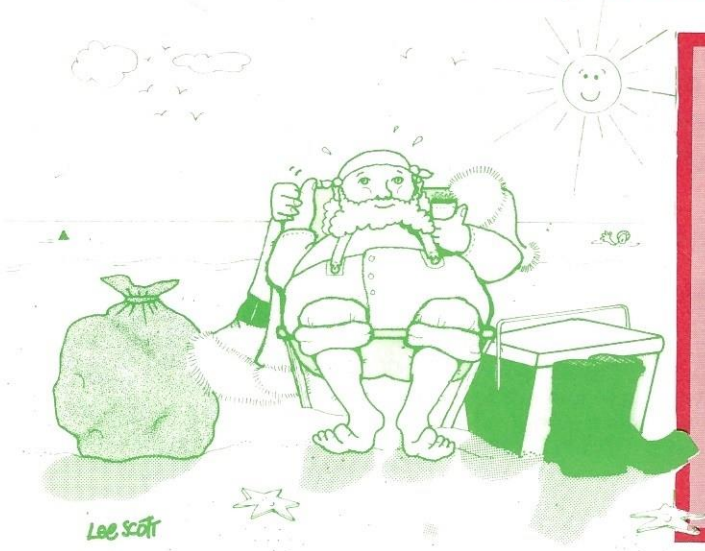


Merry Christmas and a Happy, safe New Year!



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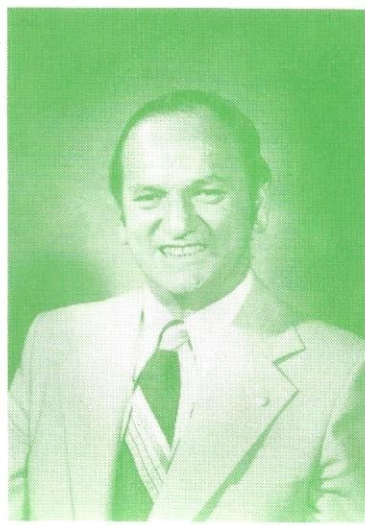
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## NEW TRANSPORT CHIEFS ANNOUNCED

The Minister of Transport, the Honourable Steve Crabb MP, has announced the new Chief Executives who will head up the four new transport authorities.

The new Chief Executives are:

- Mr Tom Russell—Road Construction Authority
- Mr Lynn Strouse—Metropolitan Transit Authority
- Mr Keith Fitzmaurice—State Transport Authority
- Mr Kevin Shea—Road Traffic Authority



CRB Chairman Mr Russell

Mr Tom Russell, the present Chairman of the Country Roads Board, has been appointed Chief Executive of the Road Construction Authority and on his appointment said: "I regard my appointment as a recognition of the work of the Board and confidence in the Board as an organisation capable of efficiently maintaining and improving the State's road system."

**"Many aspects relating to the new Authority still need to be finalized but with the co-operation of all members of the Board's organisation the transition will be achieved smoothly and satisfactorily."**

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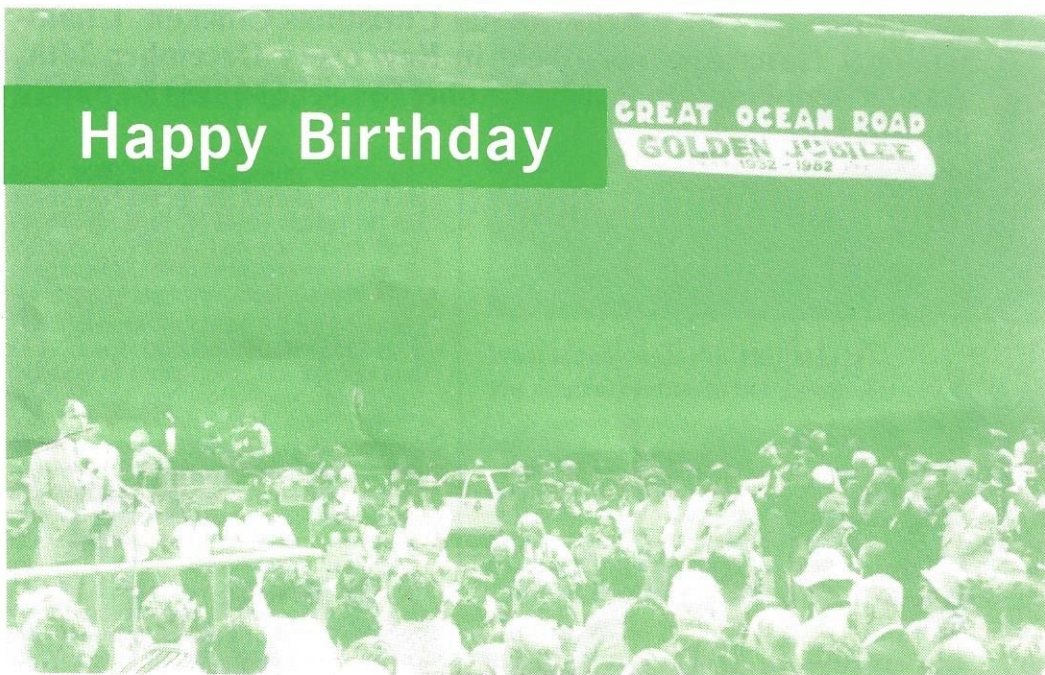


A ribbon cutting, a motorcade—and a 2 metre cat!

That was the scene on 3 December at the official opening of La Trobe Terrace overpass Geelong. The \$15 million project was opened to the motoring public by the Hon. Steve Crabb, MP, Minister of Transport.

The cat was the first traveller to cross the 0.8km overpass and did it in style—on a three wheel motor bike. And as you can see from the photograph above, he proved to be a popular guest with local residents and schoolchildren.

**La Trobe Terrace: Now Open!**  
Story and more pictures—page 12.



## Happy Birthday

Half a century ago the Great Ocean Road was officially opened to an eager motoring public by the Lt. Governor, Sir William Hill Irvine.

That was on 26th November, 1932. And on Friday, 26th November, 1982, the 50th Anniversary celebration was carried out near the famous wooden archway at Eastern View.

The Chairman, Mr TH Russell, took part in the celebrations which included the unveiling of a plaque, a ribbon cutting, and a spectacular flypass by the RAAF. Mr Russell is photographed here addressing the crowd.

A book 'A History of the Great Ocean Road', was also launched at the celebration. The 48-page illustrated book was written by Peter Alsop, an engineer at Geelong Division and obviously an active member of the Geelong Historical Society.

Victoria's most famous tourist road attracts thousands of travellers along its 209 kilometre route each year. It was built by returned soldiers under the supervision of the Country Roads Board during a period when road costs were approximately "one pound per yard".

Nostalgia looks at the Great Ocean Road—page 8.

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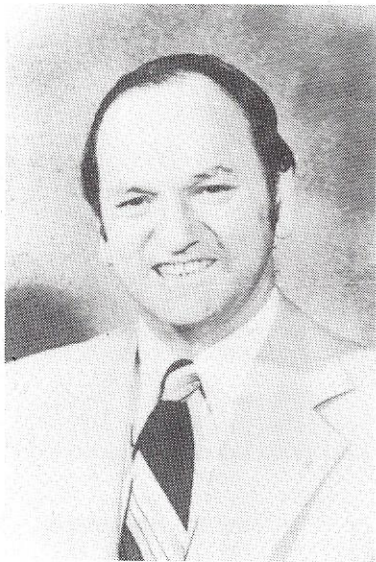


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Closing Date: 14th January



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



The Board desires to express its appreciation to all personnel for another year of creditable performance towards the development of the road system throughout the State.

1982 has been full of challenge and a year which has demonstrated the ability of the organization to meet the continuing requirements of the community and the Government.

On behalf of the Board, I extend best wishes for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all personnel and their families.

*T.H. Russell*

T H RUSSELL CHAIRMAN



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### NOT LONG TO GO!

Fancy yourself as a Greg Norman or a John McEnroe?

If your forte is in golf or tennis—or squash, volleyball or table tennis—then you're probably interested in the latest details on the Interdivisional Sports Day.

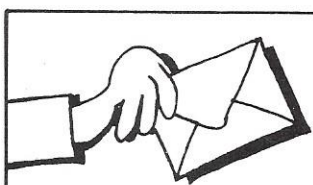
The venue is MONASH UNIVERSITY (Map 70 Melways) and the date has been set for SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY 1983—so that's less than TEN WEEKS to get fit for the event.

HOSA is HOSTING and if you've got any queries ring Carolyn Amey at Head Office on ext. 2060.

RUNNERS and FANS of JOGGERS' CORNER please note: HOSA is also organising a Super INTERDIVISIONAL FUN RUN for the same date and the same venue. How about representing YOUR SECTION, DIVISION or PROJECT OFFICE by participating. If you want to learn more about distance, starting times, what sort of runners to wear, etc., ring Carolyn.

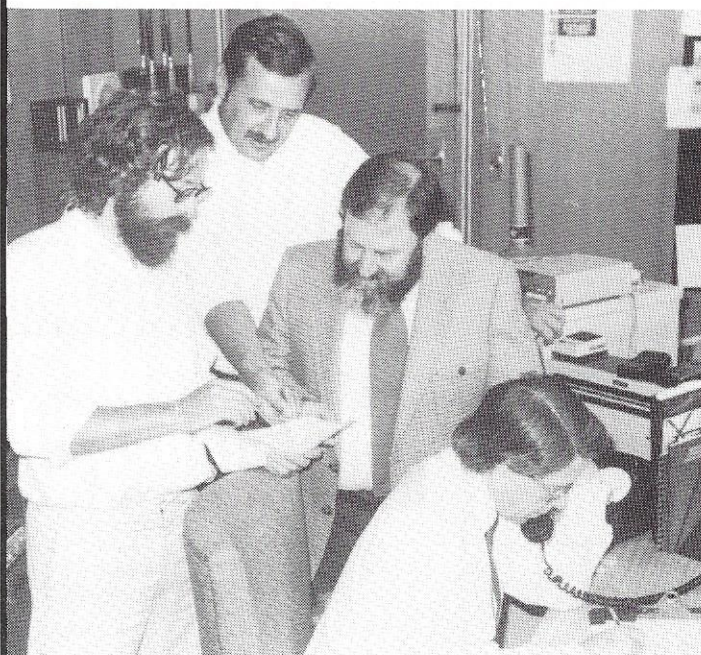
While most Turkish museums and tourist places are open every day of the year, the opposite can be said for many government departments. In fact, the experienced traveller knows he has to get in early if he wants service in some regions of Turkey. In the Aegean and Mediterranean cities during summer, for instance, government offices shut their doors for the **entire** afternoon. These summer hours are fixed each year by the province governors.

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For most of us, the Christmas break means family reunions, plum puddings and lots of merry making. For a number of CRB personnel, however, it also means work as usual—or at least being on call. Interchange would like you to meet some of those dedicated people who will be sacrificing their festivities for the call of duty...



The men on 24 hours a day duty: Emergency Services officers, from left, Bruce Thomas, Neil Dwight, Mal Coulson and Stewart Brown.

The Dusk Patrol (bottom left): rear, from left: Kevin Collins, Alan Justice (road master), Rob Wheat, Bob Hall and Herb Hansford, Centre: Mick Antonio, Reg Cue and Pat Dargan, Front: Phillip Ward and Ray Jones. Absent are Graeme McMinn and Gerry McLean



Traffic signals technician Adrian Beynan

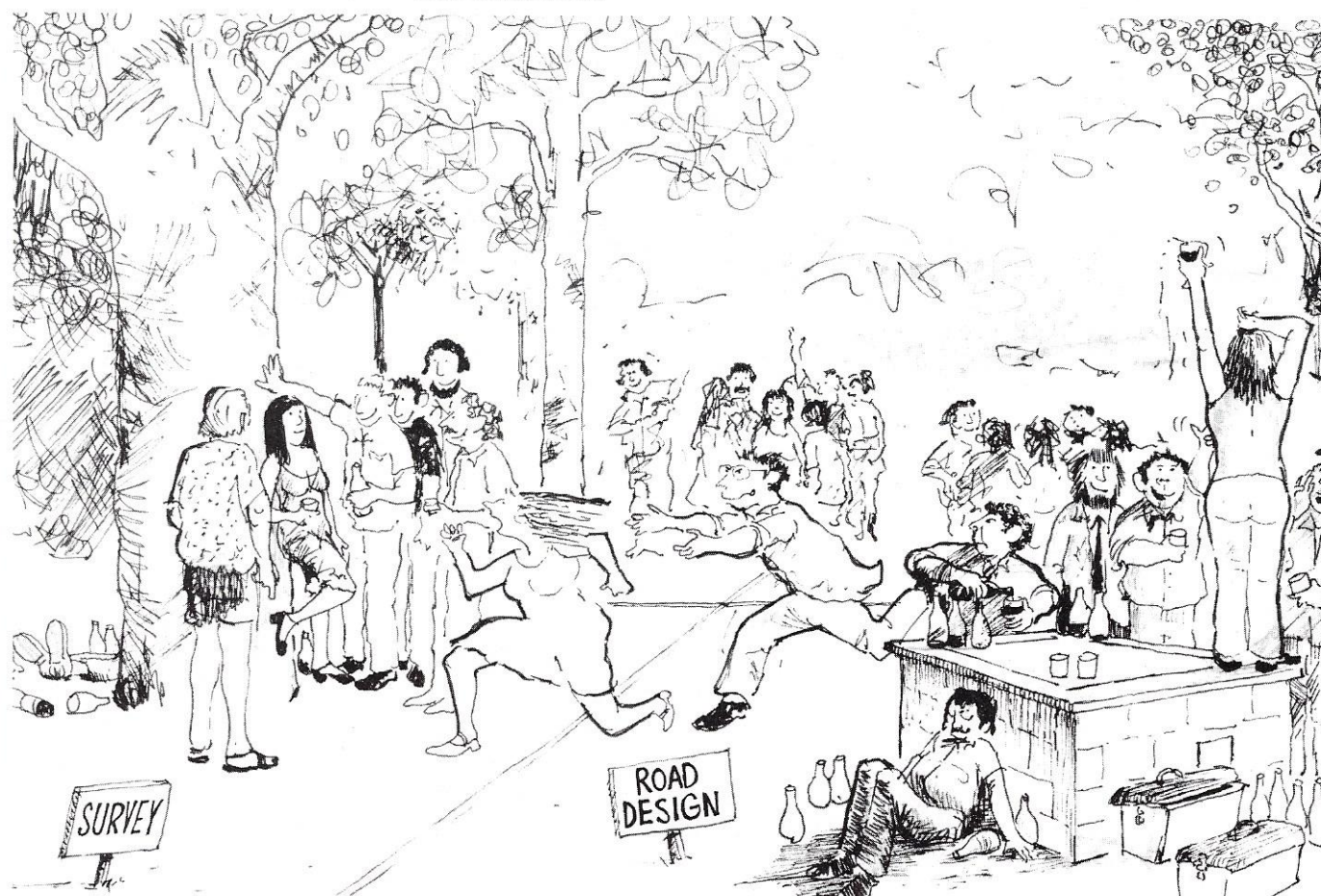


Photo: Herald



## The CRB Annual Endurance Test

Our resident cartoonist David Lumsden, photographed here, has drawn his view of the annual Christmas Chicken, Champagne & Hangover party held in Kew every December 24th. Any resemblance to persons sober or semi-sober is purely coincidental.





# Christmas—at work!

For Ray Jones, Christmas night will be spent cruising Melbourne's freeways in a CRB patrol vehicle. His only company will be the radio.

Ray, who is married with three children, is rostered for the dusk patrol on Christmas Day. His hours are from 3.30 pm until 2.00 am—not the most enjoyable way to celebrate the festivities but it has to be done.

Ray is one of twelve CRB patrolmen who embark upon nightly patrols of the urban freeway network. He may have to check out a few traffic lights, assist a motorist or attend an accident. If necessary, he can contact the Emergency Services Officer on duty at Head Office.

So, when will Ray be getting into the Christmas spirit?

"I'll have Christmas dinner at home and then we'll put off the rest of the celebrations until Monday," he says. Ray has been with Metro Division for five years.

"When you work the normal nine to five hours you look forward to public holidays," says Emergency Services Officer, Bruce Thomas. "In this job holidays are just another part of the shift."

Bruce is one of five Emergency Services Officers who operate the CRB emergency telephone service on all of Melbourne's freeways. The 24 hour service provides assistance to motorists who have been involved in accidents and breakdowns. The EOs also have 2-way radio links with road patrols and traffic repair crews. Bruce is on a roster system with Neil Dwight, Mel Coulson and Stewart Brown

"I admit I do miss out on Christmas Day a bit as it is a family day," Bruce concedes, "and Boxing Day—because it's also my birthday."

This year both Bruce and Neil have been rostered to work over Christmas Day and Boxing Day. If all goes well, their work schedule will only consist of answering a few calls from motorists who have run out of petrol. The peak period usually occurs just prior to the Christmas period when thousands of families set off for holidays.

"Mulgrave, Calder and Tulla freeways have an increase in calls in summer and holiday periods," says Stewart, whose philosophy on working over Christmas is: "well, we all cop it!"

## In Memoriam

It is with regret we report the tragic death on Friday 29 October of Leo Donker, a Patrolman in charge of the Pakenham Patrol. Leo was struck by a passing vehicle when he was working on the Princes Highway, near Officer.

Leo had been with the CRB for 15 years, and joined Dandenong Division as a labourer at Lang Lang. His keenness and application to work saw him rise through the ranks to Loader Driver, Grader Driver, Owner Truck Driver and finally to Patrolman, a position he has held for four years. He realised an ambition when he returned to his homeland Holland just recently. To his wife Julia and children Mary-ann, Jennifer, Joanne, Elly, Susan, Peter and Stephen we extend our deepest sympathy for the sad loss of a husband and father who took great pride in his home and garden. A foundation member and President of his local soccer club, his willingness to help the young boys will also be sadly missed.

### 50 Years Old Too!

It certainly has been a year of birthdays, as our front page stories tell. The West Germans have been celebrating too: 1982 is the 50th anniversary of the world's first freeway. On 6 August, 1932, the Cologne to Bonn autobahn was opened. The term autobahn (auto-motorcar, bahn-road) wasn't introduced until 1933 however—by the Nazi party.

Graeme Stanley is probably hoping for a quiet Christmas.

As the Traffic Lights Technician who'll be on call this December 25th, he could be summoned anywhere to repair a traffic light—Williamstown, Warrnambool or Wodonga!

Graeme is with the Signals and Radio Section at Glen Waverley, and is involved in repairing traffic signals that breakdown—whether due to faulty controllers, accident damage, or whatever.

"Fortunately, it's very unlikely that we'll get a call to go up country," says fellow worker Graham Hutchings, "it's not the norm...but it does happen."

Traffic Signals Technicians work in conjunction with Emergency Services at Head Office.

For if a CRB road becomes blocked or seriously damaged, then it's a job for the patrolman. Usually the police are the first to learn of a problem on a road. They contact the divisional roadmaster who in turn notifies the patrolman.

CRB patrolmen are in charge of a gang responsible for maintaining a specific length of road, be it a state highway, freeway, tourist or forest road.

The toll plaza and the control room at West Gate Bridge will be 'Open as Usual' over Christmas. For the toll collectors and Bridge Controllers on duty, Christmas, Boxing Day and New Year's Day are just part of the roster.

Did we leave somebody out? Were you called out to work over the festive season? Write and tell us about it, and we'll give it a special mention in the next Interchange!

Christmas for the CRB's 260 patrolmen could mean plum puddings, turkeys, family functions...or removing a tree from a highway.

## Caption the pix and win a prize



What is Judy saying to That Man?

Put a funny caption to this picture and you could win a prize!

HOSA is giving away a \$30.00 record voucher from Brashs for the caption considered to be most apt for this photograph. All you have to do is submit your entry on the form below to Interchange, Public Relations HEAD OFFICE. You don't have to be a member of HOSA either as the competition is open to everybody (except Public Relations staff and HOSA Committee members). The judging panel will consist of Leanne Brady, HOSA Vice President, and a representative from Public Relations.

ENTRIES MUST REACH US BY NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 12TH JANUARY 1983: you can send in as many as you like.

Footnote: That Man is Gerard Ruffell, an engineer with Metro Division. He was pictured with Road Planning Drafting Assistant, Judy Boardman, at the CRB Ball this year.

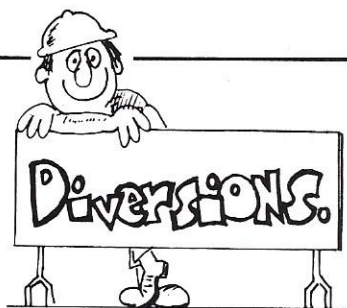
The record voucher can be used at any Brashs store: they're all over Melbourne and in Bendigo, Geelong, Ballarat and Morwell.

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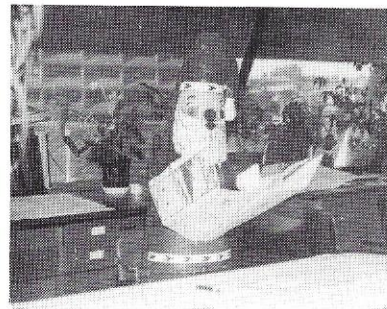
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Long Drive!

For those who whinge about driving in peak hour from the outer suburbs to Head Office...a US report on Car Pooling shows that the average distance travelled by the American motorist is 100km PER DAY!! Source: ARRB 'Roadside' Newsletter.



Memo: Section Heads

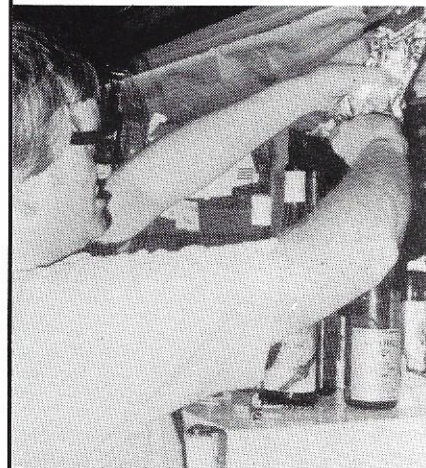
Are you short staffed during the Christmas/New Year/School holiday break? Do you find yourself the lone reader of the flexi-clocks? Landscape Architect Rosa Nirán had that isolated problem until she came up with the brainwave: inflatable staff members. Rosa, from Road Design, says her office used to have that barren, uninhabited look until she brought in this blowup Santa (photographed above). The benefits are apparently twofold: it provides the working environment with a 'busy, lived in feeling', and adds to the overall festive season.

For further information, interested parties should contact either Interchange or Rosa—NOT the Personnel Manager!

Ken Salter, an engineer on the Waragul freeway project, received a phone call from his distraught wife Marg who had been working on their farm. Apparently she was attempting to give an injection to a calf when the needle missed—and she jabbed herself! Fortunately, after a tetanus injection and some antibiotics, she has recovered from the ordeal. Ken's philosophic view? At least she won't have any trouble with black leg or pulpy kidney!!!

Most people have garage sales to dispose of surplus goods these days, but Benalla's Mike Farmer doesn't believe in doing things by halves! Mike not only burnt all of his old books, clothes, bits of furniture and other miscellaneous items but he also burnt down his garage as well!!! Seems he was burning some leaves when all of a sudden a spark went into the garage—with torrid results. It's an innovative way to clean up but we don't think it'll set the world on fire...

Sprung!



That's not an empty bottle of Riesling, is it? And that's not the dregs of a wine cask being emptied into the bottle, is it??? And that surely can't be Wine Club President, Jeffrey Briggs...??? Say no more!



# Take a walk!

Vic suggests an interesting walk from Templestowe to Eltham—in Melbourne's northeast.

On this walk you go through parkland with the only exception of having to cross the Yarra on the main road bridge.

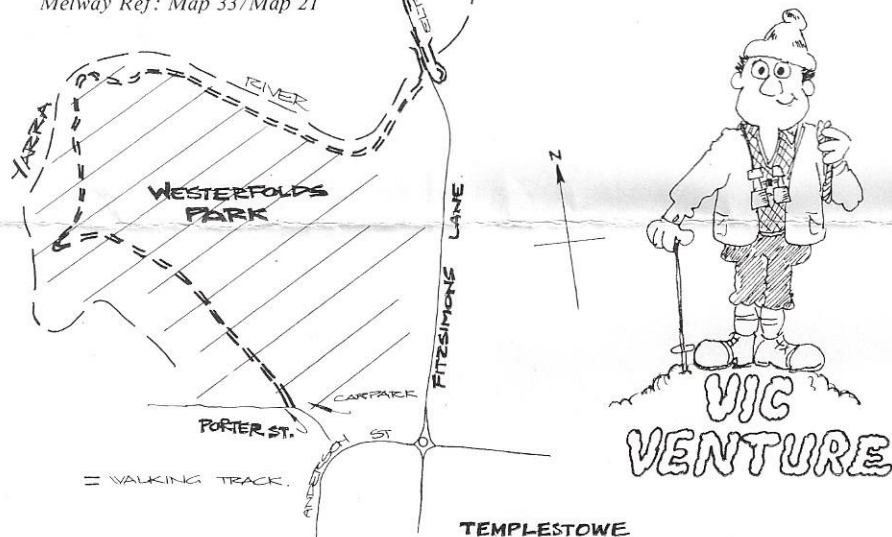
There are rest points, BBQs and toilet facilities at various points along this scenic route.

Start at the park in Westerfolds Park and follow the paths along by the banks of the Yarra. If the kids have bikes which can be carried in the car, they are allowed to ride them in this park. The pathways are wide, safe and the hills are not too steep.

If you don't spend the time in Westerfolds Park and decide to continue to Eltham, then leave the park at the northern end and walk up to Homestead Road which leads to Eltham Lower Park. This park has a miniature railway and the trains run on Sundays. Leave Eltham Park at the north end and walk easterly beside the main road for a short distance and cross Diamond Creek on a footbridge. Immediately turn left and walk under the main road bridge and follow the walking track along the bank of the

creek. Walk down rustic Dalton Street beside the old cottages, over the bridge, and then follow the creek up to Eltham. You go through parks and playing fields and finish near the famous Shillinglaw Cottage.

Melway Ref: Map 33/Map 21



West Gate General Manager, Graeme Comben, cut a special birthday cake as part of West Gate's fourth anniversary celebrations on Monday, November 15.

The two hostesses pictured here, West Gate Secretary, Lynne Coshell (left) and Jenny Green, were part of a troupe of 10 girls which gave out 10,000 chocolates and the CRB Summer Driving booklet to Bridge patrons from the toll plazas during the promotion.

Red Tulip Chocolates, Hallmark Greeting Cards and Australian Posters Pty. Ltd. sponsored the birthday celebrations.

## Pool Results

For those who thought that car pooling was a fairly recent innovation, you'll be surprised to learn that the scheme has been in Head Office for more than 20 years.

That was one of the more startling discoveries from the CRB Car Pooling Questionnaire, which was sent to 340 people in the Head Office and annexes in October.

The aim of the questionnaire was to assess the benefits and drawbacks of car pooling. And what was the main opinion that came out of the survey? "Join a car pool and save money!" More than 70% of respondents who were in a pool system said that a big advantage was the running cost savings. Poolers also claimed that by sharing daily trips, driving became more relaxing and "socially pleasant".

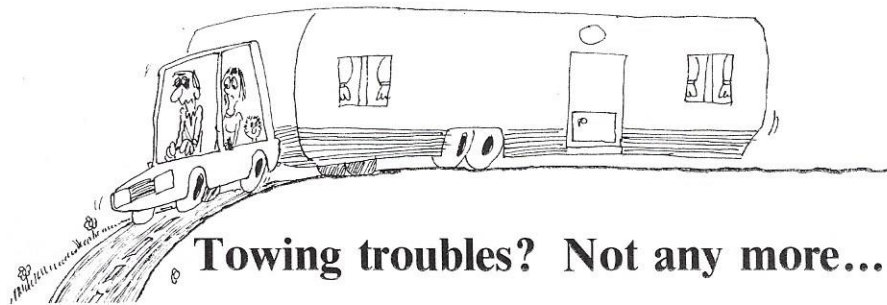
### And the bad news?

One of the most common disadvantages of car pooling, drivers said, was the inflexibility and lack of independence.

Some drivers also thought that better parking facilities for pool participants could be provided at the annexes. One respondent even suggested using the CRB's computer to match staff locations, journeys and working times.

A more detailed analysis of the questionnaire will be published in the next Interchange.

Today's Car Pool Classics: Page 11.



Towing caravans can be a bother. What with traffic jams, sudden crosswinds, garrulous mother-in-laws in the back seat...holiday driving can be anything but enjoyable.

And if it's your first attempt at caravanning—the trip can be a nightmare.

If you're planning a caravan vacation this Summer, and are just a little apprehensive about towing, the Goulburn Valley Driver Training Complex will interest you. The Complex, located at Shepparton, runs regular courses in the care and control of caravans. The one day course covers every aspect of towing including correct hitching procedures, loading, reversing, emergency drills, simple maintenance tasks and other manoeuvring skills.

The instruction area covers forty acres on a modern, \$2 million complex, and drivers can use their own equipment or use those on site.

The course, available to all licenced drivers, costs \$20.00 and a booking is necessary.

So if you've just bought a brand new, 60 foot Franklin, and want to know more about the joys of caravanning—booking

forms are available from Public Relations, Head Office, or ring Interchange on extension 2584.

Copies of the new CRB brochure A Guide to Summer Driving are also available from Public Relations.

Works Methods Engineer, Peter Ransom, turned radio announcer recently when he was a guest on Ernie Sigley's 3DB breakfast show.

Peter appeared on the popular early morning program on Monday 8th November to promote the CRB's new Summer Driving brochure.

The radio station contacted the CRB shortly after the brochure was released and asked if a spokesperson could be interviewed on Ernie's show. Peter seemed to be the ideal candidate: he not only helped provide information for the brochure but he also has been racing cars for about 20 years.

What does Peter consider to be one of the most important aspects of Summer driving? "The concentration part," he says. "Many people are simply not use to long trips."

## WEST GATE SAVES \$MILLIONS

Motorists who have used West Gate Bridge since it opened have saved \$2.6 million in fuel costs and nearly three million hours in travel time.

Weekday traffic now exceeds 33,000 vehicles with some days peaking to 38,000 in comparison to 18,000 vehicles a day in 1978.

Statistics updated from a RACV series of strictly controlled road tests with six cylinder cars, between the City Business District and Altona Gate Shopping Centre, showed that by using the Bridge instead of Footscray Road, motorists in four years had:

- Saved 6.53 million litres of fuel, equal to a saving of \$2.6 million in fuel costs;
- Saved 2.82 million hours in travel time, and
- Saved 40.88 million vehicles kilometres.

The General Manager of the Bridge, Mr Graeme Comben, said that with motorist toll vouchers at 60 cents and the fuel saving per crossing at 6.5 cents, regular motorists were paying actually 53.5 cents to cross the Bridge. Under the 40 cents pool car travellers' scheme, introduced by the Minister of Transport, Mr Steve Crabb, two and a half months ago, motorists were paying only 33.5 cents per crossing when their fuel savings were taken into account.

A highlight of the four year operation is that there have been only 92 accidents on the Bridge, none of a serious nature—an achievement considered to be a world record for a 5km freeway handling such a traffic volume.



Paul Coffey, Assistant Industrial Relations Officer, spent twelve months travelling around Europe and the Middle East. One of the highlights of his extensive tour was Turkey, and no one was more surprised than Paul.

# Turkey Trek

"Turkey hasn't really done a very good job with its public image," says Paul, "because I, like a lot of people, had a lot of misconceptions about the place."

"In fact, it was completely the opposite of what I expected it would be."

Paul enjoyed the country so much he stayed two months. His first stop was cosmopolitan Istanbul.

Istanbul, founded 2,600 years ago, bridges the two continents of Europe and Asia. It is a unique city full of cobblestone streets, mosques, ferries, bazaars and faulty traffic lights.

"It seems to bridge the past and the present," Paul says. "Blending modern, industrial development with many historical treasures—and bustling market areas which have an almost medieval flavour. The tourist must be prepared to haggle with the store keepers, although even if you don't buy you're still bestowed with cups of sweet tea."

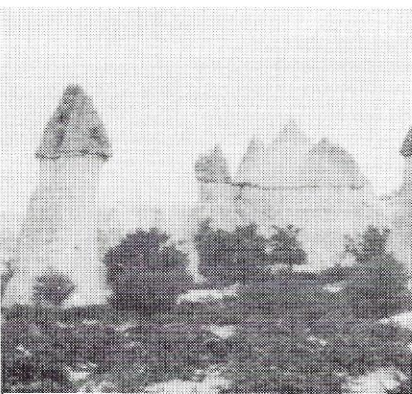
Paul says that although he found Istanbul to be dirty and noisy, it still rates with him as one of the most beautiful cities he's seen.

**Practical problems dog the tourist, however. "With great regularity electricity shortages would cause a nightly, hour-long blackout. Many meals were eaten by LPG lanterns."**

## Call of the muezzin

Equally as regular, Paul recalls, were the muezzins calling the faithful to prayer—as early as 6.00am. "They can only be described to the Western ear as an ugly wail!" Paul says, "and you soon learn not to book a hotel next door to a mosque."

The hotel? That's another story. "All the way through Turkey I found it had a great deal to offer—except for the quality of its hotels, which were generally cheap. You only got what you paid for."



The surrealist landscape of rock cones at Goreme

From Istanbul he went south to Ephesus—"for a solid dose of Roman history"—and then east to Pamukkale, which is famous for its thermal springs. The thermal waters, laden with calcium carbonate running off the nearby plateau, have been used since Roman times for their therapeutic values for those with heart, circulatory or digestive complaints.

Paul recalls falling into the latter category as the food standards in some parts of the country were poor. "I was lurching between health and sickness from day to day and, at one stage, was restricted to a diet of bread, natural yoghurt and goat's cheese for three days."

**Paul's travels continued on to Konya, home of the Islamic Sect called the Whirling Dervishes, and then Cappadocia. "Here I found a multitude of weird rock formations including 30 foot mushroom-like columns."**

Dwellings at Cappadocia are known to have been made from the rock as early as 400 BC and troglodyte villages can be found all over the region.

"A short while later I was fortunate to be the guest of a family in a village on the Euphrates River," Paul says. "Sometimes the conditions were a bit primitive—like sleeping on the floor, washing from a bucket and eating olives for breakfast... but the hospitality more than made up for it."

The capital, Ankara, was the next bus stop where Paul had some rather unpleasant memories.

**"It snowed there just after I dispatched all my winter woollies to home," he grieves.**

## THE SWEENEYS ABROAD

by Leon Sweeney  
Supervising Draftsman  
—Traralgon Division,  
who toured the USA West  
Coast with his family

**Our trip to America started off in typical Australian fashion: a 2½ hour delay at Tullamarine Airport. The flight over included fuel stops in New Zealand and Hawaii before arriving in Los Angeles, at 7.15pm on Tuesday 17th: having crossed the International Dateline we arrived the same day as leaving Australia!**

Los Angeles Airport is immense and, although undergoing alterations for the forthcoming Olympic Games, one cannot help but be impressed by the size.

We toured Universal Studios on the first day and learnt how films are, or rather aren't, made! We then set off for the Grand Canyon, and were surprised how quickly the scenery changed into desert.

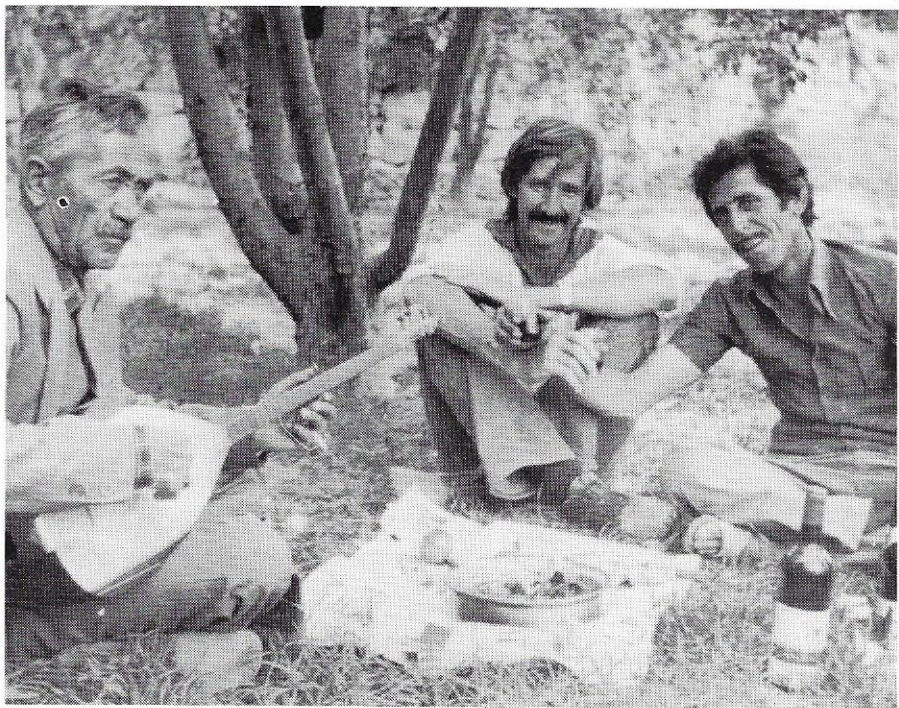
**The Canyon itself can only be described as awe inspiring with its wide expanse, great depth, massive length and magnificent beauty.**

The air conditioner on our car expired and we had to find an alternative vehicle which in America is not so simple as all cars belong to a specific area, and have to be returned to the place of delivery. We finally overcame the car problem and set out travelling through Arizona towards Mexico. We travelled through desert once again and passed through Phoenix, Yuma and across to San Diego. Temperatures during this trip reached as high as 116° F and we couldn't have survived without the air conditioner.

From San Diego we went into Tijuana, Mexico for a day. The Mexican way of life is so different from the American, and the poorer Mexican people live in very low class accommodation.

There is a hold up on the border to return to the U.S. of up to 3 or 4 hours depending on the time of day. We had been forewarned and were told to go by bus. Somehow the drivers have worked out a route through back streets and backyards, to a gate close to the Customs area. The drivers then pay young Mexican children a quarter to unlock the gate, and tourists end up at the head of the queue at Customs where they are checked for goods and drugs. We got through in about half an hour.

While we were in San Diego we visited the Ruben H Fleet Space Theatre which I would say is a "must" for anyone going to California. The screen is a 76ft. wide ceiling dome and the camera has 10,000 lens and gimbaled to allow motion on 3 axis. The sound system is all around you and your seat reclines to a lying position while you watch the show. We were fortunate enough to see the training for, testing and



**"Travel in Turkey always made easy by the cheap—and surprisingly efficient—system of private buses."**

Paul says that his Turkish experience was "stimulating", marked by "extraordinary hospitality on the part of the Turkish people".

"One of the best aspects is that Turkey is relatively free of tourist

Paul, centre, is treated to some customary Turkish hospitality at Urgup, in Central Turkey

crowds," he says, "but most impressive of all, for me, was the friendliness of the country."

**In a forthcoming issue, Paul talks about two even more 'out of the way' countries: Syria and Jordan.**

## Prizewinning Proposal

Heather Boness doesn't look like the sort of girl who would propose to her boss.

But she did—and for her audacity she earned herself a new Adler typewriter and a wardrobe of clothes.

Heather, a Stenographer with Public Relations, doesn't normally go around making outlandish proposals. But when she picked up a copy of *Cosmopolitan* a few months ago and read about a new contest: "How Would You Propose to The Boss?", she decided to enter. The contest asked readers to write—in not more than 50 words—how they would propose to their boss. No, Heather quickly points out, it wasn't a proposal of marriage, but a proposal asking for a new Adler electronic memory typewriter.

Heather's entry, as it turned out, won first prize out of more than 780 entries submitted to *Cosmopolitan* from all over Australia.

**"It was unbelievable!" says Heather, when asked how she felt after *Cosmopolitan* contacted her. "I'd forgotten all about it."**

Her prizes included a \$2,450 Adler SE1030 Electronic Memory Typewriter, and a \$1000 fashion wardrobe from clothing manufacturers Wraggs Pty Ltd.



Heather with her Adler: no more Tipp-Ex now!

The entry which caught the imagination of the contest organisers is printed below:

**Each day I try to do what's right  
With eyes on the paper and fingers  
in flight.**

**But a sneaking suspicion in my mind  
does lurk,  
This clanky machine is spoiling  
my work!**

**No more shall I be white-out whizz  
or ribbon fighter—  
Please may I have an Adler typewriter?**



Leon, Pat and children aboard Queen Mary—now a floating hotel

actual flight of the space shuttle Columbia. The magnificent 3D effect given by the curved screen and the tremendous sound system really made you believe you were actually there!

**On arrival back in L.A. we visited the Queen Mary ship—now a converted hotel for those that can afford it, and a tourist spot for those who can't.**

Our next few days were what the whole trip was all about. Visits to Disneyland and Knotts Berry Farm did not only satisfy our children but also the "Big Kids" as well. Disneyland is a most spectacular place and the fact that so much has been done by people with imagination is fantastic.

**Although both places were quite expensive to get through the gate, once there the rides, shows or amusements were free. If you consider how many things you can ride on at the Royal Melbourne Show or Luna Park then this makes Disneyland and Knotts very cheap.**

The trip home was one of contrast. The first stopover, Hawaii, was a beautiful 78° F whereas New Zealand was a cool 8° F—it was quite a shock to the system. We found Auckland so quiet after the hustle and bustle of the U.S. and felt it could easily have been Melbourne 20 years ago. (No offence to N.Z. friends).

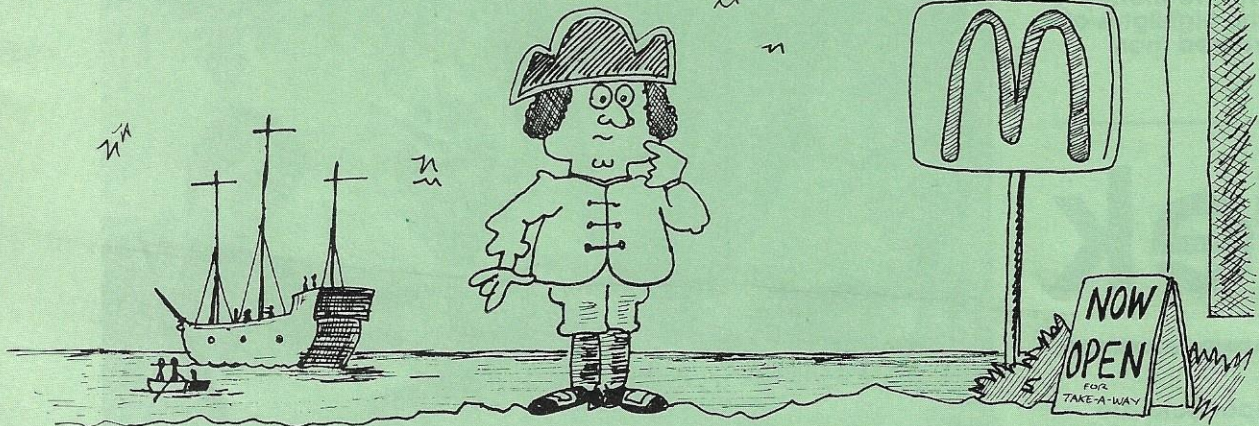
I must say I have changed my ideas about America—certainly the States we visited. The people are kind, courteous and very patriotic and can show us quite a few points in behaviour.

We saw little or no cases of graffiti, young people swearing or smoking, no pushing and shoving in queues and the people were only too willing to stop and talk or give advice if asked.

Their road systems were a delight to use and provided you knew where you were going and watched the signs, it was easy—no where the terrifying experience I thought it would be. However, as much as we enjoyed it and hope that sometime we will do it again, **THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME.**



Australia Day: Mon 31 January



# 1983

New Year's Day Holiday: Mon 3 January

## JANUARY



School holidays:  
Fri 17 Dec '82—  
Mon 31 Jan '83

## FEBRUARY

Labour Day:  
Mon 14 March

## MARCH



Anzac Day: Mon 25 April

## APRIL

## MAY

School holidays:  
Sat 7 May—Sun 22 May

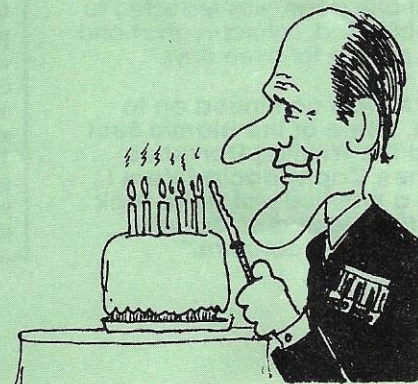


## JUNE

Good Friday: 1 April  
Easter Monday: 4 April  
Easter Tuesday: 5 April



Queens's Birthday: Mon 13 June



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# 3 YEAR PLANNER

Royal Show Day: Thurs 22 Sept

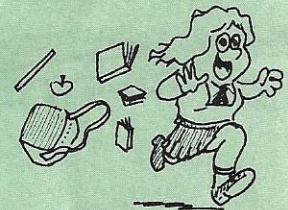


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## JULY

## AUGUST

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Sat 20 Aug—  
Sun 4 Sept



## SEPTEMBER

## OCTOBER

Proposed 1983  
Big M Marathon:  
Sun 9 Oct—at 8.00 am

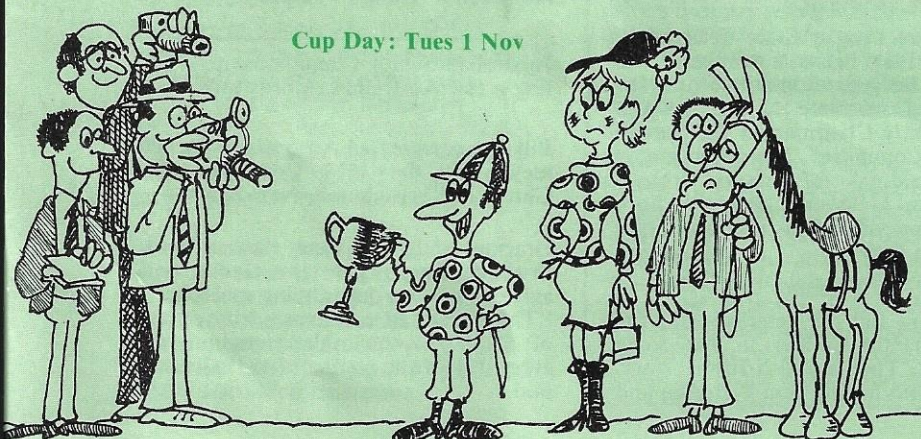
## NOVEMBER

## DECEMBER

School holidays:  
Fri 16 Dec—Mon 30 Jan '84



Cup Day: Tues 1 Nov



Christmas Day and Boxing Day Holidays: Mon 26 Dec and Tues 27 Dec



# Fifty Years Old!

Yugoslavia has its Dalmation Coast and California has its Coastal Highway... and Australia has its Great Ocean Road.

Scenically, the 209km Great Ocean Road stands with the best of them, and its name is synonymous with such famous landmarks as the 12 Apostles, the Blowhole and Port Campbell's National Park.

The route, which passes through five Shires from Torquay to Peterborough, was officially opened fifty years ago: on 26th November 1932. The opening ceremony had everything: important guest speakers, schoolchildren lined along the route and a band, along with a few novel ideas including sporting events and a fishing competition.

But the history of the Great Ocean Road can be traced back to 1916 when the CRB Chairman, Mr W Calder, sent a letter to the State War Council suggesting that funds, to be provided for the employment of repatriated soldiers, could be spent with advantage on "roads in remote parts of the State".

A list of recommended roads was made which included the South Coast Road-Western District. In those days the Geelong region was considered 'remote'.

**The idea caught on: first the "Argus" published a story on the proposal and not so long afterwards the Great Ocean Road Trust was formed.**

### First Surveyor

In 1918 the CRB, on behalf of the Trust, began surveying the first proposed section of road between Lorne and Cape Patton. The first work party included a surveyor, Warrant Officer Hassett, three chainmen and a cook. The terrain they had to peg was remote and rugged. "...have had great difficulty in trying to make the tents stand against the storms..." wrote Hassett in March 1919.

But despite floods, storms and a shortage of provisions, they managed to successfully survey a distance of 36 miles in just over a year. Road construction soon followed and, by 1922, Lorne was linked with Eastern View, west of Airey's Inlet. Over the next decade the Trust worked on linking Lorne with Cape Patton while the CRB built the road from Cape Patton to Apollo Bay.



• Accidents often happened to inexperienced motorists on the Great Ocean Road. The photo was taken between Torquay and Lorne

### Anniversary!

The CRB joined a number of bodies to assist the Geelong-Otway Tourism Authority in the celebrations marking the 50th Anniversary. The Anniversary Committee includes representatives of interested groups and organizations in the region.



## chef's delight

### WHISKEY CAKE

185 gms butter  
250 gms (1 cup) castor sugar  
2 x 50 gm eggs  
250 gms (1½ cups) sultanas soaked in 125 ml (½ cups) whiskey for 10 minutes  
280 gms (2¼ cups) plain flour  
½ tspns bi-carb of soda  
¼ tspn nutmeg (ground)  
90 gms (¾ cup) finely chopped walnuts  
½ tbs lemon juice

#### Icing:

90 gms (4½ tbs) butter  
250 gms (2 cups) icing sugar (sifted)  
2 tbs whiskey  
Walnut halves & chopped walnuts for decoration

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time. Strain sultanas, reserve whiskey and toss sultanas in a little flour. Sift remaining flour, bicarb. of soda and nutmeg together. Fold flour mixture, sultanas and walnuts into creamed mixture alternating with whiskey and lemon juice.

Divide mixture between two base-lined, greased 20cm (8 inch) sandwich cake tins and bake in centre of a moderate oven at 180°C (350°) for 40 minutes or until cooked. Turn out and cool on wire cooling trays.

Icing: Cream butter and icing sugar and whiskey until light and fluffy.

**To Finish: Sandwich cakes together with half icing, swirl remaining icing on top and decorate with walnuts.**

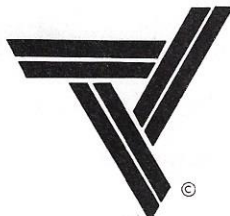
Graeme Nicholls (MoT) and Bill Hooker (Metro Div) went to the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane during October—and had the best seats in town. Here's why:

## CRB Two at Brisbane!

The first thing that Bill and Graeme point out about their visit to the Games is that they attended as Athletic Officials—not camera-clicking tourists.

Both Graeme and Bill were invited by the Brisbane Commonwealth Games Foundation to work at the Games and were granted Special Leave by the Board to carry out their duties.

And what were their duties? Graeme, the CRB Liaison Officer with the Ministry of Transport, was Statistician and Records Control officer, and Bill, an engineer with Metro, was Co-ordinator of Proceedings. The appointments—to their credit—came as a result of a dedicated involvement with the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association.



XII Commonwealth Games  
BRISBANE 1982

And if you thought the running of the Games was smooth, it was partly due to the CRB duo. Bill, as Co-ordinator, was responsible for the timing of announcements over the public address system, the timing of information displayed on the two scoreboards, and its synchronization with medal presentation ceremonies. Graeme's title speaks for itself: he was involved in keeping a statistical record of athletic events.



Graeme and Bill (right) in official Commonwealth Games outfits

Throughout the Games they worked in the Control Room of the Queen Elizabeth II Main Athletic Stadium, at Mt Gravatt, Brisbane.

Graeme has been a State Selector of Track and Field teams, a member of the Victorian Records Committee and the Technical Committee of the VAAA. Bill, currently Chairman of the Special Meetings Committee, has co-ordinated the proceedings of major athletic meetings in Melbourne recently. Both have also provided their specialist skills at Olympic Park.

#### Veterans

Graeme and Bill are veterans with the VAAA—having joined in the same year: 1962. They are also former competitors, both having won Victorian and

Australian Senior Championships—setting a few Australian records too!

**Bill also represented Australia in the 800 metres at the 1974 Commonwealth Games in Christchurch, New Zealand.**

Graeme and Bill were pleased with Brisbane's hosting of the Games and agree it was "an outstanding spectacle". "They attracted a near capacity crowd of 58,000 at the athletic stadium on every day of the competition," Graeme said.



# DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT

## METRO

### From Ken Mathers

The faces around Metro continue to change at a high frequency and this time we welcome Trevor Kane to Construction, Richard Borfko to Planning, Mick O'Shea our new Divi Accountant, Peter Hill to Design and Gillian Aylward returning to Typing.

Those who have left the ranks include Charlie Rodger after 7 years, Colin Kosky who clocked up 11 years, David Wood who found the table tennis competition too tough, and Gloria Stock.

We should also include Kelvin Jones in the "arrivals" category who surprised us all by announcing he was a new father for the second time. Most of us didn't even know he was pregnant.

**Congratulations are in order for Monica Elliot who obtained her driving licence.**

**Jock Lyall has "happily" returned to work after his Long Service Leave during which he toured Europe and the UK.**

**Some of our major projects that have occupied the planning section for so many years have got the green light. The initial on site problem for Ray Bridger with the PHE at Caulfield has been to solve the parking problems for CIT students. Meantime the Mellon team, particularly Les Bull and Trevor Kane, have requisitioned gauge wire and anti snake venom just in case those friendly Tigers and Browns, observed so frequently near Toolern Creek, object to our presence.**

**The football tipping contest results concluded with a three way tie involving Bob Parr and Andy Hassall, who shared the lead nearly all season, and Ian Mullett who made a last minute dash thanks to the end of season form of the Demons. Our thanks go to Greg Kelly and his team who organised the contest so well.**

## DANDENONG

### From Victor Lawther

November 4th recorded the end of an era in Dandenong when Senior Stenographer Val Pye "hung up her typewriter". Before a large gathering, including former Divisional Engineers Frank Docking and Ron Angus, Divisional Engineer Stan Hodgson made a presentation to Val, and paid tribute to the way she had worked during the past 15+ years, in particular her assistance to the engineers as "right hand girl". In reply Val itemised many activities she intends to pursue in her retirement.



Val Pye at her sendoff with DE Stan Hodgson

Congratulations to Ollie Meyland on his promotion to the newly created position of Roadmaster responsible for the "Maintenance Workers in Charge" gangs. Wayne Rhodes has also been promoted to Maintenance Worker in Charge on the Mulgrave. Pleased to report Garnet Gibbs is home again and improving after an operation. Ray Forde is still hospitalised, but improving each day and allowed home most weekends-if he behaves.

## SURVEY

### From Gloria Kilpatrick

Ian (Killer) McLeod is returning to the Titles Office after a year in Survey. So it's farewell to Ian and hello John Martin who returns after a similar stint at the Titles Office.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to John Ford who underwent surgery recently.

Sean McCallion has returned after a year back home in Northern Ireland. He says the trip was interesting and fruitful. Well that's understandable—son Ciaran arrived while there!

## WODONGA

### From Bruce Phillips

The Project welcomes Ross Stewart, Richard Anderson (both Survey Officers), Danny Erickson, Philip Eaton (both Field Assistants Survey), Sofia Halouko (Typist) Daryl Eaton (Experimental Officer) and Peter Thomas (Depot Attendant).

Guy Quantrill (Admin) married Pam Lister on 30 October. The staff presented Guy with a lace tablecloth on the eve of the event, plus lots of advice during the presentation. He was obviously undaunted and chose to ignore it.

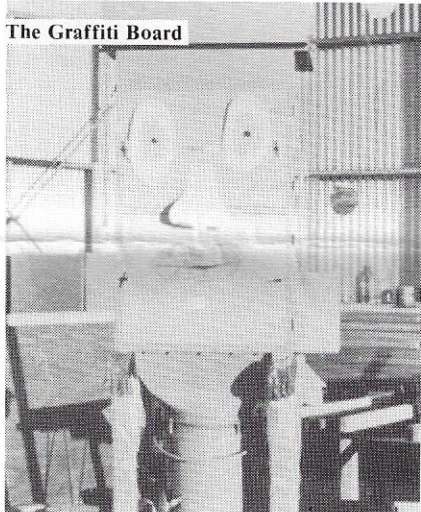
The staff recently enjoyed a family barbeque at Beechworth. The next social event is to be the Christmas party being organised by Paul Tucker, who is keeping us all in suspense as to the details.

### The Great Effluvium

On 12 October an overpowering, offensive odour pervaded the Project Office. It was barely discernable at first but very soon firmly established its presence. The staff were baffled and were casting sideways glances at each other. Max Proksch moved his limburger cheese into the fridge—but the aroma persisted.

An investigation revealed that the smell was definitely emanating from the air conditioning registers. Enquiries were made and it was discovered that the landlords wife had applied fertiliser to the garden beds, adjacent to the air conditioner intake. The fertiliser was sludge produced in the paper making process at the local mill.

Sadly, for the weather was very warm, the air conditioning plant was shut down until the smell abated.



Every so often a controversial article or quotation appears on the notice board with space for comments. The staff have risen to this literary challenge magnificently and many phantom contributors have left their mark. The latest item was a photograph of the laboratory dust extraction plant, suitably decorated with a plea for a suitable caption. Perhaps readers could assist. Here are some of the local contributions:

Take me to your leader... I am your leader... I'm the new autograde operator... I'm a sucker for experimental officers... Steve Austin gone wrong... One kiss from me will blow your mind...

## TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

### From Jenny Risol

Dino and Jane Sartori have just returned from touring Cairns. They did the trip pillion style which would have been different. Maree Mitchell has just returned from England, Wales, Scotland, Norway and Singapore. I think Maree would be one of the Board's most travelled persons. Following closely behind her would be Sii A H, who has just returned from China.

A strange face to TE, after five months' absence, is Peter Millington: 3 STONE LIGHTER! See what being away from this place does to you.

RoSTA held a 'sausage sizzle' down on the Yarra on 5th November. It was a tremendous success and thanks must be forwarded to them.

Ian 'Handyman' Harbeck recently tried to install a skylight in his kitchen. Unfortunately, the beam he was standing on snapped and he fell through the ceiling and landed on his wife! Obviously he enjoyed the experience as he's thinking of going into the home renovating business.

Goodbye and good luck to Sean Cribben after retiring on 27th November. Sean joined the Board on 1st July 1974 after transferring over from the Board of Works.

## HEAD OFFICE

### ACCOUNTS

### From Annette Grayling

We wish to welcome David Wood to the position of Allocations and Expenditure Accountant, and a warm welcome to Sandra Mills who has joined Ledgers.

**We say farewell to Mick O'Shea, who is now Divisional Accountant Metro.**

We wish to congratulate John Finlay on his new position as Cost Accountant.

### PERSONNEL

### From Karen Barnfather

Congratulations to Bill Lindstedt (Industrial Relations Officer) who proudly announced the birth of his second grandchild—Jaclyn.

Tracy Steele's baby boy (Tyrone) was christened on Sunday 20th November.

Ken Vickery has vacated the Leave Section and taken up the position of Acting Salaries Officer.

**Ron Muller undertook a course in canoe education in November. The course involved a compulsory canoe capsize in the Yarra River. The following morning Ron was a little late for work and was confronted by Warwick Bull who said "I thought they might have been dragging the river looking for you!"**

We welcome Mary Jordan who commenced duty in the Workers Compensation Section on 25th October 1982.

### COMPUTER

### From Joan Lo

Congratulations to Janine Young, and husband Wayne, on their coming event of requiring the use of another room for enlarging their family. (And I don't mean a dog, cat or bird).

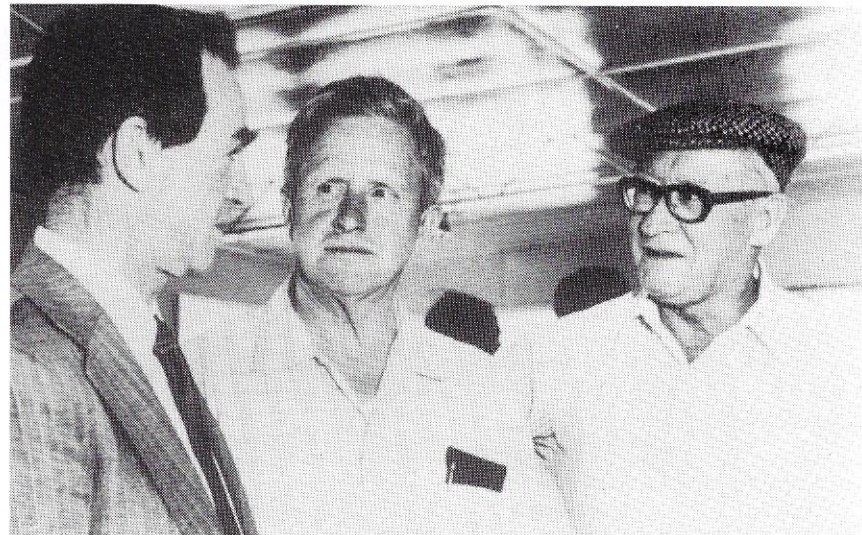
We say good-bye and good luck to Mary Blockley (Key Punch) who left us on 29/10 to go to a warmer climate in Queensland. I do believe though, the nights will be even warmer when she meets up with Darryl, who's already there and waiting.

Sonja (Key Punch) is welcomed back after 6 weeks long service leave, with some of that time spent in Bali. She enjoyed herself so much she keeps saying "What a holiday", "What lovely beaches", but what she repeats most is "What MEN"! I think her heart was left over there.

Back in July, Diane Hill (again Ken Punch) decided to resign her position as senior Key Punch Operator, and stay in Queensland where she has been staying while on Leave Without Pay.

Lois McRae who was acting senior key punch operator in Diane's absence, was successful in applying for the position. Congratulations, Lois. Keep the good work up.

We have the pleasure of saying welcome to a new analyst/programmer in our section. His name is John Gondev, who started with us on 1st November. We all hope you enjoy your stay with the CRB.



What do these two cost clerks, pictured with Ballarat's Divisional Engineer Ted Oppy (left), have in common?

Quite a bit, actually. Bob Evans, centre, and Wally Monahan, exchanged hours of memories at their farewell recently: they have a combined 49 years with the CRB. The duo not only retired on the same day, however—they also work in the same office, and are of the same grade.

Mr Oppy is pictured with the duo at their sendoff at Ballarat Division.

Cas Griek, who is a Computer Operator has returned to us for the 3rd time, but again only for a short time. He's been lending us a hand since August, and will be leaving us in March when he will be dragging off one of our other Operators, Jeanny Moutzouris to get married and to live in Bright.

A farewell is due to Graeme Birch, part of the FAS team, formerly of Methods. He's taken up a senior position with the Victorian Public Service. With such a familiar face (and great height) I'm sure he will be missed about the place.

## ROAD PLANNING

### From Leanne Brady and Judy Boardman

**Departures—Nil, Arrivals—Nil, Promotions—Nil, Marriages—Nil, Births—Nil.**

**Engagements—Wow, we've finally cracked it for one... oh-there's two! Congratulations to Harry Hastas and fiancée Doreen. Harry has already received red carnations (at work) but is still waiting on the diamond ring. (liberation is becoming ridiculous!)**

Don Commons arrived back from holidays with some news: the most important being the purchase of a new Datsun, the second being his engagement to Rumiko. We congratulate all 'three' of them.

Christmas function for Road Planning was on 10th December at Stuches of Ivanhoe.

Bruce Campbell spent his vacation at Ayers Rock. He felt his last chance to become world famous to solve the Azaria mystery.

We all have to assume that John McLean is enjoying Europe, mainly because we haven't yet been able to decipher his postcards.

### Nitty Gritty's

**Rumour has it... that Grey Scott's New Years Resolution is to give up beer and garlic. John Applebaum and Meg Cato can then take home their oxygen tents. I wouldn't breath easy yet!**

**...that Mark Knudsen is contemplating marrying one of the ladies in the division, as a last ditch effort to get out of R.P. Unfortunately we can't find any female here that's desperate.**

## WARRNAMBOOL

### From Daryl Watts

#### News

Welcome to Daryl Sinclair, who joined our merry band of EO's in mid October.

Typist Kerrin Earls and husband Peter have been holidaying in Hong Kong. We hope Kerrin enjoyed the shopping and Peter enjoyed paying for it.

Congratulations to Ken Batten on his appointment to workshop foreman "D", and also to Aileen Noonan on her appointment to Class 2.

Tich MacKay, Harvey Hansford, George Brown, Max Harper, David McSwain and Frank Kelson are all on extended sick leave. We hope they are all improving.

Truck driver George Brown retires after 26 years' service on November 23, we hope George enjoys his retirement.

#### Obituary

Eric Sewell passed away on 17 October after several months on sick leave while undergoing treatment for cancer. Eric had just completed 24 years of service, he had worked with our BS gang for many years.



# Divisional Roundabout - cont.

## WEST GATE BRIDGE

GEORGE MRSIC, of West Gate maintenance staff, recently invested in a tobacconist business—at least that's how it seemed to his co-workers. After three attempts for a son, George and his wife, Olga, came up trumps and the beaming father handed out cigars by the fistful. Incidentally, George doesn't smoke!

*All of us have hassles building a house, but few to rival that of West Gate electrician, Jim Delaney. Twice while his new home at Airport West has been under construction, wind has blown down the main solid brick wall. Jim, who is now about to move into the house (and taking his annual leave to do it) is sort of holding his breath at the moment.*

## MATERIALS

### From Lee Scott

M.D. has been very quiet lately, obviously saving its energy for the onslaught of the Christmas festivities.

### News

Rob Adderley left in September to work at Tullamarine as a trainee Air Traffic Controller. Rob was given a send-off at the Prospect by his co-workers, and was presented with some very unusual gifts.

Three of the quickly depleting Pavement Section left in October: David Anderson, formerly Section Head, gave an entertaining (and lengthy) farewell speech and turned the tables by handing out gifts to his ex-workmates. David is now a Project Engineer at Traralgon. Brian Laidler was the next to leave for Shire of Sherbrooke, and Rob McGuinness who, after 14 years with the Board, is now at the SEC.

Jeff Bennett and Jeff Hannington are the new E.O.'s on Ground Floor. David Reynolds is the new T.A. with Asphalt.

Jean McCarthy went to Canada in September, the occasion being her niece's wedding. One office romance has blossomed into the real thing: Joyce Scott and Max Arthur were married on November 20th and spent their honeymoon in Sydney. M.D. ladies kept up their tradition of their annual girls night out by celebrating at 'Enris' Restaurant, Richmond.

## BAIRNSDALE

### From Ian Ellis

Doug Howes, after 12 years in Bairnsdale, is off to 'greener'—no 'drier'—pastures to take up a position in Horsham. Doug started off up the Cann Valley on construction, then became Design Engineer for six years. Recently he has been back on construction in charge of bridge and roadwork jobs. Doug likes to swing the old golf club round on the weekends and also enjoys squash. He has been actively involved in the social club over the past years and always could be relied on when needed.

*We welcome our new Clerk of Works, Ron Collins, from Bridge. Ron arrived the same week as the Sun Tour and takes a very philosophical approach to life "Everything goes in cycles" (K H Quote).*

We realize that the Bairnsdale's BS unit has been really fired up lately but there is no truth in the rumour that just because they happened to be working in the Heyfield area when the recent fires broke out that the 'black top' in the paddocks was caused by them.

### Retired

A farewell function was held at the Wy Yung pub on 19 November for Alby Kyle, Overseer, who retired on 22 November. Alby started with us on 14 April 1971 as a Clerk of Works and in 3½ years supervised 9 bridges. In 1974 he took charge of a direct labour bridge gang and since then much water has passed under bridges which Alby has been involved in. One of note was the famous 5 span RC bridge in the township of Buchan. Alby's expertise in bridge construction will surely be missed.

### Out and About

Brian Sampson, the reigning Victorian Mini Quest Champ, has now sold his boat after the arrival of no. 4. I wonder what his new hobby is?

Survey Assistant John Fountain arrived back in Bairnsdale after a stint in Melbourne and realized his luck had changed. After getting his arm twisted to take a bet at the 'Lucky Shop', he eventually took the two horses he drew in the CRB sweep and coupled them with Kingston Town for a quinella and won \$1400. Well done John.

It seems they're really on the bite at Middle Creek, Omeo Highway, lately. Dennis 'quail' Davies was quietly dropping the line in when he heard a rustle in the grass. Reaching the ground after a high leap, he found the hook firmly embedded in his knuckle. The bush nurse at Omeo couldn't do anything for him so the disillusioned 'quail' had to come through to Bairnsdale to have it removed by a surgeon. The 'quail' definitely found out the hard way how they arrived at the name 'suicide hook'. Incidentally, the Fisheries and Wildlife are checking into the size of catches in the area.

Pity to see that 'Bluey' Pigrim has taken to the bottle (see last edition).

The Surveyors should be on time all the time now that Jeff Jenner has his 'Mickey Mouse' watch. You don't have to look at the time—it tells you and everyone else.

About the only office worker not to see the last safety film was Traffic Officer Alistair Bryan. After lifting a set of scales from the boot of his car—yes, you can guess what happened.

'Windy' Blowers from Traralgon had to then drive him home. Remember "Save your back and bend your knees".

## ROAD DESIGN

### From Mike Tolhurst and Trisha Phillips

Leanne Lane, our new Drafting Assistant from Reservoir, coming to us from the Coburg Council. Colin Singleton is back from 8 months' study leave. David King has just returned after 3 months' long service leave in Europe but he refuses to tell anybody what happened.

Jim Demetrius has gone for 12 months to the Ministry of Transport, along with Nick Szwed who has gone for 3 months. Jeff Moran has left for Horsham, Ken Barnhill has left for Traralgon, Richard Borko has gone to Metro and Richard Yoeman has gone to Traffic on the career development programme. All sadly missed.

Barry Guttridge has gone on 3 months' long service leave to supervise construction on his new home.

Alan Gundry has pleasure in announcing that his wife had a healthy baby girl, Erin.

There has been no reaction to John (2204) Adshead's advertisement in the last issue. Does anybody out there require his services?



**Meet the Claytons Boss—perfect for the boss you want when you haven't got a boss!**

Phil Ridgeway was married on 16 October, and honeymooned at Marysville. The reason for the 'sudden' decision to get married was, in Phil's words, "the engagement presents were worn out". Although Phil's glasses may have fogged up at his bucks' turn at the Sarah Sands—he really should have stayed behind for a few drinks to get to know the sights just that little bit better.

Since winning two cup sweeps and a bottle of champagne recently, Harry Mok is considering buying his first Tattslofto ticket—look out Tatts!

**Winners in Road Design's Cup Sweep were: Annette Livingstone, John Shortell, Mustafa Uzognob, Ken Turner, Allan Everitt (twice), David Jones, Dave Hosking (R.C.), Don Burkitt, Steve Zadra, Giulio Borroni and Harry Mok.**

## HORSHAM

### From Betty Sleep

#### Welcomes

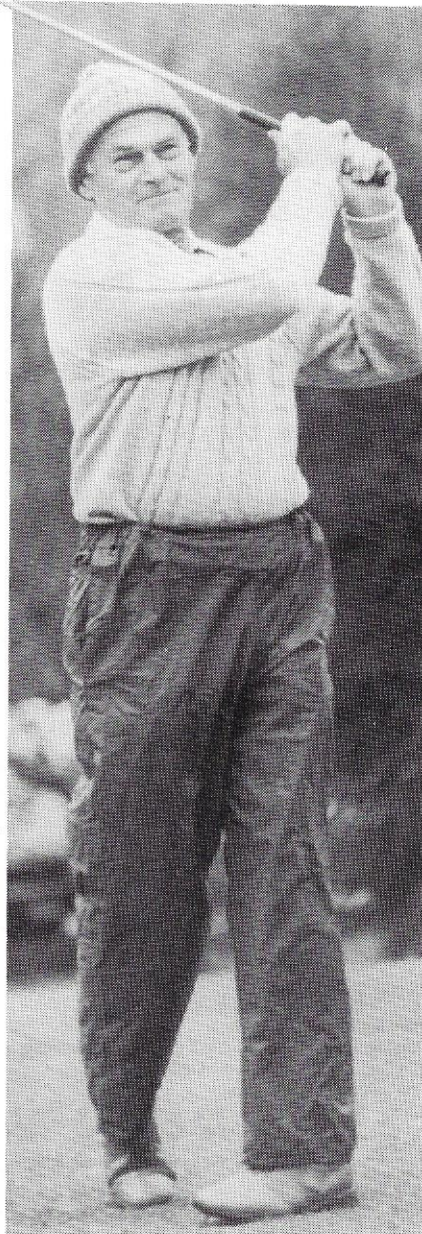
A warm welcome to Engineer Doug Howes, his wife and family to Horsham Division.

New Cost Clerk Ian Melville commenced duties on 1st November.

Welcome back to Silvo D'Agostin who has returned to Horsham from Metropolitan.

Chris Tippett, Apprentice, is recovering after a lucky escape on his motorbike.

Tom Harris has taken up a position in the engineering section, David Lavithis has commenced duties in Accounts, and Ivan Jones is now Act. D.E.'s Clerk.



Horsham Divisional Engineer **John Heid** shows his style which helped him, and partner Dulcie Dixon, win the Handicap Division during Horsham Golf Week in September.

### How's the weather?

Newly arrived Engineer Jeff Moran has learnt more quickly than most local weather conditions.

Hearing an early morning weather report that the day would be cool, Jeff donned long trousers, jumper and heavy coat for a trip from Horsham to Murrayville.

Driving north, the coat was soon discarded followed shortly by the jumper.

Meeting Overseer Alan Watson at Murrayville in a tropical 38°C did not help. Alan spied the heavy coat on the back seat and could not help 'ribbing' Jeff on his poor weather judgement.

Jeff beads of perspiration welling on his brow, explained to Alan the source of his misleading information.

Alan later conceded that the day could be classified cool by Murrayville Standards.

The flushed Jeff was heard to mutter that he could hardly wait for summer.

### Ladies Social Club

*The Ladies Social Club is still having enjoyable get-togethers. In September Heidi Morgan showed us the arts of making a 'Black Forest Cake'.*

*In October we had a Progressive Dinner with the men going to Sandra Savage's, Betty Janetzki's and Barbara Betts'.*

*We are looking forward to our Christmas Party at the Doon Hotel.*

### Divisional Office Xmas Dinner & Kid's Xmas Party

Our Christmas celebrations once again took the form of a Dinner Dance, held at the Horsham Golf Club in early December.

The Social Club will again hold their annual childrens christmas party at Sawyer Park where Santa will come and hand out goodies to all children.

### Retirement

*Keith commenced employment with the Board in 1958 and worked intermittently with the Halls Gap Patrol when required until 1962 when he became a full time employee.*

*During his term with the CRB Keith was in construction work and gained promotion through from Ganger to Overseer Grade B.*

*In 1975 he was transferred to Overseer-in-Charge, Stawell Quarry, gaining promotion to Overseer A and remained there until his retirement.*

*A farewell function was held on 15 November to wish Keith a long, happy retirement.*

## BENALLA

### From Mike Farmer

Farewell to two Patrolmen: Jim Newman, of Walwa Patrol, retired after many years with the Board to play bowls, and "Locky" Thompson, of Harrietville Patrol, has retired after 15 years in the Alpine area. Locky has not been in good health lately and I believe he has bought a property at Cobden.

Congratulations to Henry Schuppan of Walwa Patrol who was successful in obtaining the Patrolman's position.

Welcome back to Bill Stubington who has been on sick leave.

Cost Clerk George Kennedy has been on sick leave and we hope he will soon be back.

*The typists' ranks have been thin lately and we have had to rely on Debbie and Sofia, at Wodonga, to help with the typing. A slight slip up with the first lot though—forgot to send Benalla letterhead paper up so back came our typing very nicely presented on Wodonga letterhead paper!*

Dianne Meadows spent five weeks of her leave travelling to Western Australia.

Stella Warton has returned after long service leave and Max Stevens has heaved a sigh of relief, however it was short as Vic Christou is now on long service leave.

Helen Allan has called in to show off her new baby, Nicholas. Helen will be back with us early in 1983.

Marj Jones is living on a property out of town and has a problem. Four of her peacocks have escaped on to the adjoining farm, seems they are too fast for Marj and husband Harvey to catch.

While writing this we asked Roz Baines what she had been doing. With a smile she said "Nothing that could be put in Interchange". Does that mean she hasn't been doing anything interesting? Surely she must have something she can tell us about...considering all the trips up to Albury...perhaps that is where her golf instructor lives.

Sophie Sharkie had a busy time making clothes for her daughter Fiona who was one of the finalists in the Miss Melbourne Cup Quest.

Roger Powell entertained staff on his return from England with stories of happenings on the plane and in other countries.

Richard Ashton has decided to leave the country life for the city. Apart from his friendly manner in the office, everyone will miss seeing him running—around the building, down the street, in fact most everywhere.

*Zane Streeter has taken over the position in the Lab. from Roger Plumridge, who left us for Geelong.*

## TRARALGON

### From Sonia Delost

#### News

Ian Collings (to Glen Waverley) after 11 years in Accounting. Ian's co-workers said goodbye with a presentation and further celebration at a nearby club extending into the early hours of the morning.

David Anderson (ex Materials) who is joining our team of engineers and Ian Bowman, Field Assistant at the Warragul Project.

Paddy Brennocks (Depot) has been off ill for sometime and Bert Harris (Depot) is on extended sick leave. We hope that they recover quickly.

Noel Mayze retired in September. Noel was an owner driver with the Board for 25 years, and had several presentations from his co-workers and a final joint celebration with three other departees.

Ernie Hennig, Plant Operator, joined the Board in 1972 at Dandenong. He came to Traralgon in 1978 and retired in November due to ill health.

**Recently a letter and \$20 in cash came in the mail from anonymous person in Drouin who says he/she has a guilty conscience.**

**Some years ago, a farm was purchased for the construction of Princes Freeway—Drouin and a floodlight and wiring were removed. The person indicated that their "conscience has been bothering them" and they "wish to pay their debt". The money was credited to the Land Acquisition account.**

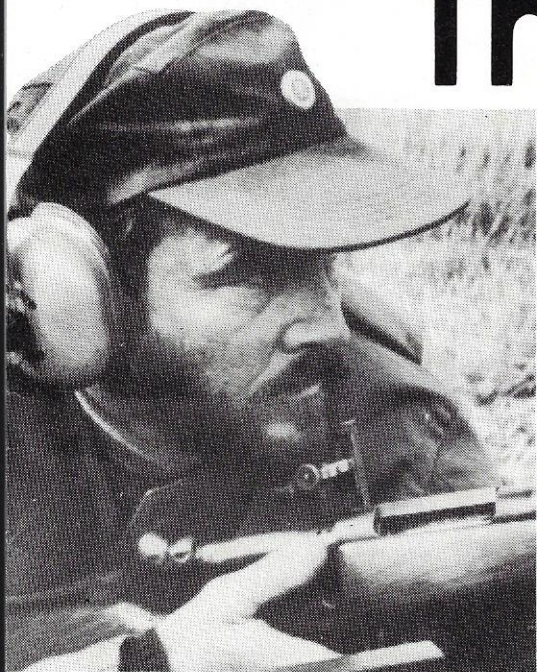
Some Depot staff must be having trouble spending their income. Lately several new cars have appeared in the Depot including a 'Sin Bin' which is worrying a few senior depot personnel.

John Wilson, Project Engineer, Warragul, was doing some inspections from his car when he discovered that Warragul soil was quite deceiving, having belied the car. After some walking and phone calls he received a lot of assistance to pull the car out, which I believe was not easy.



Two Benalla Division engineers are making a name for themselves in the shooting fraternity in Victoria. Bob Gardner and John Byrden talk about their success with the Benalla Rifle Club.

# The Riflemen!



Bob Gardner

## MARATHON CLUB

By Noel Anderson  
-our on the Spot Runner

Just before Captain Mark Phillips fired that starting gun for the 'BIG M' Marathon at Frankston, the rain started.

By the time most runners reached Mordialloc they were soaked to the skin. Then to add to the misery, for about ten minutes it became a heavy driving rain which chilled the legs and knees to the bone, and refilled the sodden shoes with water.

But there was a compensation. The cold wind came from the south west, which was in general a helpful tail wind.

The results of those stalwart CRB staff are:

Peter Carter-Traffic Eng-2hrs 44mins, Noel Anderson-Road Design-3hrs 15mins, Laurie Watson-West Gate-3hrs 18mins, Peter Hogan-Methods-3hrs 23mins, Jane Anderson-Traffic Eng-3hrs 39mins, Claude Borstner-Road Design-3hrs 55mins, Nick Munday-Traffic Eng-4hrs 04mins, Trevor Miller-Traffic Eng-4hrs 31mins

This was Jane's third 'BIG M' Marathon in succession and this year she improved her time by 28 minutes.

Nick Munday, famous connoisseur of wines and especially ports, was the perfectly dressed marathoner, in the worst of moods in the car park at Frankston just before the start of the race. He had left his running shoes at home, and carried on about not being able to run the distance in Ugg Boots. After an announcement over the loud speaker system, he was loaned a pair of shoes which—fortunately—fitted him, and he ran his best marathon ever—his first!

It is to be hoped that next year the CRB will have a larger contingent of marathoners, especially some more women.

## sportsnotes...

• Horsham admin officer David Lavithis has won Horsham Football Club's senior best and fairest. His popularity won him the Sheldon Heard Memorial Trophy, a gold medallion, sports jacket, coach tour and \$800 cash...also from Horsham, acting Patrolman and burly half back flanker, Daryl Mitchell, has won the Imperial-Wonwondah Football Club's best and fairest...Senior draftsman, John Alcorn, from Road Design, has returned after five weeks sick leave to win the monthly golf tournament at Kew Golf Club...Traffic Engineering's Trevor Miller deserves special mention for his superb efforts in the Big M run (see story this page). Trevor apparently had no pre-training whatsoever...Horsham engineer Glen Savage has been presented life membership with the Imperials-Wonwondah Football Club.

**What does a Full Bore Shooter aim for when he's proved that he's a top marksman?**

Bob Gardner has the answer. Although he's achieved the highest possible score on two occasions in shooting competitions, his goal is simply to "try for more".

Bob has been full bore shooting with the Benalla Rifle Club since 1973. For the uninitiated, full bore shooting is using a large calibre, high powered rifle over various distances in open ranges.

"I found full bore challenging and interesting, as it is done outdoors in weather conditions ranging from pouring rain to 40 degrees plus!" says Bob. "It's also done in varying wind and light conditions and over distances from 300 yards to 1000 yards."

Bob explains how the scoring system operates: "The maximum value per shot is five and a competition is usually seven scoring shots at three different ranges. Thus the maximum score a shooter can obtain is 105.

John Byrden



"I have achieved that score on two occasions—but am still trying for more," he adds.

To give you an idea of how difficult it is to fulfil this elusive target of 105, the 48 year old Nathalia Range has only one recorded incident of it being achieved—by Bob in 1978.

His other successful exercise was at Benalla in 1979.

When venturing out to the rifle range, Bob packs his Sportco model M44B, a popular target rifle produced in South Australia.

"It's a world class, single shot rifle, chambered for the 7.62mm calibre round—as used by the Australian Army."

### 'Ten km range'

"These rounds have a centre fire cartridge and a fully jacketed bullet and, with the target rifles we use, it is possible to shoot them over a range of ten kilometres.

"Consequently safety is a very important part of rifle shooting and on the range it is strictly enforced.

"Full bore shooting is not an exciting sport to the spectator," Bob admits, and says you've got to be behind the sights—aiming for the bullseye—to fully appreciate its excitement.

In February 1976, John Byrden decided to join the Benalla Rifle Club "because he was interested in shooting".

Six months later he was Club Secretary and on his way to becoming a top shooter.

"I became interested in shooting while working with Bob Gardner on the Hume Freeway," says John, a B.S. engineer.

John started shooting with a converted 303 rifle, but didn't "settle down to serious shooting" until mid 1977.

"I purchased an OMARK 44B rifle in August and twelve months later got my best score—104.12—at the Dookie Agricultural College."

John decided he should then make shooting a family affair and bought his wife, Chris, a rifle for a mother's day gift. It wasn't a successful exercise, John confesses. "It ended up being too noisy for the kids so it conveniently became my second rifle!"

In 1979 and 1980 John collected prizes for the highest aggregate B-grade score in the district association. In 1981 he came 11th in the Tasmanian Postal Shoot—the only Victorian A-grade shooter to win an award. Then in September this year he was part of a ten man team with the district association that competed in an inter-

association match at Williamstown. "Our team came second," says John.

October has been a rewarding month for John too. "I was selected as a member of a ten man State team to compete in a national 4 day event in Tasmania this December," explained John. That's quite an impressive effort—considering there are 3,500 registered shooters in the State. With team practices well under way, John is hoping to help put Victoria on top this year. That'll be a first for 10 years!

## Clique Club

The history of rifle clubs in Australia would make any self-respecting female libber reach for her blunderbuss.

The club movement began in the early 1840s, but for more than 100 years it was restricted to 'male British subjects aged between 16 and 65 years'. In some States it wasn't until the 1970s that women were permitted on the rifle range.

Today there are about 3,500 registered shooters in Victoria belonging to 19 metropolitan and 92 country clubs. All are affiliated with the Victorian Rifle Association.

Benalla has a relatively small rifle club, consisting of 18 members of which two—just for the record—are female.

The club holds regular home and away matches, and is also involved in many prize meetings which are held throughout the State every fortnight.

## Golf Day

Traffic Engineering and West Gate Bridge dominated the winning titles at the 23rd Annual CRB Golf Day.

T.E. took out the C.G. Roberts Trophy for the best three scores to be aggregated by a team of four. Greg Wylie, a Toll Officer on West Gate, won trophies for the best Social score and the Longest Drive.

The F R Oldfield Trophy—awarded to the best player of the day—went to Estimating Engineer Ted Goddard, Works Sub Branch. Jim Tullberg, Survey, won the Secret Nine and Mike O'Brien, Traffic Engineering, and Alec Arnot, visitor, secured awards for the Nearest to the Pin.

The formidable T.E. team was comprised of Andrew O'Brien, Bruce Thompson, David Williams and Bob Freemantle.

The one day tournament was held on 29 November at the Metropolitan Golf Club, Oakleigh South, and attracted 91 keen players.

## CLASSIES

### MARRIAGES

**BONESS:** Heather (Public Relations) married David Pollock on 12 December.

**CHRISTENSEN:** Carol (Traralgon) married Colin Gooding on 20 November.

**MOORE:** Gerard (Computer) to Patricia. Our heartfelt congratulations on your marriage on 2 October. At last, someone has been able to tie him down.

**YOUNG:** Bruce (Accounts) and Elaine Haines (Cafeteria) married on 13 November.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

**HOUSE:** Holiday house for rent at Mt Beauty. Accommodates 10 people in 3 bedrooms. Close to Bright, Falls Creek and Mt Buffalo. Air conditioner installed. Contact John Finlay ext. 2503, H/O.

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

### CAR POOLS

**BENTLEIGH / MOORABBIN:** I am interested in joining a car pool to travel from the Bentleigh/Moorabbin area to the CRB Head Office. Roslyn Ball ext. 2523, H/O.

**RINGWOOD:** Place wanted in car pool travelling from Ringwood area to Head Office, or those interested in forming one, please contact John McCallion ext. 2104, H/O.

### BIRTHS

**ANDERSON:** Stan (Survey) and Carol, a daughter, Beth, on 30 September.

**BAIRD:** Congratulations to Garry (Accounts) and Carolyn on the arrival of their first son, John Richard Gordon. A playmate for Anneika and Joleicia.

**CHAPPLE:** Steve (Survey) and Jan, a boy, Luke Stephen, on 20 September.

**CONNOLLY:** Bernard (Benalla) and Lynn, a son, David Bernard.

**GOODWIN:** Congratulations to Ann (Pay Section) and Martin, a baby girl, Katherine Ann, on 23 September.

**HARPER:** John (Survey) and Wendy, a daughter, Belinda Elise, on 10th November. A sister for Stephanie.

**HARRIS:** John (Bairnsdale) and Janine, a daughter, Nicol Ann, on 30 October.

**HARRISON:** Phil (Survey) and Pam, a son, Simon Phillip, born on 15 November.

**LAUNDER:** Patrolman Bill (Horsham) and his wife are very proud of the arrival of their first grand-daughter, Samantha.

**MIDDLETON:** Congratulations to Ian (Traffic Engineering) and Mary on the arrival of Ashley James on 4 November.

**McCLUSKY:** Jim (Survey) and Pauline, a girl, Brigid Maree. Born 13 November, a sister for Kathleen, Sarah and Claire.

**PRICE:** Thelma (Personnel) and Peter, a son, Gareth Peter on 28 October.

### RETIREMENTS

**NEWMAN:** Patrolman Jim (Benalla), Walwa Patrol.

**THOMPSON:** Patrolman "Lechy", Harrierville Patrol.

### FOR SALE

**VW CAMPERVAN '79:** 2 litre fully import, from UK. Conversion incl. full length pop up roof, double bed, lower double bed, gas stove, 2 way fridge, sink with electric water pump, large water tanks and loads of storage. AM/FM cassette, heavy duty bull bar and rear mounted spare tyre rack. Excellent condition. One owner, 12 months reg. \$8750. Ring DAVID KEAM, Ext 2660.

A most senior officer in the Personnel Section has for sale one giant sized tracksuit (slightly damp and stretched) —only worn once during compulsory canoe capsizes! Ring Ron: 2222 (bus hrs only)



# La Trobe Terrace:

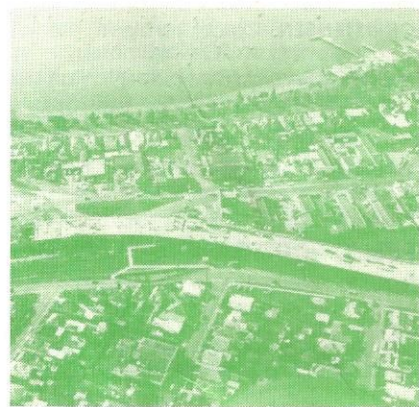
Geelong has a new landmark—the \$15 million La Trobe Terrace.

The bridge superstructure and reconstructed La Trobe Terrace was opened to traffic by the Minister of Transport, the Hon. Steve Crabb, on Friday 3rd December.

La Trobe Terrace passes to the west of Geelong's busy Central Business District and consequently will relieve traffic problems in the city's inner area.

During Summer, Geelong's inner city traffic problems are compounded by holidaymakers, many of them heading for the popular resorts along the Great Ocean Road.

The construction of La Trobe Terrace was one of the suggestions in the Geelong Transportation Study, carried out in the 1970s.

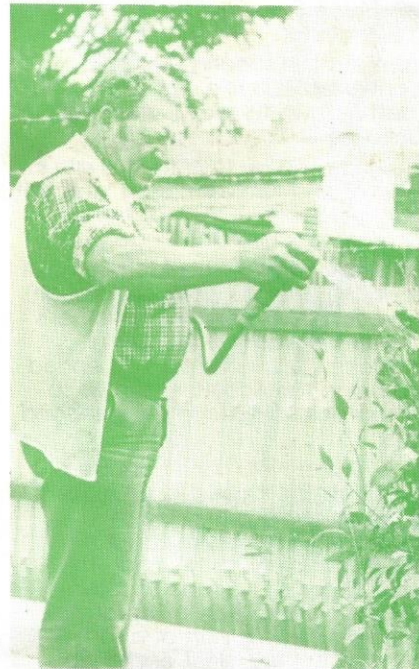


A seagull's eye-view of the project during construction

## Innovation

Construction of the approaches to the overpass structure have been carried out using the reinforced earth technique. The technique is a French innovation which is, in particular circumstances, quicker, cheaper and easier than the conventional method of

constructing a reinforced concrete cantilever. La Trobe Terrace was the first project in Victoria to use this method.



Bill Trait, who calls himself 'a general roustabout', waters some of the plants that will be used in the landscaping

Landscaping is currently being carried out in the vicinity of the overpass and along La Trobe Terrace. When completed, approximately 8000 shrubs and trees will be planted.

## Next stage

The next major step in improving traffic conditions in the Geelong urban area will be the extension of La Trobe Terrace to Settlement Road and the Princes Highway, including the construction of a new crossing over the Barwon River.

# Now Open!

Graeme Roberts, above, a truckie who has been with Geelong Division for 23 years, says the work on the reinforced earth approaches have been 'very interesting'

## KEY PERSONNEL

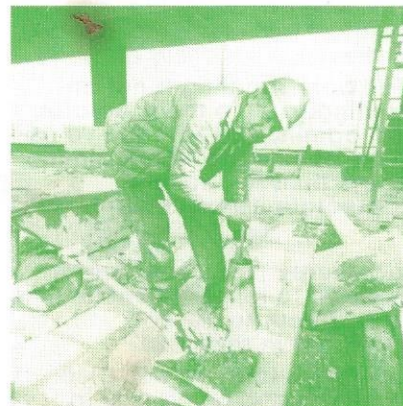


Most people in Geelong Division have worked on the project—at one time or another.

Key personnel associated with the project have been:

**Roadworks:** Denis Daly, Tom Richmond, David Senior, Bob Scott, Bob Smith, Brian Fitts—Engineers: Arthur Cook, Peter Cowan, Barry Perkins, George Szkirka—Overseers: Col Munday—Clerk of Works.

**Bridgeworks:** Gary White, Howard Hughes—Engineers: David Scarsi, Vic Hanson—Overseers: John Thebes—Clerk of Works.



Some of the crew on the project: from left—Arthur Cook, David Scarsi, David Senior, Tom Richmond and Gary White.

**Surveying:** Bill Mason, Greg Salt, Chris Cox.

**Drafting:** Alaister Robinson, George Benesh, George Przystek, David Banks, Tamara Mossop, Wayne Zennant, Serge Mezzavia, Mal Campbell.

**Laboratory Testing:** Leo Jurka, Col Batson, Tony Notley and the late Bernie Stel.

**Major Contractors:** McDougall Ireland Pty Ltd—bridge superstructure; Reinforced Earth Pty Ltd—design and consultancy of reinforced earth; Melocca Bros—precast concrete fascia panels; Geelong Quarries Pty Ltd—crushed rock; Featherock Quarries Pty Ltd—scoria; Boral Resources (Vic)—asphalt; Farley and Lewers; Newton Concrete Industries.

Overseer Vic Hansen testing concrete earlier this year

## A Cat Is First Across



A 2 metre cat was the first traveller across the overpass.

The cat raced over the overpass, on a 3 wheel, all-terrain Honda motor bike, just after the ribbon was cut by the Minister of Transport, the Hon. Steve Crabb.

And it was obvious where his footy sentiments were: a huge, blue and white scarf was wrapped around his neck as he approached the opening ceremony.

•The Hon. Steve Crabb with Capital Cat

The lofty puss was on loan from the Capital Permanent Building Society and is a popular identity in the Geelong region. After greeting the Minister he then proceeded to hand out presents to eager schoolchildren from Geelong West Primary school and St Johns Lutheran school.