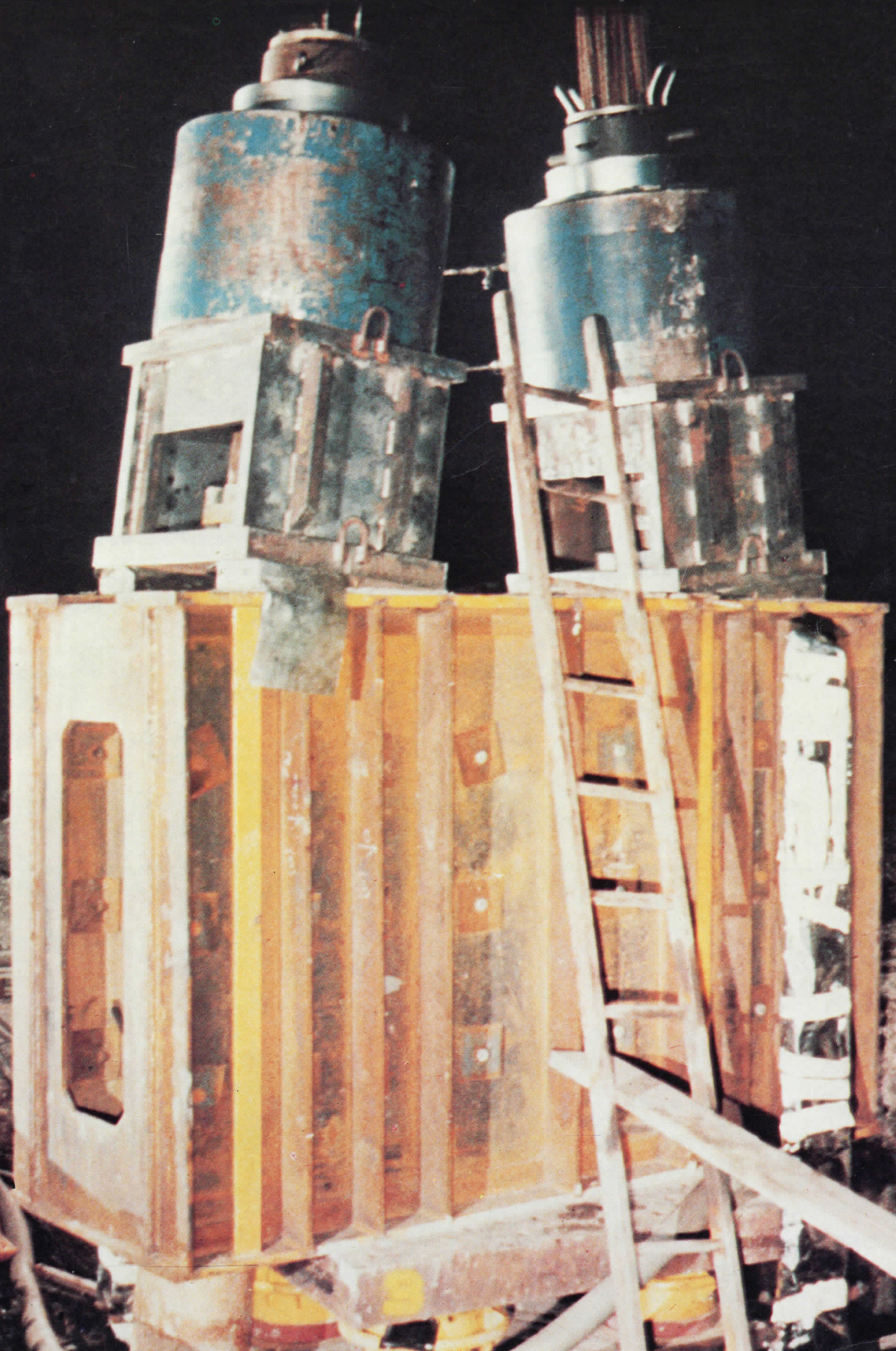


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Deutscher Motoring

With Australian tourism expanding with the European Economic Community, here is a list of words that might be useful in German speaking countries.

Trafficators — **Die Blinken Lightenmitticken Furturnen.**

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Motor Trouble — **Bigenden Essenwerkon Mit Gummenup en Buggared.**

(Apologies to VW, BMW and Mercedes Benz owners.)

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No fish on the menu...

Members of the CRB fishing brigade tried everything to land the catch that would take out the big cash prizes.

It was the weekend of the Head Office Social Association's fishing contest (April 31-May 1) at Howqua on Lake Eildon, 150 km north east of Melbourne. About 20 adults and children stayed overnight in on-site caravans.

But not a single fish was caught; or hooked, netted, speared or even thrown back.

There were prizes: \$30 for the heaviest bag caught from the bank; \$30 for the heaviest bag caught from a boat; and a cash prize for the heaviest single fish caught.

Sadly, all the prize money had to be returned to the Social Association. It wasn't for lack of trying by the anglers. But fish was definitely not on the menu by the time the Sunday lunchtime barbecue was held in the camping ground.

The campsite was peaceful, the weather fine and the Jamieson pub close at hand. On Saturday night, Karen Barnfather (Personnel) and Jurgen Heselschwerdt (Printing) led part of the group to the bar where an open fire was burning (surrounded by the neighbourhood dogs).

There the CRB anglers and friends

reminded over the day's highlights . . . Di Young's (Public Relations) hike to get to the pier to do some fishing, to find the water too low to fish in . . .

the pet sheep belonging to the caravan park's owner which found its way into Laurie Carlton's caravan, and surprised his wife, Gail, by rubbing against the back of her legs. It was only after she said "Not now, Laurie" that the rubbing stopped . . .

Bob Charlesworth and John Waters (both from Right of Way Division) took a canoe to fish — they trawled their lines behind them as they paddled furiously. And they also came back unsuccessful, although they did see a fish which had jumped out of the water over their lines.

Darrell Ross (Title Survey) and his wife Susan (Chief Accountant's) hired a boat for their fishing and pleasure boating.

The campers started leaving the site at 4 p.m. on Sunday after a relaxing weekend and memories of games, sport and meals without fish.

• *Our fishing expert, Stan Wright, says the weather pattern could explain why no fish were caught on that weekend.*

When a Low pressure system develops, freshwater and saltwater fish head for cover under logs and rocks and stop feeding; Fishing grounds become almost lifeless.

Also, at this time of the year freshwater fish head upstream to spawn their eggs.

At Lake Eildon the best catches — when they are biting — are Rainbow Trout, Redfin and Murray Cod.

• **At Bairnsdale's fishing day, they caught some fish! See Divisional Notes.**

In Black and Yellow



AN extract from the menu at the 'Old Melbourne Hotel':

"While elephants and dolphins sleep for only 2 hours out of 24, the average sleep of a human is reckoned at 7 hours 36 minutes."

Obviously reckoned before flexi-time.

NO petrol from the Board's bowser . . . part two.

After a week without petrol because of the petrol strike, it should have been back to normal operations when the CRB's tanks were filled up the day after the strike ended.

However, when the first Board car pulled up for refuelling the gushing liquid was seen to be an unusually clear colour.

It was water.

One of the two petrol tanks had water in it.

ESTATES Section don't get it all easy.

A Footscray resident was asked to submit a labelled diagram of his property showing the dimensions of his land and to mark an arrow showing the north direction.

He replied with "Well I don't know which direction north is, but the sun rises over the back fence every morning".

A CROWD was gathering at the Mulgrave site office in preparation for the recent opening of the freeway to Forster Road.

Cups of tea were being offered all around and one high ranking CRB official remarked "We are going to the hotel later aren't we, why waste a good thirst on tea".

"WE were wrong" says the old adAge.

As the old adAge goes, we apologise to those who complained about the article "Women in the CRB" in the previous issue.

Perhaps next time Roadlines could feature every woman in the CRB?



Judy-Ann Wolloghan (left) and Kathy Davidson fish on Lake Eildon.

Shopping at Kew: It should be better



Tom Horsfield of MRD (left) and Marje Robertson (Bridge) look over an enticing display of fruit at a Kew shop.

As a follow-up to the flexitime survey, the Roadlines Short-sight Team now takes a look at Kew shopping centre. Many CRB staff use these shopping facilities — but are they being given a good deal? In view of the importance of the CRB to the shopping centre, are the storekeepers making allowances for the CRB staff's valued patronage.

CRB staff at Head Office and Annexes who shop at Kew want better service, more discounts and a wider range of goods sold, according to the Roadlines team.

There are about 1000 CRB staff working at the Kew offices, and the Short-sight team's survey found that more than 85 per cent of them shop at Kew shopping centre regularly, either daily, weekly or monthly.

And they would shop at Kew more often if more shops offered discounts to Board staff.

Ninety per cent of the CRB staff members polled in the survey, (54 out of 60) said they would shop more frequently (or start shopping there) if given a better deal through discounts.

Currently only three shops offer discounts to CRB staff: Junction Male, Ron North Discounts (Electrical Goods) and Rex Tyre Service.

The Head Office Social Association will distribute the findings of the survey to shop owners in an attempt to get a better deal for members who provide a lot of local business.

Each day up to 300 staff go to Kew shopping centre, the survey found.

About 400 staff shop there at least once a week, and 150 shop there each month.

A big majority of CRB shoppers did their shopping at lunchtime (85 per cent).

THE SURVEY

For the Short-sight survey, a sample of 60 people were asked questions ranging from 'Do you shop at Kew Junction' to 'Do you generally look for a discount when shopping'.

The Short-sight Team found that people appre-

ciated the convenience of the shopping centre to the CRB office, but felt that more discounts and better service were needed. Thirty eight women and 22 men answered the questionnaire. The results were:

DO YOU SHOP AT KEW JUNCTION?

Yes 52 (85%)
No 8 (15%)

HOW OFTEN?

Daily 19
Weekly 23
Monthly 10

DO YOU SHOP AT LUNCHTIME?

Yes 52 (85%)
No 8 (15%)

ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE RANGE OF GOODS AVAILABLE AT KEW?

Yes 13 (22%)
No 47 (78%)

DO YOU GENERALLY LOOK FOR A DISCOUNT WHEN SHOPPING?

Yes 40 (66%)
No 20 (34%)

ONLY THREE SHOPS AT KEW SHOPPING CENTRE OFFER DISCOUNTS TO CRB STAFF. WOULD YOU SHOP THERE MORE OFTEN IF MORE STORES OFFERED DISCOUNTS?

Yes 54 (90%)
No 6 (10%)

Most complained about the service at lunchtime, especially at banks, supermarkets and the Post Office.

Banks came under the most criticism — shoppers said the banks did not have sufficient staff on counter duty at CRB lunchtime (12.45 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.) especially on CRB pay days.

About 50 per cent of complaints about the lack of shop staff on duty at lunchtime concerned bank service; 30 per cent complained about insufficient staff on duty at supermarket check-out counters; 15 per cent criticised service at the Post Office.

A comment from a head office shopper: "Could shops have a lunch hour at different times to CRB lunchtime to enable quicker service?"

The lack of variety of shops and goods at Kew was another major complaint.

Almost 80 per cent of CRB shoppers (47 out of 60) said they were not satisfied with the range of goods available and greater variety was needed.

A few said they would like to see an expensive shopping complex established at Kew Junction, but most said there should be a better variety of shops.

For example: "Perhaps more clothing shops, book shops and NOT so many hairdresser and antique type shops".

Comments from two male interviewees showed a singularity of purpose:

- "The Clifton should sell Carlton."
- "The Clifton should offer discounts to increase its patronage."



Shopping at Kew ... the service and range of goods could be better.

SHOP AT THE HOSA STORE



Lunchtime shopping at the CRB store ... every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 1 p.m. and 1.30 p.m.

In a genuine effort to stretch that fortnightly pay packet a little bit further, the Head Office Social Association has been running a lunch time store supplying various goods and services at reduced prices.

The film developing service has taken off like a rocket. The photo developing is one of the Store's busiest lines, mainly because of the excellent service.

As well as this service the HOSA store offers many discount items for sale. It's worthwhile taking a look. They may have just what you are looking for.

FOR SALE

- A full colour range of T-Shirts and Tank Tops.
- A good range of toys.
- ACTIL co-ordinate sheets. All sizes, either flat or fitted.
- Ladies Roll Neck and Cowl Neck jumpers.
- A large range of panty hose.
- Warrnambool blankets.
- Lambswool natural shape floor rugs.
- Mens bath robes (Givoni).
- Mens shirts (Salco and Armorial).
- Drinking glasses (Gift sets).

The shop opens at lunch time every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 1 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Next time you walk through the main entrance at lunch time, make a detour to Room 68 and check out the range of gifts. You may find that elusive gift idea right on your front doorstep.

McKillop Street... the HQ with a history

The headquarters of Geelong Division in McKillop Street had quite a chequered history before the CRB moved into the building in 1948.

Before World War 2 the building had been the Police Headquarters for the area.

During the war years the building was used for emergency housing for families. When the Board took it over in 1947 it was still needed for families who could not obtain housing, and the division had to find alternative temporary accommodation.

The temporary accommodation was a Military Hut, obtained from a military camp in Geelong. It was located at the South Geelong depot site. It measured 80 ft by 20 ft and is still in use today as a dining room for Depot staff.

Finally, in January, 1948, Geelong Division moved into its permanent headquarters building in McKillop Street—almost seven years after being formed as a separate division.

The Division was formed in March, 1941, when the old "Central District" was divided into eastern and western halves to form Dandenong Division and Geelong Division.

Prior to the decision to locate the Divisional centre at Geelong, there had been some political arguments and reports that it could be situated at Winchelsea, but Geelong was chosen as the site.

From March, 1941, until January, 1948, the Division was administered from Head Office.

Mr Bas Abery was appointed Divisional Engineer in March, 1941, after serving for a short period in the RAAF as a Commissioned Officer on airfield construction.

The first Assistant Divisional Engineer appointed to Geelong was the late Andrew Elder. However, shortly afterwards he was appointed to the new Ballarat Division as Assistant Divisional Engineer, so the late Les Elms from Stawell Division was appointed as Assistant Divisional Engineer to Geelong. (Stawell Division was later divided into Horsham and Ballarat Divisions).

Among the first staff appointed to Geelong in January, 1948, were the late Andrew Elder, Colin Dearnley (present ADE), Ron Angus (present Assistant Chief Works Engineer), Oscar Bond (Roadmaster), Clive Crosthwaith as Traffic Officer and Harold Corrigan as Divisional Engineer's Clerk. A Typist, Miss Isobel Chambers, and the Workshop Foreman, Eric Johnston and other Depot personnel were appointed locally.

The first Depot Foreman was the late 'Paddy' Watts who lived in a pre-fabricated house erected in the North West corner of the Depot.

Late in 1948 Stuart Gavin, Divisional Accountant, and Miss Horan, Typist, were appointed

and the Division continued to grow.

With the formation of Ballarat Division the boundaries of Geelong Division were altered. Buninyong and Bungaree Shires were added to Geelong Division. It is of interest to note that of the original staff mentioned, Col Dearnley and Miss Horan are still with the Division.

Heavy rain in 1952, 1953 and 1954 caused problems throughout the Division, especially on the Great Ocean Road.

In 1954 at Hutt Gully a washed out section of the Great Ocean Road required a Bailey Bridge to be erected. Under the direction of an Army Officer and former Chairman, Mr 'Paddy' O'Donnell, (then Bridge Engineer), engineers, clerks, patrolmen, overseers and labourers combined in a magnificent effort to complete the bridge within 12 hours. The wash away measured 150 ft across, 80 ft deep and about 40 ft in width.

In 1960 Mr Abery was appointed Chief Bridge Engineer at Head Office and Mr Bill Neville (Divisional Engineer, Horsham) was appointed Divisional Engineer.

In 1964, the Maltby Bypass was completed and officially opened and the duplication of the Princes Highway between Footscray and Corio continued.

Another big project was also beginning on the Western Highway at Melton and in the 1970's, the Bacchus Marsh section of the Western Freeway was started.

In 1970 the late Mr Les Elms retired and Mr Neil Jephcott (present Divisional Engineer, Bairnsdale) was appointed Assistant Divisional Engineer. Mr Neville was then appointed Assistant Chief Works Engineer and Geelong Legacy suffered a big loss. He was replaced by Mr Graeme Marshallsea (Assistant Divisional Engineer, Bendigo) as Divisional Engineer and is still in that position.

Since the Division was formed many names can be mentioned of those who have built up the Division. Some have passed on, others retired. But all past and present members of the Division have and will continue to see the growing need for more road improvements to meet the needs of the fast growing areas within the Geelong Division, of which the population is well in excess of 200,000 people.



Among Geelong's 1949 staff were (from left) standing:

J Heid
N Morrison
L Cole
H Corrigan
C Dearnley
R Angus
B Abery
L Elms
S Gavin

Seated:
H Douglas
I Chambers
E Horan

SPORTS DAY AT BENDIGO

More than 100 competitors from all divisions attended the Bendigo Inter Divisional Sports Day in March.

Competitions were held in golf, tennis, lawn bowls, squash and snooker, but events in yachting and table tennis were cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

Each Division was issued with a map indicating the respective venues and the organisers had no reports of anyone getting lost. However, there were several unconfirmed reports of golfers getting lost on the golf course. This cannot be attributed to lack of organisation as the committee carefully placed a local golfer in each of the leading fours.

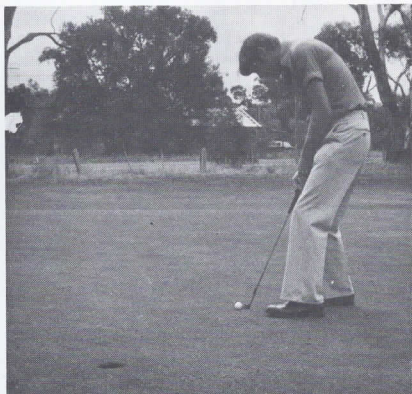
One local, Colin John Turner, Workshop Foreman at Bendigo, a well respected member of the Bendigo Golf Club and leading guide for the day, hit a magnificent first tee shot, the ball being promptly lost.

Having called the following golfers through, the wayward ball was found in a tool shed and our chief guide ended up leading from the rear.

Trevor Phillips, the Nunawading "Ned Kelly", was unable to repeat the net 48 of the previous year due to the handicappers fine work, together with the worry of obtaining a visa to visit Bendigo, and was only able to return a net 80.

Jim Winnett, who won Best Net Handicap Social Event with an 88 off the stick with a 26 handicap, can expect similar treatment to Trevor's for any future events.

Ted Goddard, who takes everything easy, except his golf, started in a very nervous fashion



R. Hartwell (Bendigo) putts on the 12th hole.

with several holes near double figures, approximately. He claims his poor form was due to the many hours spent the previous evening in the flesh pots of Bendigo. However, everyone can be assured that his poor form cannot be attributed to his opponents Messrs Peyton, Anderson and Peckham, who observed impeccable etiquette throughout the round and only applauded the poorest shots with great restraint.

TENNIS

Horsham continued its winning run of the past decade to take out the tennis shield, but not before its team got a fright from Bridge in the first set.

Bridge won the first set 8-5, but Horsham recovered to win the next two sets 8-4, 6-2.

But Bridge's confidence is up and they are planning to offer Jimmy Connors a job as a Draftsman around the time of next year's match.

SQUASH

In a hard and fast game, Leo Stella (Bridge) defeated John Campbell (Dandenong) to take out the squash championship, but not before Leo had blood coming out of his sandshoes.

Was it a deliberate nobbling attempt by persons unknown? Does Leo need a new pair of toe clippers? Did John try to sweep Leo off his feet late in the first set? ...

The judges said there was no foul play and Leo took out the squash title.

SNOOKER

This year the games were played on top class tables borrowed from the RSL club.

The well known Bendigo drinking and snooker playing team of Noel Hartwell and Ian Reiffel took out the doubles title, and Noel Hartwell won the singles game.

At the conclusion of all of the sporting events, competitors, wives, and families returned to the Divisional Workshop for a meal and liquid refreshments.

Towards the end of a most enjoyable lunch the Divisional Engineer, Tom Glazebrook welcomed all visitors to Bendigo and introduced the Board Member,

Mr Brake, who presented the trophies.

The winners were:

- *Lawn Bowls: Bendigo Division — T Runnalls, Mr and Mrs C Williams.*

- *Squash: L Stella. (Runner-up J Campbell.)*

- *Tennis: Horsham Division — G Savage, J Breuer and M Stirratt.*

- *Snooker: Bendigo Division, Singles — N Hartwell. Doubles — N Hartwell and I Reiffel.*

- *Golf: Bendigo Division — R Hartwell, C Turner, L Davies, R Thomas and P Bolitho.*

The Best Gross was won by L Carraher with a 78 off the stick. The Best Net was won by R Hartwell, and Best Social Handicap won by J Winnett.



Bendigo Division's T. Runnalls measures the Head during the Lawn Bowls final.

The organising committee would like to thank everyone who participated, with special thanks to Joan Summers and all of the ladies who gave their time to prepare a most enjoyable meal, and to Harry Hardingham who did a tremendous amount of work in organising the day. And finally our thanks go to Mr and Mrs Brake who visited all of the sporting venues during the day.

NEXT YEAR ...

Bendigo Division has organised the Inter Divisional Sports Day for the past two years and Benalla Division is already investigating the possibility of holding the next Sports Day at Benalla. If this eventuates it is hoped that the function is fully supported and the location alternated with Bendigo Division every few years.

RUN FOR FUN



By Peter Carey

Do you ever stare out of the window at lunch time munching a sandwich and feeling the curried egg or the cheese and vegemite between white bread land heavily in your stomach and think to yourself 'My wife must stop feeding me like this'.

As you continue to stare through the glass that protects you from all the horrors that lurk outside the building like cool air, oxygen and walking to your car, you will notice people playing tennis. You will probably also see somebody running. **RUNNING!** Running at lunch time. 'What's wrong with him' you might say.

Well, there is a growing number of people who take the opportunity to run either at lunch time or after work, have fun doing it and enjoy good health.

Among Head Office staff there are a number of runners who have distinguished themselves in this highly competitive sport. But serious competitive running remains in the realm of the enthusiast.

The type of running activity that almost everyone can take part in is a leisurely jog at lunch time or after work.

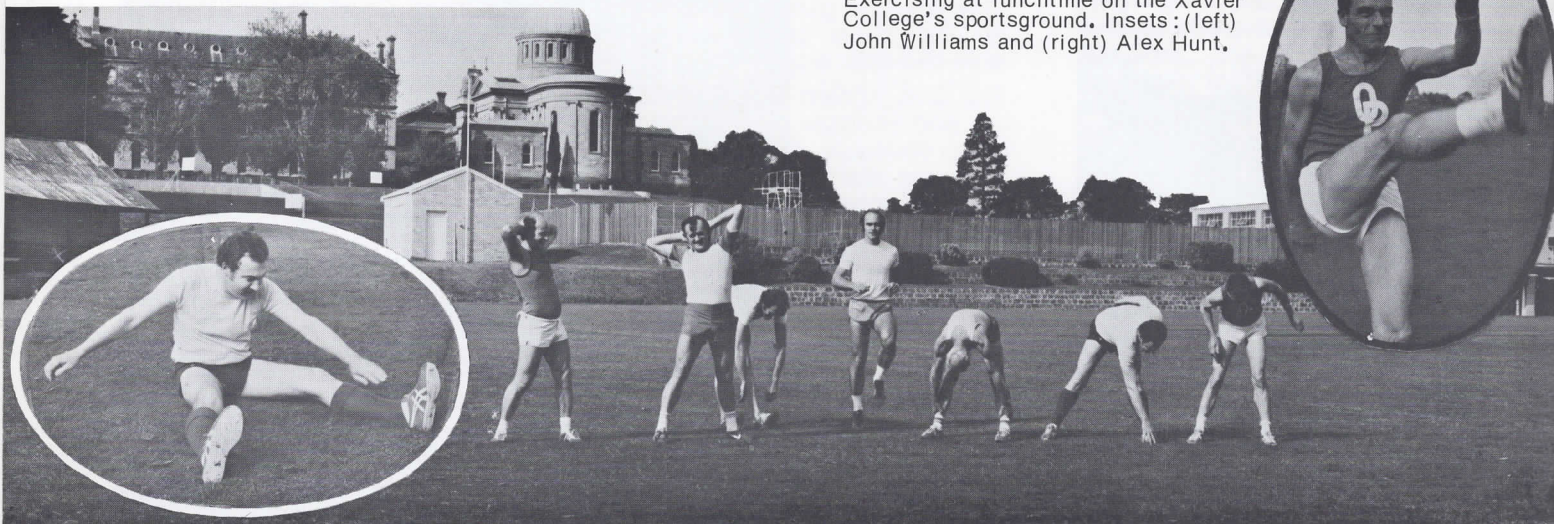
A number of people have already taken the opportunity to make more productive use of their time spent at work and travelling home from work. Some run during lunch time and others run after work or home from work.

Brian Weston from Estates has taken up the challenge and as a weight controlling exercise he runs an average of three times a week—from Head Office, down to the Boulevard, around the nine hole golf course and back to the office.

His lunch time program on these days is:

12.45 p.m.—Leave the office and change clothes in the Xavier tennis pavilion.

Exercising at lunchtime on the Xavier College's sportsground. Insets: (left) John Williams and (right) Alex Hunt.



12.50 p.m.—On the road and jogging.

1.15 p.m.—Return to the change room to shower and dress.

1.25 p.m.—Return to the office.

Brian says that 25 minutes on the road at lunch time keeps his weight down and keeps him reasonably fit.

Dennis Moore from Traffic Engineering also has the occasional lunch time jog, but most of his running is done at night. Dennis coaches runners on a part time basis. In fact he has coached many winning professional athletes.

'The Herald' referred to Dennis Moore as the Bart Cummings of professional running, and said that he has a reputation for turning average performers into quite reasonable athletes. When his athletes win professional races it is often in a race where the prizemoney is better than usual.

This is not to say that we should all train to become professional competitive athletes. However, Dennis has made himself available to anyone in the office who would like some free advice on running. He has several people from the office under his wing at the moment.

Dennis, of Box Hill, occasionally runs home from work, as does John Harper from Title Survey. John runs mainly for fun but at the moment he is training for Marathon events, the most gruelling of all athletic events. There are four Marathons being run in Victoria this year and John hopes to compete in all of them. Three times a week John runs a 20 km indirect route from Kew to Glen Waverley. On these days his wife drops him off at work in the morning. He's back at home in time for dinner, 82 minutes after leaving Kew.

100 KM A WEEK.

Now you may wonder what John does with his work clothes when he runs home. "Well," he says, "they do pile up a bit but every now and then my wife brings a laundry van in to pick them up". John runs about 100 kilometres a week and derives a lot of enjoyment from his efforts.

Noel Anderson from Plans & Surveys is another man who runs home from work and completes the 11 km distance from Kew to Mt Waverley in 45 minutes, which is quicker than public transport. Noel competes with St Stephens Harriers and while his main interest is in walking events he runs for the fun of it.

Alex Hunt, Correspondence Officer, has taken the trouble to consult the Sports Master at Xavier College and has obtained permission to use the College grounds after work. The Sports Master even offered him the use of the showers in the cricket pavilion. Alex has no clothes problem as he changes in the office, does his running, changes again and goes home.

Photographer Bill Jansen had to keep up with the runners to get his photos, and that included a dash up Stevenson Street and a quick sprint through the cutting.



While some of those mentioned are regular competitors in serious athletics, some are not. All admit that they enjoy running for the sake of it and derive great pleasure from being reasonably fit.

WHY START JOGGING ...

To begin jogging does not mean that you have to vary your diet, or stop smoking or stop drinking. The whole point of physical fitness was summed up by Herb Elliott several years ago when he said that the person who is reasonably fit can enjoy his vices so much more. While he did not condone smoking he said that the person who likes a drink will enjoy it so much more if he is fit.

The difference is that the senses are much more active in a fit person than they are in someone who is unfit. And this takes in the whole spectrum of eating, drinking, sex and the ability to do a job. It means that fit people are much better equipped to enjoy life.

If you are a contender for the large girth stakes it would be to your advantage to eat your cut lunch at morning or afternoon tea, strip to your running shorts and get your blood pumping at lunch time. Let your body know it's alive.



Noel Anderson (left) and Dennis Moore on the run in Barkers Road.

SHOWERS

For those interested in the lunch time jogging scene there are showers available at the Xavier Tennis Pavilion.

The CRB provides showers for male staff on the Ground Floor of the MRD building.

On the 5th Floor at 89 High Street there are showers for both men and women, and the installation of a female shower room on the 3rd floor of the MRD building is being investigated.

THE CRB TRUCKIES . . .



The transport crew and some of their equipment (from left) Tom Toomey (forklift driver) the late Jan Krisans, Bill Beston, Merv Jones (International 3070A semi-trailer) Bert Hill (supervisor) Stan Mann (Bedford Isuzu semi-trailer) Kevin Lea (relief driver) and Ken Edwards (Volvo G88 float).

Transport in the CRB is a big business by any standards. The CRB owns about four thousand items of plant with a total value of about \$11.5 million.

Much of the Board's plant has to be put on a float when it is moved from job to job and it can be moved from one end of the State to the other at five minutes notice. The task of organising and executing most CRB transport belongs to the Transport Section at Syndal, led by Bert Hill.

The Transport Section is run as a business. Every job is assessed with regard to time, distance and weight, and construction jobs are charged accordingly. Bert runs the business not to make a profit but to break even (i.e. to cover costs only).

Plant movements can mean that drivers are away from home for up to two weeks at a time, especially when an outer Division requires several plant moves to be made over long distances.

There are also low loaders located at Bairnsdale, Benalla and Bendigo which service local needs.

All of the drivers have had previous experience in long distance haulage before joining the CRB and take pride in their job as truckies. The job also requires knowledge of earth-moving equipment as in many cases the plant item to be picked



The servicemen who keep the trucks on the road . . . Lou Krikas (left) and Geoff Greenfield.



Kevin Lea in the cabin of his truck.



The truckies, from left, Kevin Lea, Ken Edwards, Merv Jones, the late Jan Krisans and Stan Mann.

Ken
cab
G88

up is left on site without a driver, so the truck driver has to manoeuvre it onto the float.

The transport fleet consists of three floats of 42 tonne capacity, three semi-trailers of 21 tonne capacity, one International truck with a crane mounted on the back, two tray-body trucks of 7-8 tonnes capacity, one mobile crane and a forklift.

There is a strong feeling of teamwork in the Transport Section, perhaps stemming from being part of a section with a well defined role.

Bert Hill, assisted by Lionel Glennie, is the 'stay at home' who has the task of co-ordinating transport for the CRB statewide, while Ken Edwards, Merv Jones, Stan Mann, Fred Corrol, Kevin Lea, Joe Janicek and Peter Clark do most of the heavy transport driving. They are backed up by John Davies and Alan Norman as relief drivers and Tom Toomey as the forklift driver.

A driver's time is not entirely spent on heavy haulage around the State. The Transport Section also handles the delivery of new cars and trucks from the manufacturer to their CRB destination. Similarly the old vehicles that are to be sold (many go to the Government Auction at Tottenham) are handled by Transport Section, together with heavy purchase pick-up jobs for the Stores Section.

As well as the cartage of plant and equipment around the State, CRB trucks deliver many of the bridge building materials to bridge construction sites.

Obituary : Jan Krisans



Jan's truck has finally stopped. Jan Krisans drove an Atkinson low loader and it was said by many that it was always on the go. "Jan's Atkinson never stops" they would say.

Jan has lamentably become one of our road statistics. He died as the result of a car accident during the Easter Holidays.

But he is not merely a statistic. He was always one of the more popular members of the transport crew and seemed to have a permanent smile on his face. He will be remembered for a long time by his workmates who have been deeply saddened by the loss.



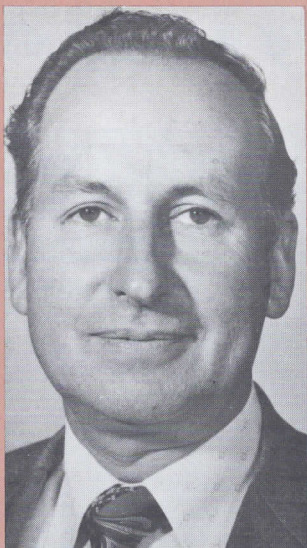
Ken Edwards in the driver's seat of his Volvo car.

Stan Mann with his new Bedford Isuzu.

● The happy face of Merv Jones at the wheel of his new International semi-trailer.

Asphalt Engineer on study tour

The Asphalt Engineer, Mr J D Bethune (right) left in May on a 5½ week study tour covering three continents.



Mr Bethune will study various aspects of surface sealing and asphalt works, with particular emphasis on elastic additives in asphalt laying.

Significant experimentation has been carried out in what is known as elastomer modified binders over recent years, and Mr Bethune's tour is to ensure the Board keeps pace with the latest advances.

Mr Bethune's itinerary takes in the USA, Canada, United Kingdom, South Africa and various parts of Europe.

STAFF CHARITIES FUND...

Contributions by staff to the CRB Staff Charities Fund totalled \$2,632 in the year ending 31st December, 1976. Other donations totalled \$735.

The Committee of the Staff Charities Fund would like to thank those who contributed to the fund. Anyone interested in joining this fund should contact the President, Mr Keith Opie (Chief Bridge Engineer, Princess Street), the Secretary, Mr Jon Chambers (Personnel, 2nd Floor, Head Office) or the Treasurer, Mr Clive Hamilton (Asphalt Division, 3rd Floor, MRD building), who will give you any information and supply the deduction forms.

Any amount can be deducted automatically from your pay, and because payments are made to registered charities, the total of your contributions for the year is an allowable tax deduction.

STOP PRESS : QUADS !

Syndal mechanic Roger Hughson and his wife Lynette became parents of quads on 23rd May.

The quads, named David, Scott, Clinton and Grant, bring the family total to seven children. The other children are Joanne, 5, Christopher, 3 and Michael, 2.

The Hughsons knew six weeks in advance that Lynette was going to have quads, Mrs Hughson and the babies are all well.

The odds of giving birth to quads - without the use of fertility drugs - is one in 500,000.

CRB v PWD



The CRB had a convincing win in this year's cricket match against the Public Works Department team from Tasmania.

The CRB declared at 5/305 and went on to dismiss the PWD for 142.

CRB captain, Howard Ellis won the toss, and elected to bat. By 5 p.m. that afternoon he auspiciously declared the innings closed at 5/305.

During the day there was some fine batting from Ellis, B Fitts, R Duckett and M Carman. Ross Trompf, who was eager to emulate his brilliant 105 of last year, was unfortunately dismissed after scoring only two runs.

On the second day the Tasmanians responded with some skilful batting, but despite some proficient play by M Greeves, W Ivory and W Scott, the team was all out for 142 by 4 p.m.

Their amiable captain, Max Palmer, a former CRB employee, was 10 not out.

Man of the Match award went to Renny Duckett (Engineer, MRD) and the Maurice Johnson Award was presented to Mark Greeves from Tasmania.

The game was umpired by Paul Howard (PWD) and Ray Smith (Estates).

The social visit was highly successful and all participants enjoyed themselves.

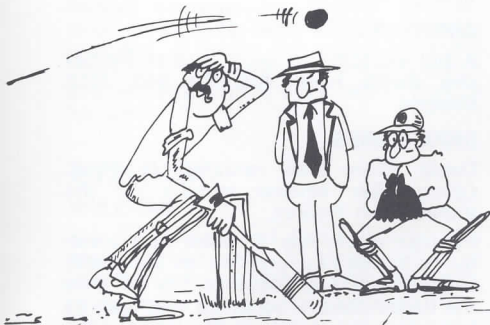
HIGHLIGHTS OVER 15 YEARS

The visit to Melbourne in late February by our southern colleagues marked the 15th match between the two teams.

Doug White, (Public Works, Launceston) recalled a few of the highlights of the past 15 years:

- The social function originated in 1961 from a simple phone call between Bob Bell and Keith Hannon. After much correspondence between the two states, the first cricket match was arranged and held in early 1962 in Ulverstone, near Devonport.

- Golf was not introduced until the late 1960s. In the early years womens and mens tennis was held simultaneously with cricket. However, Tasmania found itself with a shortage of tennis players and so it was decided to replace tennis with golf.



- Bob Sharp, Director of the Public Works (equivalent to our Chairman) competed in a golf match in 1973.
- Since 1962, the sporting fixtures have been held consistently in the early Summer months. The only exception was in 1967 when bushfires hit Tasmania and the matches were postponed to November.
- The first cricket match had indications that it was quite slow-moving. Noel Anderson was batting when an observant fieldsman noticed the Umpire, Les Holt, had rather embarrassingly nodded off behind the wickets.

SCOREBOARD

Country Roads Board — 1st Innings

H Ellis, lbw, b I Preece	30
W Dalrymple, lbw b Greeves	7
B Fitts, c Brown, b Briggs	96
R Trompf, c Greatbatch, b Preece	2
R Duckett, not out	116
G Johnson, c Scott, b Briggs	16
M Carman, not out	25
Sundries	13
Total	5 dec. 305

Public Works Department — 1st Innings

J Briggs, b Brewer	5
W Ivory, b R Duckett	27
M Greeves, run out	46
I Preece, b Bull	8
W Scott, c Dalrymple, b Duckett	19
A Greatbatch, c Murray, b Christenson	0
J Johnson, c Christenson, b Duckett	1
M Palmer, not out	10
T Quilliam, c Fitts, b Johnson	10
D Rolph, c Carman, b Johnson	0
G G Brown, c Johnson, b Christenson	8
Sundries	8
Total	142

- The Department of Public Works was abolished on 1st March, 1977, and its staff and functions have been assigned to two new Departments: a Department of Construction which is the State building authority and the Department of Main Roads.

Construction costs of bridges and elevated freeways could be significantly reduced as a result of research being done by the CRB in conjunction with Monash University.

The research aims at reducing the depth that piles need to be sunk into the bedrock. Most of Melbourne is situated on mudstone, and at South Melbourne is covered by a thick layer of alluvial soft silt.

As shown in the diagram (below) the pile has to be drilled through the soft silt layer until the mudstone is reached. At that stage the pile is hollow and the rest of the work is hand mined with jack hammers, picks and shovels. This is an expensive part of sinking piles. The hole that is dug into the mudstone is called a rock socket and the research is aimed at reducing the depth of this hole.

Testing carried out on the Eastern Freeway and inspection of rock sockets at the Johnson Street Bridge project—combined with a long standing intuitive feeling—has led many experts to believe that the depth of rock sockets could be reduced.

At the Johnson Street Bridge project the savings by reducing the rock socket depth could amount to \$84,000.

When applied to the long elevated sections of the F9 Freeway, the research could save more than \$1 million.

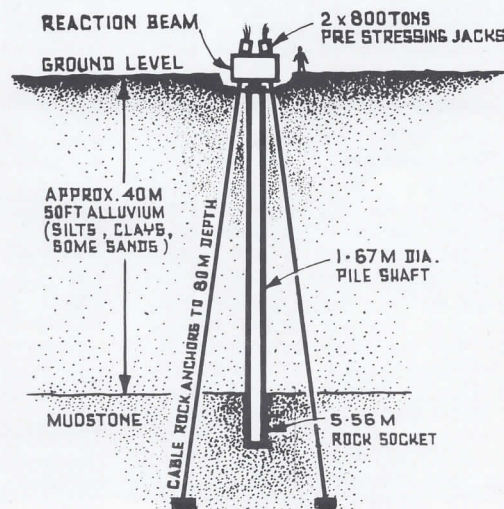
Load testing of a pile was organised by Adrian Williams (Materials Research Division) at the Johnson Street Bridge project. The front cover photograph and the diagram show how the testing was carried out.

The procedure was quite simple. Two cable rock anchors were sunk to a depth of 80 metres. A pre-stressing hydraulic jack was placed at the end of each rock anchor to provide a vertical downward thrust through the reaction beam to the pile being tested.

The pile chosen had a design capacity of 600 tons, and the rock socket was reduced by 30 per cent under normal design standards. It was successfully tested to 1300 tons and performed so well that it was obvious that even this pile with the reduced length was conservatively designed and the rock socket could be reduced even further.

Last November the CRB set up a joint Research Project with Monash University. The project, financed mainly by the CRB, is to develop a more economic design method and the results should be available within two years.

The research will have a wider application than bridges and freeways. Construction costs for most of Melbourne's city buildings could also be reduced by the savings on pile construction.



DIVISIONAL NOTES...

BAIRNSDALE

DEPARTURES

Russell Clarke left on Friday, 28th January, after 7 years in the Division, to take up a position in Road Planning Division. Russell leaves with a wealth of knowledge of the Princes Highway East and the Cann Valley Highway.

David McInnes resigned from the Board in February after 6 years to take up private bridge construction in the area.

His experience with CRB bridges will aid him in his new venture.

Dick Hughes, Plant Operator, resigned in January after 13 years service and has taken up a position with the Bairnsdale Town Council.

Ian Reid, Mechanic, resigned in April after completing his apprenticeship. Ian has gone to the Dartmouth Dam Project in north-eastern Victoria.

Ann Young, Accounts Section, resigned in February, after 3 years with the Board.

Noel Keil, Experimental Officer at Orbost, transferred to Major Projects (Euroa).

ARRIVALS

Kevin Hadingham arrived in April from MRD. He apparently suffered from an overdose of city life.

Neil King arrived in March from Traffic Engineering Division. Dave Overy had Neil lined up for football well before he set foot in the Division.

Welcome to Leslie Barnett, Typist, and Keith Boulter, who both joined the Accounts Section in February.

We also welcome Peter Lee, Wally Farley and Pat Murphy who all joined the Division in March.

RETIRED

Sid Smooker, Patrolman at Orbost, retired on the 18th March after serving 30 years with the Board.

BIRTHS

Mike and Maureen Napper—a daughter, Trudy Jane on 30th March.

Alister and Moira Bryan—a son, Colin John Alexander on 2nd April.

David and Margaret White—a son, Dale Geoffrey, on 13th April.

MARRIED

Congratulations to our switch girl, Jenny Eaton and Plant Operator, Ray Woll, who were married on Saturday, 9th April, at Paynesville.

SOCIAL NEWS

The annual Office vs Field Depot Cricket Match was held at Sarsfield on 13th February.

The Field Depot ran out winners by 7 runs and won the W H Dolamore Perpetual Trophy for the second year running.

Top scorers for Field Depot were Bruce Fraser 30, Reg Peterson 26 and Barry Gibbs 32. For the office David Holmes scored 30, Greg Napper 24 and Garth Stevens 23. A barbecue lunch was enjoyed on the day.

A fishing competition was held at Lake Tyres on 27th January. More barbecues

and fine weather made it a pleasant day. Max Godding took out all honours for the men, he landed a 13 oz salmon to win the "Biggest Fish for Men" prize and also the "Secret Weight" prize.

Robyn Stevens hooked a 1 lb 3 oz bream to win the "Biggest Fish for Ladies" prize while Bruce Fraser took off the "Casting Competition" prize.

On the surface it appears as though Robyn Stevens has struck a strong blow for women. But we have it on good authority that the salmon grow much bigger than the bream. It's just that they eat lighter food.

BALLARAT

ARRIVALS

Trevor Hooper, Apprentice Motor Mechanic, commenced work at Divisional Workshop on 10th January.

Geoff Kennedy, 2nd year apprentice Motor Mechanic, transferred from Syndal on 18th April.

Stan McDonald, Experimental Officer Class 2, transferred from Materials Research Division.

Peter Goodrich, Engineer, transferred from Plans & Surveys as part of the Training Scheme for Young Engineers.

BIRTHS

John (Draftsman) and Ruth IZARD—a daughter, Jenny Lee.

Andre (Exp. Officer) and Carol Agterhuis—a daughter, Paula Jane.

Ron (Eng. Surveyor) and Margaret Greenwood—a son, Travis.

RETIREMENTS

Depot personnel gathered together at the Divisional Depot on 15th February to farewell two long-term workmates—Jeff Bradley and Alex Baldwinson.

Jeff, a carpenter, retired on 4th February due to ill health after 12 years service. All of Jeff's service was spent at the Depot. Alex (steam cleaner) who also had 12 years service retired on 15th February, having reached 65 years of age.

Bill Ritchie, Ganger, retired on 17th March after 24 years service with the Board. Bill was an Owner Truck Driver on construction works for 16 years before being reclassified to Ganger in 1969.

A true gentleman, Bill was held in high esteem by his workmates. A measure of Bill's popularity was the large gathering of divisional personnel who farewelled him at the Norman Street Depot on Friday evening 18th March.

Bill Keddie, Precast Carpenter, retired on 4th April after 26 years service. A conscientious worker, Bill was a Ganger for most of his service with the Board.

We wish all the men a long and happy retirement.

MARRIAGES

Lyn Gilmer (Senior Typist) married Kelvin Lewis at Botanical Gardens Ballarat on 15th January.

Joy Goldsbury (Account's Typist) married Tony Molan at St Mary's, Donald on 29th February.

TATTSLOTTO

Congratulations to John Dent, pipe layer—Ballan Bypass—on sharing first Division of Tattsлото recently.

BENALLA

ARRIVALS

A big welcome to typist Roslyn Baines and clerks Ross Aldridge and John Bridges.

DEPARTURES

David Blore has returned to Head Office after several months on the Violet Town Project.

Popular clerk Roy Symons has transferred to his new position as clerk with Major Projects at Seymour. We will miss his happy face around the office as he has been very active in the Social Club and particularly popular every fortnight bringing the pay around.

RETIREMENTS

Doug King, Divisional Account's Clerk, who has not been in good health in recent months, has decided to call it a day. Doug is at present on sick leave and will officially retire in August. No doubt Doug will find plenty to do down in Violet Town as he is Secretary of the local hospital.

Patrolman Bert Cook of Porepunkah Patrol and Peter Daly of the Myrtleford Patrol have retired.

Our best wishes to all three for long and happy retirements.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

For several weeks a "sight screen" was in position on a side track outside the Violet Town site office, for the safety of motorists.

Four young Melbourne blokes, armed with Walkie Talkies, a tin of black paint and a vivid imagination, decided to use the white "drive in screen" as a notice board to promote some good points of the female anatomy.

While the villagers were blissfully painting, Angus McDonald, one of the Division's more delicate grader operators, assisted by a long piece of water pipe, bailed up the cartoonists and pocketed their car keys while his son fetched the gendarmes to assess the artistic worth of the masterpiece.

Ironically, they ended up in the boob for the night while some hasty white-washing was executed before the Board members were due through the next day.

MISCELLANEOUS

Who was the engineer so keen on overcoming an appeal against his promotion that he appeared at Head Office for the hearing two weeks ahead of time?

BIRTHS

To Bob and Nola Solly—a daughter Catherine Louise, after two sons.

DEATHS

The office was saddened with the sudden passing away of retired engineering assistant Mr. Alan Thompson. The day he passed away he had been in the office, as was his custom to call in fairly frequently. Alan spent about forty years in the Board's service in this Division. His wife had passed away several years ago and sympathy is expressed to his two sons Gary and John.

Patrolman Col Dunstan of the Jamieson Patrol passed away suddenly. Sympathy is extended to his widow in her sad loss.

TATTS WIN

Retired overseer Jim Bourke, who resides in Benalla, won \$70,000 in Tatts recently. A happy Jim called in at the office to show us all his winning ticket and the letter from Tatts telling him of his win.

BENDIGO

WELCOME

Ken Rusbridge and Peter Mudge who have transferred from Head Office to join the Divisional Office staff as Admin. Officer and Surveyor respectively.

Two former Horshamites have joined us—Ted Wren as a Purchasing Assistant, and Les Martin as Patrolman in Charge at Kerang.

John Gard was appointed as a fitter to the Workshop Staff, and Ken Smith has been reclassified from Patrolman to Cost Clerk.

RETIREMENTS

Dick White retired after 20 years service with the Board. His service was mostly with the spray gangs.

OBITUARIES

Ron Christopher, former Divisional Accountant, passed away in January. The high esteem in which Ron was held was obvious by the large number of his CRB friends who attended his funeral and tended their sympathy to Mrs Janet Christopher and family.

Ron McKenna, of the Bendigo Precast Yard, passed away suddenly while on leave in April.

Engineer Geoff Clemence has just returned from a Pacific cruise. The staff have noted Geoff's discontentment with the long flat straight stretches in the vicinity of his Numurkah jobs. It just could have something to do with his visit to the private back beach at the Casino Royale in Noumea!

Understand they have most impressive curves there.

Ian Ross, Fitter Depot, left on 22nd March to take up a position outside the Board at Bacchus Marsh.

Richard Phillips left in April to join Corio Shire as Assistant Engineer.

CONGRATULATIONS

The 29th March was a proud day for Tom Richmond, Engineer, who received his Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) after 3 years part time study at the Gordon Institute of Technology, Geelong.

DANDENONG

HELLOS

To Jill Carroll (Accounts) and to Ron Ashton (Engineering Assistant).

AU REVOIR

To Eve Vardis (Accounts) who is on leave, awaiting the arrival of her first born. Eve and Bob have just moved into their new home in Vermont and we wish them much happiness therein.

We extended congratulations and best wishes to Gary Scott on promotion to the Mulgrave Project. Gary was well-known in the Division with a service of just over 10 years.

Bruce McClure has moved to Bairnsdale Division.

Robert Gilpin has been appointed to F9 Freeway.

TRAVELLERS

On Long Service Leave is Alan Lade who is touring Australia with his family, and David Jones who, with his wife, is travelling overseas via South America.

Telephonist Joyce Naismith is also on an extended holiday around Australia with her husband and daughter. Happy travelling!

BEREAVEMENT

All in the Division were saddened by the sudden death of Mrs Riley, our supplier of many cups of tea over a period of 8 years, always served with a happy smile

and a cheery word; we miss her presence around the office and extend to her husband and daughters our heartfelt sympathy.

COUNTED "OUT"

A Traffic Census counter on duty on the Warburton Highway was surprised late in the afternoon by a local policeman.

The Constabulary had been called out by a motorist who had passed the counter's car early in the morning and later that evening. On both occasions no movement had been detected—the person was just sitting there.

It was assumed that the driver had died at the wheel—and it took some explaining to the policeman that he was not only alive, but actually working!

GEELONG

ARRIVALS

Miss Ann Shaw commenced on the 21st February. Ann is our new "Hello" girl. Administrative Officer Dennis Lewis commenced on 28th March.

WEDDING BELLS

Chris Portch was married to Ineke Beck on 5th March, and they spent some time on the Gold Coast enjoying the gay life of Queensland.

BIRTHS

Steve D'Giacoma and Carol—a son, Benjamin. Steve tells us he will make the East Belmont Football team before "Dad" retires.

Barrie Goodear (Depot) and Rhonda—a son, Andrew David (Model MK III) on 7th April.

DEPARTURES

Steve D'Giacoma received news of his appointment as Class 2 Administrative Officer to the Personnel Section Head Office a week before the birth of his son and celebrated twice.

JACK RYAN RETIRES...

After 42 years' service with the Board, 'Jack' Ryan retired on Friday, 22nd April.



- The Chairman, Mr Donaldson congratulates Jack Ryan for his long service. Watching (from left) are Mr Brake, Mr Russell and Mr Hodgson.

To mark the occasion, afternoon tea in the Divisional Office was considerably more sumptuous than normal. Several of Jack's friends from Head Office also journeyed out, despite the petrol strike, to join in the festivities. The Divisional Engineer, Mr Hodgson, began the formal proceedings, thanking Jack for his loyal support and good work over the years. Mr Docking also added his thanks to Jack for his assistance and support in both Traralgon and Dandenong Divisions.

Jack's reply took exactly 42 minutes, one for each year of service. During his reply Jack recounted his early days in the Board. Jack who started work as a blacksmith soon decided that this job had its limitations and so through his father, an overseer, Jack joined the Board as a tool sharpener.

Jack spoke of his experiences in various locations in the Board—the State Coal Mine when it was operated by the Board to increase coal output, and in Traralgon and Dandenong Divisions where he gradually worked his way up from Tool Sharpener, Ganger, Cost Clerk to Engineering Assistant Class 4. He also told of his experiences with former chairmen of the Board.

Jack served with the R.A.A.F. during the war and he remembered his first day after discharge when he was spotted in the Exhibition Buildings and was immediately re-employed and sent bush.

Jack was presented with a camera and an all-day sucker to use on his retirement.

DIVISIONAL NOTES...

Andrew Park, Engineer, left the Board in February to take up a position with Melton Shire. We wish Andrew every success in his new position.

HEAD OFFICE

ENGAGEMENTS

Robyn McCutcheon (Title Survey) and Eric McLoughlin announced their engagement in March.

John Tulloch (Title Survey) and Sally Martin became engaged on 13th February.

Charles McLaren (Title Survey) and Julie Munro (Metropolitan) announced their engagement on 19th February.

Congratulations to Lynette Davies (Registry) and Frank Cox who announced their engagement on 15th March.

Pete Lindsay (Personnel) and Judy Page announced their engagement on 5th February. Pete and Judy plan to wed in October.

Ern Darbyshire and Helen Tonkin announced their engagement on 2nd March and plan to marry in September.

Congratulations to Gary McCormack (Printing) on his engagement to Linda Gardiner on 7th May.

WEDDING BELLS

Andrew Robson (Advance Planning) and Lorraine Clancy were married on 7th January.

Andrew McKenzie and Cella Madden tied the final knot on 16th April.

Congratulations to Warwick Rae (Title Survey), on his marriage to Jill Hopkins on 19th March.

BIRTHS

Natalie Kate Thomas, born on 1st March to Helen and Barry Thomas (Computer). Congratulations to Pam and Warwick Bull (Board's Secretariat) on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Louise, at 11.40 a.m. on 16th February.

Congratulations to Peter (Chief Accountant's) and Michelle Flavelle on the arrival of their baby girl, Katie Lianne, on 15th April—keep up the good work.

To Christine (Registry) and Cliff Jeffrey, their first child, a girl (Jennifer) on 19th April.

Mrs Jean Graff (Registry) is now the proud grandmother of 2 little girls born 27th March to her eldest son and daughter-in-law and 7th April to her daughter and son-in-law.

Elaine (Personnel) and Richard Kelliher—a boy, Matthew Richard, on 3rd May.

Steve (Personnel) and Carol D'Giacoma—a son, Benjamin Anthony, born on 5th February.

NEWCOMERS

Gerry Sharkey to Engineer in Chief's Section as Administrative Engineer (from Traralgon Division).

Mrs Julie Kitson returned to Registry again as from 28th April.

Newcomers to Personnel are Steve D'Giacoma from Geelong, Cherokee Judd after an overseas trip and Anthea McTaggart.

Printing Section welcomes Don Murray as the Lithographic Supervisor.

The Board Secretariat welcomes Neil McKenzie.

LARISSA BROUGHT THE MOTORISTS TO A HALT

Dandenong Division found a new way to slow down motorists at road-work sites . . . it employed a flag-woman.

Shapely Larissa Andrijenko, 18, joined Gil Brown's road gang at Croydon in late February to control traffic with Stop-Go signs.

Larissa worked with the gang for two months (until the end of April) while waiting to start a nursing job.

She was one of the first women labourers employed by the CRB and was treated as "one of the boys" by her workmates, who nicknamed her Larry.

When she started work, some of the men were a little apprehensive at this blow for Women's Lib, but they soon found it was great to have a girl on the team.

Later, when the men were asked if they would like to see more girls employed on the job, they chorused: "Yes, for sure".

Each morning at 7 a.m. Larry was on duty with the rest of the gang.

Her duties were to stop the traffic and guide motorists through the work area.

At the end of the two months, she said she had enjoyed the experience, learnt a few new expressions and found work was much more profitable than being on the dole.

As one of the workmen commented: working on the road gang could be good training for some of the hardier nursing aide duties.

On Larissa's last day the men gave her a traditional male send off . . . at a nearby pub.

Welcome to Graeme Both, Transport Economist, Advance Planning, from the Commonwealth Bureau of Roads.

Caspert Griek joined the Computer Section as a Computer Operator in February, and Jan Mullins joined as a Key Punch Operator on 21st March.

Title Survey welcome Robyn McCutcheon, Karen Maher, David Males and Richard Marriott.

RESIGNATIONS

Farewell to:

Trish Dunbar from the Ledger Room. Cheryl Dusting from the 5th floor South Typing Pool on 21st April.

Mrs Barbra Skidmore (Registry) is leaving the CRB to begin the first leg of her world tour, beginning in Bali and hopefully going further (as far as we know she's taking her husband, Norm, with her).

Peter Fiander (Personnel) after 12 years with the Board.

Chris Siddles (Personnel) after a short stay to join the Melba Centre.

TRIPS

Katarina Vujanovic (Library) going back to Yugoslavia in July for 12 months. Thomas D'Amico returned from a 9

months overseas trip which included visits to Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, India and Europe.

Moya Mutton (Cafeteria) has just landed back on earth from a Hong Kong and Singapore whirlwind holiday. Husband Des' feet haven't touched the ground yet, namely because he is still flat on his back recovering.

David Utting (Personnel) "rolled" into work after a seven week trip to Perth with his wife, Sue, and family. We understand the Uttings spent more time in the Barossa Valley than Perth.

Glenda Nevel (Title Survey) and husband, Frank, departed for Britain and Europe in May.

Alan Dowling (Title Survey) is also touring Europe.

HORSHAM

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bridge Overseer Rudi Baggs on his reclassification to Superintendent of Works-Bridges. Well deserved after 42 years of dedicated service to the Board.

Also congratulations to Brian Hutchinson on his promotion to 2 IC of the Divisional Workshop.

ENGAGEMENTS

Elizabeth is still enjoying her engagement.

DEPARTURES

Ted Wrenn to Bendigo Division Store and Les Martin to Patrolman in Charge, Kerang—both will be missed in Horsham.

Ted gave valuable service in the Division's Social Club. Both Les and Ted were also involved in many community activities—Les in the Fire Brigade and Football and Ted in Scouts and Church, to name a couple.

Motor Mechanic Steven Hancock left the Board's service to work in Perth. We wish him well.

CRB LADIES SOCIAL CLUB

On the 2nd February we invited husbands and boyfriends to a progressive dinner and car trial. Apart from eating and a few taking longer than NECESSARY to reach their destination, a good night was had by all. Maybe those who took a long time had an even better night.

In March we invited the SEC Ladies. Questions were answered by a panel—a Doctor, Lawyer, Minister and School Teacher. A very informative evening.

One of our typists offered to knit booties for our Mums to be. Every spare moment Liz has had in the last 6 months has been spent knitting. High time the stork had a spell—well Liz thinks so anyway.

MAJOR PROJECTS

MULGRAVE

PERSONNEL . . . CREDITS

Brendan Grace with us on the Engineers Training Scheme from Plans & Surveys, Gary Scott from Dandenong, Ken Vickery from Personnel Section and Al Winnett from Bridge Sub-Branch.

DEBITS

Rex Atkins transferred back to Bridge Sub-Branch, Alan Hooker and Frank Robinson to the Seymour-Euroa Project, Phil Smith to Johnson Street, Chris Waters to Dandenong and the F9 Freeway commandeered Colin Roy, our Assistant Project Engineer.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Lynette and Peter McCulloch—a 7 lb son, Stuart Andrew. Also to Dianne and Bill Wilson—a petite 6 lb 10 oz daughter Kate Maree.

RETIREMENTS

Ill health has forced Ken Brookes to an early retirement and we all wish him a quick recovery to enable him to fulfill his personal interests.

MAJOR PROJECTS SEYMOUR

NEWCOMERS

Welcome to: David Jellie, Lance Midgley, Henry Turnbull, Mark Rennick, Noel Keil, Ian Lister, Dot Foley and Frank Robinson.

RESIGNATIONS

Farewell to Howard Jacka on 27th May.

MATERIALS RESEARCH DIVISION

Since the last edition there have been some changes in the Division with the appointment of a new Materials Research Engineer and Assistant Materials Research Engineer.

Mr Peter Lowe has been the Materials Research Engineer since last September. For the previous 2½ years he was the Assistant MRE and prior to that Assistant DE at Bendigo. Mr Lowe first came to the Board in 1958 to Bridge Sub-Branch. From 1959-1960 he was a Board cadet and on completion of his Civil Engineering Degree served in Bairnsdale Division before transferring to Bendigo.

The Assistant MRE is now Mr Roy Gilmour. A Metallurgist, Mr Gilmour came from Babcock and Wilcock, Scotland, to Australia in 1963 to take up a position in the steel development section of Australia Iron and Steel at Port Kembla. Latterly he was welding research metallurgist in their newly formed research section which he left in 1965 to join the Board as head of the newly formed Metallurgy Section in the MRD. For the 3½ years prior to his present appointment he was seconded to the West Gate Bridge Authority Directorate of Engineering as Quality Control Engineer and Resident Engineer Sub-Contracts.

WELCOME

Now-a-days, everyone looks forward to having their desk or bench cleaned as we have a very attractive new Cleaner, Lee Greatorex. We welcomed two new Special Fitters in March, Toni Cramer and Philip Hazleman, and an Apprentice Instrument Maker, Paul Davis, as well as Fitter Phil Tranquille.

BIRTHS

A couple of months ago Rock presented the world with another little pebble—Lachlan John. Congratulations Adrian and Merron! Max Corns became a grandfather once again with the birth of

PLANS & SURVEYS

D.L. ON THE RECURRING FLOODING AT 89 ...



I know you like fishing...Gundry...but why the hell cant you spend your holidays somewhere else?...and stop asking me to give you the 250 scale...why cant you scale them with your knife?...and for your information...they dont mention fish at all in the drafting manual.

They say the best time is early morning...when the mist's still on the water near Arthur Simmon's desk...

We at 89 High Street have really reached the ultimate in productivity. The fine green carpet has yielded its first batch of toadstools in our recreation area on the third floor. However we are confident that mushrooms will be on our dinner plates before the next financial year.

David Trace has been doing his bit for the national defence with his 2 weeks at sea with the Navy, while David Hosking has been discovering the out-back of NSW and Alice Springs in four wheel drive vehicles.

Gary Battershill and Ken Williamson have found the perfect mousetrap at Mt Hotham at Easter. When pouring some milk for coffee it was noticed there was a black object inside the milk carton—which turned out to be a milk drowned mouse.

Congratulations to Bill Smith, Don Burkitt and Peter Satchell on their recent promotions.

WEDDING BELLS

One of the last gay time bachelors, David Bird from the Photogrammetry Section married Helen Kemter on 23rd April.

Colin Ames and Margaret Phefley were married on the 5th February at Williamstown.

his little granddaughter, Simone Spane. John and Frances Foote also had another addition to the family with the birth of their son, Peter.

DEPARTURES

Once again there are a great many people leaving us. Kevin Hadingham left in April to take up a new position at Bairnsdale Division. Andrew Walker has been seconded to the West Gate Bridge. Lance Midgley is now in charge of the Site Labs at Seymour. Ian Lister and Chris Stewart have joined him as Experimental Officers in the lab.

BIRTHS

To Gordon and Anne Jones, their second child, a boy (Thomas) on the 25th March.

WELCOMES

A big welcome back to Peter Crook who has returned from 11 months of touring Europe and is trying to settle back down.

Also welcome to Alan Baker (F9), Kevin Rhodes (Eastern Freeway), Brian Fitts (Traffic), Richard Allmark (Traffic), and Colin Singleton (Traffic).

FAREWELLS

Greg Aplin joined the CRB-MMBW Joint Working Group.

Peter Baird went on 5 months long service leave to the UK via Trans Siberian Railway. We believe he is going to take that photo that Peter Gange missed out on in Moscow.

Anthony Rees to Road Design Sub-Branch.

Keith Reiter to F9 Project Office. All P&S staff wish Charlie Robinson a speedie recovery and we understand he will soon be back at work.

Pat Kennedy left the Instrumentation Research Section to teach at Moorabbin Tech last January. Before he left he was presented with a plastic hand to remind him of his days as the plastic man; he was never seen without a thin veneer of epoxy resin all over his body. Along with the hand he was also given a power drill.

Bill Dackiw left in March to join the Main Roads Department in Adelaide. Lois Riddle left for Sydney about the same time. Glenda Rusbridge joined her husband Ken in Bendigo in May and Christine Pianezzola has taken maternity leave.

DIVISIONAL NOTES...

Tony Dann has gone to Darwin. Ron Gunn has abandoned his model train set to play with the real thing. Also he will shortly be working on the rolling stock of the Puffing Billy Society.

RETIREMENTS

Charlie McLaren retired on the 10th December after about 12 years' service in MRD. Charlie, while working as a Fitter, was responsible for installing much of the equipment presently used in the labs when MRD moved into this building. Latterly he has been a Special Fitter in the Workshop but over the years has done his bit to keep the place going maintaining and setting up our equipment. Mike Stomm retired on the 17th February to pursue his career as an Artist full-time. He was presented with an easel. Gus Velsmanis also retired on the 9th June after 18 years with the Board. Gus worked mainly in Foundations Research.

HOLIDAYS

The Geology Section certainly believes in seeing Australia first. This time its Barry Fielding who is currently touring N. Queensland with his family on 3 months' long service leave. Pat Brown has gone to Britain for some months extended leave. And just back from there is Steve Newcomb who was impressed by, of all things, the weather! Dave Capon is off on his two months' tour of Britain and the Continent and we hope to hear more about that later.

SYNDAL

MARRIAGE

Andrew Lindo and Karen Whitehead were married at Heathmont Methodist Church on 14th May.

BIRTHS

Peter and Helen McIntyre, their third girl—Jorja Amy, Joseph and June Janecic—a boy, Danial Joseph.

Phillip and Jenny Bouilly—a girl, Georgina Louise.

DEPARTURES

Warwick Bromby, Steven Williams, William Scanlan, Gary Meizis, John Mann, Clair Vethecan and Betty Sinclair.

NEW STAFF

Elaine Murray in the Canteen; Barbara Dunkerley our new Nursing Sister; Heather Larsen to the General Office; Jan Cormack transferred from Claim Section Head Office to the Accounts Section.

RETIREMENTS

Alfred Lewis retired on 26th April after 10 years with the Board. Alf was well known for his activities on the Syndal Depot Workshop Committee.

OBITUARY

Jan Krisans, a Transport Driver, tragically killed in a car accident over the Easter weekend.

TRANSFERS

Richard Palmer to Bridge Sub-Branch; Colin Eastwood and John Naismith to Traffic Linemarking; Geoffrey Kennedy to Ballarat Division.

ENGAGEMENTS

Peter Adolph to Deborah Harrop.
Steve Anderson to Sharon Bumpstead.
Ray Meneilly to Rocelle Boothman.

TRARALGON

ARRIVALS

Welcome to Mr John Waddell, new Assistant Divisional Engineer who took up his appointment after Easter.

Welcome also to Mrs Dawn Newby as stenographer.

DEPARTURES

Congratulations to Brian Chandler who recently gained promotion to Project Engineer, Seymour—Euroa Section, Hume Freeway. Brian was Assistant Divisional Engineer in Traralgon for about seven years.

Also congratulations to Gerry Sharkey who was recently promoted to Head Office as a Class 4 Engineer in the Engineer In Chief's Branch. Gerry was an identity in Traralgon Division for almost 10 years.

The following people have left the Board and our best wishes are extended to them:

Klaus Luetjens (ex Survey Assistant)—to State Electricity Commission.

Mrs Taylor (Mrs "Tee" our beloved and battle wearied ex-typist)—retirement to Newcastle in New South Wales 21st January.

Fred Soall (ex carpenter at Depot)—appointed as Manager, Gippsland Glass and Glazing.

Malcolm Fletcher (ex Fitter)—to State Electricity Commission.

Jack McArdle (Petrol Pump Attendant)—retired 19th November.

"Bluey" Farley—temporary transfer to Bairnsdale Division as Instructor Driver. Bert Dillon (ex Depot)—retired 2nd February.

Alan Rofe (B.S.T. gang)—to State Electricity Commission.

Len Rodwell (Plant Operator)—to private industry as an overseer.

Graeme Waller (ex Engineer Class 2; was in the division for 13 years and will be missed by all)—appointed by Shire of Kowree as Shire Engineer, congratulations Graeme.

Dianne Waller (nee Williams, Typist)—The Wallers were recently married before moving to Edenhope. Congratulations and best wishes for the future to the Wallers who will miss the green hills of Gippsland.

Eddie Malek (ex Cost Clerk)—to Pioneer Concrete.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Robin and Rietje Hicks on the arrival of their third child, Emma Marie, born 22nd October and to Jeff and Helen Robinson on the arrival of their first child, Catherine Joanne born 21st January.

MARRIAGES

Ross Wells to Pat Johnson on 20th November.

Keith Gardiner to Helen Selzer in October.

Congratulations to both couples.

OBITUARY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Aubrey Olds, who was the Cook's offsider in the B.S.T. camp at Flynn. Aubrey suffered a fatal heart attack whilst at work in the camp. He will be missed by his work mates.

● *Apologies for omission of divisional notes in the Summer edition.*

URBAN PROJECTS



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to Geoff Spring and his bride, Margaret, and to John and Jenny Green on the birth of their son, Hugh.

ARRIVALS

The Sub-Branch welcomes to its ranks: H Parker, Draftsman, located at Eastern Freeway.

D Williams, Engineer, located at Johnson Street.

K Reiter, Engineer, located at F9 Freeway.

C Roy, Engineer, located at F9 Freeway. R Solly, Engineer, located at F9 Freeway.

FAREWELLS

Michael Jordon, Engineer F9 Freeway and Lou Grubel, Eastern Freeway Project, have left the Board's service in favour of greener pastures elsewhere.

Michael has joined a firm of consultant engineers and Lou is planning a trip to Europe in the near future.

Also lost from our ranks by transfer or promotion are:

J Waddell to Traralgon Division; K Rhodes to Plans & Surveys Division; B Chipperfield to Plans & Surveys Division; C Pashula to Metropolitan Division; R Simmonds to Right of Way Division; M Seeney to Dandenong Division; B Grayling to Road Planning Division; R Ryan to Dandenong Division.

WARRNAMBOOL

NEW FACES

A welcome is extended to Peter Huffer, Trevor Grant and Wayne Jenkins who have joined us under the Federal CRAFT Scheme for a period of 6 months.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Marilyn and Murray Rantall on the arrival of twin boys.

HOLIDAY TRAVELLERS

Gordon Gunn and Eddie Reuel and families are visiting relatives in Germany and will be away for three months.

Tom Wong is visiting relatives in Sarawak, Malaysia.

Bill McConnell has recently returned from sunny Queensland.

Max Harper spent his "annual" in Adelaide.

THE BLACK HOLE OF BELL ST



Above: The mystery unravels ... Channel 7 reporter Pamela Graham interviews 80-year-old Harry Allchin. Left: The cellar ... empty shelves and old utensils.

CRB demolition crews on the Bell Street widening project in Preston turned sleuths for a day to solve a turn-of-the-century mystery.

While demolishing walls in a building in Bell Street, they uncovered a solid steel door almost at floor level. Steps led to the door, but what lay beyond ...

The door had been operated on a pulley, but had been closed and bricked over in the early 1900s.

When the door was chiselled open the mystery did not clear up immediately — there was another set of stairs and 10,000 gallons of water in a 15 foot circular cellar.

After the water was pumped out, the men found shelves enmeshed with chicken wire in small cage-like compartments, benches and old utensils.

An 80-year-old local resident, Mr Harry Allchin, a descendant of the original owner, had the answer: the cellar had been used to store cheese.

He said in the early 1900s cheeses were placed in the cellar — the coldest spot — to mature for a few months.

Some had matured for a lot longer than that ... CRB workers found the cellar quite "ripe" in 1977.

FILM-MAKING AT BENDIGO

Bendigo Division now considers itself the Mecca of the film industry following the completion of the yet to be released epic titled "So Sprayed Seals Aren't Obsolete".

The scriptwriting, production and direction was controlled by our B.S. Engineer, Peter Ryall — at least we think it was, because we did not see him around Bendigo for six months last year.

No expense was spared in the selection of the cast. John Bethune and Geoff Allen play the lead roles and their emotional performances are sure to move the audience.

The supporting actors, Allan Saunders, Peter Bolitho and a cast of thousands, played their parts in a very professional manner with Peter Ryall abandoning his clapper board to appear in his film in true Hitchcock style.

Location filming was done on the

Calder Highway in Bendigo Division and featured Les West, Jack Schilling, and the now famous B.S. rent-a-gang, No. 41s. The rent-a-gang appears so natural on screen that the audience can be forgiven for assuming that the gang's antics are part of their normal life.

The "sheets" were displayed by Norm Barkell who assured us that the sheets were being used excessively. However, when Norm renamed the "Prompting Sheets" to "Idiot Sheets" he claimed that there was a remarkable reluctance to use them. This accounted for the obvious passages of "Ad-Libbing".

Which brings us to "Woman Libbing". There were no actresses evident in the whole film and the only sop that Producer Peter Ryall could offer to compensate was a flying female magpie between frame 729 and 731.

The in-depth, hard-hitting but minutely rehearsed interviews were conducted by Ralph Farrell.

Barry Sawyer was responsible for the sound or lack of it. Bill Jansen, who jealously operated the camera, was also regarded as an unusually accomplished stunt man.

For the cause, Bill dangled himself and his camera from trees, set up in trucks and other dangerous situations. His disregard for danger was so magnificent that the Producer is currently writing a script for "Son of So Sprayed Seals Aren't Obsolete" starring Bill Jansen. There may be a delay in this follow up film as the R.S.P.C.A. have objected to the mistreatment of young seals!

In all, "So Sprayed Seals Aren't Obsolete" is a worthwhile film, well worth the entrance money.

Although the "R" Classification is not merited, it will ensure that someone, somewhere, will pay to see it.



Lunchtime joggers in action on Stevenson Street . . . You will notice the varying degrees of fitness of the runners.

From left to right they are Noel Anderson (Plans & Surveys), Dennis Moore (Traffic Engineering), Brian Weston (Estates) and John Harper (Title Survey).

More on the Head Office lunchtime fitness scene, Page 8.