

I was the youngest of three and a policeman's son. My early years were spent in Warrnambool, Bendigo and Bairnsdale before my parents settled in Melbourne.

Dad's Victorian odyssey mirrored the multi-regional experiences of many of our members. As a child in Bairnsdale, I was an unwitting neighbour to one of the CRB's more famous alumni, Bill Brake, who I later discovered had lived just across the road from me. Commencing as a draftsman with the Public Works Department in 1957, I joined the CRB's Dandenong Division in Carlton a year later.



In 1952 at Eagle Point, Gippsland



In 1962 in McKinnon

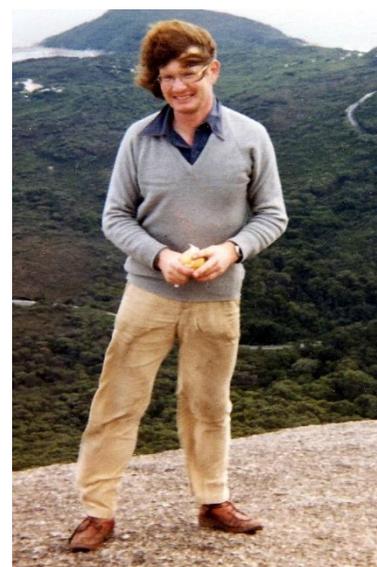
In 1963 I married and left the CRB to work with engineering consultants in Brisbane and Port Moresby. Returning to the CRB in 1967, I briefly worked under Noel Anderson in Plans and Surveys before moving to Dandenong Division's Design Section.

In 1970, after years of night school at RMIT, I graduated as an engineer and, with the blessing of Frank Docking, moved from the Division's design office under Bill Kendall, to the Municipal Section under John Glenn. I worked under Noel McFadyen in Statutory Planning, and then with Don Peckham, David Anderson and Peter Ransom on the Hampton

Park Project before becoming responsible for land acquisition and service relocation on the Berwick, Pakenham and Longwarry sections of the Princes Freeway, when I worked with Ted Goddard and Gary Scott at the Pakenham site office.

In 1989 I joined Jim Webber's team in Corporate Development to assist Rob Aitken, Joan Gilmer, and others preparing the VicRoads 2000 report on future regional road needs.

In 1991 I moved into John Gaffney's position of Austroads Program Assistant for the Road Use Management Program, working for Colin Jordan and later Rob McQuillen while also serving as CEO Reg Patterson's Technical Aide – a position previously held by Jill Earnshaw.



In the 1980's at Wilson's Promontory



In 1997 at Vehicle Registration, Kew

In my last 4 years with VicRoads, I worked with Warwick Bull under Geoff Chambers, Peter Balfe and others in Vehicle Registration to draft new laws and train VicRoads business office staff for the introduction of the National Heavy Vehicle Registration Scheme.

Leaving VicRoads in 1998, I established my own consulting company and spent the next 12 years working with state and national bodies to harmonise Australia's disparate road transport laws and combat nationwide vehicle theft and rebirthing activities.

Detailed stories from my early working life can be found in the following VRA Newsletters which can be found on this page of the website:

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| 1957. Working with the SEC and the PWD.                      | Newsletters 200 and 201                                    |
| 1958. Commencing with the CRB.                               | Newsletters 196 and 197                                    |
| 1963. Working with Consultants in Brisbane and Port Moresby. | Newsletters 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211 and 212 |
| 1967. Returning to the CRB.                                  | Newsletters 264, 266, 269, 270, 273                        |
| 1994. With Registration and Licensing                        | Newsletter 268   |