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EDITORIAL

MEN + THEIR SANDALS

Why do men come grizzling to me when they see women coming to work in sandals (without stockings)?

We're not allowed to wear sandals unless we're wearing stockings too! What discrimination! is all I hear.

Are women allowed to come to work in shorts and long socks?

Are men allowed to work in dresses and sandals (no stockings)?

It seems to me it wasn't so long ago that women weren't permitted to work (in most places) wearing trousers. But women got up off their tails and did something about it (albeit slowly). So instead of grizzling to me, and I'm not arguing against you men, why don't you DO something about it!

...JAGGER

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thurs. 8th. Feb. 4:00 pm.

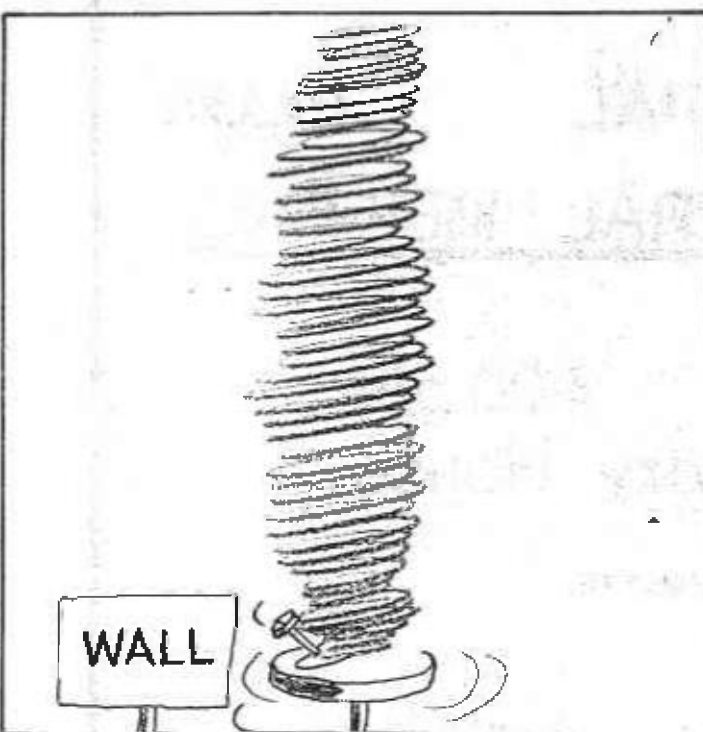
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social club

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COROWA WEEKEND

The annual get together with the Canberra office will be again at Corowa.

Arrangements are up to individuals but the following is suggested.

Friday 23 - travel in PM to Corowa by car, meet at the Australia Hotel.


Saturday 24 - Winery tours, golf, sightseeing.
Evening: BBQ, BYOG and FOOD.

Sunday 25 - 2nd Test Cricket match in AM. Queanbeyan Vs Dandenong.
PM Return to Melbourne.

Accommodation - arrange what you like - Motel Macambo (Ph. 060-33.1066) is recommended, or use the camping ground beside the river, on site vans are available.

This should be an excellent weekend for all including the family - intending participants please see Carl McMaster.

Anyone interested in the benefits offered by this card, please see Kalen, 1st floor, ext. 217.

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SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY 1979

CRICKET MATCH

N.M. v. S.S.

HEMMINGS PARK - DANDENONG (same place as last year)

Bring your Bar-B-Q, your grog and your wife and kids. Plenty of shady trees for protection against sun.

This should be a great day, as it was last year. Perhaps the wives, girlfriend could get together for a game as well. See you on Sunday around 10.00 am.
PLAYERS please be there before 10.30 am.

C. McMASTER (CAPT)

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D. WILLIAMS

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KUNG HEY FAT CHOY

(from your roving correspondent, now in the British Crown Colony of Hongkong)

With Europe having its worst winter in many many years and Britain being crippled by industrial actions, it seemed wise that we fled for the warmer soils of Hongkong just in the nick of time.

It has been eight years since I was here and things have changed tremendously since then. There are more skyscrapers than ever, motorways are springing up all over the place, there is now a vehicular tunnel connecting Hongkong Island with Kowloon, and the underground railway will start operating some time next year. Indeed there are more people now (nearly 5 million residents crammed into a space of about 400 square miles, $\frac{3}{4}$ of which is sparsely populated due to its mountainous terrain anyway) and one tends to feel claustrophobic because of it. On the streets, you do not move, you get moved by the masses behind, in front of, and next to you.

Hongkong used to be a shopper's paradise. It still is, to a certain extent, but prices are going up. All the same, tourists from every corner of the globe come here and return home with their cases full of cameras, watches, hi-fi equipments, Chinese curios, etc. Ten years ago it was rare to see a "gwailo" (foreigner) in shops run by communist China, now these same shops are even accepting payment by capitalist credit cards like American Express and Diner's Club.



DOM IN HONGKONG

Somewhat Hongkong girls seem to be more beautiful and chic nowadays and there is a sense of satisfaction at times just to sit in Statue Square to watch the girls go by. However, for the more amorous male traveller who is willing to pay for "hospitality", there are escort agencies, topless bars and massage bath houses to cater to the needs and whims of such. But, so I was told, it is not one of the things that one can obtain cheaply, even in a shopper's paradise like Hongkong.

But now is a special time for Hongkong. It is the Chinese New Year, a time for celebrations, family reunions, and hope: that the new year will bring wealth and prosperity, and this is symbolised by the handing out of "leesie", a red envelop containing money, by elder people to the younger folk, and by greeting each other with the phrase "Kung Hey Fat Choy", meaning "wishing you great happiness & wealth". And so, here's wishing everyone at the Map "Kung Hey Fat Choy" as well.

NEIGHBOURS

From our correspondent on loan recently to Canberra comes this little gem extracted from a Sociology Journal.

"In effect it was hypothesised that certain physical data categories including housing types and densities, land use characteristics, and ecological location constitute a scaleable content area. This could be called a continuum of residential desirability. Likewise it was hypothesised that several social data categories describing the same census tracts and referring generally to the social stratification system of the city would also be scaleable. This scale could be called a continuum of socio-economic status. Thirdly, it was hypothesised there could be a high positive correlation between the scale types on each continuum.

This relationship would define linkages between the social and physical structure of the city. It would provide a precise definition of commonalities among several spatial distributions. By the same token, the correlation between the residential desirability scale and the continuum of socioeconomic status would provide an estimate of the predictive value of aerial photographic data relative to the social ecology of the city."

Our correspondent interprets this to mean:

Rich people live in big houses set farther apart than those of poor people. By looking at an aerial photography of a city, we can distinguish the richer from the poorer neighbourhoods.

AAESDA

On the Industrial scene The PSB agreed to issue, on an interim basis its June 1978 Joint Council paper (PSB plus Union representation) on general principles and guidelines that may apply in granting staff access to their personal records. It should be noted that impending freedom of information legislation and any recommendations of the Law Reform Commission on privacy matters would be relevant to these guidelines, and that the Board would, as necessary, revise the guidelines in the light of any such developments.

The Board has endorsed the Joint Council Sub-Committee report recommending increased camping allowance rates; it expected these rates to be operative before the end of January 1979. Also Council agreed that its Sub-committee concerned with travelling and meal allowances should continue its review of principles and methodology underlying the Construction of rates in respect of these allowances.

Pending completion of this review, Council agreed that the adequacy of the current rates should be considered by the Sub-Committee early in 1979 with a view to implementation of any updated rates by April/May 1979.

NATMAP CAR PARK
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No more spaces are available at the moment. However people interested in obtaining a car park should submit their name to P. Harrup, 3rd floor, ext.226. This will at least give them the opportunity of obtaining a car park during the absence of regular parkers.

P.S. PLEASE KEEP THE GATE LOCKED
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- ... That due to the long distance involved H⁴ felt compelled to accompany the inexperienced Bob Goldy as he drove to Benambra to start map revision in that area.
 - ... That Charlotte-the-Harlot works at Natmap.
 - ... That Social Club members were so disgusted at the ditties sung at Dirty Dicks, that they intend going back just to make sure they heard right.
 - ... That the 3rd Floor toe-biter was temporarily de-fanged Dirty Dicks
 - ... That RAV can park a Fiat anywhere.
 - ... That there's a chook pen somewhere on Tubb's property.
 - ... That Mickey has the legs for shorts.
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FIELD NOTES

From Survey Branch comes the news that Laser won't be heading off until June this year, then it will be to the Centre working firstly out of Giles Met. Station. However, Map Revision is very active and hardly drew breath over the Christmas break. Paul Wise has been busy leading a team up in the Cooma/Benambra area since early January and is expected to return within the next week or so. The Nomad and Lear have been kept busy with census mapping in Victoria and High Altitude Photography, the latter including Bass Strait.

Map Completion is gearing up for a busy few months with teams heading for Nuyts Archipelago, Woomera, Coondiwindi and Charters Towers in the next few weeks.

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"V.R.O. NEWS"

NEWS SUMMARY

- * COMINGS 'N GOINGS: Joybelle Tonkin's promotion to Veterans Affairs is the most world shattering news we can bring you in "Comings 'n goings", and I'm sure you'll all join the Editor and staff of V.R.O. NEWS in wishing her all the best in her new surroundings. Joybelle has been a faithful supporter of the Social Club since its first beginnings, and she will be sadly missed.



"C.C."

C.C. has lobbed back from Jakarta, etc c/w suntan and yet another "Chappelli" moustache; The Mexican (Mr. Dunn to the uninformed) has been hooking "coldies" instead of trout up at Swan Hill, and in his absence we welcomed former auditor Ron Page down from Canberra to hold the fort. Crack typist Marg King is back after a good break, and we should be just about back to full strength soon. Bewdy.

- * HANDYMEN: Good to see that the former Personnel lads Tim Teschendorf and Peter Morison are making a quid and still working hard. Keep 'em in mind for those back-yard extensions.



- * WOODEND TALES: Watch out for a new sensation of the turf in the future when owners B.J. Ryan and T.R. McRostie unleash their new colt "MAYBE JOY" from their Woodend Stable. (Bred for staying we're told.)
- * PUB REPORT: Our fearless man-on-the-spot JVD reports that the beer at the Albion definetly gets better.....
...it's good on Monday, and superb by Friday.

RATS!

BANK BALANCE: \$16:89

The Royal/Republican Amateur Turf Betting and Grog Society has commenced its second year of operations and is meeting with the success expected of a society that includes all the male members of the V.R.O. staff. (Editors Note; Whatever happened to the "COWS"?). This outstanding organisation has closed its membership for the year and only free beers at the Albion would allow us to divulge our unbeatable betting system.



However, a Newsletter SPECIAL is available
..... at the Albion!

GOOD PUNTING !!

R.L.
(Hon. Sec.)

It's nice to be back to such a cheery welcome at the bright new premises here at 280 Thomas Street, and after the rigours of travel in Europe, the atmosphere and tranquil peace of a regular 8 to 5 day almost comes as a relief.

Very impressed with the layout on the fifth floor and I must take my hat off to all concerned with the big move from 460 Bourke Street, and the initial setting up of V.R.O. out here in the bush. There's no doubt that having the Natmappers and ourselves all under the same roof has made things so much easier for all concerned and erased many communication problems.

Europe? Well it's not all beer and skittles you budding jetsetters- the lilo that goes down in the middle of the night, the bone jarring miles in an out-dated Bedford, the luggage (Yec) syndrome, the vagaries of foreign food, and the English "Summer", and the all too regular stirring of the scorpions in the inner recesses of the wallet. But nevertheless a new experience, some splendid scenery and marvellous people all add up to a memorable time, and that heady "lighter than air" feeling that only travel can bring.

Pa.

"CAN THE BLUDGERS RISE AGAIN?"

The Bourke Street Bludgers, that powerhouse combination of the mid-seventies is in danger of dissolution following the move to Dandenong which robbed us of much of our talent in Messrs. Holmes, McRostie, Woodruff, Barry, Dobson, Wilkes, etc, but the executive of the club are hopeful that these ex-champs can be recalled for one final all out assault on the Natmap Allstars and the coveted Trophy.

It would be a classic encounter, especially if the clash could be staged in the idyllic picnic surrounds available at Maryknoll.

... R.H. (the only losing captain).

A PROUD RECORD

Season	1974/75	-	BLUDGERS
"	1975/76	-	"
"	1976/77	-	"
"	1977/78	-	NATMAP ALLSTARS

(Left) Phil Holmes- the only winning captain.

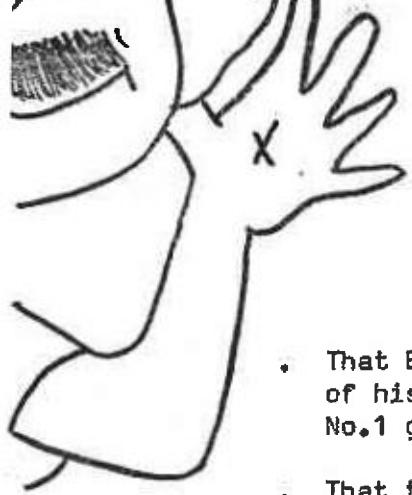


"BOURKE ST.
BERTIE"



STOP PRESS

R.H.I.

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- . That H⁴ was trying to sell maps at the Naughty Nineties.
 - . That somebody is intent on painting the basement floor with sump oil.
 - . That 'Dicky Bird' had his "bags" checked at Brisbane Airport.
 - . That Bob Irwin is out to emulate the feats of his namesake Hale, and become Natmaps No.1 golfer for the C/wealth Gold Day.
 - . That the Selby Kid will have his car back for Xmas.
 - . That H.W.B. enjoyed his stay in Room 7 or was that Room 8 at the Jumbuck Motel, Longreach.
 - . That Grubb will be returning to the Map - if only on a school excursion.
 - . That D.B. & the Selby Kid have been "turned off" Coach Tours.
 - . That the Selby Kid eats well at night.
 - . That Natmap Airlines under H.W.B. runs 'on time'.
 - . That after 3 weeks D. Bird can now open a gate in only 25 minutes.
 - . That Natmap Airlines chose to fly the friendly way at Longreach.
 - . That there is "stuffall" at Blackall - and even less at Quilpie.
 - . That H.W.B. is the 'Misere' King.
 - . That D. Bird has handed in his Commonwealth Licence. Does this mean more work for the Transport Officer.
 - . That the quickest haircut in town is 8½ minutes, ask B.O'C.
 - . That Uni students are on \$20,000 a year allowance.
 - . That D.C.H. is joining the thumbprint and shoe string budget set.
 - . Bob "Office Bruce" gave up his field trip so he could star with the Natmap Allstars Golf Team.

- . Ian Graham has fallen deeply in love at the Inland Motel, Ayers Rock.
- . Oscan the Terrible Turk has taken up a crash course in firewalking, and seems to have come off second best.
- . Leon has a blank spot in his memory about what may have happened after his birthday celebration - amongst other times?
- . Twilight barbeques are proving a great past time for the Mappers at Ayers Rock and the Olga with appropriate company of course!
- . That Nat Mappers have been seen attending a family planning clinic at Ayers Rock.

EDITORIAL

At the first meeting of your new Social Club Committee the dates for events in the first half of the year were decided and are listed in this Newsletter. Please take note.

Admission will be charged according to the function so that costs are covered. The constitution does not allow for family membership.

The donation box has been reinstated at the pool tables to raise finance for maintenance. Pool players please donate as you play.

I welcome the people from the Health Dept. Accoustic Laboratory and hope they can attend the functions and get to know us.

It should be a good year, YOU have elected a dedicated committee so now I ask YOU to support us.

P.J.Wise, President N.M. Social Club.

Social Calendar

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>March 18</i>	<i>NATMAP Vs "Bludgers"</i> <i>Limited Over Cricket extravaganza</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>March 30</i>	<i>"Sausage Sizzle"</i> <i>(Lenten observers catered for)</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>April 29</i>	<i>tentative date for Tennis Tournament</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>May 4</i>	<i>monthly celebrations as usual</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>June 1</i>	<i>"Huge" Mid-year spectacular</i>

(DON'T FORGET THAT THE SOCIAL CLUB'S GLASSES ARE AVAILABLE ,

FREE OF CHARGE , FOR MEMBERS' USE OVER WEEKENDS — BROKEN

GLASSES MUST BE REPLACED)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR NATMAP,

We would like to introduce ourselves. We are the N.A.L.iens from Down Under (Walker Street). N.A.L. being the National Accoustic Laboratories where people of all colours and creeds (as long as they qualify) arrive to be blasted by all sorts of strange sounds in a far off Booth.

Due to the influence of a certain "N.A.L.ien" moonlighter we have joined the NATMAP Social Club Sect.

Looking forward to good times, good food, good grog and good company,



Love,
from
N.A.L.

BASEMENT CAR PARK SECURITY.

IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE SOCIAL CLUB'S ATTENTION THAT SEVERAL VEHICLES PARKED IN THE BASEMENT HAVE BEEN TAMPERED WITH.

ALTHOUGH THE SOCIAL CLUB DERIVES FUNDS FROM THE OWNERS OF CARS PARKING IN THE BASEMENT, AND ALL CARS ARE PARKED AT THE OWNERS RISK, IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL PERSONNEL TO ASSIST IN PROTECTING THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY STORED IN THE BASEMENT AREA, BY REPORTING ANYTHING OF A SUSPICIOUS NATURE.

YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER IS REQUESTED TO ENSURE THE SOCIAL CLUB'S CONTINUED USE OF THE BASEMENT FOR CAR PARKING.

P.J.W.
PRESIDENT, SOCIAL CLUB

P.S. PLEASE KEEP THE GATE TO THE CAR PARK SHUT!



NEWS SUMMARY

* PING PONG: Joe "Kuckarachas" Stanzewski's band of table tennis players is fairly depleted at present, and it is to be hoped that some more players come out of the woodwork to help arrest the side's downward slide. The honour of the Social Club is at stake, so please help Joe by volunteering for action when possible.

STANDING: Won two, Lost two.

.... BACKSPIN.

* THE GIRLS: Our fair lasses did us proud in staging the chicken'n salad lunch at the Dandy Park for Joybelle's send-off a few weeks back. General Services & Accounts bolted in the cricket match which followed what was really a sumptuous spread. Special thanks to Bob Holland for providing transport second to none.

* COMINGS 'N GOINGS: Wendy's triplets are due soon and "V.R.O. NEWS" joins with all the staff in wishing our cheery Receptionist well on her retirement.

"BLUDGERS" ODDS ON?

Despite the nagging doubts on the availability of some of our top players, the "Bludgers" are still confident of fielding a side competent enough to throw out a serious challenge to the "All Stars", and win back the Trophy.

MEMO TO ALL NATMAPPERS: START POLISHING THE TROPHY FOR US, LADS!



RAIS!

As the R.A.T.B.A.C.S. has developed into a multi-million dollar organisation, it was decided an Executive Council was needed to run their affairs. An election was held and the results were:

PRESIDENT: Killa, SECRETARY: C.C., VICE PRES: JVD (Johann), TREASURER: Roland.

Dave Macaw from the Store kept the money rolling in with his big plunge on FADEAWAY, and Geoff Dunn saved us money by forgetting to back a tip at the Dogs on Monday night. It was as good as a win!

GOOD PUNTING!

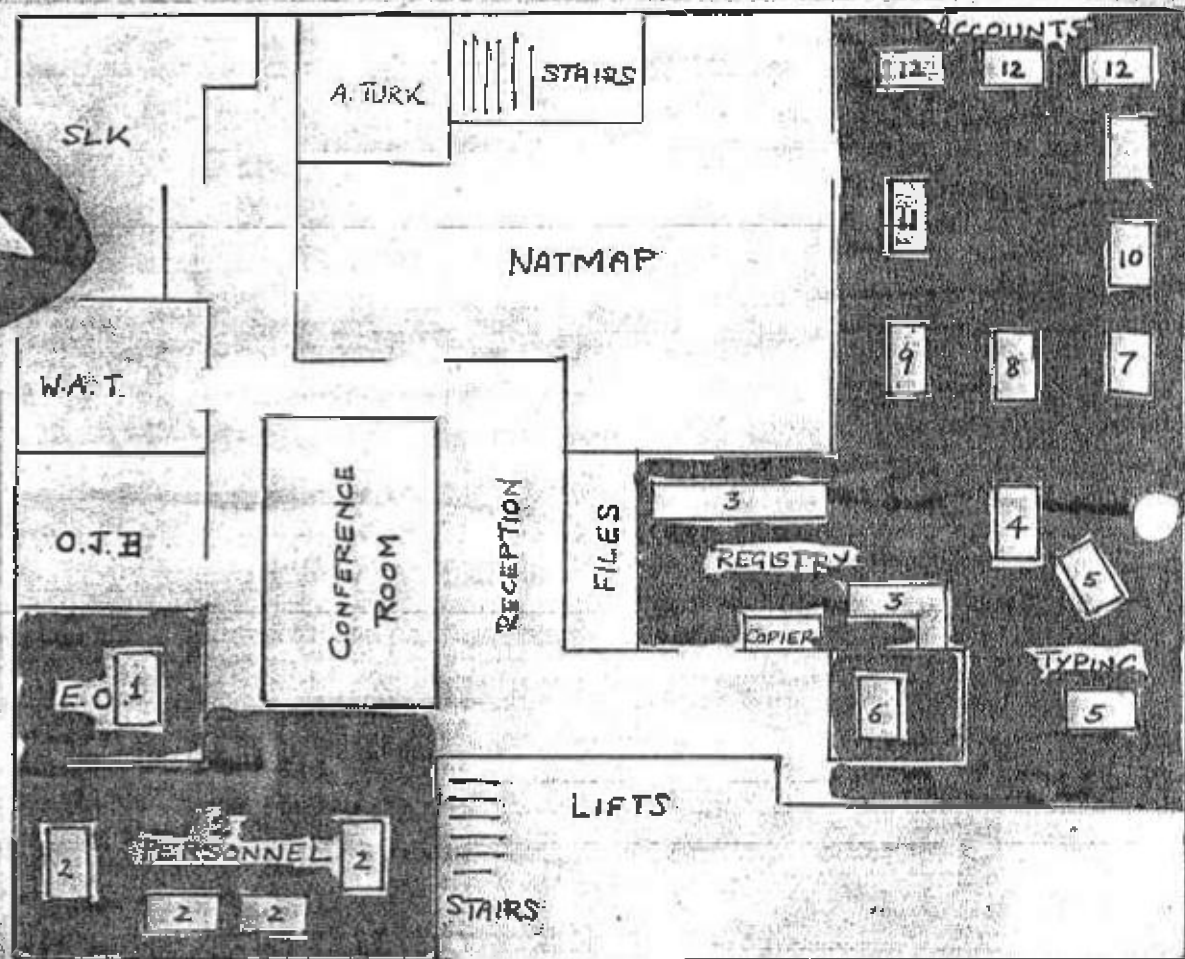
C.C.

PHANTOMS OF THE 5TH

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**KNOW
YOUR
WAY
AROUND
V.R.O.**



- (1) **EXEC OFFICER:** Our leader Bob Wilkes is on extended sick leave. A/S E.O. is Goff Dunn alias 'The Mexican'.
- (2) **PERSONNEL:** OIC Jan Trask commands slaves Roland Lindell (beard & specs) & Colin Carter.
- (3) **REGISTRY:** Lost a file lately? See Pat Ryan (VRO) & Megda Rempel (NM).
- (4) **TRAVEL:** See Diana Ferraiuolo for travel to exotic, fascinating far away places. Canberra? Fly now - Pay later.
- (5) **TYPING:** The frantic fingers of our typists belong to Marg King & Ann Golding.
- (6) **C.P.W.:** Reg 'Killer' Kilpatrick, our top safecracker & paymaster needs no intro.
- (7) **GENERAL SERVICES:** Not happy with your accommodation? Are you sitting in the dark? See our Office Services troubleshooter Russell 'Buzz' Hughes.
- (8) **DRIVER:** See the sights of Melbourne with our resident tenor Kazik Stanczewski (Join to you). Tours depart promptly at 0900 and 1400 daily.
- (9) **STOCK CONTROL:** Is your swag incomplete? See Craig Hawke about that missing pick, tool kit or pair of binos.
- (10) **PURCHASING:** Want to buy prime swampland in Queensland? Invest your money in Computicket? See Johann Vanden Driesen for cash discounts.
- (11) **LEDGERS:** Fiddling the finances and cooking the books in a temporary capacity is Ros Ash.
- (12) **ACCOUNTS:** Bills mounting? No money to pay? See Bob Holland, Lyn Power or Ros Ash for an advance on your T.A.
- (13) **STORE:** 2nd Floor. See Dave Macaw in the Store for a wide range of goods and accessories such as U/S batteries, Broken in sleeping bags & air conditioned tents.

R.H.I.

- ... That the Selby Kid is grounded.
- ... That J.C.G. "Is" engaged at last.
- ... Heavy duty brown bags are popular in CAS.
- ... The girls in Goondiwindi don't dance with strangers.

... That J. Fox is an Exhibitionist.

... That M. Lloyd has designed an Esky to meet his requirements. Dimentions are believed to be approx 1.5m x 0.5mx 0.45m.

"RUMOUR OF THE MONTH"

THAT "DICKY BIRD" IS ENTERING INTO THE WORLD MOTOR MOWING CONTEST!

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- ... H⁴ alias "Harry the Whip" has a new alias 'Buffalo Bill'
- ... Michel Terrance has now been called a "Blow in".
- ... Noise travels late at night.
- ... Oscan has a good movie about Fresh Water Museles.
- ... Canberra couldn't keep up the payments on the International Mapping Cup.
- ... That SLK owns the only "Stretch" body Lotus in Australia.
- ... That the "Kink" has been hit on the nose.
- ... That now Dave H. is on the Soc.Comm he has to take core time leave from the book at the Albion to attend lunch time committee meetings.
- ... H⁴ has a good arm.
- ... HWB was seen in Dandenong at 7am one morning with a yellow baby's bath.
- ... That AJW may be called "Mr Ed".
- ... That the \$5 Social Club membership fee for 1979 is now due.
- ... That a Canberra A/D is carrying teeth marks on his leg which don't match anybody's from Melbourne.
- ... That the swimming pool at Corowa Motel overflowed when the "Boy's" got in.



MELBOURNE RETAINS CUP

Corowa - The coveted International Mapping Cup was retained by "spirited" Melbourne team last Sunday.

At 2 am the previous evening the team had also been declared the unofficial winners of the drinking and staying competition on the river bank. Nevertheless at 9.30 am the Melbourne team was ready to bowl the first ball, selecting young Micheal Burke to make up the eleven.

One hundred and four runs later the Canberra team was all out. The Melbourne fielding and bowling would have put the England Test side to shame and it seemed like the Cup was already ours.

However at 3 for 10 the Melbourne side was in trouble. SLK and John Murdoch rescued the side, scoring 28 and 25 respectively before being compulsorily retired.

At 8 for 101 with 7 balls to face Michael Burke came to the wicket. Although unable to penetrate the cordon of fieldmen, he survived to the end of the over, and Andrew Hatfield had to face "Typhoon" Tony Bomford.

The sixth ball of the over, with 2 more runs (wides) on the board, was despatched to the fence for four and the game was over.

The whole weekend was a great success and those who attended had a great time and look forward to Corowa 1980.

1979 Team: C.McMaster (Capt), A. Turk (V.C.), SLK, Ed Burke, J. Murdoch, D. Williams, A. Hatfield, I. Graham, P. Wise, M. Lloyd, M. Burke.

The team wishes to thank its few but very loyal supporters.

F I E L D N O T E S

Map Completion

Fieldwork has got underway with the aircraft heading in opposite directions. Kevin Crane with Carl, Sarge and Goldie have been operating CAS with Jock Head on field inspection out of Goondiwindi and Roma. Rod Menzies is to continue in the Buchanan and Galilee areas with Dave Dzur and Ian Pasco making his debut.

The Nomad piloted by Peter Prior is working out of Woomera and Ceduna with RAV, Reg H., Gringo and Des Young.

The Nomad is scheduled to then complete the supplementary photography of Eucla and Madura before heading for Reg's annual visit to the Queensland coast.

Alan Thomson and John Madden have just returned from two weeks in Sydney where they attended a residential course in government administration. Former Melbourne Natmapper Dr Claude King also attended. Although the course was highly concentrated the atmosphere was very pleasant because the Institute is situated in the grounds of the Prince Henry Hospital and has a beautiful view directly over the sea from its cliff top perch. The beach was attractive, especially with the top-less sunbaking, and the fishing from the rocks appeared highly productive. The course was valuable but they only managed complimentary passes in carpet bowls.

PHANTOM DEVOTEES' SHATTERED !

The avid readers of this intrepid hero's exploits were shattered here today, when the latest issue of his legends was released to the public.

Officials at Phantom headquarters have refused to comment, but have denied reports that there is now a rift in his marriage to Ms Diana Palmer.

Unconfirmed reports state that many followers are planning mass suicide. Reports also state that there have been mass resignations from his fan club throughout the world.

Officials state however, that there has been a marked increase in the amount of fan mail and applications to join since this latest publication.

The president of the Australian branch of the Phantom fan club, Mr Adrian "Guran" Wright, was not available for comment.

CLARK KENT

for THE NAT MAP NEWS



MARCH 31st '79



THE GRINGO'S DAY IS DONE !

"MEANINGS ARE IN PEOPLE"

So the story goes, in Great Britain the government is worried about the dwindling population - worried that future generations will be so sparsely populated that the economy will suffer badly.

Because of this, a law was passed which stated that any marriage which did not produce offspring within five years would be dissolved, so that the partners might become remarried to "give it a go" with someone else.

The married couple would have the choice of dissolving the marriage or calling on the government for help. If the later, the government would - sometime - between the fifth and sixth years of marriage - send a "Government Man" to the couple's home. The Government Man would attempt to produce a child within the family. If it worked the marriage could remain intact, if it failed the marriage would be dissolved at the end of the sixth year.

The Whitmores have been married for five years, and they have no children. The Government Man is due to arrive this day. Whitmore leaves for work. He has a "hang-dog" look on his face as he pecks his wife on the cheek, dutifully, at the door.

Whitmore: I'm off. The Government Man should be here early today.

(He leaves and his wife pretties herself, putting on her most seductive negligee. But instead of a Government Man, a door-to-door photographer, who specializes in baby pictures, knocks on her door...)

Mrs Whitmore: Oh, Good Morning!

Man: You probably don't know me, but I represent.....

Mrs W.: Oh, yes! You needn't explain. My husband said to expect you.

Man: I make a speciality of babies - especially twins.

Mrs W.: That is what my husband said, please sit down.

Man: Then your husband probably told you that you have a choice.

Mrs W.: Oh yes! We both agreed that this is the best thing to do.

Man: Well in that case we'd better get down to business and get started.

Mrs W.: (blushing) Just...just where do we start?

Man: Leave everything to me, Ma'am. I recommend two in the bathroom, one on the couch, one on the edge of the bed, and another in that chair over there. Perhaps a couple on the floor would be good too.

Mrs W.: Edge of the bed...floor...bathroom? No wonder George and I...

Man: Well Ma'am, even the best of us can't guarantee a good one every time. But, say, one out of every six or eight is bound to be no good. I usually have the best luck with the shots in the bath-tub.

Mrs W.: Pardon me, but it seems a bit informal.

Man: No no... indeed in my line of work a man can't do his best job in a hurry. (He opens his album and shows the baby pictures to Mrs W.) Look at this baby; it was one of my more pleasant and memorable jobs. Took four hours, but she's a beauty, isn't she?

Mrs W.: Yeeessssss! A lovely child, indeed!

Man: But, for a really tough assignment, look at this baby. Believe it or not, it was done on top of a bus in Piccadilly Circus!

Mrs W.: Huh...Gosh!...

Man: It's not really hard when a man knows his job. My work is my pleasure. I spent long years perfecting my technique. Now, take this baby. I did it with just one shot in Alexandre's store window.

Mrs W.: I can't believe it.

Man: And here's a picture of the prettiest twins in town. They turned out really well when I think how difficult their mother was. But, I knocked them off on a job in Hyde Park on a snowy afternoon. It took from two until five in the afternoon. I never worked under such difficult conditions! People were crowded around us, four or five deep, to get a look at us.

Mrs W.: Four or five deep?

Man: Yes, and for more than three hours. But, I had two bobbies helping me. I could have got another shot before dark, but by that time the squirrels were nibbling at my equipment and I had to give up. Well Ma'am, if your ready to begin, I'll set up my tripod and we'll get down to business.

Mrs W.: Tripod?

Man: Yes, of course I always use a tripod to rest my equipment on... its much too heavy for me to hold for any length of time; Mrs Whitmore, Mrs. Whitmore, are you alright? My gosh she has fainted!!

Words, in and of themselves, have no meaning. Each of us supplies our own meanings. Unless there is common reference our meanings will "pass each other", and it will be an information process, rather than strictly what we mean by communication. Words are like tools which we use as stimuli to arouse a response in the nervous system of the receiver. We learn words based on our past experiences with those words. Since we each have had different past experiences with those words, we each attach different meanings to them: "Meanings are in people".

TAIWAN - ON BORROWED TIME?

(from your roving correspondent, who has just returned to Australia from his jaunts overseas).

Having disembarked from the Japan Asia Airways DCB and after having my baggage thoroughly searched and myself subjected to the utmost scrutiny of the customs officers, I was finally free to roam the sheets of Taipei, "provisional" capital of the "Republic of China", haven for Chiang Kai-Shek's Kuomintang since their exile from mainland China on 1 October 1949.

The first impression I had of the city was that I was back in Saigon. The style of housing is typically Saigonese (or is it the other way around?), there are people chewing betelnuts everywhere, and countless motorcycles race up and down the sheets, giving way neither to pedestrians nor to other motorised traffic, and of course the military presence is everywhere - for however "free" Taiwan may proclaim itself to be, it is, basically, a country at war. Its arch-enemy, the Chinese People's Republic, is only half an hour away across the strait. Military uniforms are everywhere, posters and banners flutter at each public square reminding the people to be "zealously on guard against the treacherous communists" and to "raise the nationalistic spirits in order to be able to reclaim the motherland".

Since the establishment of diplomatic ties between America and China, rumours have been flying that the return of Taiwan to China is imminent. It seemed everybody, except the Taiwanese, believed it. Sure, Taiwan was shocked by the sudden but inevitable "betrayal" by their friends across the Pacific, and bitterness was evident. But after the initial furor over the affair, the people of Taiwan seem to be more determined that Taiwan shall remain free, and public demonstrations against the Yankess have been reduced to the occasional satirical acts in the nightclubs ridiculing the peanut vendor.

But leaving politics aside, there are many beautiful things in Taiwan. Sunrise at Ali Shan, the beauty of Sun-Moon lake, subtropical forests at Chinton National Park, the fugged East-West Highway, geysers at Peiton, the grandeur of the National Museum, and many many more make it an island paradise.

If the scenery in Taiwan is beautiful, the girls are something else again. They are as enchanting as they are straightforward, and it is not unusual for a girl to approach a boy, a total stranger, to strike up a conversation. Still the fact that girls outnumber boys by a large margin in Taiwan might have something to do with it.

Whilst in Taipei, our guide took us for a fleeting visit of Hualisi Street, the "red light district" which is legalised by Taiwan's legislation. The only stipulation is that the girls engaging in such trade undergo a medical examination each week. Anyway, it is more a narrow lane than a street really, and the doors on each side of the lane are all painted red. "Hostesses", some looking as young as 14 or 15, stand at the doors eagerly waiting for custom. However, there seemed to be more onlookers (some even bring their own stools to sit on) than actual participants although the going rate, according to our guide, was only \$NT120 (\$A3) per 15 minutes. We were also warned that the "hostesses" will try every means to literally drag would-be customers through those red doors. A member in our party lost his scarf when one of the girls tried to drag him in. (Note: despite the new glasses I'm wearing, it's not true I lost my old ones there).

But, finally, I had to leave Taiwan, and borrowed time or not, I hope it will last the way it is - at least until I have the chance to visit it again.

Money makes maps

We all know about the hard times. Many jobs have been lost to technological advances, economic cutbacks and other changes.

National Mapping has to recognise that the tax payer expects the public sector (including us) to take their share of hardship. This expectation makes it difficult for an activity such as mapping to expand and re-equip to meet the civil and military needs of the Nation.

It is obvious by the lack of funds made available and staff cuts, that the Government is unconcerned about the basic mapping cover of our country.

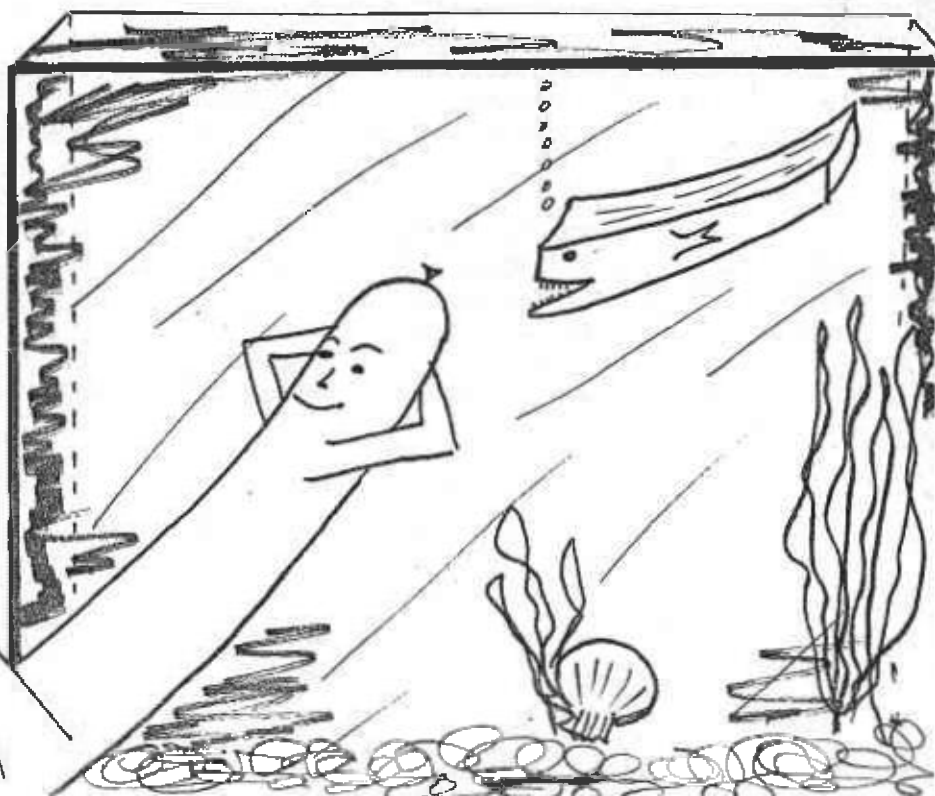
D.T.Y.

Sausage Sizzle & Fish Fry.

Friday
March 30th
4.30 pm.

Members
Free

Non-members
\$1.00



social club

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND FISH FRY

This Friday sees the start of the Friday nite turns for '79 with a sausage sizzle and for those under the influence of Lent, a Fish Fry.

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FOOTIE TIPPO '79

We have the kick-off of the '79 Footy Tippo with the prizes being approx:-

1st	\$160.00
2nd	\$ 40.00
3rd	\$ 30.00
4th	\$ 20.00
5th	\$ 10.00
Last	\$2.20

The weekly prize will be \$5.00

TENNIS DAY

Our annual tennis day will be held on Sunday April 29. We hope to have a venue by then.

NATMAP FLOPS AGAINST VRO

VRO managed to form a side for the annual grudge match against NATMAP ALLSTARS. This was a good effort considering their depleted numbers.

NATMAP won the toss and put VRO in to give Russ Hughes a hit before he had to dash off for his finals. VRO started well with NATMAP bowlers lacking penetration. Wickets were hard to come by and VRO went on to make a good 155, in their 30 overs.

After a reasonably long lunch NATMAP began with a shaky start losing their first two wickets for 30 runs. An excellent partnership between Joe McRae and Tom Zentai looked promising but when this was broken NATMAP never recovered. Tom made a hard hitting 42 and the side was all out for 115. A good win for VRO.

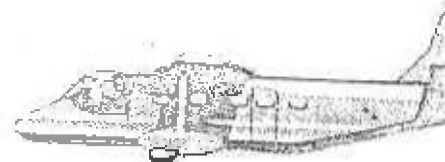
Maryknoll is an excellent venue and a pleasant day was had by all.

Bill Stuchbery

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field notes



Map Completion have been the only ones active on field duty lately. All three project teams have covered areas in South Australia and Queensland. Inspections of Buchanan and Galilee 1:250 000 sheets were completed this week by Dave Dzur, Ian Pascoe and Rod Menzies, ably assisted by Jock Head and CAS. The Nomad with Reg Helmore (The boy from Bundaberg), Peter Blake and Peter Prior are about to move to Roma to carry on supplementary photography of Surat and St George. Bruce O'Connor has just departed Melbourne to replace Reg.

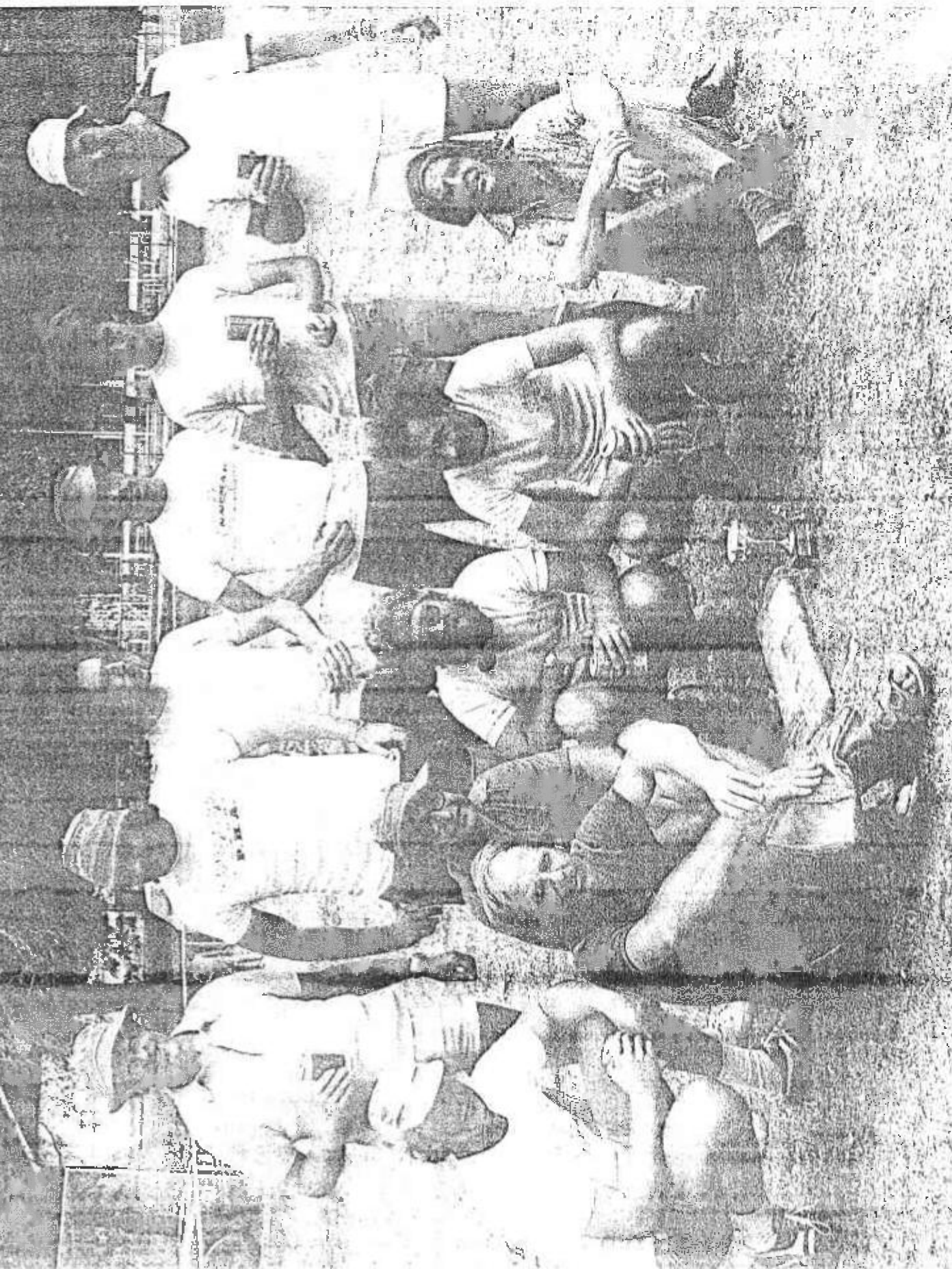
R.H.I.

- * That Friday night discos are all the rage in Qld.
- * That Peter Hall spent most of Gringo's bucks party under the pool table.
- * That J.A.G. believes "P.T.O." stands for power "take off"
- * That the Motel at Ceduna has lost its Seafood suppliers.
- * That Gringo is getting married.
- * That the continuing saga of Musical floors has now reached the "imminent" stage.
- * That M.L. has a huge turkey dinner ready for when he finishes his special "Israeli" diet.
- * That W.A.T. spends more time in the bar than R.A.V.
- * That a flagon of red and four fishermen is an excessive load for a 12ft aluminium boat.
- * That D.D. needs more field work as he's lost the knack of avoiding kangaroos.
- * That R.M. can kill a cockroach at fifty paces with a used tea bag.
- * That valiants have laminated windscreens.
- * That J.H. can "wheel it on" very nicely.
- * That I.P. is now a veteran flyer.
- * Whoppy, Germ and Jerk were the Local Talent at Clermont.
- * Jock and D.D. spent the weekend at Magnetic Island.
- * The Paris Cafe is the place to dine out at Clermont - you can also buy aircraft spares there.
- * Gem hunting at Anakie was successful.

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NATMAP CANBERRA CRICKET TEAM

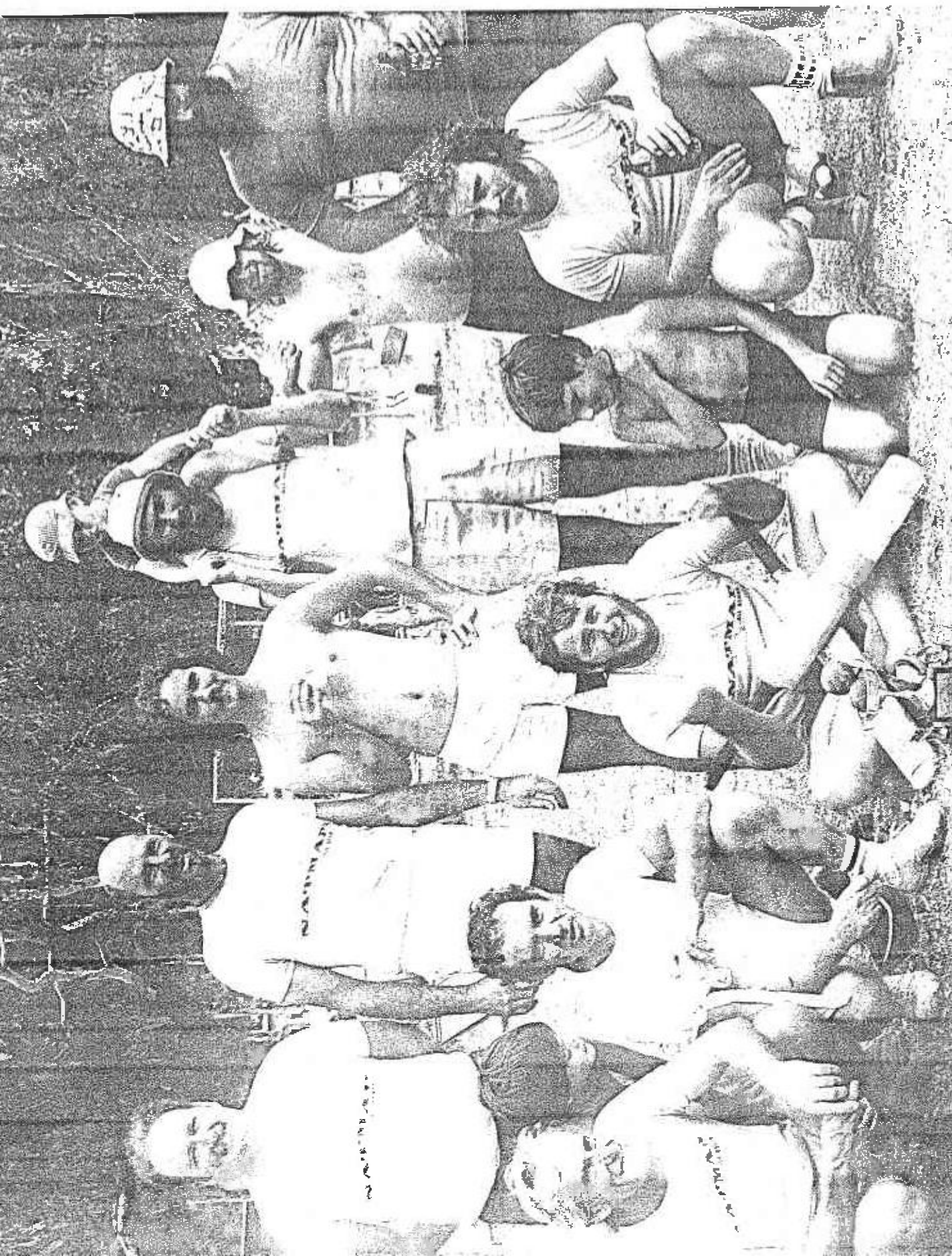
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FRONT: S. Lambert, M. DePlater, J. Wadey, J. Knight, J. Hill, A.G.B.



NATMAP ALLSTARS

P.J. WISE, S.L. KIRKBY, I.S. GRAHAM, A.G. TURK & SON, D.L. WILLIAMS, M.T. LLOYD,
E.H. BURKE & SON, C.G. McMASTER, J.A. MURDOCH, M. BURKE, A.J. HATFIELD

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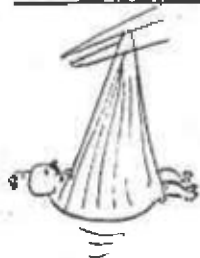


NEWS SUMMARY

BIRTHDAYS: Reg "Killa" Kilpatrick and Magda Rappal celebrated their respective Birthdays last week in a fitting manner. "Killa" kept the Birthday Pot at the Albion empty in a fine display of "controlled consumption", whilst Magda hosted an enjoyable Chinese meal (avec Muroomba) at the Golden Pagoda.

HONEST HANGS ON: Earlier rumours that former V.R.O. lad Tony "Honest" Woodruff had resigned from the PS due to "too much pressure" have been discounted. His Mum talked him out of it again.

STORK REPORT:



NAPPY PRODUCTS AGAIN or, WILL IT ALL COME OUT IN THE WASH?

Bob & Kris Holland's new arrival KIM was greeted with much excitement at the office, particularly as the new Dad was on hand to witness the happy event. Stewie-the-Stork reports that Mother and Baby are doing very well and that Father (currently on Paternity Leave) has come down with "Nappiwashitis".

V.R.O. REORG: Stay tuned to the next issue of V.R.O. NEWS for exciting results of the reorg. **NB:** To be published from the Dept. of Social Security.

MR. WALKER: Notice is served that several historical journals relating to the legendary "Ghost who walks" have been recently transferred from the V.R.O. Store back to Tub's 3rd floor library for your reading pleasure.

FOOTY TIPPING: In the interests of "togetherness", (and 'cause we aint got enough bods anyway) it has been decided to END the "VRO FOOTY TIPPING" award as from this year, devote our canny knowledge towards winning TIPPO '79 and the big cash prize on offer there.

We have had much pleasure in running "VRO Footy Tipping" over the years and we thank you all for your enthusiastic support .



"VRO Footy Tipping" Roll of Honour.

Chris. Stubbs (1974)	- 102
Marg. King (1975)	- 90
Jan Trask & Joe Salib (1976)	- 81
Tony Woodruff (1977)	- 96
Vickie Schmidt (1978)	- 90



SIZZLING SAUSAGES, BERTIE - IT'S FRIDAY!

RATS!

R.A.T.B.A.G.

Not much happening at the moment. JVD won \$5:40 on his big Quinella "CRESTOULLA" and "MILLICENT", however the Treasurer has not seen the winning ticket yet, and has advised JVD to smarten up a bit.

NOTICE TO R.A.T.B.A.G. MEMBERS: Our beloved President "Killa" has called an extra ordinary RATBAG MEETING for MONDAY 2 APRIL at MORNING TEA. All RATBAGS to attend!

Any how GOOD PUNTING - CC (Sec)

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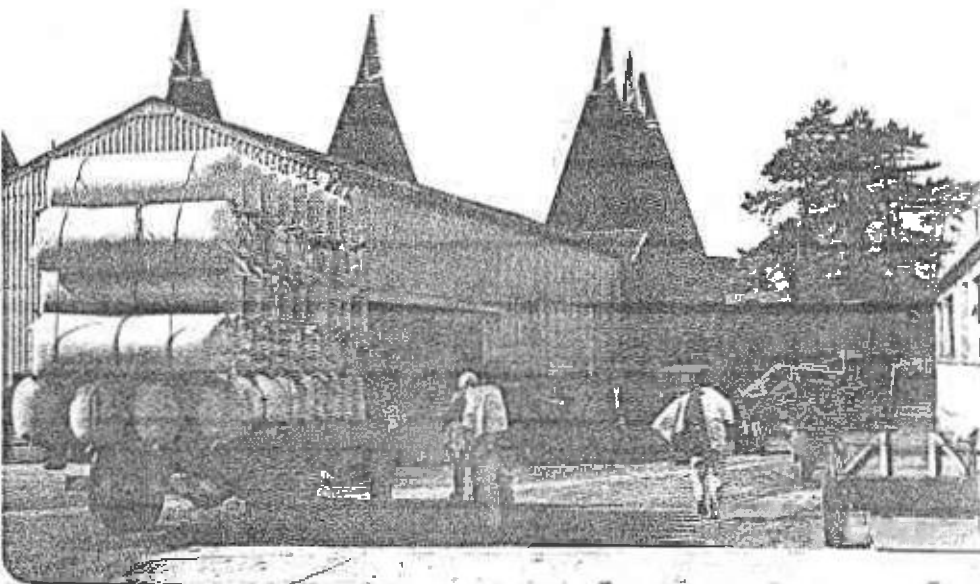
" BROADWATER FARM " (See special Back Page FEATURE)

Holidays

Dave Macaw is currently lapping up the sun at his Dromana retreat, and is due back at the Store on Monday. Hard luck Dave.

Travel

Ala Wanagiel from Map Sales in Town is due to take off in June to "Meet the Relatives" of homeland and savour the delights of Europe.

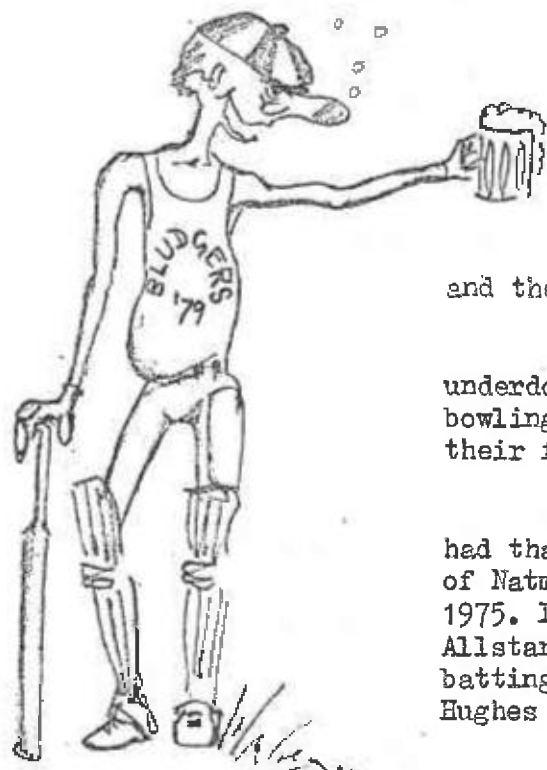


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SPORTS



BLUDGERS WIN THE 'ASHES'

Well, the Bludgers did it! 4:1 vs the 'MAP' and and the ASHES back in our possession.

Played in an idyllic setting at Maryknoll, the underdog Bludgers showed surprising depth in batting & bowling to outplay the Natmap 'Allstars' and score their fourth win in five matches.

The match was played in good spirit but still had that feeling of tenacity which has been a hallmark of Natmap vs Bludgers games since their inception in 1975. I would like to express my appreciation of the Allstars sporting gesture in sending us in on a perfect batting strip so that we could play our star bat 'Buzz' Hughes before he left to play in his own finals match.

The record shows that all five matches have been won by the team that has batted first, so it was no mean gesture to allow us that privilege. Thanks lads!

Congratulations to the Bludgers for a mighty performance on the day. Even young Michael Dunn showed he could play a straight bat, and on his performance this year could find himself opening the bowling in our next match.

The 1979 BLUDGERS were:

Colin Carter
Geoff Dunn
Michael Dunn
Russ Hughes
Roland Lindell
Johann Vanden Driesen
Tim Teschendorf
Tony Woodruff
John Nasser
Graham Barry
Cal Trask
Ron Ekiner

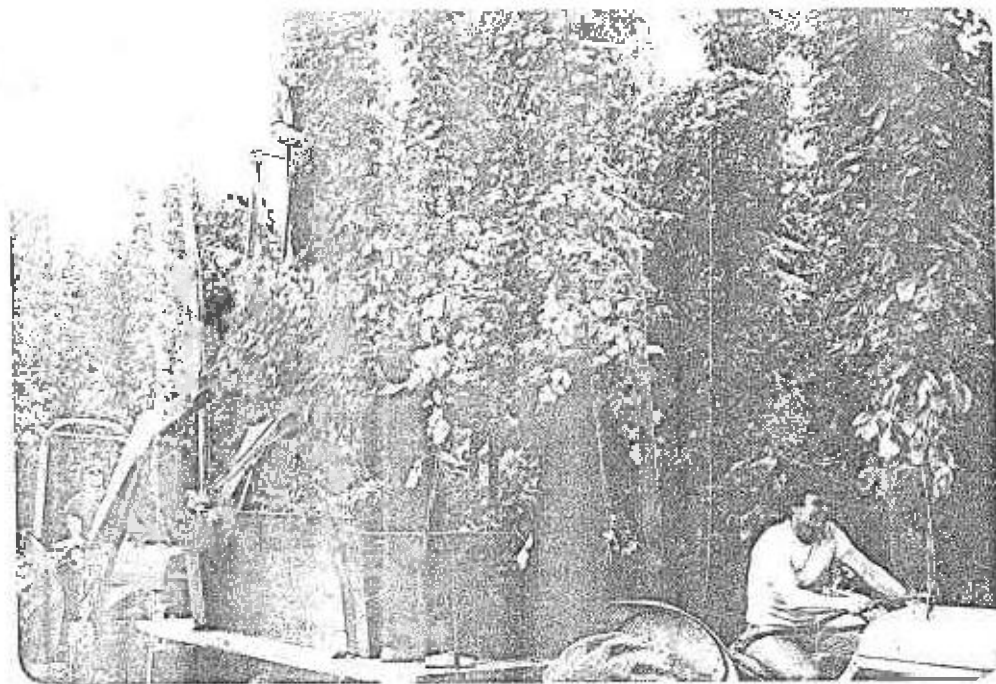
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75,76,78. VRO
75,76,77,78. VRO V. Capt 79.
75,76,77,78. Geoff's son.
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Jan Trask's spouse
77(Bludgers vs Keon Park).

.....Regards V.D.



"A PAGE FROM THE DIARY" (HUGHES IN ENGLAND)



BROADWATER FARM, WEST MALLING KENT.
SEPTEMBER 1978

22 FRIDAY * 9.10 Flyer to London Tomorrow
Bashed into the "Bristol" with WEEK 33 - 265-100
Anne.

✓ Successful conclusion to the week, and the day definitely belongs to "Richard the lionhearted". His sluggish attitude on the clamping carries over from yesterday and gives no portent of the savage energy he is to expend in the afternoon. Jerry has words with both Moses and Richard after lunch, and Moses really weighs into the vines with his "crank" whilst son Richard literally goes berserk on the clamping, and in an almost crazy way, has us all involved too in an afternoon of first injury, and then plain sweat. It's an incredible display of sheer working effort, but upsets the even tenor of operations with most of the vines ending up on the floor, or being speared out the wrong end of the machine. (It's cold - must continue this tomorrow. Good evening.)

Next day - a bright sunny Saturday morning. Well what else occurred yesterday my son, my son! Yes, Stanley ("Tom") asked us whether we were all staying on for the apple picking now that the end of the hop harvest was just about nigh. (Next Tues/Wed.) I feel it is not unfair of me to suggest that "Tom" was visibly relieved when he gleaned that I was not staying on. He has seen me resting up against the wall of hops shed or on the bonnet of the tractor too often to consider me a good worker. Not yeoman stock. Afraid I can't really take the man to my heart overmuch - his is an unenviable role running quite an enterprise virtually on a shoe string, and he has been very helpful to us, but I feel he overplays the "manager of the estate" ~~role~~ a little and grinds his employees into the Broadwater dust too much. Whilst the fulltimers appear to be happy with their lot i.e. The East house team, I feel for them.

At night have farewell drink with Abuzaka (Mike) at Ro.W. East Malling - a jovial Friday night session. Goodtimes.

✓ The Hops shed out houses, etc.
✓ Mr. Stanley and end product.
✓ The Hops Garden team in operation.
✓ The clamping.
✓ The clamping.
✓ The clamping.

DANDENONG

OFFICE

4 MAY '79

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flying high

With both aircraft back in Melbourne and the Nomad about to undergo a 'Major' service it's a good time to reflect on the work of the Aviation Section.

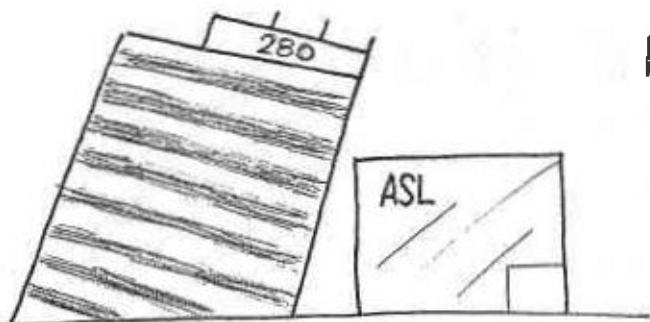
Statistics reveal that, so far this financial year, the Nomad has flown 640 hours and the Cessna 540 hours. CAS chalked up 700 hours in its first 12 months of operation.

People have tended to highlight the down time experience by our aircraft but the figures quoted indicate a very creditable performance. The Aviation Section has proved themselves well able to support our field activities. They will no doubt continue to meet our changing and, hopefully, increasing requirements. Additional equipment, such as a DME, has already been added to the Nomad and all pilots should soon have instrument ratings.

R.F.M.

PIZZUP & PIZZA NITE

Friday May 4 4.30pm



don't forget this
great event 14th July
see D. Goldsmith



Social club

goldie

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND FISH FRY

A fine evening was had by all, particularly those who stayed to stumps at our last social Friday night. The general attendance was most gratifying for those who did the preparation and the cooking, with thanks to guest sizzlers D. Yau, A. Binnore and Mick Lloyd.

The President would like to thank those who stayed (and stayed and stayed) to help him clean up.

TENNIS DAY

Seventeen assorted Natmap Social Club members including guests brushed the cobwebs off their tennis gear last Sunday for the annual tennis day.

David Goldsmith won the men's aggregate and was last seen christening his trophy - half a dozen beer glasses, whilst Jenny Foster who certainly looked the part naturally won the ladies aggregate.

Thanks are due to Peter Harrup for organising the day at his home club at Wantirna.

TIPPO 79

Weekly Winners

Leaders:

Round 1	J. Trask (5)	D. Dzur	19)1
Round 11	D. Dzur (6)	J. Manning	18)	
Round 111	K. Crane (6)	J. Stanazewski	18)2
Round IV	A. Clarke (5½)	A. Binnore	16)	
		C. Carter	16)	
		K. Hayes	16)3
		R. Lindell	16)	

REG LIVERMORE IN "SACRED COW"

Anybody interested in seeing Reg's latest blockbuster contact David Goldsmith before the close of business Friday 4 May.

Mad Max

The MRA (Motorcycle Rider's Association) is organising a film night for 18 May. They have reserved the entire theatre for that night and are charging \$5-00 a ticket. The difference between the concession and the \$5-00 is being donated to the Rubella Society for Pre-schoolers. Anyone interested in going please contact Blyth Osborne on Ext.238.



BOBROFF

It little profits that an idle surveyor,
By this untidy desk, among these dying plants,
Stranded by the tides of change, I mete and dole
Instructions to a dwindling Branch,
That control, extend and now revise, but are not Geodetic.
I cannot forget the surveys: I will extol
Them to the end: all times I have enjoy'd
Greatly, have travelled greatly, both with those
that followed like wet string, and alone; both on the Cape and when

By the gyroscope's unerring whine,
We found Well 35, Goldy and myself,
Amongst the turpentine: I am become a name
For always traversing across unmeasured land.
Much have I seen and known; mountains of rock,
All terrains, climates, tellurometers, field surveyors,
Myself not least, but honour'd of them all;
And drunk delight of surveys with my peers
Far on the barren plains of Mullabor.
I am a part of all that I have met;
Yet all experience is an arch wherethro
Gleams that unrecc'ed ridge, whose margin fades
For ever and forever when I move.
How dull it is to supervise, to plan, direct
To rust unburnish'd not to shine in use!
As the promotion was a prize. Season piled on season
Were all too little, and of one to me
Little remains: but every hours is saved
From that eternal boredom, something more
A bringer of new things, and vile it is
For some ten years to store and hoard myself,
And this grey spirit yearning in desire
To measure on, beyond horizons shimmer,
Beyond hills that co-ordinates now snare.
These are my section leaders, keen they are.
To them I'll leave my In-tray with its files.
Well schooled they are in ways of estimates,
With care, by slow prudence to make balance
Committment and the Cash upon the end of June.
Most meticulous they are, dextrous with their minutes
To Queanbeyan, determined not to raise
The A/D's ire, and doubtless
Can quite competently act for me,
Whilst I am gone. They'll work their work, I mine.

There stands the Inter', she's fuelled and packed to go,
There gleams the open road. My party,
Blokes who've toiled, and climbed, and traversed oft' with me
That ever with a lip-cracked-grin took
The heat, the flies, the dust and perservered.
Grey beards, receded foreheads-you and I are old;
Old age hath yet his honour and his toil;
Retirement closes all: but something ere the end,
Some survey of noble note, may yet be done,
Not unbecoming men once called the Geodetic.

Little remains: but every hour is sav'd
From that eternal silence, something more,
A bringer of new things; and vile it were
For some three suns to store and hoard myself,
And this gray spirit yearning in desire
To follow knowledge, like a sinking star,
Beyond the utmost bound of human thought.

This is my son, mine own Telemachus,
To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle—
Well-lov'd of me, discerning to fulfil
This labour, by slow prudence to make mild
A rugged people, and thro' soft degrees
Subdue them to the useful and the good.
Most blameless is he, centred in the sphere
Of common duties, decent not to fail
In offices of tenderness, and pay
Meet adoration to my household gods,
When I am gone. He works his work, I mine.

There lies the port: the vessel puffs her sail:
There gloom the dark broad seas. My mariners,
Souls that have toil'd, and wrought, and thought with me—
That ever with a frolic welcome took
The thunder and the sunshine, and oppos'd
Free hearts, free foreheads—you and I are old;
Old age hath yet his honour and his toil;
Death closes all: but something ere the end,
Some work of noble note, may yet be done,
Not unbecoming men that strove with Gods.
The lights begin to twinkle from the rocks:
The long day wanes: the slow moon climbs: the deep
Moans round with many voices. Come, my friends,
'Tis not too late to seek a newer world.
Push off, and sitting well in order smite
The sounding furrows; for my purpose holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
Of all the western stars, until I die.
It may be that the gulfs will wash us down:
It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles,
And see the great Achilles, whom we knew.
Tho' much is taken, much abides; and tho'
We are not now that strength which in old days
Mov'd earth and heaven; that which we are, we are;
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON



TELEPHONE:
94 0251 (6 Lines)



Town Hall,
St. Kilda

Our Ref: WAS/BS

12th April, 1979.

Mr. E. MacGibbon,

Dear Sir,

re: St. Kilda Sunday Art Bank
Permit No. 9201

As a complaint has been received from the Body Corporate of 13 Esplanade, St. Kilda, in regard to the noise of your whips cracking on the Esplanade, you are requested to cease the cracking of these whips forthwith.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. Sisson,
TOWN CLERK.

RUMOUR OF THE MONTH.

That H⁴ will have to get cracking with Dandenong Council.

- ..That Personnel have moved house allowing Muldoon's Marauders to acquire new hangar space.
- ..That a registry filing system has been introduced for the Phantom legends.
- ..That "Tex" from Roma has a new hat.
- ..That Peter James wears size 7½ shoes.
- ..That Johann V.D. is on the wagon.
- ..That the Roma wine tasters named the local brew "Bassett's Acid".
- ..That C.C. is handing in his season ticket.
- ..That Goldie can't play tennis after lunch.
- ..That people on the third floor are collecting money to buy "Cactus" his worming tablets.
- ..That "Speed" enjoys first aid lectures.
- ..That Tubbs is opening boarding pens for pigs.
- ..That Maya has taken up rock collecting.
- ..That mokes are really 10 ammo boxes and a lawn mower engine bolted together.
- ..That there are some "Duffers" on the fourth floor.
- ..That the Council has closed "Tubbs Pens" because one of the tenants squealed.
- .. That Terry Larkin's tennis elbow stopped him from playing last weekend.



field notes



SURVEY BRANCH

The Laser Section is preparing for its 1979 field season, hopefully starting at the beginning of June when the Nomad aircraft is due out of service. It will be working from Forrest and Giles in W.A., then Ayers Rock and Alice Springs in the N.T. All outstanding laser work will hopefully be completed. Micky Lloyd and Ian Graham will drive the two trucks direct to Giles, while two pilots, Ozoan Ertok and Martin Kros will join them with the Nomad after completing work from Forrest. Ross Chisholm will be returning to Melbourne from Forrest. Graduate surveyors will join the party from time to time on an availability basis.

The revision team is office bound at the moment, busily processing earlier field work.

COMPILATION BRANCH

Bruce O'Connor, Peter Blake and Harry Baker have just returned, in the Nomad, from six weeks of supplementary photography in Queensland. They were based at Bundaberg and Roma. Unfortunately adverse weather restricted their photography efforts but they were kept very busy obtaining road classification information.

Project teams 1, 2 and 3 are gearing up for a June start to field inspection, again to Queensland, in the Longreach, Mitchell, Wyandra areas. We expect a busy six months in the field.

SCIENTIFIC QUOTEABLE QUOTES

SIR WINSTON SPENCER CHURCHILL. 1874-1965

"Praise up the humanities, my boy. That will make them think that you are broad-minded." (Advice to R.V. Jones, his scientific consultant).

THOMAS HENRY HUXLEY. 1825-1895

"The great tragedy of Science - the slaying of a beautiful hypothesis by an ugly fact."

GEORGES POMPIDOU. 1911-1974

"There are three roads to ruin; women, gambling and technicians. The most pleasant is with women, the quickest is with gambling, but the surest is with technicians".

LORD ERNEST RUTHERFORD. 1871-1937

"If your experiment needs statistics, you ought to have done a better experiment."

STEPHEN TOLMIN. 1922 -

"No doubt a scientist isn't necessarily penalized for being a complex, versatile, eccentric individual with lots of extra-scientific interests. But it certainly doesn't help him a bit."

FOR SALE
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Fyrside Kero Heater

..See Rod Menzies

V.R.O. NEWS



NEWS SUMMARY

- * **EXIT THE RED ROOSTER:** Our genial Executive Officer R.A.W. has finally got his marching orders from the CMO for an early retirement, and we all sincerely wish Bob good health, and trust that he can make good use of his time outside the PS. His departure spells the end of an era at V.R.O., and with him goes many good memories of legendary feats from the old 460 Bourke Street days. "V.R.O. NEWSLETTER" on behalf of "NATMAP NEWS" takes this opportunity of wishing Bob & Phyllis all the best for the future, and "up the Tiges!"

- * **PERSONNEL - FLY BOYS INTERCHANGE:** Jan Trask's All Star Personnel Team have worked a swap with Terry Mulholland's "Red Baron Dept." and now enjoy a different view over Dandy Market and the mountains. The Mexican (Exec. Officer G. Dunn) has also set up shop in the new Personnel area. Most (except Accounts & Registry) agree that the move will be beneficial to the continued smooth functioning of V.R.O.

*Things that
go clunk
on the bike*

THE WOBBLIES: A couple of the crew have been experiencing some problems with their dual wheeled conveyances of late. Jan's hubby, Cal was meant to be shedding poundage on the daily ride to the Frankston station, but his bicycle (originally a "Lindell Special") has collapsed. And the Masked Ghost Rider of Stud Road, JVD has his "90" back on the track again after a major overhaul, whilst Hughes continues his never ending dice with the "Goon Flyer".

- * **EATING OUT, WITH "GOBBLER" - AUSTRALIA'S MOST FEARED CRITIC**

The "Country" at THE BRIDGE up the other end of Lonsdale Street doesn't pretend to be much and it isn't. My grilled sausages avec cold salad provided simple if at least satisfying fare, and was reasonably priced, although the service was a bit tardy. The decor/atmosphere at THE BRIDGE is plain and¹ suppose countryish and the light ale is on tap.

All in all, a change, but nothing to write home about.

- * **ROS' TURN:** Those that made it to Armadale for Ros & Tims Ding on Saturday Night enjoyed a revival of the old halycon V.R.O. days, with Mr. Lindell's obvious determination to erase the memory² the St Kilda debacle that day at Victoria Park, providing the highlight.
- * **FOOTY TIPPING:** At Roland's suggestion it has been decided to reinstate the "V.R.O. FOOTY TIPPING" trophy for the highest V.R.O. tipster at the end of the season in "TIPPO". We may take the hat round for a wooden spoon.
- * **PAYDAY NOSHUPS:** To revive the ailing social activities of the Office we have a suggestion. How about a lunch at THE ALBION every payday at 12.30?
Watterdoyuhreckon???????

"MAMA MIA! NATMAP SPAGHETTS
AND PIZZAS ARE MAGNIFICO!!"



ratbag

special

R.A.T.B.A.G.S. REPORT: The Royal/Republican Amateur Turf Betting And Grog Society have finally regained their 1978 composure which earned them respect from punters all over. Three big wins:-

C.Carter \$34, R.Kilpatrick \$18 & B.Holland .80c.

... has seen renewed enthusiasm amongst the RATBAG Members. G.Dunn even had his first collect with a dividend of \$2.50!

So the RATEBAGS are riding the crest of a wave at the moment, and better things are on the way.

ANYHOW..... GOOD PUNTING!

C.C. (Sec)

* PING PONG DIPLOMACY: Local Champ C.C. had to fight all the way in the Grand Final of the NATMAP Table Tennis Tourny V. Oscan Ertok on Tuesday, and congratulations go to the "Molly Dooker" from StKilda for his big win. Well done to the organisers- perhaps we could try a Doubles Tourny next?



TABLE TENNIS

A PART OF HISTORY

Frank Aiken (ex Map Sales) and Reg Kilpatrick, our Paymaster had something going with the Accounts Section. Their signing-on book in the pre flextime era was located in the Accounts area, under the critical eye of Lynn & Ros who each day accepted the outrageous excuse offered for a late return from lunch, until the eventual introduction of Flextime ended the saga in 1975.

LIST OF EXCUSES OFFERED BY SIR REGINALD KILPATRICK AND MASTER FRANK AIKEN

(CIRCA 1972 ONWARDS)

1. Waiting for lift. 2. Lift not working (had to climb stairs). 3. Talking to Acting Executive Officer. 4. Clocks wrong. 5. Went to my office first, says Reg. 6. Watching the Concorde (a day late). 7. It's not 1400 hrs. yet. 8. Right on time (no excuse) - 1400 hrs. 9. Poor eyesight. 10. Gazing at the Ruler with a Bird. 11. I've been with the Commonwealth Auditor. 12. My coat was too heavy. 13. We go by Greenwich Mean Time. 14. Waiting for the woman with the big pram. 15. Waiting for Jan Trask to catch the lift together. 16. Wanted to hear the first leg of the Quadrella (1:50) which started late. Also intermittent rain on the way back. 17. Delayed by the Bay City Rollers- "Should have seen the kids!!" 18. Dodging our Ruler. 19. Watching machine in Little Collins Street digging underground rail loop. 20. Publican shouted (Excuse acceptable). 21. N.E.R. - No excuse required : 1400! 22. Grand Marnier Tasting at Hub Pub. 23. No excuse. Frank says "It's 1400" at 1403. 24. Downstairs but forgot to come up. 25. Watching the Fight. 26. 1400! Excuse for being on time - "I mistook the time", says Frank. 27. It's wet, Frank says. "I'm wet right through". 28. Had to help old lady out of lift. 29. Too many friends (Reg came back today). 30. RETIRING DAY FOR FRANK. Nil excuse. Perhaps he was unsteady on his feet while crossing the road. (End of an era).... But Reg Kilpatrick carries on the battle against 1400 hrs. 31. New man downstairs so Reg couldn't get away until ten minutes past one. So he did not get back until ten past two! 32. C.C. shouted for his 21st, so all came back late in honour of Sir Reg on Rec. Leave. 33. Went to confer "Wings" on Tim. 34. FLEXTIME INTRODUCED - End of The Battle!

1 JUNE 1979

No. 26

staff college musings

While at the staff college recently we visited a number of enterprises around Melbourne to talk with their people and to see how they were run.

Two production line operations we looked at were General Motors and Heinz.

It's probably no drearier bolting up axle assemblies week after week than it is inspecting tomatoes on a conveyor or cleaning up mechanically peeled onions yet the atmosphere in each place was completely different. Each firm provides good amenities, good pay and apparently reasonable attitudes to its staff and yet at Heinz there was a happy, relaxed, friendly team that spoke to supervisors and management. At General Motors there was an atmosphere of distrust, isolation and sullenness. Even when the lines stopped and the assemblers were idle it was unusual to see a worker talk to another perhaps six or eight feet away.

We were told it had always been this way at each place.

The obvious and very significant difference was, at Heinz the line workers operated as small teams who could relate to each other while they worked; each team formed a mini society. At General Motors the line was laid out so that each person worked in isolation from others.

An interesting insight was that at GM most workers were quite prepared to pass on to the next operator work done in such a way that the successive operations would be more difficult than they needed to be. The attitude was "stuff him, I get rubbish why shouldn't he" they tended not to know each other or to care. At Heinz the attitude was to give Bill or Mary, their friend, who followed on the line the easiest run possible.

Looking at a real life example of non team operation brought home again how important team work is. We don't have to agree with each other on all things at all times (which is just as well, human beings being what they are) but we are damn fools if we ever let ourselves get isolated into "bolting up bits of bloody Holdens" instead of being part of the Natmap Team.

social club

goldie

PIZZA NITE

Once again a good nite was had by all that attended, the numbers were a little bit down but those who did partake enjoyed the pizza's and spaghetti. Special thanks to Dineke, Vicki and Sarge for the spaghetti which had just enough claret, and thanks also for the garlic bread which had just enough garlic.

TIPPO 79

	<u>Weekly Winners</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	
Round V	Mrs R. Menzies	J. Stanszowaki	37
Round VI	S. Pinwell	J. Manning	36
Round VII	K. Sargeant	D. Dzur	35
Round VIII	J. Manning	K. Hayes	} 33
		J. Trask	

NAUGHTY NINETIES

We will have a few seats available for the night at Naughty Nineties on July 14. For those who do not know anything about the Naughty Nineties the program is simply a four course dinner served approximately at 7.00 pm followed by 2½ hours of Old Time Music Hall Show, and after that dancing until closing time 11.30 pm.

FUTURE ENTERTAINMENT

Any social club members, members wives or friends who have any suggestions with regards to end of month turns, or any other social club function could they pass their ideas on to any member of the social committee.

NATMAP ALL-STARS

Football team selected for coming social game.

FORWARDS	:	MURDOCK, McCRAE, GRAHAM
H. FWDS	:	QUINN, HENDERSON, DZUR
CENTRES	:	STUCHBERRY, MENZIES, PINWELL
H. BACKS	:	HATFIELD, LLOYD, KEARNS
BACKS	:	HUGHES, GOLDSMITH, DUNN
FOLLOWERS	:	S.L.K., TURK
ROVER	:	WILLIAMS - RUNNER, JAMES
INTERCHANGE	:	McMASTER, GOLDSWORTHY, HAWKE
COACH	:	CARTER
UMPIRE	:	GOULD
MANAGER	:	H4
ACCOUNTANT	:	REG KILPATRICK
MARCHING GIRLS	:	VIKKI, KALEN, DIENKE, MAYA, MAGDA
CROWD	:	TUBS, BEAR

The MASFT Fly Natmap Nomad the "if going - go anywhere Airline" and use only C of A approved products.

When in Melbourne the team drinks - at the Albion.

Gerrard Winstanley, of the True Leveller movement, had some advice on the "goodliness" of staff - rotation for officers of an earlier era:

"When pride and fulness take hold of an officer, his eyes are so blinded therewith that he forgets he is a servant to the commonwealth and strives to lift up himself high above his brothers, and oftentimes his fall proves very great.

To prevent the creeping in of oppression into the commonwealth again, for when officers grow proud and full: have we not experience in these days that some officers of the commonwealth are grown so mossy for want of removing that they will hardly speak to an old acquaintance.

Let officers be chosen new every year in love to our posterity; for if burdens and oppressions should grow up in our officers for want of removing, as moss and weeds grow in some land for want of stirring, surely it will be a foundation of misery, not easily to be removed by our posterity; and then will they curse their time that ever we their fore-fathers had opportunities to set things to right for their ease and would not do it.

To remove officers of the commonwealth every year will make them truly faithful, knowing that others are coming after who will look into their ways; and if they do not do things justly, they must be ashamed when the next officers succeed. And when officers deal faithfully in the government of the commonwealth, they will not be unwilling to move. The peace of (Dandenong) is much preserved by removing officers yearly.

It is good to move officers every year, that whereas many have their portions to obey, so many may have their turns to rule; and this will encourage all men (and women) to advance righteousness and good manners in hopes of honour. The commonwealth will be furnished with able and experienced men, fit to govern, which will mightily advance the honour and peace of (Dandenong), and in time will make our commonwealth of (Australia) the lily among the nations of the earth".

With apologies to

GERRARD WINSTANLEY, in "The Law of Freedom in a Platform, or True Magistracy Restored" (London, 1652), as humbly presented to the Protector of the Commonwealth: Oliver Cromwell, and to all the Nations in the World.

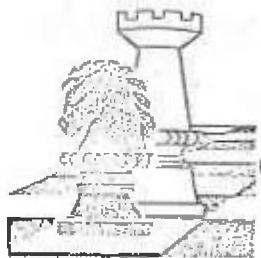
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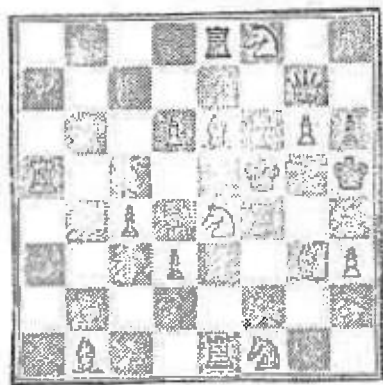
Nobody needs the solution to puzzle No.8; it was set so long ago that everyone has certainly worked it out by now!

The key move is Q x QP, Threat Q x Q.

On first impressions this looks crazy; the White Queen is pinned to its own King. But all is not as it seems.

If Black plays White's Kx (B7) x Q is Mate.

The White Queen is unpinned by various moves the Black Queen giving Mate on the squares QR5, Kt5, B5 and B6 while the Black Bishop move to Queen 2 unpins the White Queen by interference allowing ... Q-Kt7, Mate.



PUZZLE NO. 9

Another puzzle on the Finning Key.

LIKE many actors, Adrian Wright, has had to try his hand at other work to make ends meet.

Jobs for this good-looking 37 year-old actor have ranged from working at THE MAP to PIG FARMING.

His latest is selling SPUDS.

Adrian is no stranger to the art of selling.

He has done TV commercials since arriving in Australia from England 20 years ago. Including THAT one promoting FOSTERS and the Channel 9 news.

His roles on stage and TV have been as varied as his odd-jobs.

In a recent episode of Prisoner, he played a nasty cop and back in the days of Homicide he was a doctor, AND a homicidal maniac.

And he recently completed an episode of Cop Shop in which he was a rapist.

"Graeme Lowrence and I had to rape this young MAN on the bonnet of a car," Adrian told SCENE.

"It was really quite EXCITING ACTUALLY."

"We filmed it in Studley Park, and actress PHILLIS DILLER was screaming.

"Yet no-one reacted, no-one came to look."

Adrian's

LOSS

ADRIAN Wright recently lost a dear friend.

Three weeks ago his PIG "PORKY" was run over and killed by a car outside his home in NAR-NAR-GOON.

"She was one and a half years old, and I had her since she was a PIG-LET. She was a dear little PIG. I was very fond of her."

Although Adrian "just loves PIGS", he doesn't intend replacing PORKY.

But he has other interests to occupy his time — including music.



R.H.I. OF THE MONTH

That the laser boys are expanding.



- . That Julie is in a bind over the first aid course.
- . That Foxy is being corrupted on the first floor.
- . That Jack Edmondson, from Canberra Office, will be resigning as soon as farewells are over - some time next year.
- . That "Fangio Hill" was seen flashing!! along Stud Road in a bright yellow Suzuki.
- . That the saying of the month is "I find this mazing".
- . That "Gums" is being given a Vocab Number.
- . That the Queanbeyan Leagues Club will be running another JMR course soon.
- . Bazza was spotted meeting old derelict friend at treetop level for lunch.
- . That "Killa" couldn't handle the deathly silence on the fifth on strike day yesterday and was obliged to adjourn to rowdier premises.



exposes reorg 1979

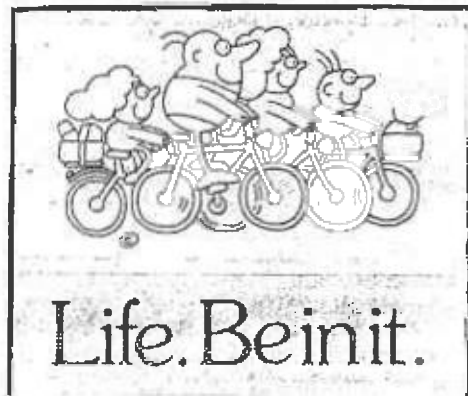
In true Watergate style, our special Insight reporters have managed to obtain some of the inside stories to the latest reorg proposals. Startling information were exposed, these include:

1. There will be a Director for Overall Organisational Management, known as DOOM for short.
2. Several surveyors will, in addition to their normal duties, be required to undertake extra appointments. This is a consequence of the continued staff ceiling imposed on the reorganisation as well as further cuts in government spending.
3. In order to optimise distribution of workload so as to attain maximum yield, a surveyor will be appointed Research Officer into Work Distribution and Yield (ROWDY).
4. Due to the apparent low staff morale, another surveyor will become the Special Coordinator for Research into Employees' Work Satisfaction (SCREWS) to investigate the cause of this problem.
5. In order to effect staff rotation into its maximum advantage, a surveyor will be appointed Coordinator of Rotation and Interrelated Matters (CRIM).
6. Staff training is always high on the priority list and the department intends to select as many permanent officers as possible for technical training. In view of this, the Minister has proclaimed this year as Permanent Officers Technical Training Year (POTTY), and a set of procedures has been written with this purpose in mind, known as PUFFER or Procedures Used for Formulating Training and Educational Requirements. These procedures will be used as guidelines by the Staff Counsellor on Retraining and Officers' Occupational or General Enquiries (SCROOGE) in selecting suitable officers for training courses from time to time.
7. As there are more officers wishing to participate in field trips than are actually required, all officers wishing to undertake duties in the field will in future be required to undergo tests under a special selection procedure known as SPOOF (Scheme for Placement and Organisation of Officers in the Field), and those successful in SPOOF will be further required to get STUFD (Special Training for Undertaking Field Duties).
8. Due to the increased applications of computers in the compilation field, a surveyor from this organisation will take part in Computer Research into Automated Compilation Techniques (CRAFT).
9. There has been unfounded rumours that aerial triangulation will be disbanded in the near future. This is not true as the reorg proposals has created a special position for a Surveyor in Charge of Aerial Triangulation (SCAT), so this area looks like staying for some years to come yet.
10. And finally, for the poor souls in Laser, all is not lost. While it is true that laser will be phased out, some personnel presently in Laser will be required to man the Special Laser Usage Research Projects (SLURP). For those others who cannot be absorbed by SLURP, a special program called CLOT (Conversion from Laser to Other Tasks) will be instigated to place them elsewhere in the organisation.



AROUND THE BRANCH

- * **A NEW LEAF:** It's a new look Johann V.D. It's reported that the lad is coming in to work late on the last Wednesday of the pay period because of an excess flex credit. We don't believe it! (Editor: "Will the real JVD stand up?").
- * **FINANCE THINK TANK:** It's a pity. Our finance whizz kids will no longer be able to blind the Natmappers with science since the completion of the Finance Course on the seventh.
- * **PAYDAY LUNCHEON:** The inaugural V.R.O. Pay Day nosh up over at the "Albion" was an outstanding success, and should be the forerunner of many more such days. (Ed: "Even if the schnapper is off!")
- * **G.S.R. FOR BUZZ?:** Storeman Dave Macaw is reported to be worried about an outstanding item in the Day Book - one pink pillow.



"BIKE IT TO THE STATION"

- * **Holidays** We've 'ad a few lately.
Lynn: Had a week with the folks at Bamawn, and called on Ros' people near Nowra. **Anne:** Got as far as Coffs Harbour before winding up in hospital. **Marg:** 10 days at sunny Perth on a Reg Ansett package. **Me:** A weekend at Adelaide on a Vicrail package. **Craig:** Home duties.

FILMS

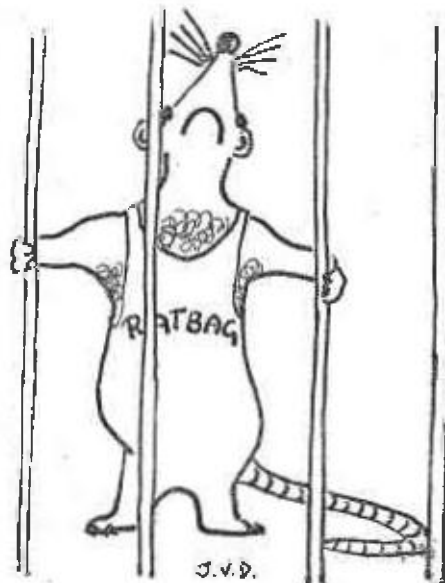
By "Ivor."



Thoroughly enjoyed "Superman, The Movie" the other day. The blockbuster brings the "man of steel" up to date into the seventies and traces his life from the time he was sent (c/w supernatural powers) to Earth from Krypton by his father (Marlon Brando) before that planet's demise. Apart from the rip roaring action and superb effects, the most endearing feature of the movie is the hitherto undetected ability of Hollywood to lightheartedly poke fun at itself and the "great American way".

RATBAG

Due to industrial action, C.C.'s usual report is not to hand, so fill in somehow. At the completion of Round 3, C.C. still heads the table on \$34.60 and Roland still has yet to "break his duck" at the tail end of the field. The Ratbags actually ended up with a profit for Round 3, and the Bank Balance now stands at \$121.90. Two other items of note are the decision by the original members to blow 1978's leftovers on a special Ratbag Luncheon, and the other is for the introduction of the "Golden Trap Award" to be presented to the 'blunk' who finishes last on the stake winnings chart in 1979. J.V.D. took out the Award in 1978, and will receive his trap at the special Luncheon.



"The Golden Trap Award"

DANDENONG

OFFICE

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No. 27

CHANGE

Occasionally we may wish that the world would stop so we could get off.

Some amongst us panic at change.

Others refuse to acknowledge its presence.

While others accept change without question.

Each of these may be dangerous.

Healthy people are distinguished by their "correct" responses to change which will bring genuine progress.

Change is inevitable.

Two alternatives are open to us.

Either wise action in directing and controlling change will occur or the alternative will be slow disorganisation because of ignorance or neglect.

The challenge of change affects all leaders in organisations or wherever people have authority to train, manage and shape others.

To share in the process of change; to learn from experience and thus avoid past mistakes being repeated; to be flexible and creative without hypocrisy; to gain from change; to enjoy new discoveries. These are the characteristics of adaptability to change.

Surely these characteristics are vitally important to National Mapping with the implementation of new techniques and equipment as well as the phasing out of some types of work.

It would be worth remembering the prayer of an old Sioux Indian chief:

"Great Spirit, help me never to judge another until I have walked in his moccasins".

Social Club

goldie

NAUGHTY NINETIES

SATURDAY 14 JULY - FEW SEATS LEFT - - - - - See Goldie

MINILOTTO

The prize pool will stop at \$500-00 until someone selects the six winning.
The excess will be distributed between those who select five of the six winning

FITNESS CLUB

A group of fitness fanatic's have started running and swimming Tuesday lunchtimes,
anyone interested in joining the fanatic's contact chief fanatic Norm Oliver.

TIPPO '79

Leaders up to and including Round 13:

J. Manning	591		
J. Stanszewski	572		
K. Hayes	563		
A. Binnore	55)4		
D. Dzur	55)4		
R. Young	545		
P. Ryan	52		A. Hatfield	47
J. Trask	52		R. Menzies	47
E. Burke	51		K. Sargeant	47
G. McRae	51		P. Hall	46
J. Murdoch	51		B. Smith	46
D. Young	51		T. Zentai	46
D. Henderson	50		R. Grimmett	45
W. Hutchinson	50		P. Johnson	45
P. Rodriguez	50		T. Larkin	45
A. Scott	50		J. Madden	45
A. Clarke	49		K. Moody	45
M. Dunn	49		N. Oliver	45
A. Cowan	48		P. Quinn	45
G. Dunn	48		K. Crane	44
C. McMaster	48		D. Ferraiuolo	44
S. Pinwell	48		D. Hocking	44
I. Shiell	48		R. Kearns	44
W. Stuchbery	48		I. Pasco	44
			D. Goldsmith	43
			L. Hill	43
			B. O'Connor	43
			R. Ash	42
			C. Carter	42
			R. Lindell	42
			B. Osborne	42
			A. Turk	42
			R. Hill	41
			R. Thorn	41
			A.J. Wright	41
			J. Vanden Driessen	40
			B. Wright	40
			Mr Average	39
			E. Pestie	38
			D. Williams	38
			G. Burriess	36
			R. Holland	36
			R. Hughes	34
			A. Christie	33

Many Thanks
for Welcoming
Our Baby Girl
AND FOR OUR BASSINETT,
the FLOWERS + YOUR best
wishes.

WENDY . GARY

+ Melanie

AN EXPLORERS PROFILE

"Ernest Giles - Explorer and Traveller 1835 - 1897"
by Ray Ericksen (Heinemann Australia 1978)

Biographies are generally sympathetic or hostile to the person whose life is being discussed. In this particular book the author obviously finds Giles an attractive person as an explorer, and this attraction transmits itself in many of the author's conclusions. There is nothing wrong in an author finding his subject attractive, as long as the reader is aware of this, and makes allowance for this in drawing conclusions.



Most of the standard works on Australian history mention Giles but briefly, and the present writer cannot recall his exploration being covered in his formal schooling. Doubtless this comparatively sketchy treatment of Giles is due to the inhospitable nature of much of the country traversed by Giles in his five expeditions - also few if any significant mineral discoveries have been made in the country he explored. Nor did Giles have the honour of the first east-west crossing of the continent achieved by Warburton - yet neglect until recently of detailed analysis of Giles work, and something of the man himself is a pity.

Even in a full scale biography of such as Ericksen's, Giles as a man seems to be something of an enigma. This may be because in fact Giles is somewhat enigmatic - other than for a period of 4 years 1872-1876 in much of his life is somewhat sketchy and unknown. As an explorer in hostile terrain, most of his conduct exhibits bushmanship of the highest order. Added to this most of his exploring work was done on a private basis, on extremely limited financial means, so that his achievements of exploration in arid country is considerable.

The greatest criticism that can legitimately be made of Giles is that for most part he was extremely casual in the selection of his subordinates - too few perhaps were selected and these not of the highest calibre. Partly of course this would be linked

Ernest Giles, c.1880

with the limited finance available to him, but the choice of Robinson on the first expedition, and Andrews and Gibson on the second expedition at times imposed severer constraints on his activities that perhaps needed to be the case.

Ericksen appears to be attracted to Giles as a literary figure. Certainly most of the quotations from Giles' journals, or from his book "Australia Twice Traversed" reveal a man who could use English felicitously and who had read widely. Perhaps it is this literary attraction which leads Ericksen to gloss over some of Giles' other obvious faults and mistakes. One cannot, incidentally, be too critical of Giles (or any other explorer, for that matter) taking certain risks, that is part of an explorer's job.

Perhaps the one real blemish one can level at Ericksen is that his attraction for Giles has led him to rather unjustly criticize Warburton and Forrest. However inexpertly Warburton may have acted, or however fortunate Forrest may have been with weather conditions, both men were still able to make east-west crossings, and it is sad that Ericksen belittles their achievements.

Whatever may be the ultimate place of Giles as an explorer, it is good that a full length biography of him should be published. Certainly those members of Natmap field parties who have travelled the country traversed by Giles, Forrest and Warburton could rarely fail to appreciate the magnitude of their efforts.

M.R.B.



Epicure



Hello there - A lot of people in this country 'pooch pooch' Australian table wines. This is a pity as many fine Australian wines appeal not only to the Australian palate, but also to the connoisseurs of Great Britain, Black Stump Bordeaux is rightly praised as a peppermint flavoured burgundy while a good Sydney Syrup can rank with any of the best sugary wines. Chateau Blue too has won many prizes not least for its taste and its lingering afterburn. Old Smokey 1968 has been compared favourably to a Welsh claret, whilst the Australian Wine Society thoroughly recommend a 1970 Coq de Rod Laver which, believe me, has a kick on it like a mule. Eight bottles of this and you're really finished. At the opening of the Sydney Bridge Club they were fishing them out of the main sewers every $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

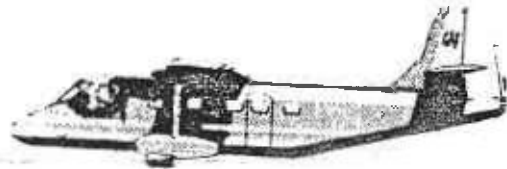
Of the sparkling wines, the most famous is Perth Pink. This is a bottle with a message in and the message is 'BEWARE'. This is not a wine for drinking, this is a wine for laying down and avoiding.

Another good fighting wine is Melbourne Old and Yellow which is particularly heavy and should be used only for hand to hand combat. Quite the reverse is true of Chateau Clunder which is an appellation controllee specially grown for those keen on regurgitation. A fine wine which really opens up the sluices at both ends. RHEUMATIC fans will also go for a Hobart Muddy and a prize winning curee reserve chateau bottled NUIT SOIRE Wagga Wagga which has a bouquet like a CAMELS armpit .

O.K. I'll look forward to seeing you all next wee, Cheerio -

Dan Furphy

field notes



MAP REVISION SECTION (Now alive and living on the 3rd floor)

The map revision system recently released its 7th revised 1:100 000 map sheet with a couple more currently in the pipeline.

The future revision program is currently being ascertained and we should all know the result fairly soon now.

Steve Pinwill has recently returned from his field trip for the year - a weeks trip to Canberra, where he observed, and was observed by, the Map Production Branch. The aim was to familiarize himself with their requirements by day and cut out his TA by night - Seems he was successful on both counts.

LASER FIELD OPERATIONS

Since the start of the 79 season the laser party has struck a few problems, but now seems to have begun production in earnest.

The opening team at Forrest, M. Kros, Oscan, Archie and Jock had to contend with both laser and aircraft breakdowns before completing phase I and heading for Ayers Rock.

With Arch returning to Melbourne the Nomad crew met up with the ground party of Leon Durdacz, Ian Graham and Micky Lloyd who had been gathering local road classification information around the Rock.

Since then the full team has really got amongst it with a couple of 250 000 sheets having been flown within the last week.

As the old "Map" saying goes, "The pace is a Cracker".

MAP COMPLETION FIELD NOTES - PROJECT TEAM 3

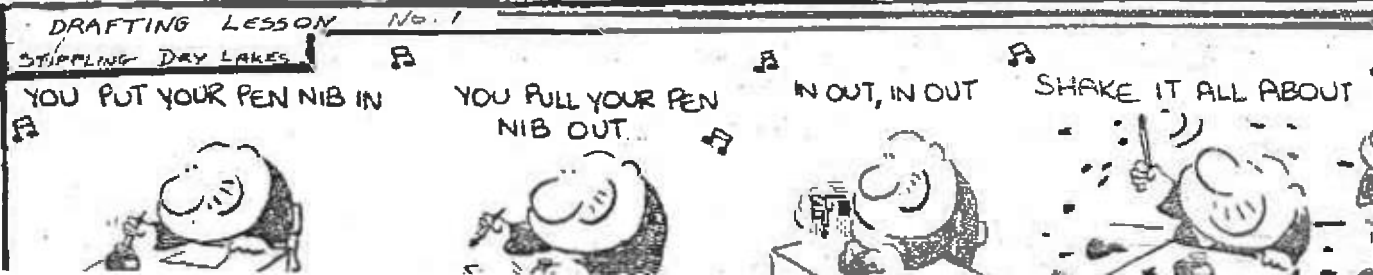
Rod Menzies, Ian Shiell, Richard Hill and Harry Baker have been living in the lap of luxury at Rosevale H.S. in "the cottage".

Apart from the swimming, fishing, shooting, horseriding, snooker, tennis and bar facilities that the advertisements say this resort station has to offer, the boys have managed to drag themselves away and found a bit of spare time and Avgas to complete the inspection of Wyandra and Homebain.

They have now moved to Quilpie (what a let down) to use the 2 drums of Avgas that they managed to scrounge there, and then to Blackall on Saturday 30th to use the 100 gallons promised there. Hopefully this fuel would enable them to complete Adavale and Ian and Richard should return on Friday 6 July, with "stories" to tell.

PROJECT TEAM 2

Bazza Wright and Peter Johnson departed on their trusty steeds - oops! I mean Inter 1300 on Monday 2 July to meet a fuel truck at Charleville and take charge of the dump of Avgas. They also plan to inspect Longreach, Jericho, Blackall and Mitchell map sheets.

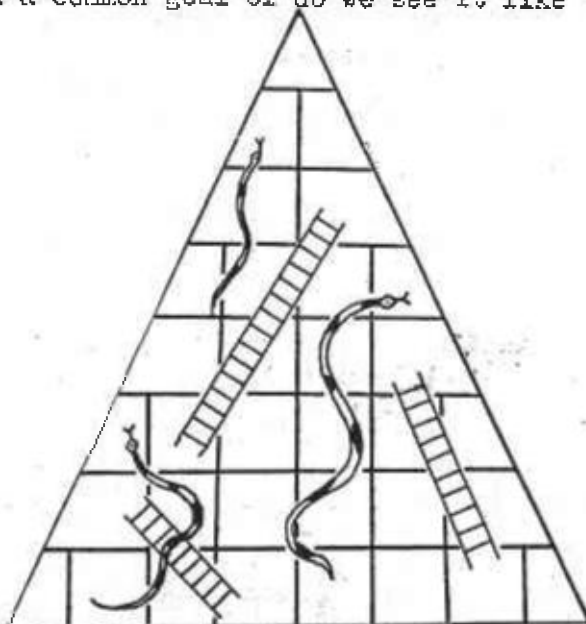


One of the themes at the recent Australian Administrative Staff College Advanced Course was organisation structure and its effect on human behaviour.

Enterprises represented on the course had organisations ranging from classical ultra conservative heirarchy to trendy matrix organisations. Attitudes to the organisation were about as diverse as the organisation themselves.

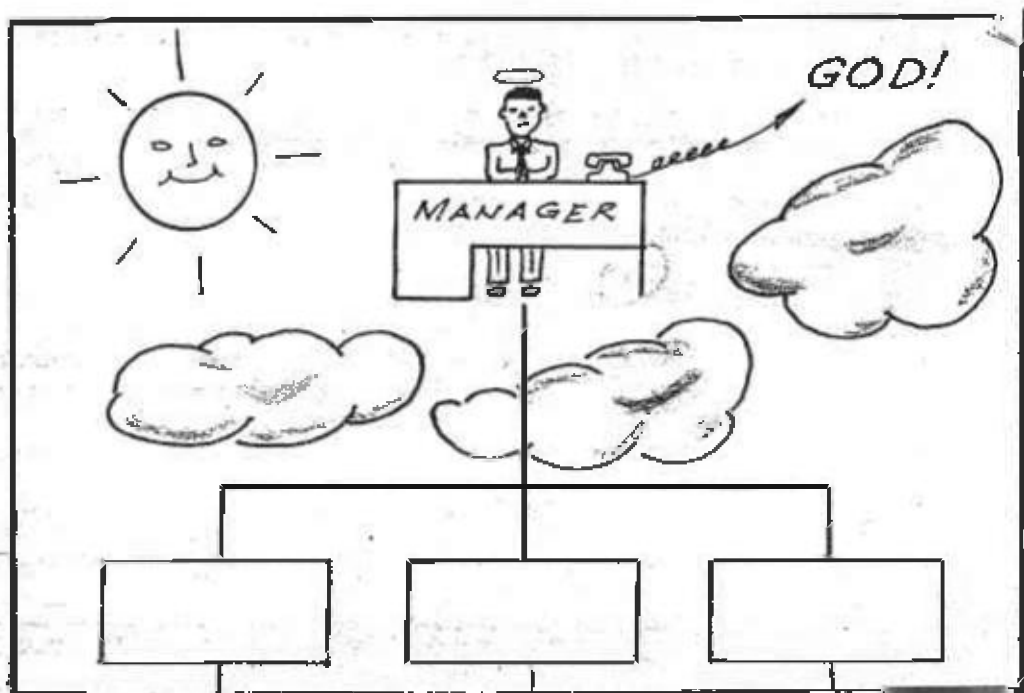
How does each of us see Natmap?

As say a mountain climbing team all inter dependent, roped together and with a common goal or do we see it like this?



Ladders to climb up snakes to slide down and a personal goal at the end of it all.

Or do we see it as this sort of thing.

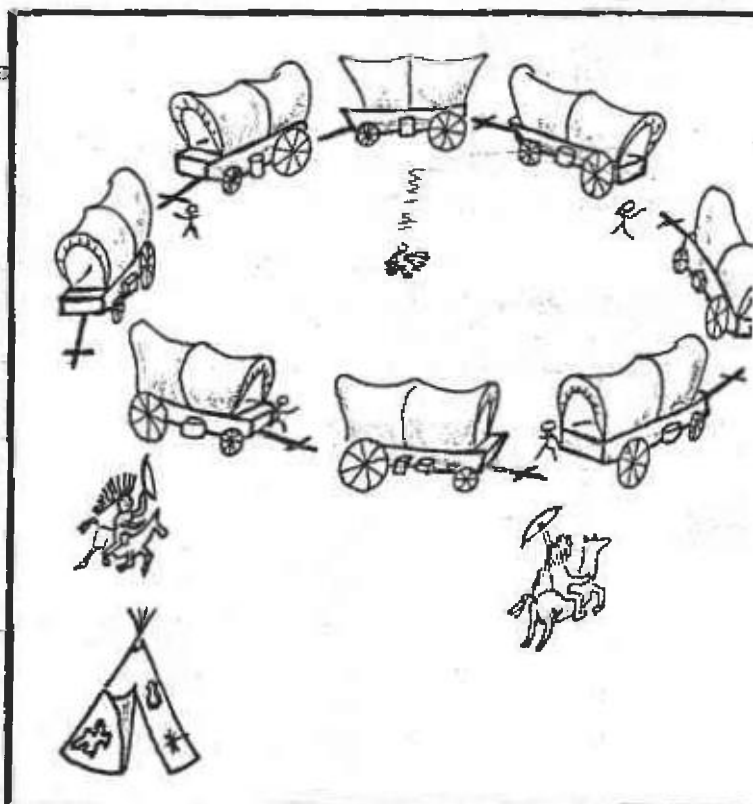


Where the Manager sits on the right hand of God and the workers blunder round in the fog below.



With each of us carrying the stifling burden of his own personal bureaucracy.

Or perhaps like this



A protective ring of metaphorical covered wagons to keep out the marauding Indians of change, different people and other threats to our snug status quo.

Of course we don't see it in any of these ways - we know it as about purpose and people and we see it as it really is - a formal expression of the vital relationships personal and functional which make our organization what it is.

A very real challenge to all of us is to set an organizational climate which encourages participation by all in experiences sufficiently similar to allow us all to know what the other fellow is talking about. This can't be left to "Management"; we are all Management; we all manage money or resources or material or time and we all manage our relationships with our fellow workers.

I often suspect that one of the prime villians in preventing people from seeing the real life of an organization must be the organization chart. I suppose we need one to help clear our minds on how many of what sort of people we need in which major areas of our operations and as a diagrammatic means of showing notionally how we work. By all means lets have them but lets keep them under the blotter to be consulted only when really necessary and to always be treated with the scepticism that should be accorded to any attempt to depict the relationship between people by lines on paper. If you doubt the inadequacy of organization charts try to make one under which something really important like your family or your football team could work.

Another problem with organization charts is that they tend to mummify the body - it keeps well but doesn't move at all easily.

The hows and whys of designing organizations caused a great deal of soul searching and head scratching at the Staff College and nobody pretends to have all the answers because the right answers are unique to each organization.

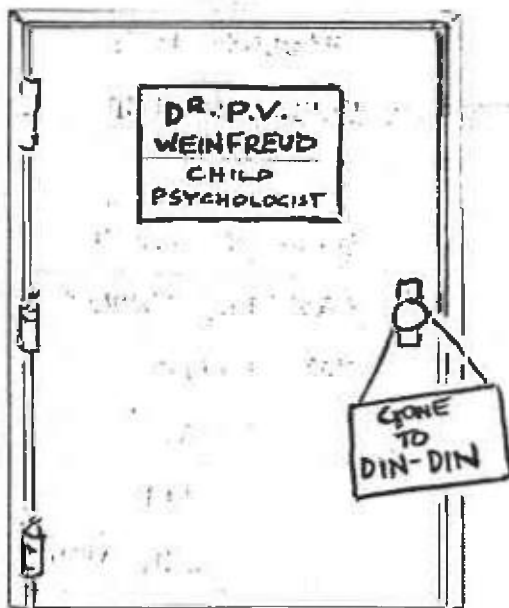
I came away convinced that we in National Mapping are very lucky compared to most organizations. We still have a predominance of team spirit and of interest in our work mates but I suspect there is an increasing tendency these days to be bashful about voicing opinions in the face of so called "experts".

We are all experts, in fact the most expert, on matters that affect us and because of this we are obliged to make what contributions we can to designing our work place.

With effort and good will we can do something which the Management Consultants or the Staff College or the Industrial psychologists can't do we can make National Mapping a more effective organization and a better place to work.

Don't be bashful, speak up.

SLK.





- ... That RHI now stands for Richard Hill's Incidents
- ... That the Valiant Bruce O'Connor had last field trip still goes well.
- ... That H. Baker & D. Bird can go 48 hours without sleep.
- ... That if it gets wet at Rosevale we'll have to FLY the stubbies in.
- ... That Rosevale's claim to have a 24hr licence is true.
- ... That HWB is the Inspection party's top milker.
- ... That IS came 3rd in the annual Wyandra tennis day - despite support from the pub verandah.
- ... That Sunday sessions in Wyandra go 'till Monday.
- ... That the Rosevale Domino Toppling record is held by Dave Henderson at 24 - Rod Menzies couldn't even stand the dominos up.
- ... That Steve "Pinfeather" has found a way to beat the Pokies Don't play them.
- ... That "The Bater's" game of pool hasn't improved since he moved to Canberra.
- ... That H⁴ is to star in the next series of "Some Mothers Do Have 'Em".
- ... That H⁴'s new indoor pool has dried up.
- ... That Reg K recently spent a weekend in Benalla, a small town 40 km west of Melbourne.
- ... That Bazza's about to ease the fuel crisis up North.
- ... Two Napmapper's of opposite sexes were seen croc' hunting in Darwin.
- ... Harry the Map is playing up in Sydney.
- ... Peter Hall arrived home last Thursday in a wheel chair.
- ... That anything Magda does is not a rumour.
- ... There's a new tennis class started.
- ... That Dineke's middle name is "Noah".
- ... Torquay is to be field inspected.



"V.R.O. NEWS"

BIGGER, BRIGHTER, BOLDER...

FLAPJACKS: "Pancakes Galore" was the venue for our last Payday Luncheon, and although like so many modern day BYOs, the quantity was down, but at least there was nothing wrong with the quality of the food, and the friendly service from the attractive staff, plus the pleasant decor, won our vote.

The previous fortnight it was the genial Wendy at the "Spotted Tablecloth Room" of the Albion who played host for lunch, and the Albion was also the venue last Friday for the traditional "End-of-Financial-Year" celebrations.

"THE SANDSTONE SHUFFLE": A V.R.O. production which unfolded last weekend to the rhythmic chug of Ken Hayes' compressor in the mighty basement Studios of M.G.M. (More Good Maps), with the following credits:-

Director: Bob Holland.

Producer & Special

Effects: Ken Hayes.

Music: Johann's tranny.

Incredible Hulk

Stand-ins: Craig & Joe;

Extras: Geoff, Roland, Buzz & Ken's mate.

Interval Refreshments: Albion & Joe's thermos.

Rating: Suitable for General Exhibition (on the fifth floor).



"SUPERBOOT": It has come to our attention that within our ranks we have a surprising exponent of the round ball game - "Superboot" Magda Rampal, who each week turns out in the Green 'n Gold colours of her team Dandy North who play in the first division of The Metropolitan Womens Soccer League.

Magda has been in line for interstate selection on several occasions and only lack of time and finance has precluded her from possible state representation. (Editors Note: Donations will be received on the fifth floor).

★ AN Irishman collapsed in the street outside a hotel and a crowd gathered, making helpful suggestions.

Maggie Riley kept shouting: "Give the poor man whisky" but no one paid any attention.

Then the agonised voice of the Irishman rose above the din.

"Will the lot of ye hold your tongues and let Maggie Riley make herself heard."

★ PAT went into the hardware store to buy a new sink for his kitchen. The assistant showed him blue ones, pink, white and yellow ones.

He selected a nice pale blue one. Just as the man behind the counter was taking the money for the sink, he said:

"Oh, by the way, you'll be wanting a plug, too!" Pat stared at him with big eyes and asked: "What, is



★ DID you hear about the Irish workman who drowned in a huge vat of stout at the Guinness factory? It wasn't a quick death - he had to get out and go to the loo three times! And when they cremated him, it took three days.

★ MICK saw Paddy limping along the street. "And what happened to ye?" he asked.

"Well," explained Paddy, "ye know I have been learning to fly a helicopter. Sure and I got on real well till the day I got up real high."

"And," prompted Mick,

"It got so cold I decided to turn off the fans!"

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★ PADDY got a job with the Roads Board painting the white lines down the middle of the road.

On the first day he did 1 km, second day he did 2 km and the third day he managed 1 km. The foreman had him into the office the next day and asked why he was doing less each day.

Paddy replied: "Well sir, the pot of paint is getting farther away each day."

DIGITAL

The first floor of Ellery House is starting to overflow with pieces of equipment destined to belong to our digital mapping system. Now seems a good time to discuss the system and its implications for us all.

Firstly, an explanation of digital mapping may be in order. If, instead of plotting onto a base sheet, we collect sufficient points of known coordinates to define features, then these features can be plotted on a coordinate plotter by a series of straight lines between successive points. These points will be collected on stereoplotters with coordinate devices on their model axes or on flat-bed digitizing tables.

Each digitizing station (stereoplotter or digitizing table) will have a direct line to the central computer and a terminal for the operator's interaction with the data collection programs running on the computer. It will be possible to add, delete or alter features which are part of the compilation, this compilation being built up in digital form on the two large disk units sitting next to the computer.

Once a mapsheet area is covered by digital data, eg. models, these models will be joined by the computer to produce a base compilation which can itself be edited using the digitizing tables. Our base compilations will eventually be in two forms, inked sheets from the plotter and magnetic tapes containing these base sheets in digital form.

There will be new skills to be learnt by those who will work in this area, including the operation of computer equipment such as magnetic tape drives, disk units, teletypes and digitizing tables. The proper commands to be typed in during compilation will also be new to most.

A small team will install the digitizing programs on the computer (when they arrive, hopefully near the end of this year) and document operational procedures. It is then hoped that this team will hand over a system ready for production.

The training of staff is an important consideration and four people are at present following a course called "Introduction to Minicomputers", which includes instruction in how to run the computer and its associated devices. It is hoped that between now and the acceptance of the production system that many more will be able to follow this course, which can accommodate four or five at a time and takes ten weeks (four hours per week) to complete.

SOCIAL CLUB

goldie

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY AUGUST 3rd - CARNIVAL CAPERS

A fun night with games for everyone to join in, with prizes for those who win. Admission will be FREE, also there will be food available such as pies, pasties etc which will also be FREE of charge. Cold drinks will be as cheap as usual.

MONDAY AUGUST 20th - FLEXITIME

FLEXITIME is a play, it is a comedy about life in the Public Service. The social club has a party booking for Monday August 20th at the reduced price of \$6.00 per person. As there are a limited number of seats in the social club booking, it is first in best dressed so see ME for your tickets.

MUSIC LOVERS

We have received a catalogue from Statewide Record Distributors. Their prices are cheaper than your local record bar. If you would like to know more about the records available or peruse the catalogue, see ME on first floor.



ROLL UP!
ROLL UP!
FOR FREE FOOD,
FIZZY FROSTY DRINKS,
AND ALL THE
FUN OF THE FAIR
SO GET
THERE

FRIDAY AUGUST 3RD

Bloody Culloden

THE HISTORY OF MAPPING IN BRITAIN SINCE 1746

The whole history of British mapping goes back to 1746 when embarrassed British army commanders lost their way on the British moors at the bloody battle of Culloden.

As a result they recognised the need for maps and an immediate start was made on surveying the rebellious Highlands when the fighting was over. One of those engaged on the work was a young man of 21, William Roy, who was to devote his life to surveying, at first mainly for military purposes.

For years he advocated a "general survey of the whole island at public cost" for civil as well as military purposes, but his plans were continually shelved.

In 1783 the French, who led the world in land surveying, suggested the British should extend the French survey across the Channel to London, so the relative positions of the two great observatories in Greenwich and Paris could be fixed exactly. The British agreed and Roy, by now a Major General, was given the task under the direction of the Royal Society. By the following year he was patiently measuring his base-line on Hounslow Heath with glass rods to an accuracy of two inches in five miles.

In 1787 the survey had reached the coast and by observing lights set on the cliffs of France, was linked to the French system. Roy's success led in 1791 to a decision to extend the survey to cover the whole country by the Master General of Ordnance, the Duke of Richmond, and the Ordnance Survey was born.



The first map using the survey as a framework, was of Kent (at the familiar one inch to the mile scale) and published in 1801. Throughout the 19th century the Ordnance Survey worked furiously, so that by 1896 the whole of Britain had been surveyed at a scale of 1:2500 for cultivated districts and 1:500 for towns. By 1914 maps on various scales had been published, based on this framework, and a unique system for continuous revision introduced.

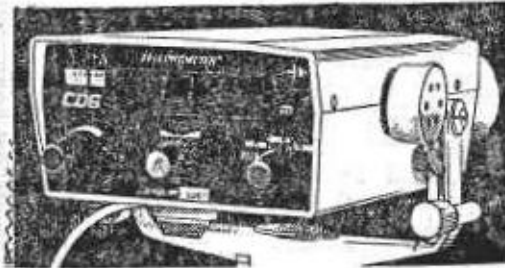
During the First World War the Ordnance Survey was engaged in other work, and afterwards the task of catching up on the formidable backlog was made still more difficult by a drastic economy cut in staff in 1923. As a result the maps became more and more out of date, and the short cut methods of revision that were adopted introduced errors.



BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE
whose Highlanders were
massacred at Culloden

At the same time the need for accurate maps at large scales was growing as a result of new laws on town and country planning, land valuation and taxation. The absence of accurate maps and plans made these new laws unworkable.

Then in 1935 an inter-departmental committee was set up under Lord Davidson to recommend what could be done to make the survey meet the needs of the country. In 1938 the Davidson Committee made far reaching proposals to remap the country and to introduce a material grid based on the international metre.



The work had barely started when it was interrupted by World War II. From 1945 to the present day the Ordnance Survey has been engaged on carrying out the remapping at the basic scales of 1:2500 for agricultural areas and 1:250 for towns. The work will be completed next year (1980), bringing the country back to roughly the same position it was in a century earlier. From 1980 onwards the major work will be that of continuous revision to ensure that the error of the inter-war years is not repeated.

R.J.I.

AN AUSTRALIAN LAMENT

*Australia's a lovely land
It's full of bonza blokes,
Sheilas, beer and no-one's queer
Except in Pommie jokes.*

*Australians are lovely chaps
They're God's own chosen race.
If they ever see a fairy Pom
They'll smash him in the face.*

*Australians like dressing up
In skirts and having fun
And that's all we were doing
When the Vice Squad came along.*

rediscovering melbourne

Ever since being "relocated" to Melbourne from Dandenong, I have resumed commuting into the city by train, when they are running that is.

The first thing I notice is that there are more passengers using the railway station at Narre Warren now than four years ago, when electric trains first ran to Pakenham, and when I was still travelling to the Rialto each day. But nothing else has changed much. Trains are still usually late and travellers are still subjected to cancellations and strikes by railwaymen. Faces of fellow commuters remain glum but otherwise expressionless, and the couple of times when I smiled a cheery greeting, the men stared back as if I had just escaped from the funny farm and the women reacted as if I was after something.

But the disadvantages of commuting notwithstanding, travelling to Melbourne does have its good points. I am rediscovering the leisure compulsorily thrust upon me in a rail carriage, and I am able to relax and read a magazine or the daily papers, a luxury I was unable to afford. As a result I am more informed of what is happening in the world today than I was before. True, I had been able to save a couple of hours each day by working close to home, but those saved hours were put to other forms of activities in any case.

The train stops at various stations and I enjoy watching the many pretty girls getting on and off. I may have seen many beautiful girls in many different cities, but there is certainly something about Melbourne girls that makes them so specially attractive.

The train rattles through the inner suburbs of Toorak and South Yarra. Various graffiti messages along the railway line urge me to defend and extend Medibank, to remember 11 November, and to sack Fraser. Others remind me that Kerr for G-G is like Barassi for umpire and that Bjelke is spelt M.A.Z.I. A couple of "intellectual" ones tell me to die in living and to rejoin the human race.

The train crosses the Yarra and the South-Eastern Freeway. The Yarra looks no dirtier than normal, but the trees in parks flanking the river are beautiful and golden brown at this time of the year, and the grass is as green as ever. Kooyong stadium is deserted, but the freeway carries a constant stream of cars, conveying the other category of commuters into the city.

At the Jolimont yards, the train slows to a halt. I use this opportunity to take in the city skyline. The twin towers of Collins Place, the skyscraping Maura House, the architecture of the Forum Theatre, and the dome and clocks of Flinders Street Station are all so endearing and characteristic of Melbourne.

The train finally pulls into Platform 7, five minutes late. Impatient travellers jump off the train and race up the ramp then out on the street. I get pushed along by the sea of humanity. I emerge at the corner of Flinders and Swanston Streets, a bottleneck at this time of the morning. Besides motor traffic, thousands of pedestrians converge on the city, having been disgorged from trams and trains and buses.

My short walk to the office takes me past various shop windows and although most of the shops are not yet open. I stop occasionally to admire the window displays. Another part of my walk takes me through a park. The air is freshening, and although there aren't too many leaves on the trees now, the park remains pretty and charming. The sun, not overly hot, is pleasant in the Victorian winter and it dissipates the frost and the dew gathered overnight on the lawns. I feel a sense of satisfaction and belonging. This is Melbourne, and though I am not at home, I am home.

ROVING CORRESPONDENT

Map Projections

When the last observation is taken,
The theodolite stowed in its box,
And the surveyors confined also,
And his soul at St. Peters gate knocks;

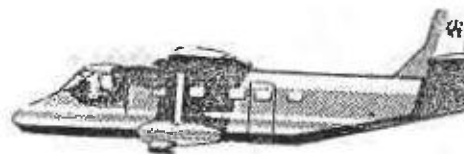
Then this surveyor, not understanding,
That of all earthly troubles he's rid,
Says to Peter, "Come over and tell me,
What projection you use and what grid?"

And Peter will answer benignly,
"Theres no need to fuss about that,
Projectins and grids don't concern us,
Aint you eard? This is heaven
its flat."

J.C.T. Willis



field notes



SURVEY BRANCH

Laser - The Laser field party continues to forge ahead with its 1979 field season. It is now based at Giles after completing work from Forrest and commencing the work from Ayers Rock.

The present party consists of Leon Derkacz, Oscan, Micky Lloyd, Ian Graham and Terry Mulholland. Ayers Rock proved a great challenge to the resourcefulness of the Nat Mappers in trying to fit in the work programs with their social commitments with the fair ladies of the Inland Motel! The Rock has also been conquered many times, the record being held by Oscan at 23^m 41^s, Micky Lloyd is also believed to have been seen at the top, with a shattering time of 41^m 1^s. Leon, Terry and Ian are soon to be relieved by H⁴, Peter Prior and Andrew Hatfield.

Map Revision - Life goes on as usual in the Map Revision Section, and we have now completed 10 revised 1:100 000 map sheets.

We are about to lose Andrew Hatfield for a while, as he is due to join the laser team on August 6th, for a couple of months field work in the Ayres Rock area.

The string digitizer finally got into action this month when it was used to digitize part of the Maryborough 1:100 000. Result of the exercise should be in shortly.

COMPILATION BRANCH

Project team 3 - Ian Shiell and Richard Hill have recently returned from their short trip inspecting Homeboin, Wyandra and Adavale sheets in company with Dave Henderson, Harry Baker and Rod Menzies.

Work progresses at a steady rate with negligible hold ups due to the weather and none due to aircraft or vehicle problems. Dickie Bird has written a more explicit account of activities elsewhere in the newsletter.

Project team 2 - Barry Wright and Peter Johnson replaced team 3's people to continue inspection with RWM, DCH and HWB working through Blackhall and Longreach areas. RWM and DCH, subsequently replaced by Drew Clarke, and Harry Baker is at present returning to base leaving the Cessna to Jock Head for six weeks. Work is still being churned out at a satisfactory rate.

Project Team 1 - Jeff Fox and Ken Hayes are about to depart for Blackall. to start team 3's share of the current inspection program being Tambo, Augathella and Mitchell 1:250 000 area.

STAFF COMMITTEE

The Staff Committee would like to thank those people who contributed their thoughts on the Quality of Work Life here. The topics raised covered many facets of the job and reflect the concern of most staff with the Division's morale and efficiency. The submissions are being summarised for the first report to the A/D. Further submissions can be made to the committee at any time.

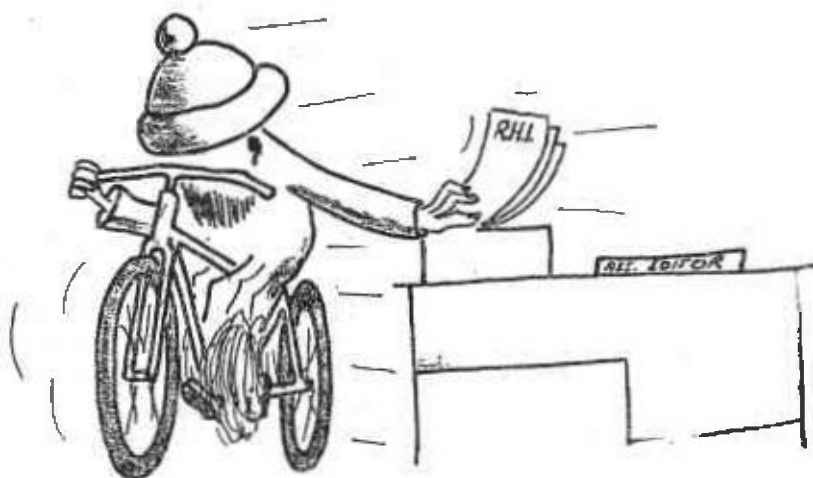
R. Goldsworthy



That the ass(istant) editor has
lost the original R.H.I page

Actually we suspect the Laser group
may have confiscated it because of
rumours about their activities at the
"Rock" and their twilight meetings at the
"Olgas" OR perhaps it was the Fitness
Club trying to keep their fun runs around
the local service stations quiet OR perhaps
it might have been map completion
suppressing details of riotous nights at
the caberet in Barcaldine and one
night stands in room 7 (or was that 8)
at Longreach.

However it was more likely to have been
the "bearded beanie bandit" seen cycling
around the premises lately.



a bird in the bush

This is a brief encounter of the recent field trip by Rod Menzies (Party Leader), Dave Henderson, Harry Baker (Kamikaze Pilot), Ian Shiells and myself. We left on Monday 11th June and our job was to carry out aerial inspections of Wyandra, Homeboin and Adavale.

Rod and Dave took a commercial flight to Brisbane while Harry, Ian and I flew by the Department's cessna C.A.S. We had a minor setback at first and had to spend the first night at Shepparton instead of Dubbo but eventually arrived at Rosevale Homestead on Wednesday 13th June.

We stayed at Rosevale for two weeks as it was convenient for most of the aerial and ground inspections. We certainly did not starve there having beef three times a day. However for those who liked to quench their thirst with a beer found it an expensive pastime as stubbies cost \$1.20 each. The accommodation was not what you would call luxurious but after the parties we had every night we did not care. Space does not permit me to go into detail about the goings on at Rosevale but they can be compared to a T.V. soap opera.

Two weeks and forty-two meals (all beef) later we went to Charleville for a rest and to complete the paper work. Whilst there we tried to kick the beef habit and dine on something different.

We moved on to Quilpie three days later to start the aerial inspection of Adavale. We stayed at the "luxurious" (not likely) Imperial Hotel. Luckily we only stayed three days as nobody trusted the cleanliness of the shower or even the water and none of us (except Brave Rod) washed for the whole time. Even Rod could only brave a wash, not a shower.

The next stop, the final one for Ian and I, was Blackall. We soon found out that there is "Stuff all at Blackall". Rod, Ian and I worked hard to complete Adavale 1:250,000 while Dave and Harry took C.A.S. for its 100 hourly service.

Unfortunately due to an oversight on someone's part the Friday flight to Brisbane was booked out and Ian and I, not wishing to spend a boring weekend at Blackall, booked a trip to Brisbane on a Greyhound Bus. It was a long, boring and tiring trip (which incidentally put me off bus trips for life). After 15 hours we arrived at Brisbane and caught a plane back to Melbourne and civilisation.

D. Bird



Fitness Club

TUESDAY FUN RUN AND SWIM

Come on all you Fat Nappers! Join the 7..... well 6 anyway. No, actually it's 5. Yes 5 regulars, who run and swim each Tuesday at lunch time. There's Goldie (when he can remember his gear), Ian (doesn't smoke any more) Pasco, Bruce (Speedy' Osborne, Office Bruce, Irwin (who can't swim) led by yours truly Bruce 'Fitness' Oliver (who can't run). Each Tuesday at 1230 we leave the office by limousine and head for the pool AND the sights (NUDGE NUDGE WINK WINK).

For further information see Norm Oliver at the bottom of the pool (or the 1st floor).

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NATMAP GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Golf Gossip

The 1979 annual championship will be held at the Royal and Ancient Anstel Golf Club, Cranbourne on Tuesday 18 September.

The selectors for the Commonwealth Golf Day team will be watching every shot with great interest, as the tournament is only two weeks later.

Everyone is welcome, with trophies to be awarded and an excellent day being assumed. Guests of Natmapper's are also welcome.

Please submit as many cards as possible to assist the handicappers.

All interested golfers see I. Shiell A.S.A.P.

** Entries close FRID Y 7th SEPTEMBER.

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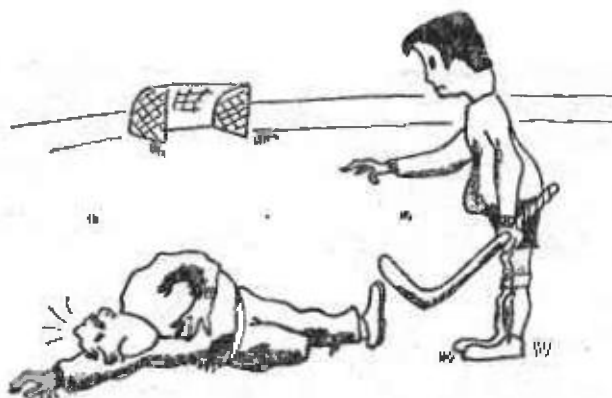
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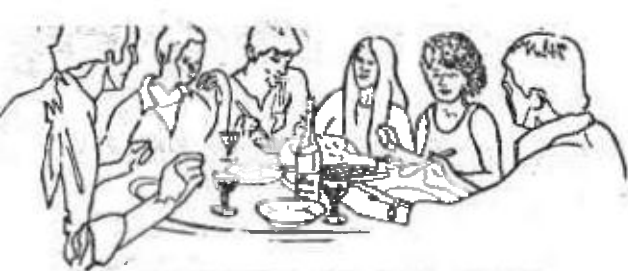
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You don't happen to be lying on a hockey ball, do you?





RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH

"NAUGHTY NINETIES"

Hawthorn

One of the better B.Y.O. "Show" restaurants around Melbourne.

The show consisted of a series of song and dance routines, comedy skits and story telling.

Everyone present warmed to the antics of Miss Twenty Bird (just ask Alf) and the joviality continued from that time until the end of the evening's entertainment.

The decor was old-worldly, warm and cosy, but a little too pink (or was that the reflection from the cheeks of a few people sitting at tables 14 and 15).

Apart from a rather "Heinzie" start the food was well prepared and tasty.

The biscuits with cheese and greens were most welcome and helped those last few swigs of claret to go down.

The wine: Penfolds Henrietta Claret - 1975 Vintage

Nice nose, quite fruity to behold, promising enjoyable drinking after an hour or so of breathing.

The first sip gave a hint of slight astringency but on the middle palate the wine was superb.

Round and soft, possessing a good fruity flavour, finishing with a mellow dryness. Probably to reach its peak in a few years time.

CHEERS UNTIL NEXT MONTH.

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"Sir Ernest Gowers" Fan Club

Dear Members,

You used to think that he made up these examples of heavy official correspondence, didn't you? Well this is not so, the exponents of "officialese" are alive and well and practicing their art in a certain sub committee.

The purpose of their last meeting was in paragraph 2 of their report.

Quote "The primary intention of the meeting was to advance consideration of the review of principles to facilitate finalisation of that activity leading up to Council's 62nd Meeting (December 1979)".

Thats easy for them to say. We clutch our Thesaurus for support and reel away with the words of that popular song ringing in our ears.

Indicate the note to my abode

I'm fatigued and I wish to retire



RATBAG NEWS



.. WITH "C.C."

TOTAL DIVIDEND ON COMPLETION OF ROUND 4:

151 "Oxford Scholars".

The Ratbags have been progressing steadily without setting the world on fire.

Russ Hughes, Geoff Dunn and Dave Macaw all had good dividends to keep the money rolling in. However, the highlight in this Round's betting was the magnificent betting performance of Roland Lindell. His dividend of \$1.95 may not sound a great deal, but it was a "milestone" in his Ratbag Career as it was his first collect for the year to break his duck. Congrats Roland!

* **BJORN'S TENNIS WORLD:** Big serving left-hander Andrew Christie has emerged as the outstanding player of the Big Mid Winter Centre Court Action at the Methodist Church Bowl, teaming up with hard hitting Craig Hawke for some impressive doubles victories. The Lindell-Hughes combination has been patchy, but is showing steady improvement; C.C. and singles specialist Johann VD have shown obvious class on the few occasions they have graced the court. **PLAY UP THE GAME, CHAPS!**



NEW ACOA MAN: After several years of service as the ACOA rep. in the Office, Purchasing Officer Johann Vanden Driesen has passed over the role to his lookalike in Personnel Section, Roland Lindell. The recent bans imposed by the Union has added a new dimension to the task, and "VRO NEWS" wishes Roland well in the stormy days that lay ahead.



IT HAS BEEN A ROUGH MONTH....



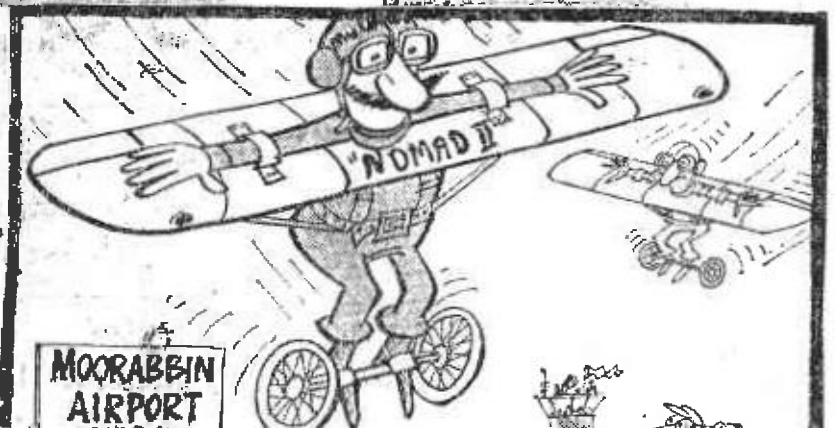
NO TRAINS

NO PHONES

NO FUEL

**BUT, UNDAUNTED,
NATMAP FLYS ON.**

**(WITH APOLOGIES
TO WEG)**



DANDENONG

OFFICE

31 AUGUST 1979

NO. 29

MAPPER MAKES MAYOR

I was recently honoured by being elected Mayor of Nunawading for the year 1979/80. The term has commenced and will end in mid-August, 1980. It was totally unexpected and resulted from the defeat of the mayor-elect at the recent elections in Nunawading.

My principal duty is to chair meetings of Council and act as their chief spokesman. There are also several statutory functions, mainly related to signing documents, prescribed by the Victorian Local Government Act.

There are many demands to attend social functions and open fetes and buildings. These social activities are optional and I will only attend these which I can do without interfering with Natmap or my family.

The one aspect of local government affairs which I regard as important is community development. Nunawading has spent a lot of time and effort on its community and it is my intention to direct my personal efforts towards a goal of involving people more in the decision taking functions of local government.

Most people are concerned with Federal government and are interested in State government but generally they feel helpless and unable to influence either. However, with local government it is different. They feel closer to it, often take action by ringing the Municipal Offices or their representative and generally expect more from it.

The reason is simple. Local government decisions directly affect them. Parking regulations and nuisance by-laws regulate their activities. It produces services such as garbage collection, library facilities, immunization programs, street lighting, roads etc. It protects them through health services as well as from exploitation through its control of buildings. It supplies consumer protection through health inspection of food and through the weights and measures legislation. These are real things and often become live issues.

People are becoming more aware every day of the power that exists with their local council and at Nunawading I am trying to see that the 95,000 people in the City have as much contact as they want with the 12 councillors who make decisions on their behalf.



MAYOR MADDEN

Social club

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FLEXITIME

On Monday 20 August at precisely 8.03 a party from Natmap indulged in what appeared to be 3 hrs overtime. Flexitime, a play about life in the Public Service was held in the Alexander Theatre at Monash University. The setting was the P.S. From the grey rubbish bins and brown swivel chairs to something a little more modern in beige coloured filing cabinets. The players were excellent and carried off their roles as if they had spent many years in the P.S. It was voted by all who attended as being a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

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COMING EVENT

PIZZUP and PIZZA nite, Friday 31 August, sure to be a good nite, the more the merrier.

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MINILOTTO

Finally somebody was capable of selecting the six winning numbers, Reg Kerns who went halves with Steve Pinwell. The free drinks provided at the Albion at lunchtime were appreciated by all of those who had a little sip.

FROM NEXT WEEK IT IS BACK TO 20 NUMBERS.

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DINNER DANCE

The ANNUAL DINNER DANCE is set down for November 30, All those thinking of attending, should be organising their tables, as of yet, the price of tickets has not been arranged.

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BANNOCKBURN

By modern standards the Battle of Bannockburn seems a small affair.

There were around 7000 on the Scottish side, against 20,000 English, Welsh and Irish plus a small contingent from France and Belgium.

The serious fighting of the 1314 mid-summer campaign lasted only a day and a half. Yet through the centuries since, Bannockburn has seemed to Scotsmen the supreme victory.

Today it seems, wars settle nothing. This was not the case for Scotland in 1314. It was a battle which ensured that a Scottish nation should survive, indeed exist.

Scotland had been growing as a nation for centuries before Edward I of England tried to annex the country and was resisted by the courageous armies led by William Wallace and then by Robert Bruce who claimed Scotland's throne.

King Robert had been winning his war before Bannockburn mainly by avoiding big battles. This was good generalship. Scotland was a small, poor country, wasted by 18 years of fighting, with a population of around only 400 000.

King Edward II of England ruled England (with a population of 2½ million), plus Ireland, Wales and one third of France. He was militarily very well off especially with his heavily armoured horsemen who were a decisive battle force.

Bruce had dealt with English invasions successfully by a "burnt-earth" strategy, laying waste the farmland and thus starving the enemy. He worried them with small raids, withdrawing into the forests where the English cavalry could not penetrate.

Meanwhile recapturing and destroying one after another of the castles Edward I had garrisoned.

If there had been no Bannockburn Scotland may have been completely freed this way, but with terrible impoverishment because of the deliberate burning.

The Scots had fought chiefly on foot, though the raiders travelled on light horses. Wallace's armies consisted mainly of tightly formed masses of pikemen able to stand up to the charges of heavily armoured knights.



STATUE OF KING ROBERT BRUCE

LEADER OF THE SCOTS AT BANNOCKBURN

Bannockburn was the first clash between the national forces of two European kingdoms to be decided not by knights, but by footmen, with just enough Scottish cavalry to drive away the English archers.

Though Edward had more infantry than Robert they collapsed when the Scottish pikemen repulsed the English horse and pushed them back into the marshland beside the Forth where heavily armoured knights could scarcely move; the gorge of the Bannockburn was filled with dead men.

Defeat at Bannockburn need not have been the end of Scotland's struggle. Neither was victory the end. Many more battles were fought. But if Robert Bruce's men had failed six and a half centuries ago, Scottish history could have become something like the tragic history of Ireland.

R.J.I.

Why?

Why is anyone so mad as to leave a job as good as that of Assistant Director Topography to go to Antarctica for a year?

Well I have always had two great loves in my working life - surveys and mapping and Antarctica. One way or another I have been associated with either or both of these fields since I first went to Antarctica as a 22 year old in 1956/57 - a long time ago. I had another 5 trips over the years to 1965 and always hoped I would winter there again.

The opportunity came this year.

I am going on temporary transfer as Officer in Charge of Mawson (the capital city of Australian Antarctica), departing from Australia about 10 November.

I return to Australia about March 1981 and if there is then a suitable position vacant in Antarctica Division I may apply for it as I would like to be part of Australia's Antarctic program. On the other hand this trip may be the one that cures me of the addiction - some people I am told have been cured.

Then again I may go fishing!

I leave Natmap with regret at parting from my friends and a greatly loved job. About the only similarity between Natmap and Antarctica is in the type of people they attract - in my mind a cut above the average so I hope to work there with as fine and dedicated a group as I have worked with here. If I can find there the sort of integrity, goodwill and friendship we have here I know we will have a successful year. Finally I go knowing that Natmap is in good hands. I salute you, I am proud to have been associated with you and hope you will consider me while away as an honorary blood brother.

Thank you.

S.L.K.

LUNCH TIME FILMS

The current series of six lunch-time film showings concluded on Wednesday 29 August. If sufficient persons wish them to be continued this can be arranged. The series just finalised was purposely organised to fit in with the colder weather when more people were likely to remain indoors at lunch time.

Consideration should be given to the weather factor when suggesting a future programme. Possibly a good idea would be to have a series over the mid-summer period because of the heat and another over the mid-winter period because of the cold and wet, with nothing arranged for spring and autumn.

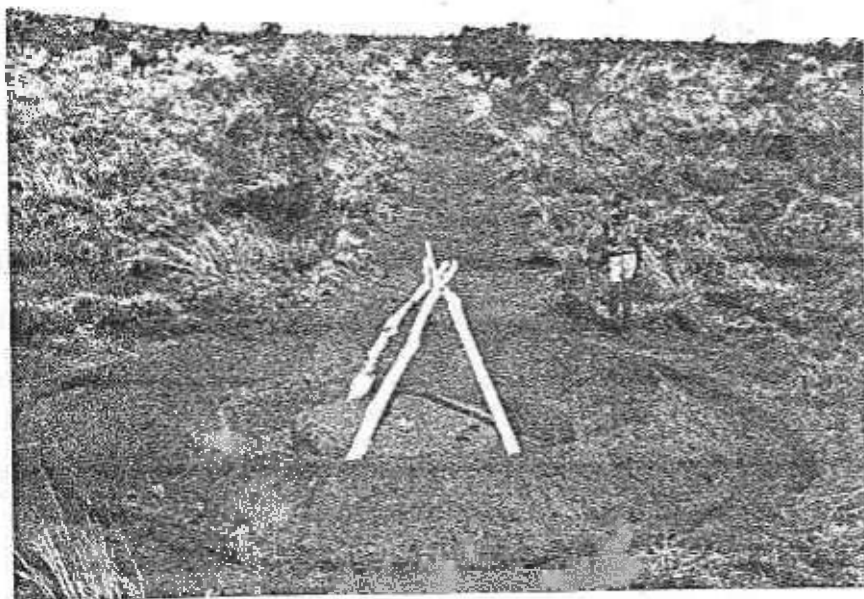
It appears that the Social Club Committee would be the appropriate organisation to ascertain the ideas of staff on this matter. They could then pass the information to Planning and Staff Development who can then, in conjunction with the Committee, arrange a suitable detailed programme of films.

MY RETIREMENT

As most of you already know, I will be proceeding on Recreation Leave during September prior to my retirement on 26 October. After 50 years of working life including almost 30 years with National Mapping, I will find my last days very difficult, particularly as I am not socially inclined.

For this reason I have requested my friends that there be no farewells of any sort and they have agreed. Instead I will move around amongst you on my last day and say a personal goodbye.

It is my earnest hope that you will all understand my feelings at this time without any necessity for a fuller explanation than the few brief and inadequate words above.



Reg Ford

Reg in the Great Sandy Desert W.A. near Well 35 in 1962. The photo shows a completed recovery mark.



- ... that Dave Henderson is off to A.S.O. (is that the Anglican Seminary for Outcasts)?
- ... that a certain project surveyor got lost between VFL Park and home. Did he go via Wheelers Hill Pub and the Village Green?
- ... that there will be a Natmap/VRO conference at Swan Hill during the school holidays - All welcome.
- ... that we need a new RHI editor, the present one is short sighted.
- ... that Michaelangelo is alive and well on the first floor.
- ... that T.A.L. thinks "Brylcream" hides the grey hairs.
- ... that "The Bearded Beany Bandit" has offered the Editors of "Natmap News" the choice of swords or pistols in the car-park .
- ... that J.M. reckons beer makes you feel the way you ought to feel without beer.
- ... that K.C. is establishing a "Bloody" poodle parlour in Blackburn.
- ... that the Selby Kid is trading his Alfa in on a Commodore.

F O R S A L E

The items listed below may be view on the seventh floor for approx. one week. Anyone interested in buying may place orders with P.Harrup or D.Goldsmith. If all goes well, delivery will be to this office on Wed 12 Sept.

Small Sheesham wood Handcarved Table.	\$10.59 each.
5ft. Sheesham wood Handcarved Lampstand complete with cord lampholder and plug.	\$ 20.50 each.
5ft. Walnut wood Handcarved Lampstand complete with cord lampholder and plug	\$28.97 each
Standard Drum shaped lampshade.	\$10.25 each.

These prices are inclusive of Sales-tax and include free delivery.

field notes

SURVEY BRANCH

Laser

Harry Wise has taken over the laser field party, and seems to have had more than his fair share of troubles, with both the aircraft and the weather. The Simpson Desert reflies of reflies of reflies have now been successfully flown (on track), and the field party has returned to Giles to try to clean up the remaining work. Harry Baker has succeeded Peter Prior as pilot.

Meanwhile, back in the office, we find that the workspan available to us has increased enormously since Tubbs left to go on leave! Bob Goldie is desperately trying to grow a beard, decrease his height and increase his girth to fill the vacuum!

COMPILATION BRANCH

Project Team 1

Jeff Fox and Ken Hayes are expected to return to the office during the first week in September after having successfully completed, with Drew Clarke the inspection of Tambo, Augathella and Mitchell areas. Bruce "Fitness" Oliver expects to be off during the same week to find out what inspection is all about.

Project Team 2

Milton Biddle is about to head for Queensland where he will join Ian Hall and Jock Head for the inspection of Charleville, Quilpie and Toompine sheets. Drew Clarke should be on his way home having been relieved by Ian. Jeff Fox and Ken Hayes will change over with Milt and Norm.

Reg Helmore is starting the supplementary photography with a contract Cessna 310 aircraft, in Queensland.

Project Team 3

Terry Rayner is going under the watchful eye of Reg Helmore for his first field trip. Terry will only need 12 more consecutive trips to equal Reg's record. (Perhaps by then he will need 24).



TIPPO

Keen Blues supporter, driver Joe Stanczewski points to Carlton's position on the top of the League Ladder. The Blues have obviously helped Joe in the TIPPO Competition as he is the current leader on 93, two clear of his nearest rival John Manning, with one round to go.



RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH

SORRENTINO
71 STUD ROAD - BAYSWATER
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Superb Italian cuisine

The typical standard Italian fare of spaghetti, lasagne etc was found only amongst the entree section of the menu. Also included were several soups and seafoods.

The four of us settled for soup. Three chicken and one minestrone. Both varieties were absolutely delicious.

The main courses offered were all rather tempting. We chose three Veal Escolope and one Sicilian Style Whole Rainbow TroutMagnifico!

The veal was an exceptionally good selection. A most highly recommended course.

Then came a mixed bag of sweets, Lemon Pistachio souffle, Casata, Continental Cream Pastries, Cheese, greens and tea.

Mouthwatering finales to a fine Italian meal.

Franco the waiter deserves acclaim. A real ladies man and a fine waiter.

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PERSONAL

We understand that Natmap's resident vegetarian, Alan Chaikin, is progressing well in hospital, following an operation, at the Epworth Hospital, Richmond.

Also on the sick list is Len "Hank" Bentley who is recovering from surgery at St Vincents' in East Melbourne. Both should be home at the weekend, and hopefully, back at work in the near future.

Visitors most welcome.

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STAFF COMMITTEE NEWS

The Staff Committee met the Assistant Director last week and discussed the results of the Quality of Work Life exercise. Copies of the submiss. and minutes of the talks will be circulated to all staff when completed.

Although many specific points were discussed and advances made, the elusive "Quality of Work Life" is still to be thought about and worked for. It is not something that can be proclaimed by the "boss" but an atmosphere toward which everyone must contribute.

The fact that it is being sought is reason for optimism, lets take a long view and keep trying.

R. Goldsworthy

THAT GREAT AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTION.....

THE "SICKIE"

(Only names have been changed, to protect the guilty.)

NOW READ ON.....



Fitness Club

TUESDAY FUN RUN AND SWIM



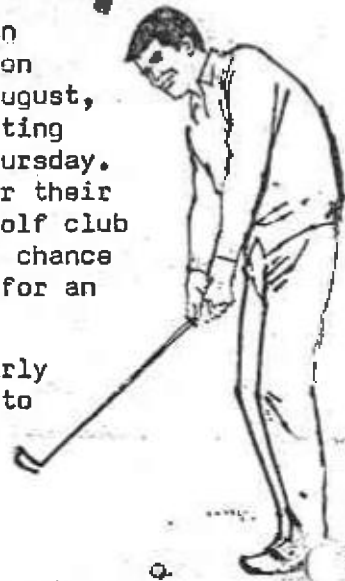
The Fun Run has not been attended very well over the last few weeks. Office Bruce' Irwin (who you may remember can't swim) has decided gold is more important than coming for a run. But he told me on quiet that after his last couple of golfing performances, he will be resuming running this week. Speedy 'Bruce' Osborne is a regular swimmer who shows up every week prepared for a work-out. NO excuses from Speedy. Curly 'Bruce' Goldsmith has the excuse that he is in training for football (what the hell is FOOTBALL?)

Three nights a week. Why is it that after each night 'training' he comes in the next morning with eyes like Shell Road Maps? (Nudge nudge). Anyway he promises to come running after he wins the 'Grand Final'. Ian 'Bruce' Pasco has been out twice. He performed very well, so come on Ian no excuses anymore, like playing gold or silly reasons like that. Before I forget, there is no truth in the rumour that swimming in the Cleeland Street Pool gives you Pleurisy. If anyone is interested in a jog and swim come and see Fitness 'Bruce' Oliver on the 1st floor. Tuesday is the day we go and 1230 is the time. We all try to do our best but there are no prizes for trying to run a 4 minute mile. We all enjoy ourselves and have some fun while trying to get just a little fitter.

Golf Gossip

Just a reminder that for an excellent day don't miss the annual Natmap c/ship at Lang Lang. G.C. on Monday next (3 Sept.). All entries to be in by 12 noon Thursday 30 August, with late entries not being accepted, so help the organisers by submitting your entries early. Draw and hit-off times will be available late Thursday. Also I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Social Club for their fine gesture in donating a gift voucher (to the value of \$20) "for a golf club of your choice" - for the 1979 Natmap Champion. This trophy plus the chance to be immortalised forever on the D.R. Hocking perpetual shield makes for an excellent days golf.

Don't forget the Annual Commonwealth Golf Day to be held early October at Amstel. The Natmap c/ship will be your final opportunity to make the Department's team of seven champions.



RUGBY

Led by popular Natmapper Joe McCrae Moorabbin won the Vic. Rugby Final. Well done Joe.

MOORABBIN won its way into the First Grade rugby league grand final with a resounding 20-13 victory over St Kilda on Sunday.

Led by outstanding lock forward, Joe McCrae, and with the aid of a brilliant backline, Moorabbin battled through a bleak winter afternoon to establish itself as premiership favorites.



● Moorabbin's captain, Joe McCrae, bursts up-field in the semi-final against St Kilda.

Moorabbin's rugby play

Moorabbin won the Victorian Rugby League premiership when it defeated St Kilda by 35 points to 10 at the Junction oval yesterday.

St. Kilda, down 10-5 at half time, had no answer to Moorabbin's second-half onslaught, which was led by captain Joe McCrae.

PSST! SEEN ANY GOOD MOVIES?



ROGER MOORE IS

JAMES BOND 007 MOONRAKER



Don't know whether it's that one is becoming at last accustomed to Roger Moore as James Bond (he has been pretty hard to stomach thus far in overly flippant performances in "Man with the Golden Gun", "Live and Let Die" and "For Your Eyes Only") but "MOONRAKER" despite it's obvious improbabilities, somehow strikes a chord in a dedicated Bond follower, and provides action packed, fun viewing with many of the usual Bond gimmicks. Sean Connery was the definitive Bond, and nothing Moore does will ever change that, but somehow 007's efforts in "MOONRAKER" in thwarting Space equipment magnate Drax's elaborate plans for establishing a select race in outer space at the expense of good old you and me back on Terra Firma, sees Moore reestablish some of the better characteristics of Bond, of almost believable action, plot, and of course the women. They're still there - as curvaceous and as deadly as ever!

..... **"IVAN"**

Holidays

Glendinning Homestead and Phillip Island respectively for the school holidays. The rest have toiled on despite the ravages of transport strikes, another winter (albeit a mild one) and Carlton wimming.

SCENIC EUROPE



They come and go. Barely has the dust settled on one Jetsetter's return, (Ala Wanagiel-of-Map-Sales-in-Town who touched down only

last month after an enjoyable few months looking up the family in the Polish countryside and touring Europe) when another of our girls is lining up for Qantas' "Jumbofantastic" flight to Rome, in Travel Clerk Diana Ferriamo. She will be visiting relatives in Sunny Sorrento and touring Europe per "Eurail". "V.R.O. NEWS" wishes Diana a really great trip. Bon Voyage!

Last hurrah

"THE HUB PUB", renowned watering hole of the old VRO days in the city, went under the wrecker's hammer on Frid 10th of this month, and Mess -rs. Johann Vanden Driesen and Reg "Killa" Kilpatrick of this office were on hand the prior Wednesday to "drink out" the last rites. End of an era.



RATBAGS

Round 5 has been very financial for the RATBAGS to date. Big wins to C.C., the Mexican (ie: "RURAL CRISIS") and JVD has set down the challenge to the other members!

BANK BALANCE: \$210.42!!!!

STOP PRESS

Bernie Ryan's wife Barbara has just presented him with a bouncing 8½lb baby girl.

THE PERSONAL PAGES FOR PEOPLE WITH PROBLEMS

REG 97

431-1-01

CONFESSION

430-2-05

71P

PLAT TALKING

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77P

San. does the fix our problem?



Geoff Dunn - Ratbag with a problem?

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OFFICE

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QUALITY OF LIFE

There has been a great deal of talk lately about "quality of life" issues.

"Quality of life", of course, can mean many things to many people - to some it may mean sunbathing on a tropical island, to others struggling to climb Mt. Everest.

In aiming for a satisfactory quality of living few of us can achieve our ideal and must settle for a compromise.

We do well to remember the ancient prayer "Grant me the courage to change the things I can, the strength to accept the things I can't and the wisdom to know the difference"

Frustration, bitterness and even ill health can result if we persistently try to alter the unalterable. In the Public Service, these days particularly, there are many things that may appear restrictive to our quality of life and about which we can do very little - we have to accept them and work within them.

However, like climbing Mt Everest, there are many things in life which are hard and unpleasant in themselves but the sense of achievement which result from reaching a goal makes it all worth while.

On the other side of the coin, there are many things, particularly in National Mapping that are not hard or unpleasant. Most of us chose mapping as a career because we like doing it. A lot of our friends doing other jobs are often quite envious when they hear and see what we do. In Gallery House, we have a well above average working environment. We have security and so on and do well to remember the words of Reg Ford in his retirement note, that if we fail to appreciate Natmap, well, we just haven't worked anywhere else.

We need to remember too that "no man is an island". The way we act and the things we do affect our workmates and in achieving our quality of life it should not be at the expense of others. One of the things that we do have control over is our personal relationships with our workmates and we all can do a lot in this area to achieve a pleasant and satisfactory atmosphere during our working day.

We are very fortunate in having an excellent Social Club run by an imaginative and active committee and the activities they have arranged have achieved a tremendous amount in the area of personal relationships.

There have been some excellent words of wisdom on our datapads from time to time, relevant to this "quality of life" issue -

Aug 24 - "To find out what one is fitted to do and to secure an opportunity to do it is the key to happiness". - Dewey

Dec 13 - "Cynics are only happy in making the world as barren for others as they have made it for themselves". - Meredith

May we all continue to actively work towards maintaining the high standard of our quality of life in Natmap.

social club

goldie

NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER

MOUSE 'N SPOUSE NITE



4.00 p.m. Buy your mouse at the local pet shop - give it a name and let it race.
Eats and grog supplied - all at nominal cost.

FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE



Fabulous Band - "BREAKAWAY"
7.30 start. Smorgasboard Supper
BYO Grog.
It is anticipated that cost to members will be subsidised.
No definite costs available at this date.
Fancy Dress is the theme.
A list of ideas for outfits will be handed out later in the week.



SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS PICNIC AT MARYKNOLL

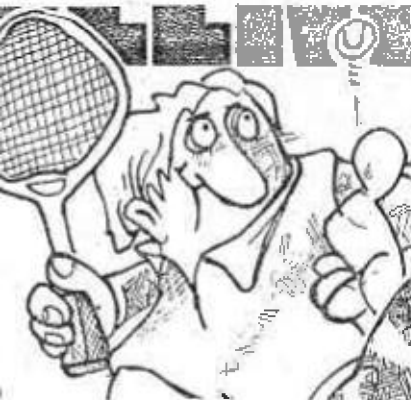


Starts at 11.00 am - or earlier if you can get out of bed.
Santa Claus, arranged activities, tennis courts, and lots of fun. Tentative arrangements have been made by the Social Club to supply the meat - you supply the salad and BYO Chairs. Further details on this will be supplied later, but we hope to have the use of a "spit" for the meat. This looks to be a great day. Bring along any of your family, games too if you wish.

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Bill Stuchbery has been co-opted to replace David Henderson on the Social Club Committee.
Good to have you aboard Bill.

TENNIS BOOKINGS



The Dandenong Methodist Church Courts are available at the following times:

TUESDAY: Two Courts available from approx. 12:30PM

THURSDAY: One Court available from approx. 12:30PM

FRIDAY: Two Courts available from 12:00PM

The Courts are available after work only when Club Members are not using them.

BOOKINGS & PAYMENTS: To Roland Lindell on the 5th Floor. (\$1.00 per player per session.)

ONE MAN'S WAR

When Australia entered the Second World War on 3 September 1939, Reg Ford was twenty-five years of age, and had been employed as a shop assistant in a Department Store in Melbourne from the time he had left school in 1930. He felt that with Australia now in the war, he had an opportunity to decide the type of society that Australians should enjoy, and not to leave this decision to the dictators of the world. With such sentiments he joined the army during that first month of the war, and he was assigned as a Signaller to the 2/2 Field Regiment (artillery) Sixth Division. Although he was to be eventually involved in many of the Sixth Division's actions during the war, he regards the Battle of Crete as the most remarkable encounter of them all. Reg recognises that it was a bitter defeat for the British and Dominion forces, but with better communications it might well have been an outstanding victory for them.



Reg arrived at Suda Bay in Crete on 26 April 1941 after being evacuated from Greece by the British destroyer DECOY. The island of Crete is 160 miles long and 40 miles across at its widest part, and the Commander-in-Chief of its defence, Major General P.C. Freyberg, decided that the areas to be defended against an Axis invasion would be the island's north coast and the three airfields adjacent to it. As part of this defence plan, Reg was stationed as a signaller for the Australian 2/2 Field Regiment between Cania and Megara Khorafia to monitor telephone messages, and to ensure that there were no breaks in the telephone line adjacent to Suda Bay.

On 2 May, Major General Freyberg addressed the troops in the Suda Bay area, and Reg remembers that Freyberg expressed no doubts that the Germans would attempt within the next two weeks an airborne invasion of Crete. Freyberg had also been warned by Middle East Headquarters of the probability of large scale seaborne operations but the shallow depths along the coast, the poor types of landing craft available to the Germans, and the presence of the Royal Navy precluded any real threat of invasion from the sea.

As the invasion of Crete grew more imminent, the German air-attacks increased in their intensity. These attacks restricted movements by Reg and his fellow signallers during the daylight hours, as the main target of the German bombers and fighters was the shipping in the nearby Suda Bay. After heavy air-raids at dawn on 20 May Reg saw German transport aircraft, at about 9 am, drop parachutists on to the Seventh General Hospital near Cania. He could not help but wonder at the colourful spectacle of the sky filled with red, white, blue and yellow parachutes. But these parachutes were part of "... the spearpoint of the German lance" pointed against the defenders of Crete.

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PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTH

To BIRO, Eva and John - a bouncing baby girl.



Shipping in Suda Bay, Crete (*above*) was a target for heavy bombing by the Germans before and after the airborne landings. Australians and New Zealanders shot many paratroopers, but enemy gliders and troops landed over a wide area and captured vital ground near Maleme airfield.

Although Reg was not in the forefront of any fighting centred around the important landing field at Malame, about fifteen miles west of Suda Bay, he was involved in the transmission of messages for its defence. As communications to the Malame sector broke down, Freyberg's knowledge of the disposition of defenders and attackers became more vague, which meant that he could not launch counter-attacks effectively against the German troops near the airfield. Reg reported that breakdowns in communications led to the premature withdrawal on the first night of the battle, of the 22nd New Zealand Battalion from Malame airfield. He also reported that better communications would have coordinated the reinforcement of the 22nd Battalion by companies of the 21st, 23rd and 28th New Zealand Battalions later that same night. This would have made it extremely difficult for the troop-laden JUNKERS - JU.52 transports to land at Malame on the following day. The gradual build-up of the German forces, as more members of their Fifth Mountain Division were flown by the JU.52's to Malame, eventually caused the defence to yield. By 26 May the front at Canca had collapsed, and Suda Bay itself was then threatened by the German advance.

Shortly before 26 May, Reg overheard two 'very' British voices that obviously belonged to senior officers, being carried on the Australian telephone link. The officers were discussing, in cryptic conversation, the proposal to evacuate the British and Dominion forces from Crete. This information was accurate, (as on 26 May Freyberg recommended to General A.P. Wavell the embarkation of a certain proportion of the forces in Crete. On 27 May Wavell ordered Freyberg to evacuate the island without regard to losses of material.

On the evening of 26 May, Reg and his comrades were told to make their own way along the mountain road across the island. This road from Suda to Sphakia, on the south coast of Crete, is about thirty miles long and it provided a difficult walk for the weary troops. Thirst and fatigue were the major hardships suffered by the men, but fortunately there was little interference from German aircraft in the retreat. One incident during the walk is still remembered by Reg, which did not warm him to British discipline. While Reg was slaking his thirst at a convenient well, he noticed a group of Royal Marines being marched briskly by their commanding officer towards the well, who without any examination if it declared the water was not fit to drink. The marines, who appeared to be exhausted, had to march past the well and continue along the road, described by Freyberg as "...a via dolorosa indeed", to Sphakia.

On Reg's arrival at Sphakia he waited until the early hours of 30 May, when he was evacuated by the British troop-ship GLENGYLE. At dawn, German dive bombers attacked the evacuation units. Reg was appalled to see the Australian cruiser PERTH enveloped in yellow smoke following a direct bomb-hit; however, his dismay turned to a feeling of pride when he saw that the PERTH'S guns were still

firing as the smoke cleared. By mid-day the air attacks ceased, and the GLENAGLE then proceeded to safety at Alexandria.

It has been a difficult campaign for Reg, with communication failures and the lack of transport vehicles. But these same problems proved even more disastrous for Freyberg in his defence of the island. However, the compensation to the British Middle East Command for this defeat, was that no more 'Crates' would be suffered by them. The heavy losses inflicted on the German glider-troops and parachutists on 20 May 1941 caused Hitler to refuse permission for any similar operations in the future. Cyprus, Syria, Irak, Malta, Suez, and Bastogne were to be safe from any airborne assaults.

Today Reg has again made a retirement, this time a somewhat more pleasant one as it is from the work-force. His memory, if sufficiently prompted, can still project the image of those torrid days at Crete during May 1941. But in 1979 there are few people associated with Reg, who would grasp the significance of a battle fought, so long ago, for a landing field called Malame.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As we all know our colleague Reg Ford recently retired from Natmap. Before Reg left I sought his permission to 'publish' the above account of a part of his life that few of us would have known. We were all familiar with Reg's contribution to the mapping of our country, but the above story illustrates the stage on which he played a very different role for his country.

Reg agreed to the release of this story on the condition that I should make readers aware that firstly, this article was originally written at my request for my own purpose, and secondly, to advise his friends that another former 'Natmapper' in Ted Caspers was also in Crete during the campaign in 1941.



R.A.V.

FOOTNOTE

Dear Bob,

Many thanks to you and all my friends for the retirement present and the sentiment you have all expressed in the form of such an outstanding gift - one that I truly appreciate and which will, in my main living room, always be a reminder to both myself and my friends of the many interesting years I have spent at National Mapping.

At this juncture I feel it is very appropriate to mention that although I do not easily make close friendships, nevertheless I have always felt a warm "at home" feeling while working among you.

I know it is traditional at retirement to spend a convivial hour or two celebrating the occasion with one's workmates. As it is not in my nature to do this I thank you all for agreeing to my request that there be no farewell function of any kind.

In place of this I would like to make a small donation to the funds of the Social Club which I hope can be used to advantage on a suitable future occasion. Would you please pass the enclosed cheque to the President?

In saying a final goodbye I would like to wish all of you the best of health, happiness and a rewarding time ahead. Also please accept my assurance that if, in the future, I can be of assistance to any of you or to National Mapping, I will do my best to help.

Reg Ford.



field notes



TO: THE EDITOR
NATMAP NEWS
DANDENONG OFFICE

LASER FIELD PARTY IS WORKING HARD AS USUAL STOP HAVE COMPLETED
BLOCK 26, 38W AND 28 STOP BLOCK 39W HALF COMPLETED.
ANTICIPATE SUCCESSFUL FINISH TO FIELD WORK IN THIS OUR TENTH
AND FINAL YEAR.

REGARDS BOBROFF

PROJECT TEAMS 1, 2 & 3

Milt Biddle and Norm ("Fitness?") Oliver have returned after completing aerial and ground inspection of Charleville, Quilpie and Toompine, under the genial supervision of Ian Hall, with Peter Prior at the joystick of CAS. Reg Helmore and Tony Rayner have also returned from Roma after a stint of supplementary photography. They have been replaced by "Bazza" and "Blue" who plan to complete this years program in the next few weeks now that Bazza has solved the camera problems.

(Reg, I believe that the cover tells all, although the technique would certainly remove a few of the frustrations of changing and loading film.)

Regards Barry. ➡

HIGH ALTITUDE PHOTOGRAPHY

The party consisted of Dave Hocking, Ed Burke and Joe McRae. Base areas were Mt Isa (2 days), Townsville (1 week), Rockhampton (3 days) and Brisbane (9 days).

We were reluctant to leave Townsville, especially Dave.

The weather was exceptionally kind in the first two weeks hardly a day went by without some results. However the weather eventually turned sour in Brisbane forcing us to return to the Dandenong offi where the party is waiting, fingers crossed, for a break in the clouds so that some areas in Victoria can be photographed.

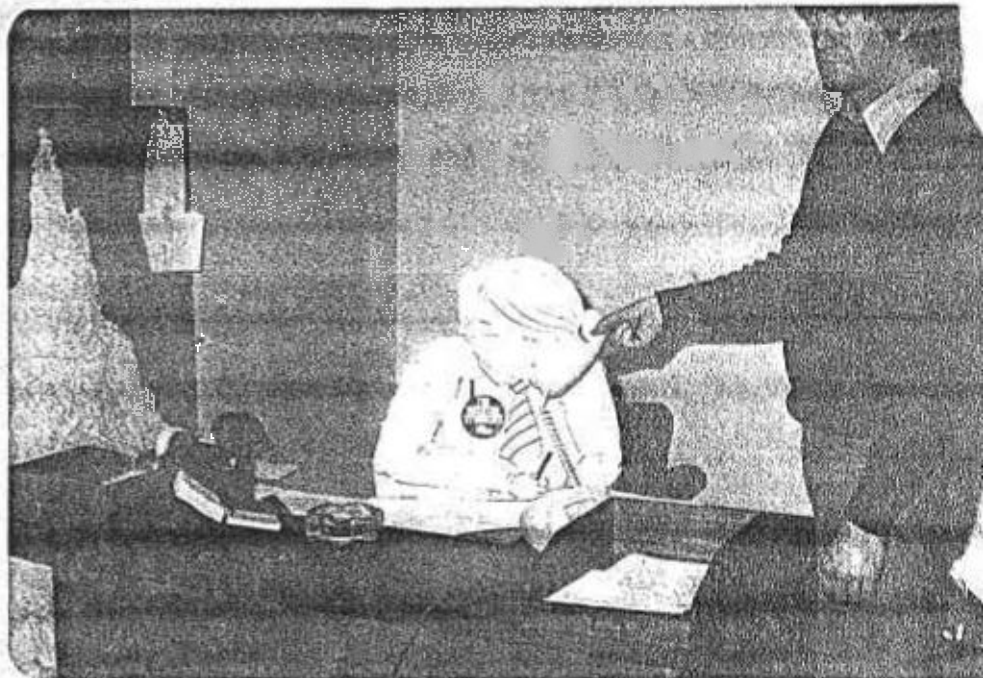
So far a total of 18 x 1:250 000 areas have been photographed, mainly on the central Qld coast, and four areas in Central Western Queensland. In Mt Isa, DRH was relating stories of Natmap's 'bad old days' and how in early 1948 her was doing astro fixes in the area. Joe said "yes, that was before I was born"! That put quite a damper on the reminiscences.

THANK YOU

The 4th Frankston Scouts (Handicapped) whom Natmappers generously supported recently with their snowball drive (remember Sid snowball) have achieved their target to send members to the Jamboree being held in Perth soon. All the scouts thank you for your support which helped them tremendously.

OW — THAT'S THE VERY
LAST TIME YOU'RE
CHANGING YOUR
FILM THIS WAY !!





EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO MAINTAIN
STAFF LEVELS

THAT a certain coated surveyor was heard to say "you have to work hard to get warm in here".

THAT L.T.P. have been experiencing problems with filing the reprint of the print of the reply of the reflight.

THAT "Milt" is opening a course on advanced driving, based on his "international" experience.

THAT One of Natmap's most experienced field men, namely A.J., was recently asked if he had a licence to drive a Landrover. It is assumed he made a suitable reply.

THAT Minilotto has weighted Balls.

THAT The Guinness Book people have been in touch with D. Bird regarding a fence.

THAT The Commonwealth Golf Day was called the 19th Day for the 'Map' - 19 teams were entered and the 'Map' came 19th - Sunk a few at the 19th?

THAT Gringo got burnt, nosing around the topocarts.

THAT Hollywood Ainscow has spring fever but still can't pick his nose.

THAT JAMESIE would make a good union man - always walking out

THAT Contract's "Miss October" is causing a great deal of inter

THAT Dave, "The Disco Duck", who lives in Dandenong was seen travelling to work by train.

THAT The recent flood on the Third floor was not Survey Branch testing the new underwater laser.

THAT A certain T.O. claims he is no longer a smoker he says, "It's the cigarette that smokes, I'm merely the sucker on the end"

THAT This is Laser's final field year. A "Field Party" for all present laser people and past field men is planned.

THAT When Tubbs goes swimming at lunch time, even the water has to get out. What will happen when Mickey Lloyd gets Back?

COUGH DROPS

SOOTHING - BENEFICIAL



60 g Net

ALLEN'S
Black Crows



Quite a bit has happened since the last edition of "Natmap News" - Carlton won the Flag over the luckless Woods ("More Goals, Blues!") and Tony Jewell has been reappointed at Dummiesville; the Mexican, Reg Kearns and "Disco Duck" Macaw put in a big night last month commencing at "The Albion" and ending up at "Babes"; Travel Clerk Diana Ferraiuolo continues her own travels in Europe and is a bundle of information (ref. postcards); and the Mexican quickly overcame the disappointment of missing out on the E.O.'s job by landing a two year stint in sunny Indonesia (Bali, here we come!); we welcomed our new E.O. Phil O'Reilly from Van Deimans Land and wish him well, and also bestow good wishes on two seasoned Ratbags and Bludgers (no names avail.) who are likely to be on their way soon. Ahmat Binnore won my Cricket Club Raffle to show that they're not ALL rigged;



and then there's the swimming. Carter, Lindell and JVD, inspired by "Stephen" Holland are swimming bulk laps at the Cleland Pool each morning and "Bucket Mouth" has set a hot pace, doing 32 laps for the mile. Glug Glug!

RATBAGS REPORT

Bank Balance: \$225.77

The Ratbags have been steadily building up their bank balance with every Member doing his bit for the team.

This week the big tip folks is "SON-OF-RATBAG" By "Ratbag", out of "Sewer" in the NATMAP CUP on Friday.



"COMINGS 'N GOINGS"

"Comings 'n Goings" is to be a regular "Natmap News" feature which will, with the help of the Personnel Section, bring you news of Staff Movements i.e. Arrivals, Departures, Promotions, etc., and any other notable happenings such as Births, Marriages. We're not going into much detail on this, but at least you'll know what's happening around Natmap. So here goes:

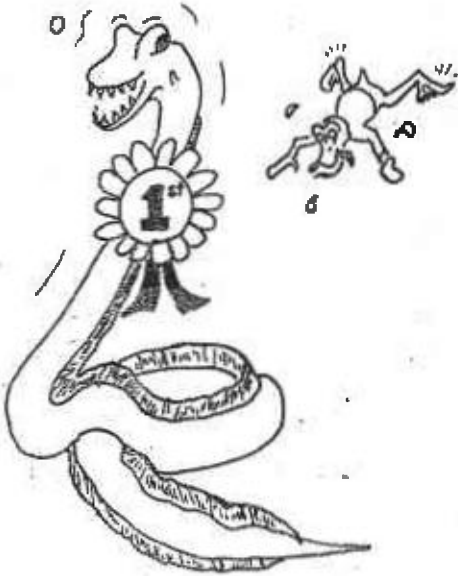
<u>Dave Henderson:</u>	Transfer to Dept of Admin. Services, Aust. Survey Office on Friday 5 October.
<u>John Allen:</u>	Transfer to Public Service Commission of Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby for one year on Friday 19 October.
<u>Phil O'Reilly:</u>	New Executive Officer ex Dept of Health, Hobart commenced on Monday 15 October.
<u>Jeff Grannon:</u>	Transfer to Dept of Defence on Friday 26 October.
<u>Geoff Dunn:</u>	Transfer to Bandung, Indonesia with this Dept for approx. 2 years to take effect January 1980.
<u>Blyth Osborne:</u>	Provisional Promotion within Natmap on 11 October.
<u>Tom Zentai:</u>	Provisional Promotion within Natmap on 11 October.
<u>Lyn Power:</u>	Temp. transfer within the Dept. to Sydney for 3 weeks on 31 October.

Also "Special": Settling Married Saturday 3 November

fable of the animal school

Once upon a time, the animals decided they must do something heroic to meet the problems of "a new world," so they organised a school. They adopted an activity curriculum consisting of running, climbing, swimming, and flying, and, to make it easier to administer, all the animals took all the subjects.

The duck was excellent in swimming, better in fact than his instructor, and made passing grades in flying, but was very poor in running. Since he was slow in running, he had to stay after school and also drop swimming to practice running. This was kept up until his web feet were badly worn and he was only average in swimming. But average was acceptable in school, so nobody worried about that except the duck.



The rabbit started at the top of the class in running, but had a nervous breakdown because of so much make-up work in swimming.

The squirrel was excellent in climbing until he developed frustration in the flying class where his teacher made him start from the ground up instead of from the tree-top down. He also developed a hernia from over-exertion and then got C in climbing and D in running.

The eagle was a problem child and was disciplined severely. In the climbing class he beat all the other to the top of the tree, but insisted on using his own way to get there.

At the end of the year, an abnormal eel had the highest average and was top of the class.



HOTELS

THE PLACE: "CORONE'S HOTEL" * (One Star) in beautiful downtown CHARLEVILLE, QLD.

THE FOOD: Wonderful home cooking, outback Queensland style.

Selections Include

Main Courses: T-Bone steak & eggs (chips extra)
Rump steak & eggs (" ")
Bangers & mash (tinned peas extra)
Lambs fry & bacon (in season)
Fricasee emu's knees in black bean sauce.

Sweets: Choc-coated dim sims.
Hot tarts with cream.

(All meals served with cider salad- Sauce or mustard optional).

THE DRINKS: Bottles of Castlemaine XXXX (Glasses optional extra).

TO SUMMARISE: A most desirable eating place for those on a scenic northern holiday to do a little flying. Special rates to those on holiday prepared to stay more than one day.



Golf Gossip



RETURION OF SURVEYORS

ANNUAL GOLF DAY

MONDAY 29th OCTOBER

The venue was the Yarra Yarra Golf Course; and what a delightful venue it was.

Four Natmappers were involved: Andrew Turk, Carl McMaster, Tom Zentai, Bob Irwin.

Andrew and Carl were amongst the prizes. Andrew with his pleasing 35 points fared well in the Social Players Category; and Carl showed 'em how to putt.

Tom, despite not having played much of late, hit some top shots.

Bob finished with a creditable 37 points.

The Yarra Yarra hospitality was on a "par" with the quality of the course, both meals provided were most enjoyable and eaten in delightful surroundings.

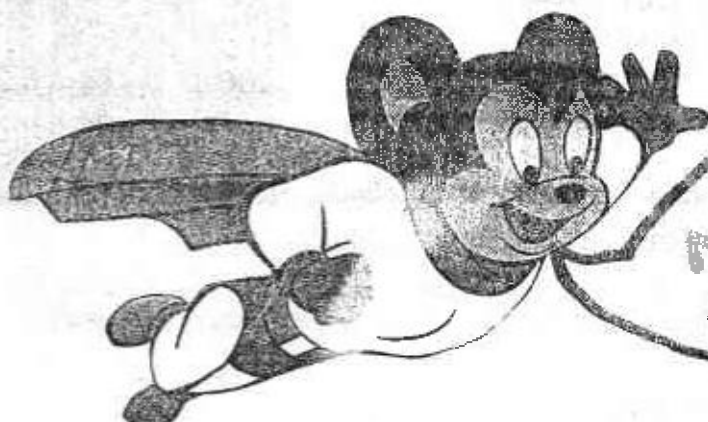
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EDITORIAL NOTE

The production, compilation and copying of "NATMAP NEWS", although a satisfying task, is nevertheless a time consuming one, and this edition we have endeavoured to compress its size as much as possible in order to facilitate photo copying, etc. To assist us in this role, it would be appreciated in future that articles submitted for publication be kept reasonably short, newsy and to the point. This is not to say that we don't welcome items of news. We would hope that everyone in this building at some stage makes a contribution to our Newsletter.

Also it is anticipated that keeping in line with the Social Club's reviewed policy of holding less main functions, the "NATMAP NEWS" will be published approximately every two months from now on.

Des Young
Russ Hughes
Rod Menzies



DON'T MISS THE
NATMAP '79 HOUSE
& SPOUSE NIGHT
THIS AD!

17 December, 1979

No. 31

"Harry Christmas"

Dear Members,

The Social Club has had a successful year even though attendances at Functions have been down in the latter half of the year.

The Fancy Dress Ball was a most enjoyable night, with good food, lively music and outrageous costumes. Once again on your behalf I thank Vicki, Kalen, Dineke and Pam for an excellent spread.

The picnic at Maryknoll was also a success just ask those with sunburnt noses and happy kids

Next year we will try a different approach by having Function Committees for each night. This group of six will have total control of all arrangements for that night. It is hoped that this will improve the functions by only asking each individual to be on one of these committees once during next year. More of this nearer the A.G.M. early 1980.

May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on behalf of the Committee and myself.



office
christmas
party
Thurs 20th
1pm start

members free

non members

small charge



On Tuesday 18 August 1970, RAV, JE and MULHOLLAND flew the first laser profile in EXP near Broken Hill.

Nine years and 250 000 line kilometers later (equivalent to around the globe six times) on Thursday 6 December 1979, H4, THE TURK, HATFIELD and BAKER completed the current program in DNM near Giles.

thats it..  ...all finished !!

The laser profiling program will ultimately have provided height to control some 2.7 million km² out of a total of 7.7 million km² the area of Australia.

Our thanks must go to the Laser and Optics Section of the Defence Research Centre (formerly WRE) for their valuable assistance over this period.

Looking back it amazes me that the combination of:

- (a) Weather including high and low clouds
- (b) Aircraft including unserviceability, pilots hours and maintenance
- (c) Equipment including leaky lasers, modulator bubble and electronic gremlins
- (d) Personnel including Lost navigators, camera operators jamming cassettes and technicians blowing capacitors,

compounded by Turbulence, Cross winds, Hail, Fuel drums, Fuel pumps, refuelling difficulties and late nights and early mornings that any profiling was ever done at all.

To those who worked on the laser program either in the field or office you have been part of an era that will probably never be repeated anywhere in the world on this scale.

Currently the laser will work in Victoria doing map accuracy and vertical control in the Grampians.

EXIT "THE STRENGTH": The first month of a brand new decade sees the departure of three tried and noted warriors from our ranks in Geoff Dunn ("The Mexican"), Bob Holland ("Bucket Mouth") and Johann Van Den Driesen ("J.V.D.") who are journeying to lands and places far apart, and to say that they will be missed both on a work basis (Yek!), and more importantly, on a social basis, would be too enormous an understatement to contemplate. "We few" who are left, extend our heartiest best wishes to these gentlemen true, and trust that the best traditions of V.R.O. will somehow continue in their absence. Good luck, fellas.

GREAT DING: The VRO boys (plus a good Natmap crew) have done it again! Bob and Kris Holland's lamb-on-the-spit a couple of Friday nights ago was a rip roarer of a night, and the old "Kukerachas", Joe Stanscawski really got everyone into the swing of things with his lively antics on "centre stage", under the clothes hoist, etc. Don't know where that bottle of "smirnoff" got to?

AND THERE'S MORE TO COME:

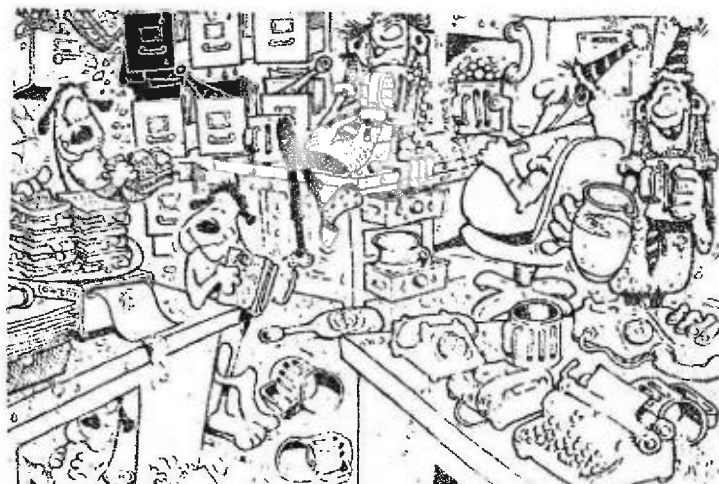
A couple of beaut gatherings are on the way, as the festive season starts to unwind. Whoopee! And a Merry Christmas to all our readers.



RATBAGS

The Ratbags finished off

their second successful year with a "raging" turn at Bob Holland's place. The highlight of the night was when "LOUIE - THE - LIP" Lindell was presented with his Golden Trap Award for being the lowest stake winner of our Syndicate. (Cont.)



"COMINGS 'N GOINGS"

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| <u>MAX ANDERSON</u> | - Transfer to Social Security, Morwell, commencing 2 Jan '80. |
| <u>AQUAD AQUAD</u> | - Transfer to Dept of Defence, Camberwell, commencing 13 December 1979. |
| <u>ROSS CHISOLM</u> | - On LWOP; trip overseas to Europe, travelling overland through Asia - commences 17 December 1979. |
| <u>JOHANN VAN DEN DRIESEN</u> | - Promotion to Dept of Employment and Youth Affairs - commences January 1980. |
| <u>LESS GRIMMET</u> | - Transfer to Dept of Lands & Housing, Darwin - leaving C.O.B. 5 January 1980. |
| <u>RUSS HUGHES</u> | - Temp. transfer to Aust. Safeguards Office, Sydney for one week on 26 November. |
| <u>BERNIE RYAN, JUDY RODRIQUEZ AND ALA PEREIRA</u> | - Awaiting promotion/transfer due to imminent closure of Map Sales Office in the city. |
| <u>BOB HOLLAND</u> | - Promotion to Dept of Transport, city, commences January 1980. |
| <u>GEOFF DUNN</u> | - Transfer arrangements to Bandung are progressing smoothly. |

RATBAGS (cont.): And of course, in true Ratbag fashion, we forgot the Trap, but "Louie" responded in a suitable manner anyway! The 1979 RATBAG AWARDS are :- "TOP HORSE" - Shifting Sands, "TOP TIPSTER" - Colin Carter.

SEEN AT THE DINNER DANCE

The photos mightn't copy too well, but we'll try to identify the happy band of revellers seen at the DINNER DANCE moving to the rhythm of "BREAKAWAY".

AT RIGHT: Leon Derkacz, "Grub" Barwise, Trish Booth and Joe McRae.

BELOW (LEFT): Diana Vlahovic + Beau, Carl McMaster and ?.

BELOW (RIGHT): "Gringo" Rodriquez + Judy, and unknowns.
(Maybe John Murdoch?)



"CHICKEN 'N CHAMPERS"
ON THE YARRA BANK
ON MONDAY 24 DEC
(CHRISTMAS EVE) AT
7.00 A.M. B.V.O.
NEAR PRINCE'S BRIDGE BOATHOUSES.
ALL WELCOME!

