather has won nine races and gained 15 places during her career.

Keeping Fit

Jim finds that he's forced to keep fit being a greyhound owner—he has to walk his dogs five to six kilometres every day to keep them in shape for the circuits. Fortunately he is usually able to find company in the human form: on his daily excursions his son, Bill, who is also with the CRB, trains his own greyhound too.

At the moment Jim is so impressed with Blue Namron he is "looking forward to getting a run in Melbourne".



• Jim and friends

Charlie Robinson is well known throughout the CRB both for his involvement in the MOA and his years in surveying around the State. On 16 September Charlie retired, and below he speaks to Interchange.

GOODBYE CHARLIE

For the past few years, Charlie Robinson has been extra careful where he parks CRB cars. It's a habit he developed since he was involved in surveying at Wilsons Promontory.

"We were working near Walkerville," says Charlie, "and the only way to get the vehicle near the job was to drive along the beach at low tide.

"To do this we got to know the tide times. Well, on one particular occasion I left the vehicle parked on the beach and went off to the site.

"About mid morning warning bells began to ring. Suddenly it occurred to me that I had left the car in the inward tide, not the outward tide."

Charlie laughs as he recalls the consequences of his inferior knowledge of flood and ebb movements. "We got back to see the incoming tide washing around the wheels...it was firmly embedded, and we couldn't move it."

He remembers how he spent lunch sitting on the beach, watching the breakers slowly engulf the vehicle.

Charlie began with the CRB in 1946 as a Chainman. "I was discharged from the services, walked into the Exhibition Buildings and made arrangements to start with the CRB."

A fortnight later he found himself working on the Bass Highway in South Gippsland, surrounded by mosquitos and dense tea tree scrub.

"I began to think perhaps I would've done better if I'd stayed in Borneo!"

Charlie's background with the CRB could only be described as 'surveying orientated'. From Chainman he became an



Charlie was treated to two organised send-offs: one by Survey Division and one by the MOA, where he has served on Sub-branch, State and Federal levels. The MOA function was attended by the only four Sub-branch Presidents, pictured above. They are, from left, Ted King (1962-73) Controller of Stores, David Veitch (1974-76) Estates Officer, Charlie (1976-Sept 1982) and the reigning President Bill McCormack, Final Ledger Accountant.

Engineering Surveyor in 1950, then Pupil Surveyor, Assistant Surveyor, Engineering Surveyor Grade 2, Surveyor, Assistant Senior Engineering Surveyor, Title Survey Officer and finally in 1974, Senior Engineering Surveyor. This designation was renamed Assistant Principal Surveyor in September 1980.

And how does Charlie feel about his service with the CRB?

"I've never found it difficult to come to work. I've enjoyed it."

Charlie, who has also played a major role in the MOA, both on a

State and Federal basis, is looking forward to retirement.

"In the northern summer I'll do some travel abroad," he says "My golf should improve as I plan to join a golf club. And I'll continue playing 'geriatric marbles'." (an affectionate term his children use to describe lawn bowls)

"I also hope to do some photography and I'll be actively involved with the Freedom From Hunger and Austcare. I may even get a chance to see Fitzroy win a Grand Final..."

"Apart from that," Charlie adds, "I'll have a quiet life."



FRENCH CHICKEN WITH PORT AND CREAM

1 boned chicken breast per person,
1 tablespoon seasoned flour,
1½ tablespoons butter, 2 tablespoons
chopped shallots, ½ cup port wine,
¾ cup cream, 2 egg yolks, chopped
parsley

Method: Cut chicken into serving pieces and toss them in seasoned flour. Heat butter in a pan and slowly fry the pieces until they are brown on all sides. You may need to cook a few pieces at a time and add a little more butter.

Return all pieces to the pan and add port, cream and shallots. Cover tightly and simmer for 30 to 40 minutes or until the chicken is very tender.

Remove the chicken with a slotted spoon—keep it hot while you make the sauce.

Boil the juices in the pan until they have reduced to about one and a half cups—beat the egg yolks with a little of the hot cream mixture, then blend into the sauce in the pan. Cook just long enough, stirring constantly, for the sauce to thicken. Do not let it boil.

Spoon sauce over the chicken and serve sprinkled with the chopped parsley. Serves four.

NOSTALGIA

THE WAY IT WAS

Australia may have been in the grip of a Depression, but that didn't stop people from having a good time. It is 1930, and the CRB Annual Ball is in full swing at Ormond Hall, in St Kilda.

The photo is courtesy of Ida Boughen, who used to work in the Registry Section of Head Office. Ida, who now lives in Geelong and is a member of the Retired Persons Association, began with the CRB in October 1925 and retired in 1940.



Camping. Be in it. But get the phone number right.

The Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation has a new phone number, which was changed exactly one week after the feature on family camps was published in the September Interchange. So if the

article had motivated you to check out the Department's camps, and you're having difficulty contacting somebody about bookings, locations, etc., ring Brendan Downey at Y, S & R on (03) 602 1566.

Post Impressionist ? No - Just a Post Painter !



Warrnambool Standard

• Being confined to an office desk all day is not Ronnie Rye's idea of job satisfaction. Although painting roadside posts may get tedious, Ronnie is quick to point out that it's the only way to enjoy Victoria's Spring weather. Ronnie, a patrolman from Warrnambool Division, was photographed on the Princes Highway near Cudjee.

DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT

BENALLA

from Mike Farmer

Farewell

Three farewell functions have been held in the Division to say cheerio to members of the staff. Admin. Officer Greg Dennis left for Seymour, E.O. Roger Plumridge left for Geelong after 17 years in Benalla, while Engineer Bill Peyton only had to travel to the other end of Benalla to the new Project Office in Kelfera Road. Our loss in all three, other Division's gain.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Ray Beavis from Road Design and Richard Evans from MRD. However, by the time this edition is read, Richard will be with the SEC where he will be working for 12 months on a special engineering task, but he hopes to get back to Benalla at some time in the future.

Engineer Bill Stubington has called in to see his workmates, and appears to be getting over his major surgery. Hope you are back with us soon, Bill.

The "flu" epidemic hit so hard in the offices that the typists section had to be reinforced with the return of Mary Young for a week and Michelle Dosser joined our ranks for a few days also.

Telephonist Sophie Sharkie has spent a fortnight away, visiting her daughter Tessa on the Gold Coast, and a new granddaughter, Emma Jane.

WARRNAMBOOL

from Darrel Watts

New Arrival

Warm welcome to Linda Harley. Linda has joined us as a temporary typist for a few months. We hope her stay is enjoyable. Linda, and draftsman Terry Bond, have become the latest motor bike riders in the Office. Our past bikies, Dave Hooker, Peter Crabbe and Stan Turner, seemed to have been defeated by windy, wet Warrnambool winters.

Travellers

Rod Cottrill has returned from touring North Queensland looking brown and relaxed. Greg Dalton is apparently enjoying Cairns, and Bill McConnell has also just returned from Queensland. Stan Turner went the other way by chasing whatever patches of snow to be found. Cost Clerk Peter McIntosh has sent several postcards from Thailand. Peter is going to Europe at a leisurely pace.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Don Stratford on his appointment to Workshop Foreman B, and to Kevin O'Keefe on his appointment as Experimental Officer Class 2.

Compu-Telex Booking Service

Our Telex has been busy lately receiving messages on behalf of the Dept of AG regarding drought declarations. However, the following message came through for one of our Accounts staff:

ATTENTION MR PHILLIP CHESLETT
"Confirm reservation Melbourne Cricket Ground. Northern stand (opposite score board) middle deck. 2 (Two) seats Saturday 4th September Cost \$9.00 each.

Regards your faithful booking agent
See you Friday cheers and kisses"

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

from Jenny Risol

Farewells

Farewell to Allan Armstrong who transferred to Dandenong Division. We'll miss your help, especially around barbecue time. Tony Boyd has transferred to Advance Planning. Greg Aplin, one of our most popular engineers, has resigned to work with Werribee Shire. Rumour has it there's a new job in the pipeline.

General

Traffic Engineering's answer to the Leylands: Peter Millington and family are at present enjoying the tropical climate of sunny Queensland. The last stint of the journey which has covered the entire coastal region of Australia. It's going to be hard to settle back down again, Peter!

His fellow colleague, Robert Phibbs, has taken off for the Cape York Peninsula on a motor bike.

Ray Malins is still building his house if anyone's interested. Rumour has it his flexi-clock seized up due to lack of use.

Dave Valentine's heading off on long service leave to his farm in Horsham. Happy six months!

The wine-tasting participants in Traffic really enjoyed themselves, judging by sore heads, blood-shot eyes and noticeable absences the next day.

And last but not least, congratulations to participants in the Fun Run from Traffic—Peter Carter, Ruth Kershaw, Nick Mundy and Jane Anderson.

HORSHAM

from Betty Sleep

Welcome

We welcome Jeff Moran to our engineering staff and wish him a happy stay in Horsham Division. Also welcome to Eddie Degen and family to Horsham. Eddie is Acting Divisional Accountant in the absence of Les Bull who is working in Melbourne.

CRB Ladies

Dr Taylor spoke on 'Cancer' at a recent meeting held at the home of Shaynee Cross. We are holding a floral and a cooking demonstration at our next meeting.

We are also holding another progressive dinner in October.

Farewell

Best wishes to Jim 'Nookie' Healy, his wife Jean and family on their transfer to Bendigo where 'Nookie' will be Roadmaster.

'Nookie' has been a stalwart of Horsham with 32 years service. In latter years Nookie has served as B.S. Overseer, Construction Overseer, B.S. Depot Overseer, Acting Depot Foreman and Acting Roadmaster.

About 70 of Nookie's CRB friends joined him for a send off dinner at the Horsham Golf Club to wish him well as he prepared to hop the border to the Gold Fields of Bendigo.

During the formal part of the evening Acting D.E. Norm Butler and B.S. Engineer Peter Hassett thanked Nookie for his work in Horsham. Nookie's terrible B.S. twin 'Gundy' Hughes, presented Nookie with a watch on behalf of his friends. All wished Nookie and his family great success in Bendigo in their new venture.

ROAD DESIGN

from Mike Tolhurst and Trisha Phillips

Yes, Road Design still does exist and we're still at 89 High Street.

Hi to: Margaret Hawley who joins us from the Training and Development Section; Charles McLaren from Survey Division; Pat Toscano from Gas and Fuel; John Adshead from Melbourne Uni (he says he's available); Peter Taylor who is on the training scheme; Santo Perrone from Traffic; Nick Szwed from Traffic (again) and David Hosking, back yet again (why us?).

Bye to: Allan Woollard, Michael Barker and Phil Taylor who have all dropped to the 1st Floor and Wayne Harvey on secondment to Metro. David King and Richard Yeoman are both on long service leave. David, cruising around the distant canals of Europe, while Richard is visiting the relatives back in Pommie Land. Denis Cahill is resigning from the Board after 15 years. He is moving to Queensland to take over a plant contracting business. We wish him all the best for the future.

Firstly the baby scene: Well, from the past months' statistics, little baby girls certainly seem to be on the increase. Ken and Lyn Turner, Bob and Dorothy Adams and poor old Nick Szwed who states that now he has three women and a mother-in-law to contend with. Congratulations to all. We wish all the best to Mike Kerr who married Ann Birkett on 17 July. They honeymooned at the Cook Islands for 18 days (and as many nights). Phil Ridgeway (back from a holiday in Noosa)—marriage finally to take place on 16 October in a church (doesn't know where, but he'll be there).

Road Design Footy Tipping: Well all you experts out there who seem to know sooooo much about football—Lorna Roberts from the canteen came first. She collected \$50 and a trophy which is to be displayed in the canteen for all to see. Better luck next year.

Special thanks to Barry and Alan for their political comments. With them around, who needs to buy newspapers?

SEYMOUR

A most successful farewell function was held at the Seymour Project Office on 28 July for Ray Hardy who was retiring after 14 years' service with the Board. Ray, our reticent Scottish hero of IPCAD testing, was presented with a number of momentos along with many anecdotes which characterised his time at Seymour.

Ray's commemorative retirement speech was such a highlight, it is now reproduced for Interchange for those who enjoy a good story.

"I expected to come along here today and find the occasion treated rather differently, as befits such a solemn moment as someone's passing. Instead, from the general air of merriment prevailing, I sense that the wake is being celebrated well before the funeral.

Firstly I should like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has wrenched themselves away from work, especially anyone who has come some distance, to be here today. It was not expected and I value the gesture greatly. The prospects of testing or sampling Mary's cakes perhaps may have had something to do with it, but just as important to some of you, I sense, would be the need to ensure beyond any doubt that I am not going to do a "Rumpole" and renegade at the eleventh hour. A case of having your cake and eating it, so to speak!

Secondly, please accept my warmest thanks for the gift you have so kindly given me.

When I arrived in Australia all but 14 years ago I had intended to stay for only two years. This is absolutely true. I was under the mistaken impression that having got here for free, if I stayed for 2 years I could return the same way. You can judge my dilemma when I learned I would have to pay. I am therefore perhaps one of very few who can honestly say I had no alternative but to stay. I began life down under with some 3½ months holiday. I remember it was a hot December when I arrived out of the blue from Scottish winter and it was during this time that the climate, the beaches and the relaxed way of life made me decide I would adopt such a position full-time as soon as ever possible. 14 years on and the dream has become a reality, but something tells me the opportunity has arrived a deal too late.

Having travelled some 20,000 kilometres, I certainly did not contemplate spending my latter days digging holes and filling them in again. I must explain that I was enticed into this field of activity by an advertisement which simply read "The CRB has a place for you if you are keen to start at the top". I took the bait only to find I had been labouring under a misapprehension. The job offered was for a hole digger—you guessed it, and I have been labouring ever since. On the other hand, there has to be another side to everything so that retirement should come all the sweeter.



F Pierce—Experimental Officer, Bruce Cochrane—Project Engineer and Ray Hardy, with certificate for most IPCAD tests.

It's a bit like hammering your head against a wall, it must feel like heaven when you finally stop. Whilst on the subject of IPCAD holes, I have a piece of useful advice for would-be IPCAD hole diggers. If you ever receive a request from Engineers Noel, Lester or Richard, choose Richard's. From my experience IPCAD holes requested for testing by Richard are invariably soft, minimally densified or sub optimally compacted, I think engineers would prefer them described.

This was written before I realised Richard had taken fright and wouldn't front up today. I had anticipated him saying—for I know him!—"you B.....!" So, I brought my birth certificate. It reads "to Jeannie Hardy, a bonny blue-eyed boy, January 1923" which does nothing really but prove how terribly cruel Nature can be with the advance time.

When I started this I knew it would not be easy, for how does one cover such a broad canvas of experiences, of hopes fulfilled and unfulfilled, of all the people you have

come to know in those seemingly short 14 years, to like, to respect and now finally to leave. Perhaps it is an impossibility and better just left at that!

Have I any ambitions left unfulfilled? I must admit to just one—you all know that hoary old joke about wanting to be shot in bed, at the age of 80, by a young irate husband. My ambition comes much simpler—it is merely to live long enough to see Collingwood win a premiership. That should ensure me many, many years of blissful retirement, and perhaps even guarantee me a ticket to immortality.

I would like to close now, with this heartfelt wish to each and every one of you, if I can remember and indeed still mouth it—"Lang may your lum reek".

I have sought an Australian equivalent, but perhaps it says something about Australians for I have had no success. Translated roughly it means—"May good fortune be a regular visitor to your house".

AND NOW, if any of you care to join me at the Prince of Wales, I will do something for the first time in my life—I will open my purse."

HEAD OFFICE

ACCOUNTS

from Annette Grayling

Welcome

We wish to welcome Jamie Harris to the position of Reimbursement Clerk. Jamie came from Metropolitan Division.

Farewell

Keith Boulter has gone to West Gate Freeway Project to take up his new position as Urban Projects Sub-Branch Admin. Officer (2).

Miscellaneous

An interesting survey was recently conducted in the Chief Accountant's Branch by the male and female members.

The females voted on the "attributes" of the males i.e. personality, charm, looks etc., etc. Those who figured prominently were Robert "Spunky" Ukovic, Michael "Chips or Riff" Rafferty, Jamie "Swagger-lee" Harris, Gerard "Mr Football" O'Connor. One of the "older" brigade, Bill "The Deputy" Turner also polled well.

The girls who finished at the top of the list, in order were, Anne "Mumsie" Green, Gayle "Lemons" Harper, Cussie "Just Jeans" Cockini, Lisa "Legs" Redmond and Annette "Twinkletoes" Grayling.

After being surveyed by the girls, it is believed that some of the fellows could change for the better.

PERSONNEL

from Karen Barnfather

A belated welcome to Erich Lowerson who commenced duty as Workers Compensation Officer on 25th June 1982.

We also welcome Margaret Best (ex Estates Section) to Personnel Services Section and Susan Houghton (ex Perth) to Staff Section.

Holidays

It appears that Sydney is "The Place" to go on your holidays these days: Deva Baigent holidayed in Sydney for one week in August; Sue Harris holidayed there in early September; and Norma Jones decided to be different and stay there for two weeks.

Miscellaneous

I have heard that Erich is still trying to find the gears in his Valiant. I have also heard that his Valiant is an automatic. Apparently the automatic transmission has been installed incorrectly and when Erich wants to drive forward he reverses instead! But then we're used to that with Erich!

Quotable Quotes

"I'm 21 and still available"—Sue Rumbold (the day after her 21st birthday).

Carolyn Amey and Sue Rumbold both from Personnel, celebrated their 21st birthdays on 31st July and 1st August respectively. Both girls had a very enjoyable day and afternoon tea was served with a slice of birthday cake provided by Sue's parents.

COMPUTER

from Joan Lo

Well things have been very quiet news wise this quarter, with everyone hard at work. But we do have a few coming events later in the year.

Our annual barbeque and kite flying day is something all the fellows enjoy. They are busy at the moment working on their designs of kites, (the best of which will finally be made and hopefully flown on the great day). The date for this great occasion has not yet been set.

Also coming up is our restaurant night in November. The place for this event is "Nero's Fiddle" in Nunawading. After seeing the pamphlet and hearing some of the stories about the place, I believe we are in for a fantastic night.

Divisional Roundabout - cont.

TRARALGON

from Sonia Delost

We welcome Ken Barnhill (Engineer) from Road Design to the Division. Sam Campbell is our new BS Overseer and we hope he doesn't become too immersed to his work.

Some time ago Barry Miller, Plant Operator at Old Gippstown sold the DE a pony for his daughter. His daughter is now displaying some ribbons which the DE feels may help to offset the hospital bills over the last 18 months. Barry is also pleased, as when ever he is in the area he makes an effort to check that "his" pony is alright!

Traralgon Division is becoming very fitness conscious with all the joggers and pedal pushers blossoming with the spring. One of our joggers must of had a nasty fright recently—his hair has gone curly!

Trips

Bruce Van Every (Engineer) has finally managed to take off on Long Service Leave and we wish him an enjoyable and safe trip.

Lois Lee (Cost Clerk) has returned from her holiday in England. Lois went to Leicester to visit family then down to the West Country for a few days, visiting Bath, Stonehenge and the New Forest. Lois also had a few days shopping and touring in Hong Kong.

Leon Sweeney has just returned from the USA. His adventures will be featured in the next issue of Interchange.



WE'VE wrecked more Front-GADS than anyone else in Victoria...

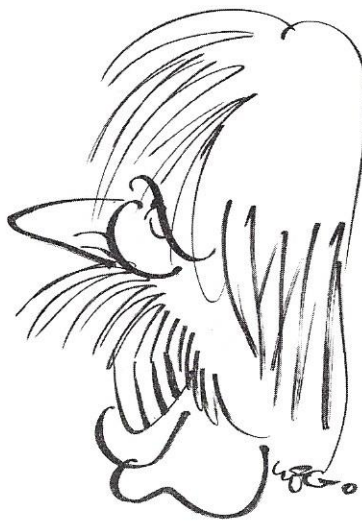
WEG'S DAY

Here are three different views of Traralgon Division's senior staff—as seen through the dexterous pen of 'Herald' cartoonist WEG.

In case you don't recognise them, they are—from left: Divisional Engineer Dr David Currie, Assistant Divisional Engineer John Waddell, and engineer Geoff Lawrence. The CRB trio were at the official opening of the huge new MidValley shopping complex at Morwell on Monday 6th September.

A Case of Mistaken Services

An engineer discussing the provision of a power point in a traffic signal controller for use when making repairs at night was extolling its virtues, including the statement—"you'll be cooking with gas".



BAIRNSDALE

from Ian Ellis

Welcome

John Reeves (Overseer) comes to us from Traralgon with 16 years' experience in BS work to take over from Vern Dawson as BS Overseer. Vern, after 11 years as BS Overseer, gave BS away as a serious skin ailment has forced him indoors. Much appreciated for the fine job Vern, and welcome John.

Footy Tipping

Brian Sampson—with 100 winners—held on to win the footy tipping competition by 2 from Bill Myers. Third was our telephonist Deborah Cunningham (not just a pretty face) and fourth was split between Rex Nash and David Overy. Mike Napper in a hopeless position after round 10 did a foul job of not picking the winners and just took the prize from another wooden spoon addict Ian Fleicher.

Computer Studies

It's good to see the downstairs admin boys, Geoff, David and Ian, getting really stuck into the computer course which is run locally. Ian must have been very disgruntled after the fourth week when he went to the library and took out a book "Computers for the Complete Idiot" by McCumm. I hope they haven't bit off more than they can bite.

Out & About

With Brian Sampson jubilant at the arrival of the first boy, Paul, after three girls, Laurie Haylock proudly announcing the arrival of Loren, Cheryl was seen hiding a baby's bath, pottie and bucket under her desk. Worries will tell.

There are no worries about locating the DE now that he's taken up the pipe. The smoke screen is a dead give-away.

Footnote: Any stories from the boys in the field would be greatly appreciated.



Sue Hobson looked her elegant self, as the photo shows, when on Saturday 28 August she took the vows and returned down the aisle as Mrs Minter. It's moments like these. All the best Kevin and Sue.

Womboyn fishing tales are increasing with Mick Nappers 10lb flathead and 4lb mullaway. Garth Stevens, not to be outdone, dragged in a 9lb and 7lb mullaway. Garth, with his 'Womboyn' Holiday House' building programme falling behind, has neighbours complaining after he's been heard banging at all hours of the night.

Poor Show!

On Friday, 10th September, the Bairnsdale Division Social Association held its tenth annual meeting. A very poor attendance further indicated the lack of interest shown in the social club. The unfortunate decisions made were:

- 1) To put the club into recess and to freeze funds for two years, after which, if no interest is shown, all funds will be given to local charities;
- 2) Toys permanently on hand be given to local charity;
- 3) Neil King, Ian Ellis and Geoff Downie were appointed trustees to handle any matters which may arise over the forthcoming period.

METRO

from our Correspondent

Road Design and Traffic Engineering would like to welcome newcomers to the project, Mike Potesta from Nepean Highway Project and Wayne Harvey from Road Design, not forgetting of course the return of Colin Kosky to head the merry little band while Geoff Kloot is installing traffic signals around the metro area. The big question at present is has Greg Jaskewych lost enough weight to once again give up smoking so that the remainder of the section can breathe fresh air. Stay tuned for the answer in the next edition. Also welcome to Tom D'Amico from Advance Planning.

Senior typist Paula has just returned from leave which was spent basking on the beaches in Sydney's mild winter. Paula visited the topless beaches but claims she didn't participate, but the rest of the Division is not so sure.

Another of the "just back from leave brigade" is Barbara who visited Andamooka visiting relations and looking for opals in the desert. It seems that the typing pool has become financially minded, not only because of the previous reference but also because of the visits to the "lucky shop" at lunch time. Maybe we'll all be taken out to lunch after the next big win.

Bruce Standish (Planning) arrived back from Europe with a big smile on his face and an infected big toe. The rumours are flying thick and fast but it looks like Bruce could have put his foot in it again.

Clive Mottram has been nominated for the Houdini Award for being able to escape from Draper's Detention Centre in under two months.

Definition of an optimist:

Someone who believes Peter Hensley's (APEA Propaganda Officer) assurances regarding wage rises.

DANDENONG

from Victor Lawther

Don Ross has returned to the fold after an absence of some 5 years. Between "Divisions" Don and wife Dawn enjoyed a few weeks in northern Queensland.

Congratulations to Warwick Peel on this appointment as Horticultural Officer to the Division. Warwick has been responsible for the planting of thousands of trees in road reserves over the past few years and his planning is starting to "bear fruit."

Les Strachan, Maintenance Worker in Charge, Dromana Roadside Patrol, retired on 30 July. A large crowd of workmates and staff attended Les' farewell at Frankston Patrol Depot where D.E. Stan Hodgson presented Les with a wallet, cash, and a magnificent specimen of boneless planted in an ornamental pot. We wish Les and his wife many years of health and happiness.

Bill McMillan will take over Les' position; best of luck in your new role Bill.

Regretfully we record the passing of Overseer Don Hughon after a short illness. Don held various positions in Dandenong during the past two decades. Sincere sympathy is extended to Don's wife and family.

Ray Forde and Overseer Len Smith are both on extended sick leave. Best wishes go to both for speedy recoveries.

Jim Brownlie (Bali) and Dennis Maxwell (Hong Kong & Jakarta) entertained us recently during lunchtime with slides of their recent holidays. Dennis was invited over to give demonstrations of boomerang throwing at the Highland Games at Jakarta. Dennis flew Cathay Pacific, a fact which he impressed on us a number of times during his talk—when's your next flight, Dennis?

Yours Truly (China/Hong Kong) and Lena Craig (Singapore/Hong Kong) have just returned from enjoyable tours. China is a must for anyone wanting to visit friendly people with a life style quite different from ours in Australia.

Recently many staff attended "Uptight by Gaslight" a review starring the ADE Raleigh Robinson. Raleigh's acting ability is well known, and his exhaustive telephone conversations have developed his fine strong singing voice. The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly Raleigh's performance as a "fairy" bee. The evening was organised by the Social Club and a "yummy" supper was enjoyed, as well as coffee and much conversation after the show.

SURVEY

from Gloria Kilpatrick

Survey Division wishes John Zembsch a happy holiday in Queensland—his home State. John is on six months' long service leave.

ROAD PLANNING

from Judy Boardman and Leanne Brady

Since we missed the last issue of Interchange, we thought we'd better do a bit of catching up on the latest gossip and nitty gritty's occurring in Road Planning...there isn't any!!!

Oh well, we'd best get our minds together and make up some interesting reading for you!

Welcome to Meg Cato, Assistant Road Planning Analyst (Yes, we're trying to balance the male/female ratio).

Andrew Dilley, Draftsman, previously from Road Design. Trevor Kane, Engineer, originally from Eastern Freeway Division.

Ta Ta's

Farewell to Joanne Brinson, Clerical Assitant (There goes our ratio again!)

Babies and Buggies

Congratulations to Trevor and Julie Smith on their long awaited baby boy Chris. (I've heard that Julie is a one eyed Fitzroy supporter!!) John Eldridge and his wife Carole now have a beautiful baby daughter named Catherine.

John and Pearl Apelbaum are proud to announce the arrival of Barry, their new son.

Well that's it for babies, now for the buggies, those Four Wheel Friends (or enemies) have been a main topic of conversation between our staff.

Robyn Loiterton has shocked us all and gone and spent her hard earned money on a little green Volkswagen. She says it's terrific, but those push starts in the morning are starting to take their toll.

Meg Cato our new analyst with new licence, new car and new fears (like getting to work).

Don Commons problem is of a different sort, when looking in his rear view mirror it is common (gosh we're witty) for him to see parts of his car dropping at the wayside.

Wayne Hyslop spent a weekend bugging it up to Sydney but his HQ station wagon and then very carefully driving it back to Melbourne, only to have a fence jump out in front of him a few weeks after getting it home.

Nitty Gritty's

This is where we have to have our ears and eyes always at the ready, so that we can pick up anything that might be of interest to Interchange readers. Rumour has it that David Farrow is leaving to take up a position at Horsham Division, the source of this information has asked to remain anonymous! Melissa Weeks has fallen madly in love with a mad mountain climber, so don't be surprised if she up and elopes to Nepal!!! (what a nasty fall!)

WODONGA

by Bruce Phillips

The Staff went interstate for dinner during June. A chinese banquet was served amid dancing and poker machine playing at the Hume Country Golf Club, Albury. Roger Thorp and Bill Farrell struck it lucky and paid for their dinner with their winnings but others were not as fortunate.

During July the staff braved the cold at Falls Creek. A hard white frost was on the ground at Wodonga in the early morning and the temperature below freezing. Happily it was sunny and warm at Falls Creek and whilst the snow was not plentiful there was sufficient for tobogganing and for getting wet. The highlight of the day was Norm Esdale tobogganing downhill on his stomach but without a toboggan.

A wine and cheese tasting was held in September incorporating a wine options competition. Taster of the night was Mike Villani who received a painting of an empty wine bottle for his prowess. Norm Esdale who is allergic to cheese demanded to be admitted for half price or be allowed to drink twice as much wine.

Bill Tolley recently installed some flashing lights on the Clerks of Works Office. This entailed drilling some holes for pop rivets. Bill tried for some time to drill the first hole with much pressure, sweat and cursing. Upon checking the sharpness of the drill bit he found that he had been using a 2 inch nail. He's still trying to nail the culprit.

Gerry Turner has just returned to work from holidays in South Australia and Swan Hill and reckons he's returned to work for a rest.

Bill Farrell has been talking about his forthcoming overseas holiday for weeks but probably won't even deign talk to any of us when he gets back from Tasmania.

Congratulations to Dennis Summerfield who recently won the C grade championship at the Albury Golf Clubs Inland Championship tournament.

It really hasn't rained at Wodonga for months—day after day of fine, warm sunny weather. With such good weather Paul Tucker and Mike Villani decided to place some culvert units at Fell Timber Creek—and you guessed it—it rained on the day they were delivered. Paul took much ribbing over his weather predictions, to which his response was—"Well we were saving the job for a rainy day".

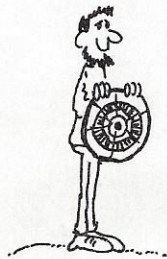
On Target

Archery has gone along way since the days of Robin Hood and his meritorious men.

Today the twang of bows is being heard all over the State with more than 12 archery clubs operating in Melbourne alone.

Bob Francis, an engineer with Traffic Engineering, has been sending arrows skywards for 15 years. He finds it an absorbing pastime.

"Archery is a very old sport which has more and more people participating in it," says Bob, a member of Knox City Archers.



• Bob takes aim



Bob is quick to dispel a few myths about the sport.

"Firstly, you don't have to have extraordinary strength to participate. Anybody, male or female, can draw a bow, virtually from four years of age.

And there's more to archery than just shooting little arrows into the air.

"In fact, there are several forms of archery. Target archery, for instance is where an archer shoots at a target from 30m to 90m. Six arrows are used, and the target has various colours to represent the different scores.

"Field archery is where black and white targets of varying sizes are used. These may be placed in secluded positions, uphill, downhill, around obstacles and so on. The archers move from one target to the next.

"Alternatively flight archery is an attempt to shoot a shaft, or an unfeathered arrow, as far as possible."

Another popular method which is also a bit more challenging is clout archery, where the target is placed in a flat position. "The archer has to try and hit it from 180m."

Coaching

Bob says that unlike some sports, it is imperative that novices seek some form of coaching. "It is essential to start off in the right manner!" he stresses.

"Most clubs have at least one qualified coach who can start you off in the

correct way, and give advice on any problems."

Oddly enough, Bob got drawn into archery because he was ASKED to be a coach.

"Before I joined the CRB I was a

schoolteacher, and the school I was at wanted somebody to teach the kids archery. I decided the easiest way to coach them was for me to take up the sport myself.

"That was 15 years ago...and I've been doing it every since."

sportsnotes...

Graham Foley has just returned from the National Rogaining Championships—24 hour cross country navigation—which were held in Perth in September. Ninety-nine 3-man teams competed in the Championships with Graham being in the winning team for the men's and open sections. Well done, Graham.

One of Graham's team mates holds a pilot's licence, so a light plane was rented for the round trip to WA, back by the Flinders Ranges, which enabled a close inspection of the high coastal cliffs and other points of interest en route.

• Horsham typist Karen Fry has been awarded the 1982 A-Grade Best and Fairest trophy for the Homers Netball Club.

• Bairnsdale Division's 'Sportsman of the Month' is Garth Stevens who starred in two grand finals recently in hockey and badminton.

(The Continuing) MAGPIE SAGA

There comes a time in every season,
When a club sits down and tries to reason,
Why just how poorly they have played
And why the finals they haven't made

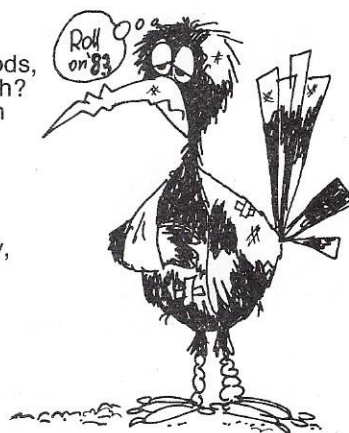
This time came early for the Woods
Eight matches played—hadn't produced the goods,
"We must blame someone", but who to approach?
"We must sack someone", who else—the coach

So poor old Tommy got the sack,
The same as usual—behind the back,
The committee had certainly done some stirrin',
They hastily appointed Mickey Erwin

Two wins in two games you could hear them say,
(But only **ST KILDA AND FOOTSCRAY**)
"Were on the way back" yelled an excited fan
But alas it was only a "flash in the pan"

It wasn't only Tom to blame,
There's a dozen players I could name,
But naming players is a little bit poor,
So I'll leave it at that and say no **MOORE**

The Woods fans say "we'll be there next year",
And maybe they will, but have no fear,
Even if they happen to make the five,
The **COLLIWOBBLES** will ensure they don't survive.



By Hawkeye

WILL IT HAPPEN?

David Lumsden's
1983 Football Prediction



Alan Baker, HOSA President and well known Road Design draftsman, "overcome by emotion" runs onto MCG during '83 Grand Final between Melbourne and Footscray!

CLASSIES

MARRIAGES

GALAMBOS: Bimbi (Traffic Engineering) tied the knot permanently around Roy Andison's neck on 28th August.

GOULIOTIDIS: Bill (Claims) and Grace married on 4th September. Congrats from 6th Floor.

HABECK: Ian (Traffic Engineering) made everything legal and married Maureen in Kew on 31st July.

HOBSON: Sue (Bairnsdale) married Kevin Minter on 28th August at the Uniting Church, Bairnsdale.

LEESON: Val (Personnel) will marry Sergio Berardini on 30th October in Sydney.

PUBLIC NOTICE

HOUSE: Lake Eildon-Howqua, 14 bed house, available throughout year. Close to Mt Buller. Roy Fisher ext 2142, a.h. 818 7172.

ENGAGEMENTS

BONESS: Heather (Public Relations) to David Pollock on 21st August.

HEARSON: Christine (Computer) will be engaged to Andrew Chalkley on 20th November.

KEARTON: Rob (Survey) to Anne Lawton on 18th September.

BIRTHS

BUTLER: Mike (Metro) and Michelle, a son, Matthew, on 5th August.

HAYLOCK: Laurie (Bairnsdale) and Helen proudly announce the arrival of Loren Elizabeth on 10th September.

LYNCH: Mick (Horsham) and Jackie, a boy, Daniel Francis.

MIRABELLA: Marco (Traralgon) and Sharon, a daughter, Lauren Jade.

PARKER: Dave (Horsham) and Trudy, a boy, Steven David. Playmate for Rachel and Catherine.

SAMPSON: Brian (Bairnsdale) and Helen, their first boy, Paul Edward Jeffery, on 30th August.

SMITH: Doug (Benalla) and Kay, a daughter, Alana Clare. Sister for Cameron and Vanessa.

TYNKKYNNEN: Jukka (Survey) and Sinikka, a son, David Erik, born on 3rd September. Brother for Michael and Dennis.

VETHECAN: Patrick (Tax & Records) and Rosie, a boy Aaron Patrick, on 6th September.

VICKERY: Ken (Personnel) and Sue, a boy, Scott Kenneth, on 24th August.

DEATHS

HUGHAN: Don (Dandenong), see Divi Notes.

Richmond and Carlton may have been stealing all the football limelight recently, but an equally tense battle has been fought in the eastern suburbs. John Cunningham, an engineer at Dandenong, is captain of Vermont which defeated arch-rivals Mitcham to win the Eastern Districts First Division Seniors' premiership.

Football Frenzy!

When 18 spirited players wearing Mitcham guernseys streamed onto Boronia football oval for the Grand Final, they were confident of one thing: winning their fourth successive flag.

John Cunningham's Vermont team had other ideas.

And on the fateful day, John and his enthusiastic Eagles overpowered their opposition to win Vermont's first premiership since 1971.

For John, it was a great personal victory too. It is his first year as captain, but his fifth year with Vermont. The team has enjoyed a successful season with only four losses—their last being to Mitcham in Round 11.

And how did John feel about the win? "It's unbelievable. Sensational. It still hasn't worn off" John said after Interchange rang him a week later.

Rivals!

As far as Vermont is concerned, Mitcham's 19 point loss couldn't have happened to a nicer team. Mitcham has won the last three premierships in the Eastern Districts First Division Seniors and the 1980 victory was at the expense of Vermont. Ironically the 1971 Grand Final was also between Mitcham and Vermont.

Traditional rivalry between the teams has been an intergal part of the EDFL.

One suburban newspaper even reported a flare up in the coaches' boxes over seating arrangements.

And the game?

Playing before a record crowd at Boronia, both teams were evenly matched for three quarters as the lead changed hands about nine times.

In the final quarter, however, Vermont played a fast, run-on game which proved superior to Mitcham. John capped off the triumphant play when he sealed the game during time on by kicking a goal. The final score was Vermont 18.10 to Mitcham 14.15.

Although John was satisfied with his performance, he has doubts about playing in 1983.

"I'm thinking of giving it away mainly because of social pressure," he said. "I'm married with three kids and it's hard to arrange a babysitter, etc., every week."

At least for John he will be retiring gracefully. The Vermont win is his second taste of a premiership flag. He was Captain of the Melbourne Under 19 team when it won the 1971 Grand Final against Essendon.

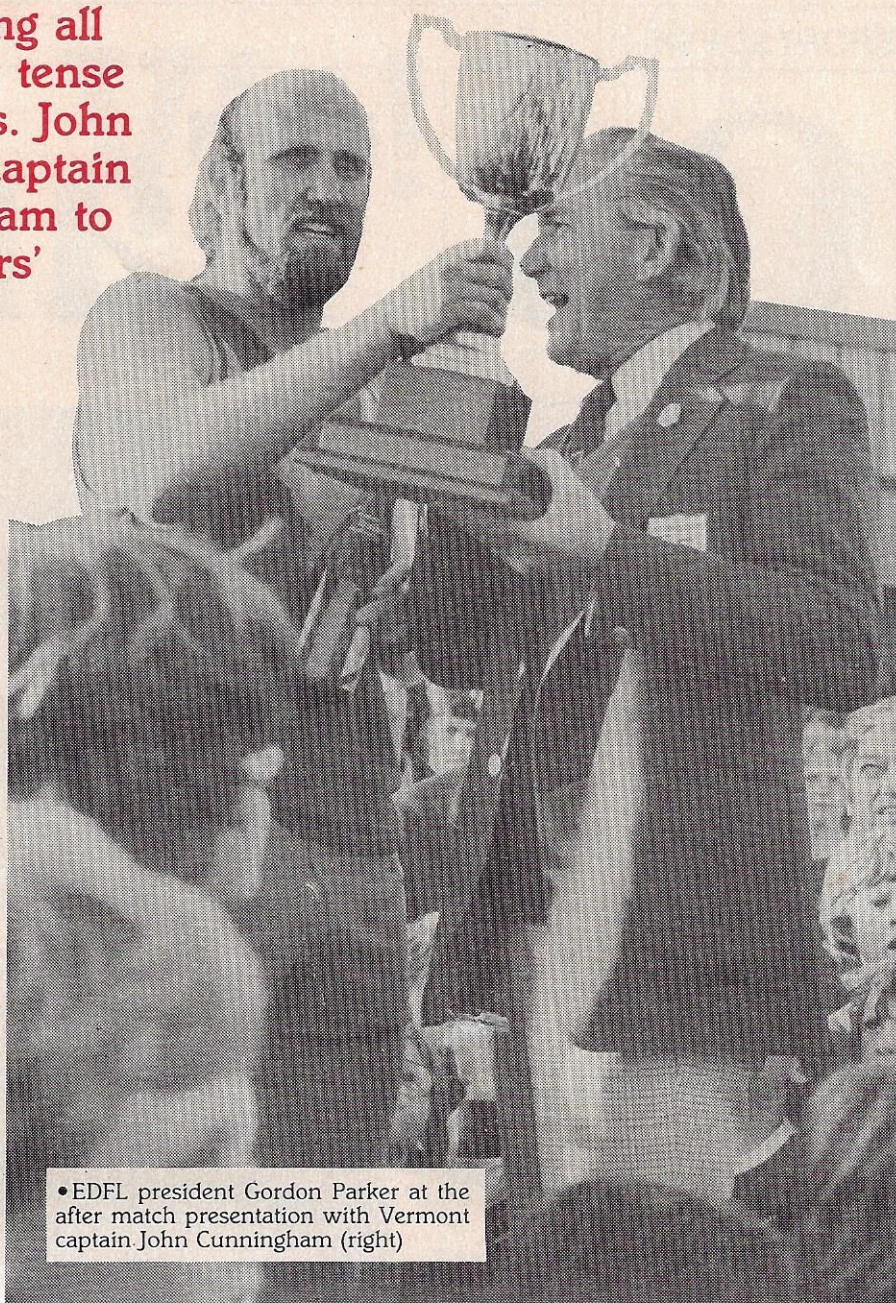


Photo: Leader Newspaper

• EDFL president Gordon Parker at the after match presentation with Vermont captain John Cunningham (right)

Lucky Number!

Thirteen must be a lucky number for Survey Officer Steve Trask.

Steve has been with Vermont Football Club Reserves since 1969, and this year they won the Flag!

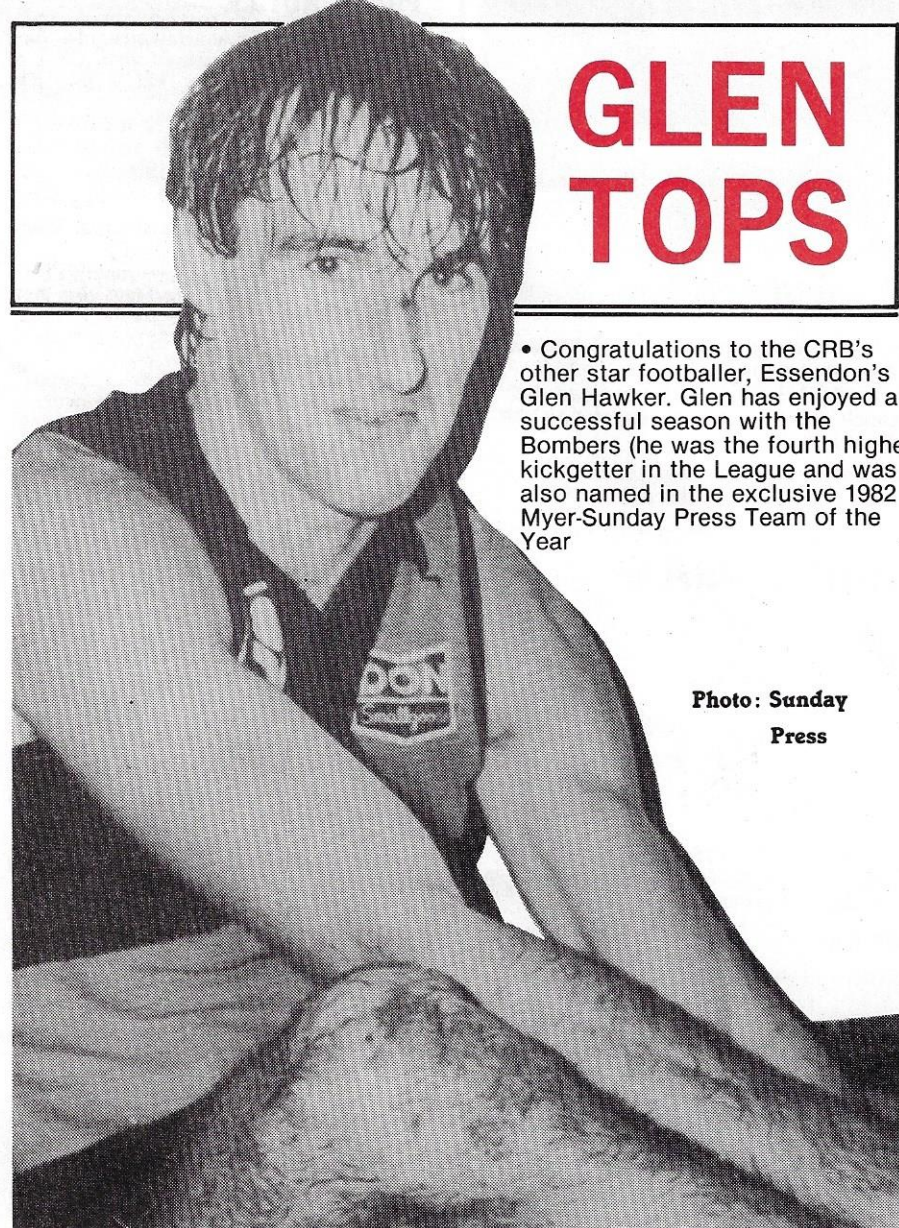
The Reserves clash was a duplicate of the First Division Seniors game in that it was between rivals Vermont and Mitcham.

The game, however, was a bit more one sided with the final score telling the

story: Vermont 21.11 defeated Mitcham 12.11.

"After half time it was definitely one sided," said Steve. "In the third quarter we kicked nine goals and they didn't kick one."

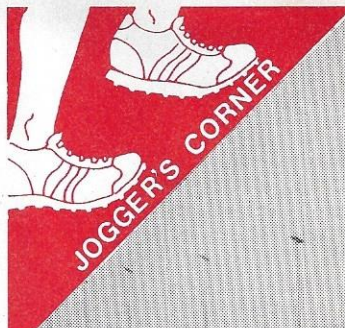
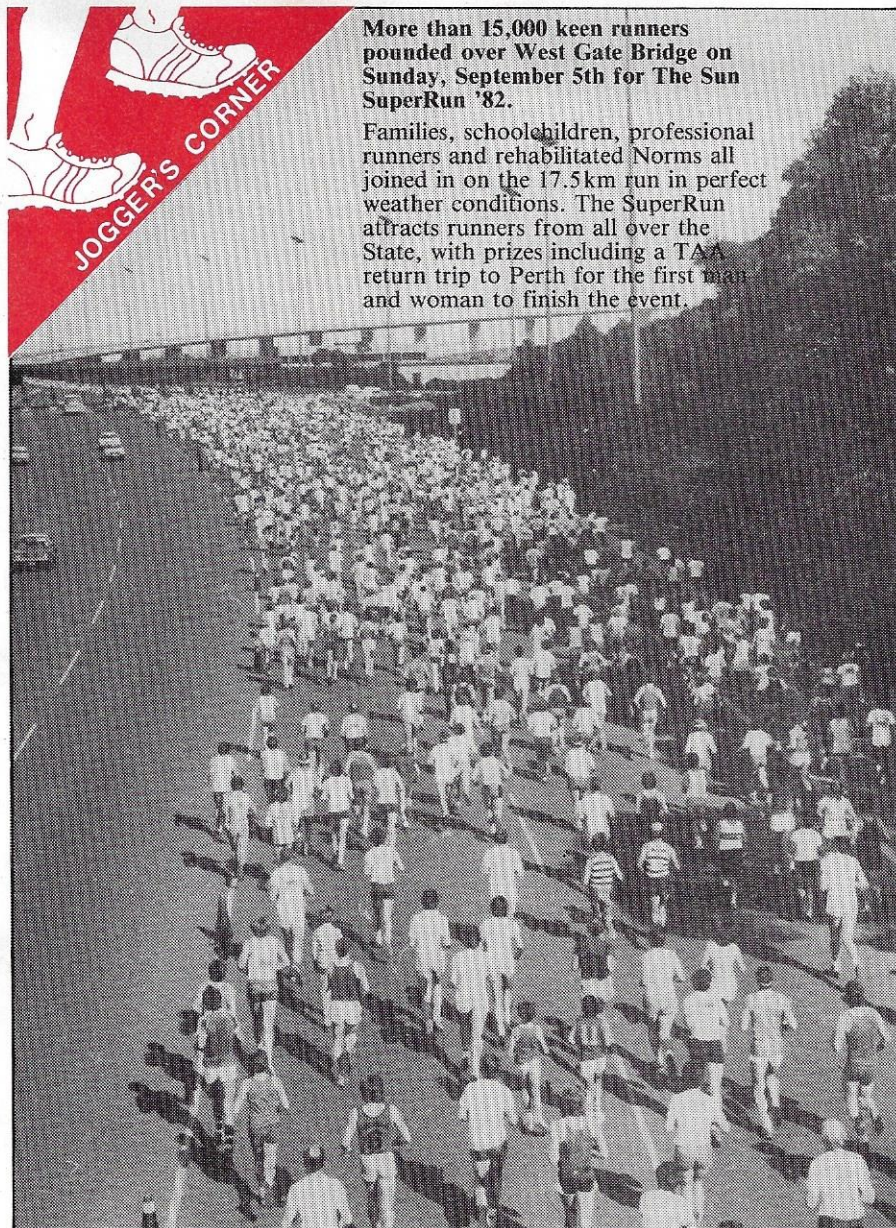
Steve, who played centre half back, certainly has a lot in common with Seniors' star John Cunningham. Steve not only played well in the final but also was the team's Captain.



GLEN TOPS

• Congratulations to the CRB's other star footballer, Essendon's Glen Hawker. Glen has enjoyed a successful season with the Bombers (he was the fourth highest kickgetter in the League and was also named in the exclusive 1982 Myer-Sunday Press Team of the Year

Photo: Sunday Press



More than 15,000 keen runners pounded over West Gate Bridge on Sunday, September 5th for The Sun SuperRun '82.

Families, schoolchildren, professional runners and rehabilitated Norms all joined in on the 17.5km run in perfect weather conditions. The SuperRun attracts runners from all over the State, with prizes including a TAA return trip to Perth for the first man and woman to finish the event.