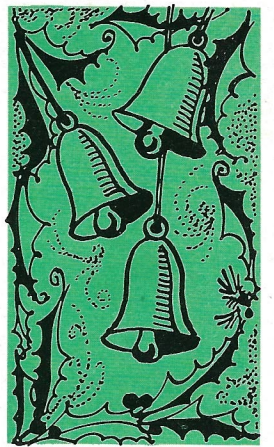


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## All eyes on the CRB show stand



### THIS YEAR'S CRB display was overcrowded with kids, mums, dads and the occasional dog.

Situated in the new Government Pavilion, the basic display was formed by new display panels and featured 'Light Up a Highway' a working model of traffic lights, a video tape recording of 'Freeway Driving' and FREE SHOWBAGS.

'Light Up a Highway' features a map of Victoria with three highways highlighted—the Hume, the Western and the Princes Highway East. As each highway lights up four colour transparencies also light up and a recorded commentary plays.

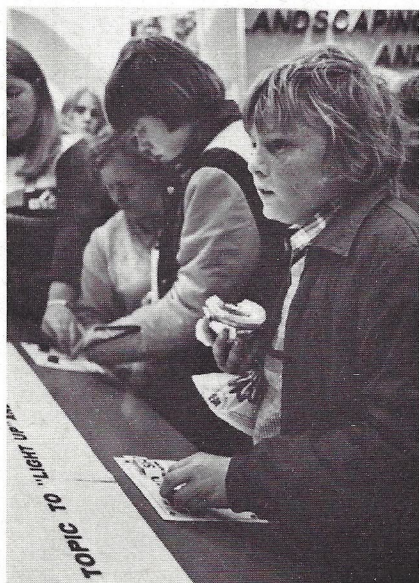
The showbags proved to be a big hit as soon as the gates opened on the first day. They comprised the special show edition of CRB News, a children's colouring book and other project and information brochures, all packed into new CRB litterbags, which were produced to coincide with the Show.

After the first two days of the Show, attendants had to ration

the distribution of the 25,000 bags. The showbags were also distributed through the Mobile Information Centre at several shows in Horsham, Ballarat and Traralgon divisions during Spring.

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Eating takes second place to watching the CRB "Light Up a Highway" display.



# YOUR NEW PAPER

This month the Board and HOSA launch a brand new newspaper to keep CRB employees entertained . . . and informed.

"Interchange" (incorporating Roadlines) aims at bringing you a bright, breezy newspaper, with a touch of things you should know about.

It incorporates all the old features of Roadlines, but in a new format, and with more newsy information.

Out go Divisional Notes, but in comes Divisional Roundabout and Interchange Classics (pages 10 and 11) where you can find out what's what in births, deaths, marriages, PLUS a buying mart, a selling mart, etc.

For those who are asking "What about Roadlines?", put your mind at rest.

Interchange is not yet a permanent fixture. What we want to do in this edition is conduct a survey of all Roadlines/Interchange readers for preference of either the old format or the new one.

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# FROM THE

# BOARDROOM



## Chairman's Christmas Message

*With Christmas 1977 and the summer holiday season not very far away many of us are taking stock and reflecting on our achievements and problems of the past year.*

*We have been closer to the political arena during the year than at any other time in the Board's history and I see this state of affairs continuing, particularly in the Melbourne Metropolitan area. We were at times unfairly criticized in the news media but because of the political nature of the situation we were not free to respond directly to the criticism.*

*Our Minister, the Honorable J. A. Rafferty, has voiced his sincere appreciation to the Board and our personnel involved for the manner in which our activities have been performed under great difficulty on the Eastern Highway (Alexandra Parade).*

*The Board too would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your work on Victoria's roads during the year and your loyalty during a difficult period.*

*Our prime objective remains the creation of an efficient road system throughout Victoria within the context of the overall transportation needs of the community and during 1978 we will of course pursue the fulfilment of this aim.*

*The Minister joins the Board in wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year and may 1978 bring you happiness and prosperity.*

**R. E. V. Donaldson,  
Chairman.**

### GRAEME COX

**Graeme was appointed Deputy Secretary in August, following the retirement of Cliff Liddell.**

Graeme, who is a qualified solicitor, joined the Board in July, 1972, as Assistant Legal Officer. Following the retirement of the Legal Officer, Darryl Carty-Salmon, in March, 1973, he was appointed Legal Officer.

At that time, he was the only member of the Legal Section, which has since grown to include four qualified solicitors. During the process, Graeme's title was changed to Principal Legal Officer.

Graeme obtained his law degree at Melbourne University and was admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor in March, 1966. Prior to joining the Board, he practiced as a private solicitor in the employ of a firm of Melbourne solicitors, where he specialised in common law and in conveyancing.



• Graeme Cox

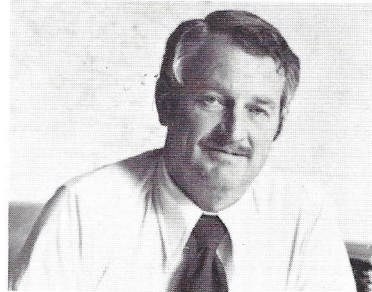
### BILL THOMAS

**Bill started with the CRB in 1955 as an Engineering Assistant in Benalla Division.**

He progressed through positions in Traralgon and Warrnambool Divisions to Assistant Programme Engineer at Head Office in 1967 and has stayed in Melbourne since then.

Bill became Project Engineer of the F2 Hume Freeway in 1971 and moved to the Westgate Free-

way (F9) project in 1975. He was appointed Assistant Chief Planning Engineer in August this year under Robin Underwood.



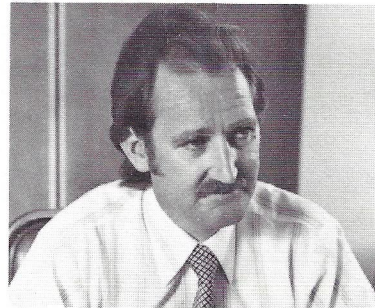
• Bill Thomas

### PETER McCULLOUGH

**Peter succeeded Gordon Rodgers as Personnel Manager in August.**

He is one of the CRB's most qualified Administrative Officers with a string of letters as long as your arm: B.A. (Bachelor of Arts), B.Ed. (Bachelor of Education), B.Com. (Bachelor of Commerce), M.B.A. (Master of Business Administration) and is an Associate member of the Institute of Personnel Management, Australia.

Peter started with the Board in 1966 as a personnel assistant and progressed to Personnel Officer in 1971. After two positions outside the personnel area as Administration Officer and Deputy Estates Officer, he is now back in Personnel as the man in charge.



• Peter McCullough

## ANNUAL REPORT: In brief

The CRB's Annual Report was forwarded to the Minister for Transport, Mr. Rafferty, on 30th September for presentation to Parliament.

A total of \$204,312,788 was available for CRB expenditure in 1976-77.

The funds were derived from State sources, \$104,958,848; Commonwealth Sources \$91,191,634; and the balance brought forward from 1975-76 \$8,162,306.

Expenditure amounted to \$203,519,868 resulting in a balance of \$792,920 to be carried forward into 1977-78.

### Motor Registration fees

An increase in the rates of motor registration fees by about 36% from 1st January, 1977, resulted in additional revenue of about \$14.5 million being paid into the Country Roads Board Fund and the Roads (Special Projects) Fund during 1976/77.

The additional revenue helped to ease the financial crisis facing the CRB.

### Urban projects

The CRB began preliminary work on four major urban projects:

- The construction of the F9 Freeway (since renamed the West Gate Freeway) from Graham Street, Port Melbourne to Grant Street, South Melbourne;
- the widening of the Nepean Highway between Cochrane Street, Elsternwick and South Road, Moorabbin;
- the extension of the Eastern Freeway from Bulleen Road to Doncaster Road, North Balwyn;
- the widening of Bell Street, Preston between James Street and O'Keefe Street.

### National highways

The Hume Highway/Freeway and the Western Highway/Freeway are declared national highways under the provisions of the Commonwealth National Roads Act.

A total of \$21,018,000 from Commonwealth sources and \$861,000 from State sources was spent on these two national highways.

### State highways

A total of \$36,408,900 was spent on Victoria's 32 State highways. This included \$3,720,000 made available from the Roads (Special Projects) Fund.

### Freeways

A total of \$55,747,000 was spent on the construction and maintenance of freeways and the purchase of land for future freeways. This included \$19,235,000 made available from the Roads (Special Projects) Fund.

### Metropolitan road improvements

The CRB adopted a tentative construction program for major works in the metropolitan area over the next decade 1977-78 to 1986-87 (See Annual Report, Page 15).

The need for flexibility in the program was a primary requirement. Revisions will be necessary from time to time, especially in the second five-year period, to cater for changes in the availability of funds, inflation, priorities and other demands on the CRB's funds.

### Personnel

The CRB employed a total of 5028 people as at 30th June, 1977.

Technological staff (professional) — 609; technical staff — 509; Administrative staff — 738; Field and depot supervisory staff — 243; clerks of works — 86; construction and maintenance personnel — 2224; workshop and depot personnel — 619.

## Head Office Display Room gets a new look

**The CRB has a 'new look' display room on the ground floor at Head Office.**

**The basic display is the same as was presented at the Royal Show, including a set of traffic lights and the push button, 'Light Up a Highway'.**

**'Light Up a Highway' features a map of Victoria with three highways highlighted—the Hume, the Western and the Princes Highway East.**

**Also on display are scale models of several projects planned for Melbourne.**

**The display room is open during normal office hours to staff and the public.**



# DENNIS LILLEE'S FREEWAY BOUNCER



Dennis Lillee sends down a fast ball to Basil Evans of the Eastern Freeway project staff during a break in filming on the freeway for a TV advertisement.

Dennis was retained by the Kay Hertz Rent-a-Car firm to advertise their business and the Board allowed them to use the almost completed Eastern Freeway for some film sequences involving cars and trucks. This filming could only be performed on a complete, unopened roadway.

Dennis caught the mood of the moment and was only

too pleased to get some bowling practice with the project staff. Using one of the freeway light poles as a wicket, he sent down a few deliveries to Basil.

Dennis was asked about his back condition. He said that there was no way he could have bowled on the last English tour, but the bone had responded to treatment.

He went on to say that he feels quite at home playing cricket on a freeway. His father works as an overseer with the Main Roads Department of Western Australia.

## Hamley bites the dust

From our own correspondent.

**DANDENONG, MONDAY**—The scene was Dandenong Division's Lunch/Conference Room. The normal athletic types lined up flexing muscles and loosening up for the annual table tennis championship.

'Gaunt' Garnett Gibbs was limbering up for the first match,

an elimination bout with Alan 'The Heavy' Hamley. The gaunt Mr. Gibbs had trained for several months for this moment. He knew what a formidable opponent 'Heavy' could be.

'Heavy' was not what you would term one of your more skilful players. He had had his share of victories in the past but his style had more in common with a steamroller. His rotund exuberance often bewildered men of small stature.

### FIRST GAME . . .

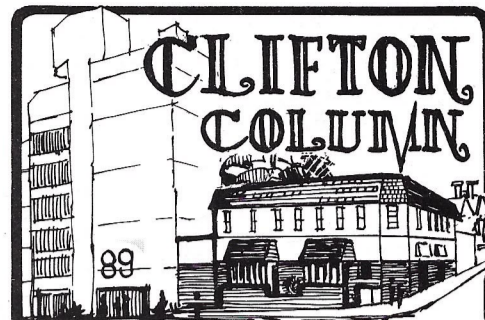
'Heavy' threw the ball into the air, brought the bat through with a mighty whack and caught Gibbs wrong footed 1:0. Gibbs was nervous but still hoping to wear the big fellow down. Even though the game

had just begun, 'Heavy' was beginning to sweat. He had been known to sweat sitting still on a cool day.

'Heavy' ends his serve 3:2 ahead, but Gibbs won four of the next five points to take the lead 6:4.

With his back to the wall, 'Heavy' became a real fighter.

Half-way through the first game, Gibbs served to the forehand and 'Heavy' returned. Gibbs played to the opposite side and 'Heavy' lurched to return the difficult backhand shot. In his effort to make the shot a winner he heaved into the ball with an almighty whack, lost his footing and crashed to the floor in a flurry of arms, legs and belly.



One for the guess the personalities basket. Two senior officers were discussing their past cricketing exploits at a recent Divisional Engineer's conference social occasion.

**Engineer:** "My best figures were 8/15—I had the right atmosphere and conditions on the day."

**Senior Admin. Officer:**

"What were you bowling?"

**Engineer:** "Oh, median pacers." Someone needs a holiday!

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One of our boys in Warrnambool Division was recently bitten by a tiger snake and was asked "Have you done anything to prevent this from happening again?"

"Yes," he answered, "I killed the snake."

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It was interesting to note the CAF (Citizens Against Freeways) representatives who recently met with the Board for discussions, arrived and departed from Head Office in a Porsche.

A far cry from public transport.

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**Differences on Eastern Highway were put to one side on Melbourne Cup Day when demonstrators, the Police and the CRB all entered a Melbourne Cup Sweep.**

The result was quite predictable:

CRB	1st
Police	2nd
Demonstrator	3rd

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Wayne Robb, John Allison and Richard Murphy have done everyone a favour by not contributing to this column.

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From our man in Traralgon comes the story of the typist who confronted an engineer with the comment: "One of your balls is leaking."

The engineer, somewhat flabbergasted, replied: "Which one?"

Our man says the engineer resumed normal colour when he realised the ball referred to was an office table tennis ball!

The game ended in uproar—'Heavy' had sprained his playing elbow in the fall and couldn't go on. While he was demanding a rematch at a later date, the organisers decided that Gibbs should win by default.

The doctor who examined 'Heavy's' elbow for the Workers Compensation Claim alleged that the injury was possibly due to 'Heavy's' lack of adequate training as he is a man of more than ample proportions. The doctor recommended that he either give up table tennis or play less exuberantly.

After the dust had settled, 'Heavy's' only comment was "Well, the injury has not affected my work performance at all, but it's hard when you can only drink with one hand".

# BRIGGS' DREYS

No, this is not an expose of CRB low life, although there may be the odd reference to Wine Club functions.

This is the first article to assist you, the reader, to find euphoria, and recover from the business of having to work for a living.

Among the multitude of people drinking wine, there are thousands wanting to know something about what they are consuming.

Not content to just drink the stuff, they rush around spending a fortune on literature to keep them up to date with what is available, as well as the odd bit of information on how it is made.

Unfortunately, most of the information available is oriented toward NSW or Europe.

Consequently, there is a great need for someone with a bit of flair to go into print and tell all — you'd probably make a fortune if you were any good!

Too many people nowadays look to modern medicine to help them relax, enable them to sleep, prevent arteriosclerosis, and many other 'diseases' of modern life. What they forget is that good old reliable cure-all that has been around for centuries, i.e. wine.

Cholesterol is associated with hardening of the arteries, and this can lead to heart attacks, etc. However, it has been found that something in wine slows down this process, and, therefore, leads to longer life. One up for wine.

Hard day at the office ... traumatic drive down Alexandra Parade ... kids screaming at home ... Council rates arrived ... oh to relax, forget your tablets, you'll probably end up shooting junk or getting depressed.

Instead, sit in a comfortable chair, open a book, and pour yourself a glass of sherry, port, muscat, etc., 5-4 on you'll not only learn to relax but you'll probably have a good night's sleep and never get to finish the book.

Until next issue don't forget to drink more wine for your health's sake, or some poor grape grower may end up on the dole.

P.S.: My cholesterol level is even lower than average, and I have little trouble sleeping.



Jeff Briggs

# WE LOSE A WIN

After almost 34 years service with the CRB, Win Drury decided that coming to work was not economic. After allowing for expenses it worked out that each fortnight she was only a few dollars ahead of her income from superannuation.

Win took a look around her and decided it was time to retire. As an accomplished pianist she would occasionally provide entertainment at elderly citizens clubs. She said: "When I looked at an audience and realised that some were younger than myself, then I knew it was time to retire".

Win worked as Head Office Receptionist from 1960, when the Board moved to Kew, to 31st October, 1977.

One of the staff has composed a poem to farewell the grand lady of HO.

She did it beautifully, for all those years,  
Phones, callers, visitors, permit seekers up to her ears.  
Drafting the sheep as well as the goats  
Just like a Bay pilot — directing the boats.

Flanked by Joe's flowers all helpful and bright  
Scarce' able to knock off and go home for the night  
And when occasion demanded and she did leave her seat  
You could tell her a mile off from the sound of her feet.

For decades, Chairman and chainmen came and went  
Small change for the phone and blue biro's lent.  
She was a set-piece in a well known scene,  
Coolly efficient, pleasant, fresh and always serene.

Her speedo clicked on and notched up the years,  
Even Bones Finnegan began to have fears  
That this long-standing friend, could, I suppose —  
Just manage to hang on — to Win by a nose.

As the 34th drew near towards the end of October  
She withstood the challenge and remained sweet and sober.  
Flowers and gifts from this one and that  
Tributes from the Chairman to the Man with the Bat.

Now she's gone, to enjoy her rewards  
To take tea with the ladies and tease the old lords.  
There's a gap in the scenery back at the Board  
That those left behind can scarcely afford.

Now many remaining sometimes heave and sigh  
As they pass the reception desk with a weary eye  
There was a time when — there she was — all 'demurey'  
Our gone but not-forgotten, dear Win Drury.

—Tony Healy.



• Win Drury shares a joke with Cliff Liddell (left) and Bill Gill (right) at her retirement lunch at Angelucci's Restaurant.

## Divisional Farmers

**BENALLA**—A number of the Benalla engineers have been doing their part to help the ailing rural economy by purchasing small farmlets over the last year or two within a few miles radius of Benalla.

Bob Citroen and John Bond have adjoining 100 acre farms at Warrenbayne, and Alan Koch has a 100 acre property at Nalinga. Gary Edwards, Alan Koch, Bill Farrell, Arthur Ford and Ken Pryor have bought 10 acre and smaller blocks.

Senior Typist Brenda Atkinson and her husband Colin have bought an 11 acre block at Goomalibee.

They are among an increasing number of people who are leaving the "rat race" in Melbourne and buying small properties throughout the Division in such places as Strathbogrie, Euroa, Yackan-

dandah, either to retire in or travel to nearby centres to work.

Maybe with the advent of "flexi" hours in the Division, instead of golfing on their day off, engineers will take the opportunity to do a few chores on the farm.

## Haydn Brayshaw retires — 30 years service

**TRARALGON** — After almost 30 years service with the Board, Haydn Brayshaw retired on 11th July, 1977.

To mark the occasion a smorgasbord dinner was held at the Traralgon Men's Club. Approximately 100 friends and workmates travelled from all over the State to attend the farewell function.

The Divisional Engineer, Dr. Currie, thanked Haydn for his loyal service and conscientious

work over the years. Haydn once worked for Tom Russell, who was then Assistant Divisional Engineer in Traralgon. Mr. Russell congratulated Haydn on behalf of the Board.

Haydn, who originally came from Ballarat, took up his first position with the Board in 1948 as a Fitter in the South Melbourne Depot. In 1953 he gained the position of Workshop Foreman in Traralgon Division where he was to spend the rest of his career.

Always an active helper behind the scenes, Haydn has put in a lot of work for the Traralgon Football Club.

Haydn developed a special interest in growing roses during the 1960s and won the local rose show six years in a row, as well as winning shows in Melbourne. On his retirement day Haydn planted a rose in the garden at the entrance to the Divisional Office.

Haydn was presented with a recliner rocker to use in his retirement.

# OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STUDY...

The CRB and other State Government departments and authorities will study guidelines on occupational safety and health.

CRB Chairman, Mr Ted Donaldson and the heads of all Government departments and Instrumentalities attended a conference recently at which the Premier, Mr R J Hamer, launched a booklet titled "Occupational Safety and Health".

The booklet presents a Code of General Principles on safety and health in the work place. It defines the responsibilities of employees in the promotion of safety and good working conditions and says that everyone employed in departments and instrumentalities has a responsibility for safety in their own particular work area.

Mr Hamer said at the conference: "It is the policy of the Victorian Government to organise for the prevention of accidents through-

out its various departments and statutory bodies".

"This policy will be carried out by the adoption of this Code of General Principles for occupational safety and health".

The Board has directed that the code be studied in detail and that a report be submitted proposing a course of action for the Board to follow.

## Charlie's big retirement day

**BENDIGO — The Bendigo Golf Club was the venue for a farewell dinner to Charlie Williams who retired earlier this year after nearly 42 years service with the Board.**

Ninety guests from all parts of the State gathered to wish Charlie and his wife Jean a happy retirement. Among the guests were the Board Member, Bill Brake, and Charlie's daughters, Leonie (who had travelled from Southport, Queensland, especially for the occasion) and Marlene.

Charlie began with the CRB in Bendigo Division. After several years he transferred to Dandenong Division where he spent many years as an Overseer, mainly on B.S.T. work. He returned to Bendigo Division early in 1970 and shortly afterwards was appointed to the position of Roadmaster, which he held until retirement.

Bill Brake thanked Charlie for his excellent service and dedication to the Board and recounted the days when they worked together in Dandenong Division.

The DE, Tom Glazebrook, presented Charlie with a gold wrist watch on behalf of his many friends throughout the Board. He also thanked Charlie for his work, especially in Bendigo, and spoke highly of his outstanding qualities as a man. He wished Jean and Charlie many years of healthy and happy retirement.

Charlie recalled many humorous episodes which occurred during his long association with the Board and expressed his thanks for the gift and evening.

## CLASSIES COUPON

See Page 11 for this issue's Classies

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Friday, 20th January.

Please include in the next edition of "Interchange" my classified advertisement (below):

The categories available are:

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## REMEMBER THE BALL?

**HOSA's annual ball was held at the Camberwell Civic Centre and was judged a great success.**

Among the many people who enjoyed the night was Jenny Spark (pictured below) who accompanied Bruce Grayling of Road Planning Division.

After the ball, HOSA conducted a survey of arrangements and facilities at the ball.

The results of the survey showed that there was substantial acceptance of the present arrangements with regard to venue, liquor arrangements (BYO) and the band (Kay-Cees). The Civic Centre and the band have been booked again for next year's ball.



The first issue of Interchange is published at a time when the Eastern Freeway is being opened to traffic. The project has been mammoth, being operational . . . any adjective you like to pin on it. Engineer Bob Woodhouse claims to be one of only two people involved at the project office since it was established. That alone is remarkable. Interchange asked Bob to give readers his story. Here is . . .

# ONE MAN'S EASTERN

By BOB WOODHOUSE

Much has been said about the Eastern Freeway, particularly in the last few months. It has been labelled anything from 'an environmental disaster' to 'the saviour of the eastern suburbs'. But whatever your views on the freeway, it remains as one of Melbourne's major engineering undertakings. Since construction began six years ago, the CRB and MMBW have spent \$87 million on the project. Where has it gone?

In the course of construction the Yarra River has been diverted, 14 major structures have been built, an award from the Concrete Association has been won, an industrial safety record second to none has been maintained and the largest single public lighting system in Australia has been installed.

From an aesthetic point of view the freeway has definitely got something going for it. It features 14 major structures in a spectacular range of differently designed bridges, overpasses and underpasses. One of the structures, the National Park Road Overpass, won an award from the Australian Concrete Institute for excellence in concrete.

The 152 metre long Clifton Hill Railway Overpass is the first prestressed concrete rail bridge built in Victoria. It features a roughened surface finish obtained by lining the moulds with sandblasted Oregon boards.

Willsmere Underpass is a pedestrian underpass to allow access to the Willsmere playing fields. It features a series of sporting figures sculptured into concrete panels on the walls.

The elegant lines of the Belford Road Overpass resemble a gazelle leaping over the freeway at the Belford Road cutting.

The Burke Road Overpass structure consists of 330 metres of a winding ribbon of concrete, supported on eye-catching "Y" shaped piers, resembling a row of giant shanghi's.

## DIVERTING THE YARRA

At Latrobe Golf Course the Yarra was diverted from a winding course to a gentle curve parallel with the freeway for about 1 km.

A total of 235,000 cubic metres of material was dredged from the river and used as topsoil on the freeway batters.

A bonus from this little operation was the salvaging of thousands of golfballs which had been lost in the river over the years. Many were new and were quickly snapped up by project staff.

## LABOUR FORCE

Since early 1972 the project has created enormous employment opportunities. In the past two years the CRB's day labour force has averaged 110 persons backed by a supervising staff of

30 engineers, surveyors and administrative staff.

In addition, 13 major construction companies have won contracts on the freeway, each employing up to 60 people.

Others employed at different stages include consulting engineers, minor contractors, concrete suppliers and representatives from nearly all other Government departments and instrumentalities.

The turnover of Board staff has been marked. Paul Anglin and David James have come and gone as Project Engineers while Geoff Hunt has been at the helm since 1976.

Out of the entire staff only Ron Gowan and myself have been with the project from start to finish.

## INDUSTRIAL SAFETY RECORD

To this time, not one life has been lost on the project through industrial accident. This must stand as some sort of record on a project worth \$87 million.

## HIGH MAST LIGHTING

The 116 high masts stretching the full length of the freeway form a most impressive basis for the freeway's lighting system.

Varying in height from 18 metres to 50 metres, each mast houses four high pressure sodium lamps of 400 watts each.

It is the largest single public lighting installation in Australia.

The 116 high masts used compares with 1200 needed if conventional lighting had been adopted.

## ON-SITE ROCK CRUSHER

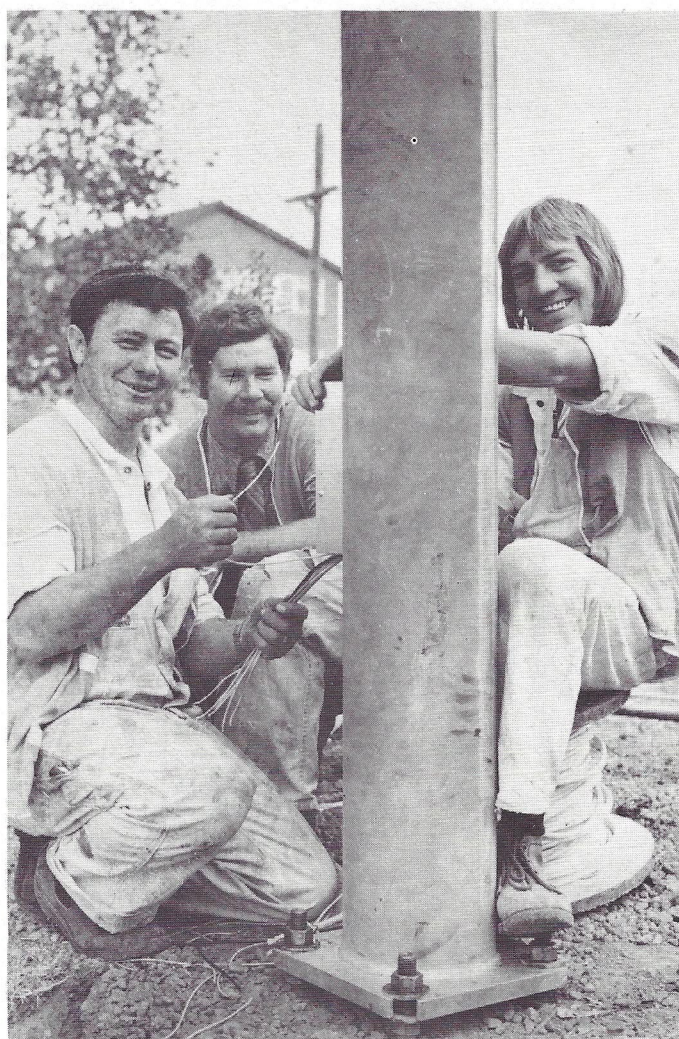
The on-site crushing plant which was set up produced 400,000 tonnes of crushed rock to be used as sub-base material.

It produced crushed rock at \$1 per tonne compared with \$4 per tonne if handled commercially. It also meant that the rock was transported within the site, thereby saving wear and tear on the normal road system.

Construction of the Eastern Freeway has been a long, hard but the improvement it provides to Melbourne's transport system and the spin off benefits of increased engineering expertise and wide ranging employment opportunities ensures its success.



★ Jim Palasz (Syndal) levels bolts for signal pedestals.



★ Wiring up the signals . . . from left, Syndal men Hank Terhorst, Bob McAulay and John Godden.

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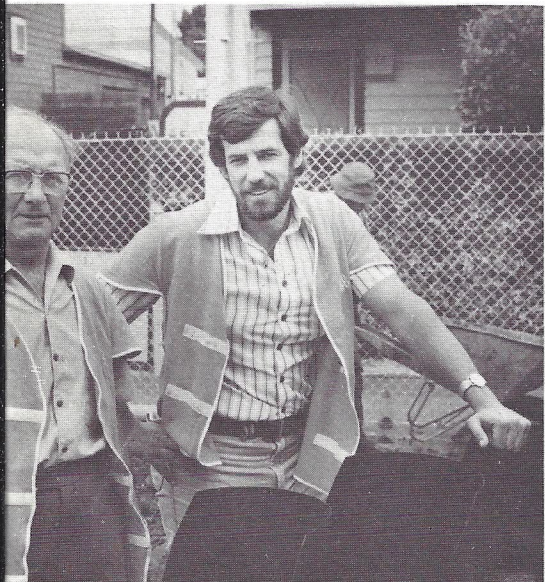


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# UP GO THE LIGHTS...



pedestrian lights at Eastern Highway. CRB workmen, from left, Ron Winn, members and Hank Terhorst help to erect the mast as it is  
o position.



★ Overseer Maurice Brackett (Metropolitan) and Engineer Phillip Marshall (Metropolitan) on the site at Eastern Highway.

★ CRB workmen put the finishing touches to the signal installation at the corner of Eastern Highway and Gold Street.

**It was record-breaking work under arduous conditions.**

**And the men at Eastern Highway showed their mettle by installing a set of traffic signals in under 20 hours.**

Engineer Phillip Marshall (Metropolitan) said: "We had a set of pedestrian signals operational in 20 hours which is a record-breaking time. Normally this work takes at least two weeks".

The work at Eastern Highway on November 7-8 was carried out behind a mesh wire fence under the glare and abuse of demonstrators who were kept well away by lines of police.

Said Dick Wills (Syndal): "The demonstrators tried to talk and heckle us through the fence but we just ignored them".

On November 7, the men worked almost non-stop for 12 hours to a well organised plan. The traffic signal installation involved trench digging, excavation work for the pedestals, wiring, painting the signal posts . . . as well as replanting some of the shrubs originally planted by Collingwood and Fitzroy Councils in October.

## THE LULL BEFORE THE OPERATION

Work on this signal installation had been scheduled to start on October 25, but anti-freeway protestors prevented CRB workmen from doing the job.

From October 26 to 31 little work was carried out at Gold Street, Collingwood. Overseer Maurice Brackett (Metropolitan) recalled that October day when the CRB first tried to carry out the signal installation.

"We were on our own on the first day. We were working with a saw cutter when a car pulled up alongside us.

"The driver was from the Citizens Against Freeways, and he parked the car right where we were working and told us we were going no further."

Police later had the car removed, but when the men tried to start work again more demonstrators arrived, and the CRB work was halted.

## SWOOP ON EASTERN HIGHWAY

After two weeks of inactivity and frustration on the Eastern Highway, Monday, November 7, saw a smooth, military-like operation swing into gear — followed by beaver-like work.

But that was only the tip of the iceberg — the operation involved a week of planning beforehand.

On Melbourne Cup day (November 1), while many CRB staff and much of Australia stopped to listen to the big race, CRB engineers were at Head Office planning the Eastern Highway operation.

From 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on Cup Day, Divisional Engineer, Metropolitan, Laurie Jones and Metropolitan Engineer Phillip Marshall, discussed alternative plans for Eastern Highway, including the proposal to fence off Gold Street.

That week the two engineers spent more than 60 hours pre-planning the manoeuvre and the necessary work. Discussions would continue from their homes in early morning and evening phone calls.

Then there were further discussions with

the Board, Police, SEC and other CRB divisions.

Phillip Marshall said: "The whole operation involved tremendous planning.

"It was the first time the Board has had to put up traffic signals in this way."

The first task was to enclose the work area with 6 ft. high chain mesh fence. With police lines between the workers and protestors, it was "smooth sailing" to install the signals inside the fenced-in compound.

Much of the success of the work depended on the preparation and co-operation of many divisions and authorities.

The police were commended for their part in planning and controlling the situation at Eastern Highway and ensuring that CRB workers could proceed with their work in safety.

Syndal worked flat out to have all the signal wiring and equipment complete and ready.

Maurice Brackett recalls: "It was a mighty effort by the men on the first day. A lot of credit goes to the patrols".

When the CRB convoy of trucks moved in — with a police convoy moving in from the opposite direction — the handful of protestors watched in stunned silence.

**This was the timetable of events as they occurred:**

## FRIDAY, 4th NOVEMBER

A selected group of supervisors and patrolmen were briefed at the Divisional office and workmen were selected for the job, giving due regard to both loyalty and size.

## MONDAY, 7th NOVEMBER

**7.30 a.m.:** The men were told they had a special fencing job to do.

**8.30 a.m.:** All the men assembled on the freeway near the Yarra River Bridges, where the Divisional Engineer, Metropolitan, Mr. Jones, explained to them the particular nature of the task ahead of them.

**8.45 a.m.:** The convoy was ready to move, but the start was deferred because police were concerned about the number of demonstrators still at the site.

**9.37 a.m.:** The men, machines and vehicles started moving along the freeway towards the Eastern Highway.

**9.40 a.m.:** The convoy arrived at Eastern Highway and the protestors got their first glimpse of the CRB workers and the police.

**10 a.m.:** The disputed site was under CRB control and work got under way on the signal installation.

**10.40 a.m.:** Five hundred feet of fencing erected and reasonably manproof.

**11.40 a.m.:** Fencing complete.

**7.30 p.m.:** Work stopped for the day.

## TUESDAY, 8th NOVEMBER

Signals operating at 4.40 p.m.—just 20 working hours after arriving at the site.

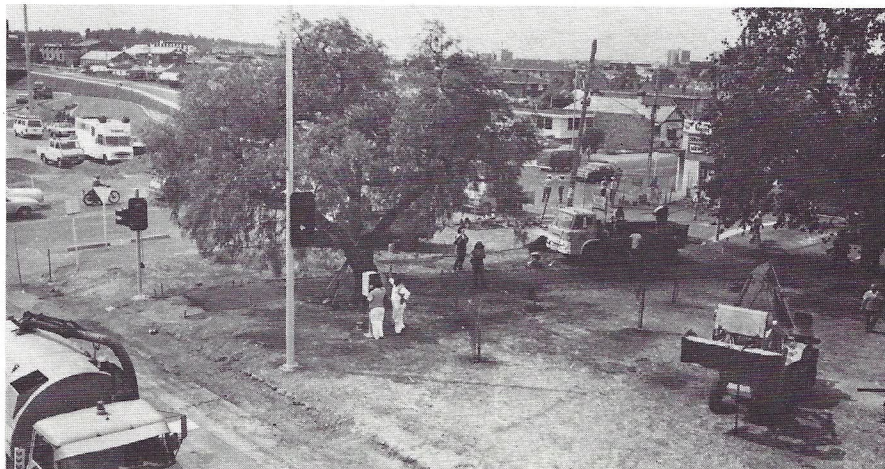
## WEDNESDAY, 9th NOVEMBER

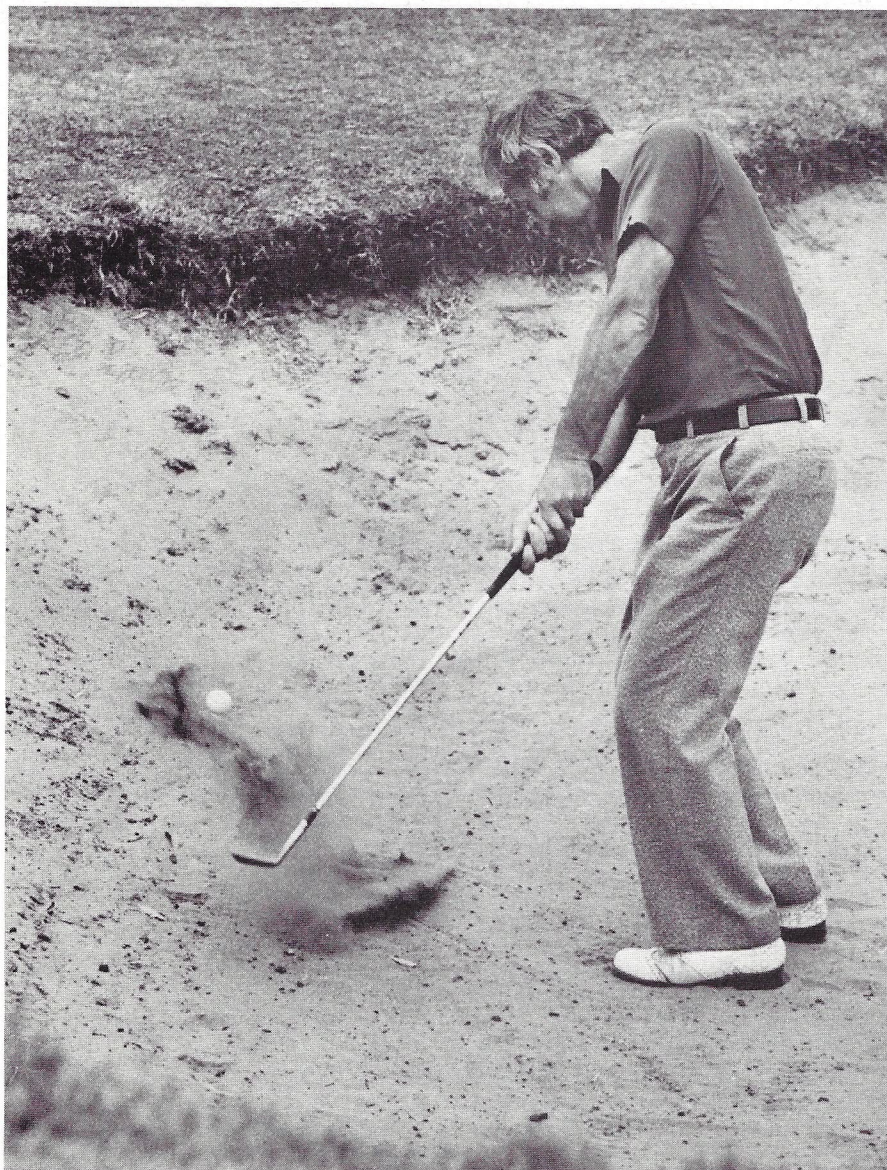
Site tidied up and fence dismantled, CRB workmen leave site at 2.10 p.m.

During the next few weeks the men were involved on other works on Eastern Highway.

## WEDNESDAY, 7th DECEMBER

The first vehicle to use the section of the Eastern Freeway between Chandler Highway and Gold Street moved through the Gold Street-Eastern Highway intersection at 10.56 a.m.





# A LOVE-HATE GAME

By Steve Parsons

**Love**—1977 CRB Champion, Dick Allmark (P&S) won the F. R. Oldfield Trophy with 35 points.

—Greg Kelly (Metro) shot a hole-in-one on the 9th hole—122 metres.

—Admin. beat Engineers, 181-148 points.

**Hate**—Lowest score of 2 points —Chris Fox (P&S).

—John Davis (Estates), got camera shy and missed a "1 foot" putt.

—Engineers beaten by Admin.

This year Plans & Surveys Division won the teams event, ably led by Bob Morison — whose score on the day was, well, not too good.

A tight course and windy conditions made many a budding Jack Nicklaus take a second look

at his golfing future after playing at the 1977 CRB Golf Day, held at Commonwealth Golf Club on 21st November.

This year the players came from the ends of the State, from Horsham to Orbost, to compete in the 1977 Roadbuilders Open Championship.

The camaraderie was always evident, with fellow roadbuilders meeting in the trees, in the bunkers, sometimes on the fairways, but always at the 19th hole.

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*This article is the first in a regular golfing column.*

*So let me know your funny or sad golf stories.*

*And in case anyone enquires about your correspondent's golf qualifications — I can play as badly as anyone.*

★ Many golfers were trapped by the bunkers — but not all escaped as well as Alan Brown, of Head Office Estates Section.

**RIGHT:** CRB champion Dick Allmark with the trophy. Vic Moll presented the trophies.



## YOUR PAPER

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**Public Relations Officer at Head Office. Don't waste any time as we would like to include the results in the next edition, to be published in February.**

The object of Interchange is to reflect the views and feelings of its public. We want you to get into the spirit of Interchange. Make your contribution now, even though it may be only a Classie. (See coupon Page 5.)

For all those who used to knock Roadlines, this is your chance to knock something new for a change, or better still contribute positively to making this a better publication of "Interchange" within the CRB.

In order to more widely reflect staff interests, there has been a new and bigger editorial advisory committee appointed.

The new committee comprises two ex-editors of Roadlines who will no doubt provide a wealth of experience.

**The committee members are:**

**Bruce McKenzie** (Chairman), Administration Officer; **Brian Hickey**, Right of Way, former Roadlines Committee; **Dick Howland**, Major Projects, former Roadlines Committee; **David Vernon**, Board Member's Secretariat; **Jeff Briggs**, Chief Accountant's Branch; **Pat Marr**, Plans & Surveys.

The advisory committee's suggested terms of reference are:

1. To provide a set of objectives as guidelines for Interchange.
2. To provide a comment and suggestions on how individual issues have performed in meeting those objectives.
3. To assist in promoting the success of Interchange as a two way communication medium within the Board.
4. Assist in the evaluation of CRB staff's views and preferences for either Interchange or Roadlines.

## Squash win

**A CRB squash team, captained by Barney Wilkinson, Traffic Engineering has won the F Reserves, Section One, Spring Championship, held in late November.**

Barney and his team-mates—Phil McNaught, John Davis, Murray Carman and John Anderson — defeated Templestowe Squash Club three rubbers to one.

The CRB team now expects to be upgraded into a new competition section.

Two other CRB teams also played well during the Spring season.

Runner-up in E Reserves, Section 2, was Bob Ramage's team. Although they didn't lose a game during the season, they lost the Grand Final to Lower Plenty Squash Club — 3 to 1.

Geoff King's team was fourth in F Reserves, Section 3.

## POSTER OFFER

**Get a Piggy Litter poster — in full colour.**

The Board has produced giant 60 cm x 40 cm posters of Piggy Litter (as featured on the back cover of CRB News, and reproduced at right) and these are available from the Public Relations Section, Head Office.

For Head Office, send requests to Dianne Young, 5th Floor, Head Office. Other requests to Interchange divisional representatives: **Bairnsdale** — Ian Ellis; **Ballarat** — Jim Kierce; **Benalla** — Mike Farmer; **Bendigo** — Reg Marslen; **Dandenong** — Vic Lawther; **Geelong** — Geoff Zierk; **Horsham** — Betty Sleep; **Metropolitan** — Ken Mathers; **Syndal** — Tony Anthony; **Traralgon** — Greg Mariager; **Warrnambool** — Gordon Gunn.

### RESULTS

**C. G. Roberts trophy**  
**F. R. Oldfield trophy**  
(CRB Champion)

**J. D. Thorpe trophy (seniors)**  
**Best Net (club handicap)**

**Best Net (social handicap)**

**Longest drive**

**Nearest the pin, 9th**

**Nearest the pin, 15th**

**Visitors trophy**

**Engineers versus Admin.**

**Secret Nine**

Plans & Surveys Division  
Dick Allmark (P&S)

35 points

Norm Hennessy (ROW)  
Gary House (P&S)

33 points

Phil Harrison (TSD)

34 points

Ken Rainbow (MRD)

39 points

Greg Kelly (Metro)

Bert McLaren (TSD)

A. Arnott

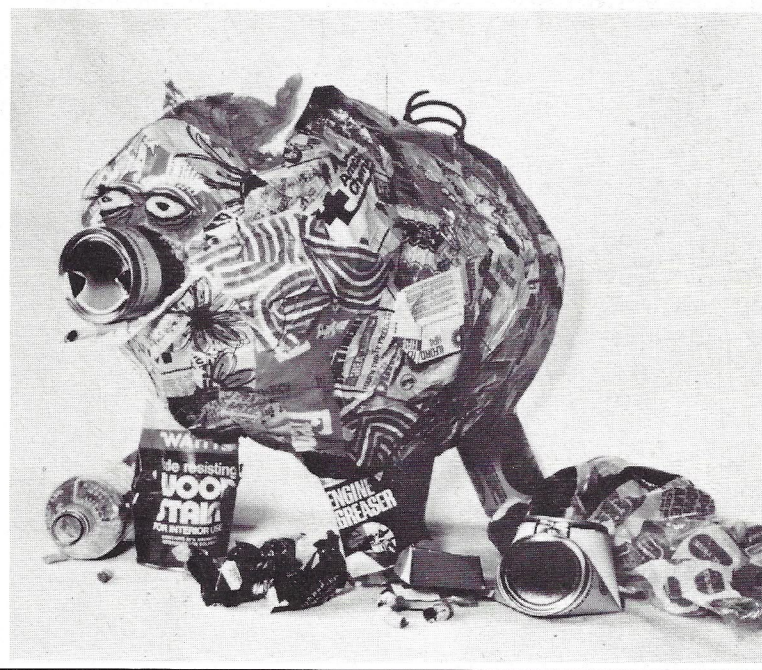
35 points

Admin.

181-148 points

Robin Hartwell (Bendigo)

# WANTED



## \$600,000 REWARD

**Piggy Litter [alias Oink Oink]  
Wanted for visual pollution**

Piggy and his mates cost you \$600,000 a year . . . that's how much it costs the CRB to pick up the garbage from the roadside. That money could be better spent making the roads safer for you.

We don't want to pick up the garbage.

We want you to pick up your \$600,000 community reward.

Don't be a Piggy. Pick up your reward right now by using a litter bag\* in your car.

**CRB** Roads to take you home...

\* Available from the CRB on request, Phone 860 2633 or divisional offices.



● **Sapper Steven Anderson (Syndal Mechanic) lines up the enemy through the sights of his SLR.**

# THE CRB AT PUCKA

**22 Construction regiment camped at Puckapunyal this year.**

All sappers underwent various aspects of advanced training including infantry minor tactics, demolition, water supply training, rangework and some minor roadworks.

The ability of the troops was well tested by the infantry minor tactics exercise. 107 plant squadron tackled a four-day exercise involving establishing a water supply point, night patrols and an assault on an enemy position.

Before the assault, the squadron gathered in a valley for a final briefing. With the briefing over, troops formed in a long line out of sight of the enemy and advanced on that position. When

in sight the firing opened with blanks—the outnumbered enemy fell back but were captured by the advancing troops. The hill was taken and secured.

Among the many long serving members in the regiment is Warrant Officer Jim Chandler from Horsham. Jim has been in the regiment for 24 years and values every one of them. Most of all he appreciates the mates and friendships made over the years. He says that friendships made in the army seem to endure.

Jim is acting bridge overseer 'A', working on the Wimmera River Bridge in Horsham at present and he says that experience and service in 22 Construction Regiment has played a considerable part in his promotion within the CRB.

Sapper Steve Anderson is a mechanic at Syndal and has been in the unit for three years. His previous army experience was in school cadets. Steve enjoys the army life and while this year's camp was pretty hard, in particular the infantry minor tactics, he said he will be back again next year. Steve's parting comment was "this will sort out the men from the boys!"

This year, for the first time, recruits were not trained within the unit. They went to a central recruit training camp and will join the Regiment at its camp next year at Casula in Sydney.

Recruitment during the year was well up on last year. The Regiment had an intake of 65 recruits compared with last year's 35. Recruits came from all occupations within the CRB, the State Rivers & Water Supply Commission and the MMBW, and included engineers, administrative staff, tradesmen and field personnel.

Anyone interested in joining the unit should contact Peter Hosking at Head Office.



● **Lieutenant Rick Hattam gives the sappers a final briefing before the assault on the enemy position.**



● **Sappers remain on guard after securing the position.**



● **Warrant Officer Jim Chandler shares a joke after the exercise.**



● **A "casualty" from the assault does a realistic job of playing dead.**

# DIVISIONAL ROUNDABOUT



## BAIRNSDALE

### COBBANNAH PATROL CLOSES DOWN

With the Dargo Forest Road now being shared by the Avon and Bairnsdale Shires, the CRB's Cobbannah Patrol has been disbanded, and with it goes part of Bairnsdale Division's history.

Patrolman in charge, Kevin Garland, started with the Board in November, 1953, as a Patrol Assistant.

Kevin had to move closer to Bairnsdale after the 1965 bush fires burnt down his residence at Cobbannah. Kevin now has taken up a position with the Bairnsdale Shire.

Fred Ward started with the CRB in May, 1954 as a Grader Driver. Fred spent many years in the Alpine area being responsible for snow clearing. Fred can settle back and enjoy a life of leisure now that he's retired.

Wally Sparks, Patrol Assistant, also retired after the patrol disbanded. He retired after 5 years' service.

We all wish them well as they go their separate ways and know they will be sadly missed from the road between Glenaladale and Dargo.

## BENALLA

### LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Bob Gardner, who has been supervising work on the Violet Town-Baddaginnie Freeway, has taken leave to build a house at Baddaginnie only a short distance from the job. Bob and his wife "Maggie", ex comptometriste at the office, are among the increasing number of people vacating the City of Benalla to build homes in the nearby areas such as Violet Town, Baddaginnie, Goorambat, etc.; one of the reasons being the high city rates.

### COURSES

Bill Peyton spent four weeks in Sydney during August attending a Construction Management Course at the University of N.S.W. Our DE Reg managed to stay away from the office for a week while attending a Senior Management Course at Jumbunna Lodge.

### TRIPS

Depot carpenter Sam Hiller and his wife returned to their native Ireland for a trip.

Fitter Mick Kiraly and his wife have made yet another trip over to Europe. Our new typist Roslyn Baines, not to be outdone, spent a fortnight away visiting the "Red Centre". She enjoyed it so much she is already planning her next trip back there.

## BENDIGO

Peter Ryall spent his leave on a most enjoyable tour of China. An accomplished table tennis player, he was invited to have a hit with a five-year-old Chinese lad.

Peter was soundly beaten, but maintains that the standard of table tennis in China is very high. Needless to say, he has since been presented with an oversize bat (table tennis variety) by his B.S.T. section mates.

After a few games down in the cellar since his return, it can be seen why the five-year-old won . . .

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Friends of former Overseer Roy Speechley will be shocked to learn of his death in a road accident. Roy and former Engineering Surveyor, Max Runnalls, who was injured in the same accident and is now recovering, left the Board late in 1976 to take over a hotel in Sea Lake.

## DANDENONG

Patrolman George Sutcliffe recently left the Division to take up an appointment as Patrolman in Charge at Nathalia where he and his wife have relatives. Our good wishes go with you, George. We regretfully say au revoir to Trevor Miller who has received promotion to

Traffic Engineering Division — best wishes, Trevor, from all here.

### TRAVELLERS . . .

Our 2 "Round Australia Trippers" have arrived back, looking suntanned and fit — Joyce Naismith after 2 months and Alan Lade after 4 months.

Joe Hezky spent some time in Europe. The highlight of the trip was the reunion in Hungary with his mother.

A very tanned and fit-looking David Jones has arrived back from leave spent in South America, England, Norway, Germany. The highlight of his trip being Easter Island.

## GEELONG

From this point onwards the new editor declares FREEDOM OF THE PRESS . . .

If the key fits wear it, and if they ever find that key an "X" 'Cliff player just may be wearing it . . .

It will be interesting to see who wins the tussle of the BIG RED GIANTS when the Volvo meets the Vauxhall in the battle for the single parking bay out the front of our Div. Office . . .

Since being railroaded onto the Social Committee our "Hello" girl has declared war on any bodies not seen at any function arranged by her!! So Beware . . .

### FROM THE ROVING REPORTER

When asked to explain his incorrect actions, a well known personality in our little office was heard to reply: "I plead insanity".

I believe the word is "insanity!!"

Congratulations also go to Bob Smith for his new image: He now wears a dust coat so he looks like he's FOREMAN MATERIAL if nothing else.

### TRIPS

Best wishes to Peter Rhodes who is off overseas for five months. We hope your trip is enjoyable.

P.S. Mr. Moody said he should get a mention — so a mention, Mr. Moody.

## HEAD OFFICE

Brigitte Kristoff (Registry) returned in September from her two month trip to U.S.A. and Europe.

Bruce Hicks (Traffic Engineering) left in July for 12 months overseas touring England and Europe.

Photography's globe trotting John Mackie has returned from his cruise to Fiji. As one of the 1100 passengers aboard, he heavily contributed to the 41,000 cans of beer consumed during the 17 day voyage. He said: "That tin can carried more tin cans than I thought possible".

A budding actress has sprung from the files in Training Section. Lois Elmer has just finished a season doing Kismet and now has a role in Pickwick Papers. Keep up the good work, Lois.

Congratulations to the Cafeteria ladies who are reported to be all celebrating their 21st Birthdays once again, some time this year.

### LAUCH HARPER RETIRES

Lauch Harper retired on medical grounds after 31 years service with the Board.

He commenced in the Chief Accountant's Branch in March 1946 after service in the RAAF. His first position was in the Wages Section under "Pappy" Yuile. Lauch became attached to the Ledger Section under "Scotty" Dempster, and was the Allocations and Expenditure Officer—Direct Works at the time of his retirement.

A function to farewell Lauch was held at the Clifton on 25th August, 1977, and was attended by some 30 odd well-wishers.

## PLANS & SURVEY

Noel Anderson recently toured Europe and competed in a veterans' athletic meeting in Sweden. He achieved some success in finishing sixth in both the 5000 metre walk and the 20 km walk.

Fred Mazyrko (the Paul Getty of P&S) wept with joy at finally receiving his pay adjustment for his Class 2 Draftsman position. Claimed Fred, "I don't really need the money"

Avairs Bruns has been having a running battle with a tram driver lately, who does not like to stop at Kew Junction, but continues on past 89 High Street to the next intersection. This involves a walk for Avairs. "What was that tram driver's number?"

Brian Fitts has returned from 5 weeks travelling New Zealand, being in a car smash and learning to ski. Quite a holiday.

## HORSHAM

### HOLIDAYS

In August, Betty and Barrie Sleep, went on a fun-packed 15 day trip visiting places like Fiji, Noumea and Vila.

They decided to try the art of canoeing on a lagoon in Fiji. Paddling around they found themselves caught in some reeds on the opposite side of the lagoon to where they were trying to get.

Sunbaking on the shore was a naked young Fijian lady. The problem was that they didn't know how to paddle backwards. So they went forward towards the shore where the young Fijian was — much to Betty's disgust and no doubt Barrie's delight.

### SPORTING COLUMN

After overcoming serious adversity in the finals series of the Horsham Volleyball Association, our CRB team came through the replay of last year's grand final and turned the tables with a 3-0 victory.

The team: Captain Robert (where were you when we needed you) Block, Ken Breuer, Leigh Doolan, Wayne Hemley, Garry Minne, Dave Parker and Mike Stirrat.

Many thanks to Mick Toll and Gary Knight for filling in when required through the season.

## METROPOLITAN

The changes around Metro are so frequent these days that a change of representatives for Interchange (incorporating Roadlines) will hardly warrant a glance. Anyway we must thank Michael North-Coombes for his contributions over the past few years, his efforts haven't gone unnoticed.

### ARRIVALS

Linda Turner, formerly with 3KZ has joined us as a Clerical Assistant in the Accounts Section, as has Shirley Robinson from Claims.

Karen Palmer, a Drafting Assistant, joined our design team in August replacing Jeanette McGowan who transferred to Dandenong Division.

Clark Frigo, an Engineer from MRD, joined us in October whilst Russell Tucker who saw the light on a visit under the Training Scheme returns in November.

We also welcome Bill Kay, from Road Planning. Depot Clerks Bob Ellis and Kevin Baker and Training Scheme Engineers John Connal and Bill Hooker.

### DEPARTURES

Alex Evans, who was successful in gaining a Class 3 position in Plans & Surveys, leaves in December.

After much deliberation, Bob Taylor left in September to join some former CRB colleagues in the Traffic Engineering Department at Brisbane City Council.

Cost Clerk Chris Parker transferred to Seymour in November.

### TITBITS

Heard that Tony Molinaro, a CMW III had five correct numbers in Tattsлото, the sixth was 28 whilst he had 27. No wonder he wasn't put to work on the Freeway the following Monday.

## TRARALGON

The Social Club held a successful car trial in the hills south of Traralgon recently. Greg Mariager won in a Renault 16 specially prepared for the event. The car was too quick for the DE who came a close second.

Peter Jarrett, former Balook Patrol Assistant, recently gained a position in the office as Admin. Officer. Peter commutes from Balook to Traralgon (34 km) and often during the winter had to get up at 5.30 a.m. to dig his car out of snow drifts prior to a 1½ hour drive into the office in windy, slippery conditions. However, the air-conditioned offices makes up for it.

## URBAN PROJECTS

An unprecedented interest has been noted among non-engineering staff as to ways and means of becoming re-classified to Professional Engineer status. Interest has possibly been generated by the recent movements of members of the profession who are also part of "Urban Projects". For example:

**Nial Quin:** (Engineer F9 Project) recently visited his ancestral home in Ireland. Irish jokes have been banned at F9!

**Tony Hollow:** (Engineer F9 Project) is soon to depart for a tour of Europe.

**Tom Dobson:** (Planning Engineer) has returned from a lightning trip to the Middle East, Asia and Europe.

**Paul Anglin:** (Assistant Chief Urban Projects Engineer) has recently returned from his tour of England, Scotland and Germany.

**Jim Wilson:** (Project Engineer—Johnson Street Bridge) was seen sailing his yacht through the Whitsunday passage. His copy of "Teach Yourself Navigation" served him well as he returned to work in mid-September.

**Angelo Guifre:** reputed to be one of the more indispensable members of the Eastern Freeway project team, has been visiting his family in Italy after an absence of 20 years.

**N.B.:** There is one overseas trip, by a non-engineer staff member on record, but I don't think Ron Hutchins' fishing trip to Tasmania, on the Bass Strait Ferry, really qualifies.

## WARRNAMBOOL

### ON LEAVE

Don Gleeson is spending a couple of months with Gerda mostly in her homeland, Holland, also sightseeing and touring Europe. Unfortunately his father died whilst overseas and we extend our sympathy.

Dianne Smith is on 12 months leave, enjoying Europe. Her many cards and letters tell us how wonderful we know it is?!

### OF INTEREST

Kevin O'Keefe from the Laboratory was the first Warrnambool Rider to finish in the Melbourne-Warrnambool Road Race this year. All the best to Kevin and looking forward to better things in the future.

## SEYMOUR

On Sunday, 21st August, a golf match was played at Avenel between the Seymour staff and the exiles from Locksley. Despite protests, Seymour adjudged themselves winners by one stroke and a birdie.

Up here at Seymour the E.O.'s are an eccentric lot — like the one who went for a paddle on the Goulburn and lost his boat. Found that OK, but now he's lost his paddles. There's another who plods the wild banks of the Murrindindi with a TV clutched in one hand and an aerial in the other. Probably looking for a roving TV report.

## SYNDAL

Royce Marion left the Drawing Office to start up a business of car repairing in the Hawthorn district. That's one job there should be plenty of money in.

Rob Wallace thought there was a more challenging and rewarding career in the manufacture of picture frames than that in the Design Section.

G. Edwards, welder, and L. Torney, storeman, have gone seeking greener pastures. We wish them every success in their ventures.

The Syndal Veterans suffered a loss in the death of Les Murphy at Cressy on August 9th. Noted for his upright stance and loud peals from his blacksmith's hammer, Les had retired last year.

## ENGAGED

**ALFORD:** Alan (Title Survey) became engaged to Debbie Barge in July.

**ANDERSON-DELL:** John Anderson (Estates) and Lyn Dell (Accounts) became engaged in August.

**CLEMENCE:** Congratulations to Geoff (Bendigo) and Faye Olive who have announced their engagement.

**GARRY:** (Horsham) is still enjoying his engagement (sic).

**IRVINE:** Maureen (Warrnambool) to David McKay on 17th September.

**JOLLY:** Stewart (Seymour Project) became engaged to Diane Kean on 3rd September.

**WALKER:** Congratulations to Kay (Bendigo) who has announced her engagement to Gary Addlem.

## MARRIED

**BEACHAM,** Les (Dandenong); was married on 3rd September to Nola. Rumour has it Les spent his honeymoon fishing in Tasmania. Hope he caught some big ones. All the best to you both for the future.

**CARTLEDGE,** Greg and Kerry (Dandenong); were married in Ballarat recently and honeymooned at Surfers Paradise.

**CURTIS,** Rita (Estates); married recently and is now Rita McBain.

**DAVIS,** Lynette (Correspondence Registry); married Frank Cox in September. Best wishes to them both.

**DUNCAN,** Warren (Plans & Surveys); married Jeanie Pearce of Essendon on 21st September.

**FREESTONE,** Graeme (Ballarat); has taken a running mate. His new wife, Gillian, will now be able to join him jogging around the lake. Best wishes for the future.

**HALL,** Ken (Dandenong); married Bridget at St. Marks, Camberwell in July and spent their honeymoon at Portsea, Warburton and the final week touring the rest of the Division's roads.

**KANE,** Trevor (Mulgrave Project); married Helen Terpstra in July.

**LEONARD,** David (Metropolitan); to Helen Down whose mother also works in Metropolitan Division.

**McLEAN-WEINBERG,** Jan McLean (Library) and Brian Weinberg (MRD); married on 20th August. Best wishes to you both.

**McCORMACK,** Gary (Printing); married Linda Gardiner in August.

**OSBORNE-ROLLAND,** Jan Osborne moved to the Seymour Project Office from Urban Projects, coinciding with her marriage to David Rolland.

**POMMERS,** Anton (Assistant Road Planning Engineer); was married on 5th November to Dr. Margaret Blythe.

**SYMONS,** Phil (Mulgrave Project); married Robyn in August.

## FOR SALE

**PORTABLE** typewriter, Tippa. Moderately good condition, \$20 ONO. Inspect Room 570A, or ext. 2762.

**IRONING** board, collapsible, \$10 ONO. Ext. 2762.

**CAMPERVAN** on Holden Ute. Complete with Hydraulic legs, Frig., Stove, etc. Ute and Camper both in Exc. Cond. \$3,700 complete or will separate. Contact Peter Lee, Ext. 2006 or A.H. 762-1370.

**TABLE.** Solid Oak Dining-Table with 2 Large Drawers. Good Con. \$80. Phone Ruth Dunbar, Ext. 2006.

**ALFETTA,** 1975, red duco, 23,000 miles, Michelin tyres, PB radio, black trim, 5 on the floor, \$6,000. Ring Ext. 2370.

## BIRTHS

**ALLEN:** To Bill (Horsham) and Merylyn, a son, Trevor William, born on 24th September. Congratulations to you both.

**BREHERTON:** To Robert (Benalla) and Helen, a lovely daughter, Leah Margaret.

**COTTRILL:** To Rod (Warrnambool) and Jenny, twin girls, Olivia Jayne and Renee Elizabeth on 6th September.

**CLARK:** To Vern (Ballarat) and Robyn, a daughter, Niesha.

**DACK:** Karen (Horsham) and Chris, are the proud parents of a daughter, Michelle Leanne.

**DEGNAN:** To Bill (Traffic Engineering) and Judy, a son, Russell Grant, in June.

**ELSEY:** To Max (Ballarat) and Joan, a daughter, Deanna Linda.

**EVANS:** To Alex (Metropolitan) and Mary, a daughter, Nicole.

**EVERETT:** Congratulations to John Everett (Benalla) and his wife on the birth of a son.

**GWIZDEK:** To Joe (Bairnsdale) and Irene, a son, Peter James, on 31st May. A few people were seen up and about at Joe's early on the Saturday morning following the social club's film night and celebrations.

**GIBBS:** To Garnett (Dandenong) and Lesley, another son, Simon, brother for Benjamin.

**HALLAM:** To Neville (Benalla) and Mary, a daughter, Fiona Mary. The first of a long line.

**HOLLIER:** To Judith (Syndal) and Laurie, a daughter, Amy Margaret on 31st July.

**HOUGHTON:** To Andrew (Engineer in Chief's Section) and Cath, a daughter, Rebecca in June.

**JAKOWLEW:** To Alex (Benalla) and his wife, a new daughter, Heather.

**JONES:** To Anne (5th Floor) and Bernie, a daughter, Kate Maree in August.

**LAWTON:** To Cliff (Metropolitan) and Lorraine, a son, Shane Alexander.

**MORSE:** To Jim (Metropolitan) and Angela, a son, Timothy.

**MILLINGTON:** To Peter (Traffic Engineering) and Jenny, a son, Jason.

**NUGENT:** Congratulations to Jenny (Mulgrave Project) and Barry on the arrival of their first child, Nicole Cynthia.

**OSBORNE:** Congratulations to Noel (Seymour Project) and Chris on the birth of their first son, Noel Antony on 12th August.

**O'BRIEN:** To Andrew (Traffic Engineering) and Patricia, a son, Mark Andrew in July.

**PECORA:** To Lou (Dandenong) and Maria, a son, Tony Alexander.

**REPACHOLI:** Nell (Warrnambool) a son, Michael Dennis on 19th June. Congratulations to the Repacholi family.

**SALTER:** Congratulations to Ken (Traralgon) and Marje, on the birth of a daughter, Felicity Janelle.

**SPRING:** To Geoff (Urban Projects) and Margaret, a son, Rodney John.

**STONE:** To Graeme (Title Survey) and Jenny, congratulations on the birth of their second son, Benjamin.

**VARDIS:** To Eve (Dandenong) and Bob, a son, Peter Adam.

**VAN DEUREN:** To Hank (Dandenong) and Maureen, a son, Paul, brother for Emma.

**WALKER:** To Len (Ballarat) and Betty, a son, Adam Leigh.

**WARWICK:** Congratulations to Dick (Urban Projects) and Joan, on the birth of their daughter, Carmen.

**WEBB:** To David (5th floor) and Robyn, a girl, Emily Kate, on 29th November, at Lilydale Hospital. Girl's well; David not so well.

**WIGNALL:** To Ian (Ballarat) and Margaret, a daughter, Jennifer.

**WILKIN:** To Bev (Geelong) and John, a daughter, Bianca, sister for Mark.

## RETIRED

**ANDREE,** Warwick (Syndal); Retired recently and our best wishes go with him.

**ANSPACH,** Wally (Syndal); Has gone into retirement and we hope he has many years to enjoy the fruits of his labour.

**BLACK,** George (Horsham); Dumper driver extraordinaire at the Stawell Quarry, he has carried his last load. Good luck in the years to come, George.

**BRAYSHAW,** Haydn (Traralgon); Workshop Foreman, retired recently. See story on page 8.

**BRONKHURST,** Arie (Warrnambool); After 22 years with the CRB, will retire on 30th December. Our best wishes go with you Arie for a long and healthy retirement.

**BURNS,** Bob (Horsham); A patrolman, has retired from the Culgoa Patrol and we wish him a long and happy retirement.

**CURRIE,** David (Warrnambool); The Divisional Engineer's Clerk, retired on 4th November to concentrate on his furniture business. David spent 14 years with the CRB and best wishes go with him.

**DAVIDSON,** Roy (Benalla); A Cost Clerk, retired after 6 years with the CRB to spend more time on the golf course.

**DRURY,** Win (HO Receptionist); Retired on 31st October after 34 years with the CRB. See the article on page 4.

**JEFFERY,** Alf (Dandenong); A number of present and past staff members and their wives, together with Messrs. Brake, Angus, McFadyen and Gray attended a Dinner at "Karinya Lodge", Blackburn, to honour Alf Jeffery on the occasion of his retirement from the Board after 14 years.

**KEILLY,** George (Ballarat); Patrolman in Charge, Gisborne, retired due to ill health earlier this year after 24 years service. Best wishes for the future, George.

**KING,** Doug (Benalla); Divisional Accounts Clerk, was given a send off at the Violet Town Hotel. Doug's farewell gift of golf bag and clubs will be put to good use as he lives opposite the Violet Town golf course. Doug will visit old friends in England before settling into retirement.

**MEDWELL,** Bill (Ballarat); Maintenance works ganger, retired quietly earlier this year. Our best wishes for the future go with you, Bill.

**MEREDITH,** Alan (Syndal); retired recently and we wish him a long and happy one.

**NAPADVIK,** Dymetro (Traralgon); Pipelayer, worked with the CRB for 26 years after emigrating from Europe after World War 2. 'Napa' spent about 25 years in CRB mess camps before recently buying a house to retire to in Newborough. Workmates attended a party at his house on the eve of his retirement.

**PERRY,** Alan (Warrnambool); Overseer, retired on 25th November after 31 years of working for the CRB. Best wishes Alan.

**RENN,** Bill (Eastern Freeway); Overseer, retired on 20th September after 25 years of service.

**STAFFORD,** Harry; Superintendent of Works on the Eastern Freeway since its inception, retired on 6th June after 27 years of service. A presentation was made to him at a big "family picnic day" in the Dandenongs.

**UPTON,** Les (Benalla); Workshop Supervisor, retired recently after 29 years with the CRB. Les has not been well recently but has improved since leaving work. Just the medicine.

**VUCANS,** Francis (Ballarat); Fitter, retired from the workshop after 23 years service with the CRB. All the best for your retirement.

## DEATHS

**CONSTABLE,** Jack (Horsham, Patrol Assistant); died at home on 29th July.

**DELL,** George (Patrolman 1, Dandenong); the death of George Dell on 21st July at the age of 52 was a serious loss to the division. Highly respected in Pakenham, George was an impressive man with a great sense of humour. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Betty and family of 3 daughters, one of whom—Lyn—works in Head Office.

**MURPHY,** Les (Syndal); died at Cressy on 9th August.

**MORRIS,** Norm (Benalla, Plant Serviceman); the depot was saddened by his sudden death and extends sympathy to his family and especially his son, Geoff, who takes care of the snow clearing operation on Mt. Buller.

**NANCARROW,** Les (Horsham Roadmaster); died suddenly on 5th August. The news came as a great shock to all Horsham staff who knew Les during his 31 years with the CRB.

# THE HUGHSONS AT HOME



Photo courtesy Australian Women's Weekly.

Roger Hughson's family of nine moved into their new house in Monbulk on 22nd October.

The family sold their old two-bedroom house—in the same street—and with the help of the Housing Commission moved into a four-bedroom house.

Roger and his wife, Lynette, are pictured with the quads, David, Scott, Clinton and Grant. Their other children are Joanne (5), Christopher (3), and Michael (2).

Roger started with the CRB in 1968 as a fitter-motor mechanic and works in field maintenance.

## RAFFLE WINNER

A CRB fund-raising raffle was held in conjunction with the Emerald Lions Club to provide a mini-bus for the Hughsons—and a Datsun 120Y for the raffle winner.

The raffle was drawn on 3rd December and the first prize was won by: Garry Hall, son of Dandenong plant operator John Hall.