

Mr E T (Ted) Oppy



Ted was educated at Melbourne High School and took the degree of Bachelor of Civil Engineering at Melbourne University in 1950. The next five years were spent with the RAAF in No 2 Airfield Construction Squadron building runways at Woomera, Cocos Island, Manus Island, Townsville and Malaysia.

On discharge from the RAAF as an Acting Squadron Leader, he joined the staff of the Country Roads Board in January 1956 and commenced in the Benalla Division on road works in the Tallangatta area connected with the Hume Weir enlargement.

In 1959 he was sponsored by the Board to the University of NSW and obtained the Degree of Master of Technology in Highway Engineering. On return, he went on to be Road Construction Engineer at Benalla Division.

Ted was appointed Assistant Divisional Engineer, Ballarat on 5 October 1965.

In December 1967 a young engineering student was posted to Ballarat Division for vacation experience. He had never travelled so far from Melbourne on his own and it was his first visit to Ballarat. On his first day, Ted invited Nick to lunch with his wife and two children. Nick felt so honoured and has never forgotten Ted's generous hospitality.


• Minister's Visit to Ballarat Division

The Hon. A. J. Hunt, MLC, Minister for Local Government, visited the Board's Ballarat Division on Friday, 19th May, 1972.

Accompanied by Mr. T. H. Russell, Board Member, and Mr. E. T. Oppy, Divisional Engineer, Ballarat, Mr. Hunt visited the Divisional Office before inspecting various projects in the Division. The projects included the Western Freeway (Gordon Section), Caledonian Bridge, the removal of tram tracks on the Western Highway in Ballarat and other works on the Midland, North-Western, Pyrenees and Western Highways.

Brief statistics relating to Ballarat Division are:

- Area — 5,820 square miles
- State highways — 400 miles
- Main roads — 840 miles
- Tourists' and forest roads — 44 miles
- Freeways — 5.74 miles (to be declared)
- Staff and employees — 253.



The Hon. A. J. Hunt, M.L.C. (centre), inspecting the Caledonian Bridge project with Mr. T. H. Russell (left) and the Divisional Engineer, Ballarat, Mr. E. T. Oppy.

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