



Jack Waters

Jack Waters has just turned 100!

Jack was a 10-pound Pom who joined the CRB in the mid/late 50's. He was one of quite a few engineers recruited from the UK at that time.

Jack was a civil engineer and spent most of his career in what was then the Metropolitan Division.

In the context of Victorian history and infrastructure, Jack was a notable engineer with the CRB who played a significant role in the construction of the **Grand Ridge Road** in Gippsland. This road was a major engineering undertaking of the CRB, designed to provide access to the timber-rich and farming regions of the Strzelecki Ranges and contributed to the "pioneer" era of Victorian road building, often involving difficult terrain and dense forest clearing in the Gippsland region.

Graham, a friend and former colleague of Jack's said: Jack was something of a renegade and was one of the first to stop wearing a tie in the office. This mightily upset the Chief Engineer of the day – Harry George. However, over time George lost the battle and no tie became acceptable if not the norm. [A similar situation occurred in respect of males wearing shorts to work].

Jack was my boss when I first worked in Metro in 1968.

After he retired, around 1990, Jack migrated to New Zealand as his only child lived there having married a Maori. Jack has outlasted his only child by a long time.

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