

J D Thorpe

A couple of articles about Jack Thorpe.



NEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED

Mr. J. D. Thorpe, C.E., M.I.E. Aust., M.I.T.E., (U.S.) was appointed a Member of the Country Roads Board on the 1st July, 1968 after serving as Chairman of the Traffic Commission from July, 1956, to June, 1968.

Mr. J. D. Thorpe joined the C.R.B. in 1926 as a junior clerk but transferred to the engineering staff as a junior engineering assistant the following year. In 1929 he was promoted to Engineering Assistant and after qualification as an engineer in 1933, became an Assistant Engineer in 1935.

In 1938 Mr. Thorpe was appointed Assistant Asphalt Engineer and continued in that position until 1941 when he left to serve as Officer Commanding the 2/1 Flash Spotting Battery. He returned to the Board in 1946 as Assistant Divisional Engineer, Dandenong Division and was appointed Assistant Highways Engineer in 1948, a position he held until seconded to the Traffic Commission.

While Chairman of the Traffic Commission Mr. Thorpe took a prominent part in preparation of the Victorian Road Traffic Regulations, the setting up of the State Accident Record System the Metropolitan Route Marking System and the Clearway System as well as in the preparation of standards for the design and use of the traffic con-



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trol signals and road signs now in use in Victoria.

During his term as Chairman of the Commission he was also Chairman of the Safety Inspection Advisory Committee (vehicle inspection) and the Australian Committee on Road Devices and a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Committee, the Australian Road Safety Council, the Australian Road Traffic Code Committee, the Australian Motor Vehicle Design Advisory Panel, the Conference of State Traffic Control Engineers and the Human Factors Committee of the Australian Road Research Board. He took a prominent part in the preparation of the National Road Traffic Code.



Mr J. D. Thorpe Retires

Mr J. D. Thorpe retired as Deputy Chairman of the Board on 10th January 1975 after 49 years' service, including a period of secondment as Chairman of the Traffic Commission between 1956 and 1968.

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Mr Thorpe was appointed Member of the C.R.B. in 1968, and served in that capacity until his appointment as Deputy Chairman in 1971.

Appointments To Board

Mr T. H. Russell, M.Eng.Sc., B.C.E., C.E., M.I.E.Aust. commenced with the Board as a diplomate engineer in January, 1943, and subsequently obtained his Bachelor and Masters Degrees at the University of Melbourne. He was Assistant Divisional Engineer, Traralgon from 1952 to 1959 and in 1959 was appointed Assistant Bridge Engineer. In 1968 he became Deputy Chief Engineer - Bridges.

Mr Russell became Deputy Chief Engineer in 1970 and later that year was appointed Chief Engineer. In 1971 he became Member of the Board.

Mr W. S. Brake, B.C.E., C.E., M.I.E.Aust. joined the Board's Bairnsdale Division in 1949 after completing his civil engineering degree at the University of Melbourne. Between 1953 and 1958 he served in Benalla and Dandenong Divisions.

In 1958 Mr. Brake became Assistant Divisional Engineer in Dandenong Division and served in this capacity until his appointment as Assistant Chief Engineer, Road Design, in 1966. Early in 1970 he became Chief Road Design Engineer and later that year, Deputy Chief Engineer. In 1971 he was appointed Chief Engineer.

Senior Appointments

Dr K. G. E. Moody, B.C.E., M.Eng.Sc., Ph.D., M.I.E.Aust., has been appointed to succeed Mr. Brake with the new title of Engineer in Chief. Dr Moody joined the Board's staff as a diplomate engineer in 1943. Apart from a period of three years as lecturer and senior lecturer at the University of Melbourne, Dr Moody has spent his working life in the Board's service. He previously held the position of Deputy Chief Engineer.

Other senior appointments include:



Dr K. G. E. Moody



Mr N. S. Guerin



Mr Underwood



Mr A. M. Noble



Mr D. Pritchard

Mr N. S. Guerin, B.C.E.Cert.H.T.-(Yale), M.I.E.Aust., has been appointed Deputy Engineer in Chief. He was previously Chief Planning Engineer.

Mr R. T. Underwood, B.C.E., M.E., Dip.T.&R.P., Cert.H.T.(Yale), M.I.E.-Aust., has been appointed Chief Planning Engineer. He was previously Assistant Chief Road Design Engineer.

Mr D. Pritchard, M.Sc.(Civ.Eng.), Dip.C.E., C.E., M.I.E.Aust., has been appointed Assistant Chief Planning Engineer. He was previously Freeway Planning Engineer.

Mr A. M. Noble, B.C.E., C.E., Dip.T.&R.P., Cert.T.P.&C., M.R.A.P.I., M.I.E.Aust., has been appointed Assistant Chief Road Design Engineer. He was previously Plans and Surveys Engineer.