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# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our new Social Club Committee for 1980 intends to follow last years successful format. This means well organised functions with good food and drink and a variety of entertainment.

The first function is our sausage sizzle to be held on Friday the 22nd. Weather permitting, we may venture out on to the roof.

One of the highlights of the year is going to a night at the Moonea Valley Trots. So book early because numbers are limited.

We only hope that the next 12 months will be as progressive as the last, but this can only be accomplished by the co-operation of all staff in supporting and assisting future events. It goes without saying "The More the Merrier".



D.I. GOLDSMITH  
President

## map revision seminar

If you wondered where the people at management levels in Natmap had got to on Tuesday 5 February they were attending a Map Revision Seminar with a number of our Canberra colleagues.

The people who presented papers put a lot of effort and thought into their subjects and the wide range of topics, covered most aspects aligned with Map Revision - Photography, Nomenclature Geographic Branch activities etc.

Debate was rather heated over the topic of Map Revision by ground methods alone and the justification presented seemed rather thin to say the least.

Those who attended will have benefited in many ways from their brush with the subject of Revision and those in the ranks of senior management will have an insight into some of the problems facing Map Revision.

Judging from the reaction of those present the best topic of the day was undoubtedly LUNCH.

Your roving reporter

# Social Club

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on Thursday 7 February on 7th floor. Office bearers for the coming year were elected after the address by retiring President Paul Wise.

1980 Office Bearers: President - D. Goldsmith; Vice President - R. Goldsworthy  
Secretary - W. Stuchbery; Treasurer - P. Harrop  
(re-elected)

Committee: R. Irwin, P. James, K. Sargeant, P. Booth.

1979 was a most successful year and this years committee are hoping to follow this achievement. On behalf of the Social Club, I wish to thank the retiring Office Bearers for an excellent job.

## NATMAP NEWS

Once again we have a small group organising and printing the monthly newsletter. Des Young, Rod Manziess, Russ Hughes and our typists Marg, Anna and Kathy need your support to make this successful, so submit your articles early. These people do a great job and I'm sure the NATMAP NEWS is much appreciated.

## CRICKET

Last Sunday (17th) we played Social Security for the annual "National Security Cup", at Hemmings Park. Unfortunately we were pipped at the post in a most exciting finish. NATMAP batted first and were dismissed for 125 in 25 overs with notable performances from Tom Zantal (35) and Terry Larkin (17). Social Security had 30 overs to pass our score and looked in real trouble at 5 for 50 with Andrew Matfield taking 3 wickets. However, Lorne and Mall put on a solid partnership to put them in a winning position.

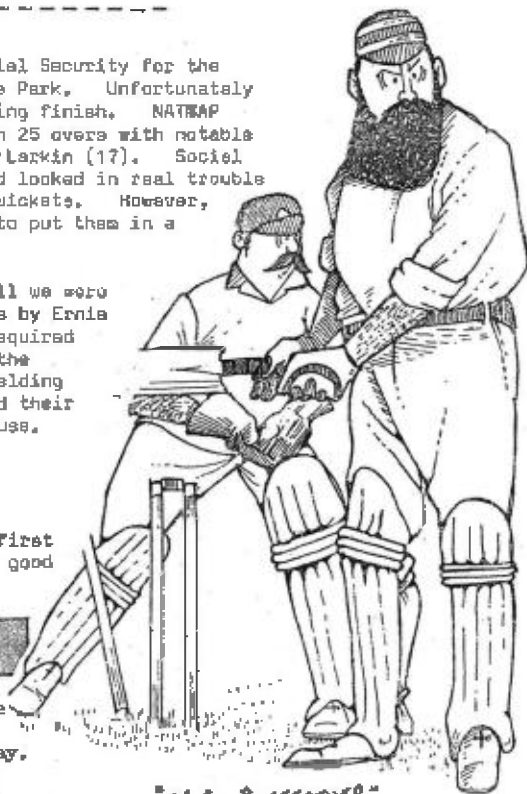
With a generous retirement by Hall we were back in the game, but some judicious swipes by Ernie kept the score mounting. The last over required we run to win and we were unable to stop the inevitable single. It was an excellent fielding display by NATMAP and the spectators showed their appreciation of a close game by loud applause.

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Don't forget FRIDAY 22ND is the first monthly function for the year. Make it a good night with a big roll up.

## **NEWSMAKERS**

- \* BOB OLIVER is a father again - this time a baby girl.
- \* DIANEKE PILLOW's Twenty First is this Friday.
- \* IT'S JUDIE GOULD's Birthday Wednesday.
- \* AND, LINDA MORRIS' Birthday on Thursday.
- \* JOHN MADDEN is now a Justice of the Peace and is available to sign Stat. Decs., etc.
- \* HARRY BAKER has made a request for anyone with "BIGGLES", "GIMLET" and "WORRALLS" Books to see him, as he is a very keen W.E. JOHNS fan, and will offer good money to get hold of any of his books.



"W.E. PINFLEATHER"

## Etiquette in a Bangkok Bath House



Bangkok, land of smiles. In this land of smiles, there came many a story of travellers finding joy and happiness in one (or more) of Bangkok's famous bath houses. However there are certain etiquette to be observed when being entertained in these establishments.

Upon entry, you come to a huge glass window behind which sit about a hundred hostesses. You pick your choice by the number she wears. You can either have a "straight massage" or a "body massage". Straight massages cost about 150 bahts and body massages 350 bahts. Upon making your choice you are then led to a room equipped with a bath, an air mattress, and a bed. You are told to sit while the girl gets things ready for your bath.

You are then told to undress to your nitty-gritty, and then jump into the bath. In the meantime the girl undresses herself and wraps a towel around herself, then she starts to wash you from head to toe. The last time you were washed this way was probably when your mother washed you as a baby. After the initial wash, the girl then drains the water and runs another bath for you. This time it is a bubble bath. With your body all soaped up, she tells you to climb out of the bath and lie on the air mattress, face down first. Then you get the massage part of the treatment. Afterwards you are told to get back into the bath, and your attention is drawn to the fact that somewhere along the line the girl's towels had somehow fallen off, probably during the massage when she worked so hard at it. She jumps into the bath with you and more massages, by both parties, in the water.

It is best to try to suppress all your amorous feelings while the bath and message are going on or you will get twitched and she will ask embarrassing questions like "what have you got there?" or words to that effect. However, words of encouragement on your side like "boonsool mak" (you are very beautiful) will usually gain a favourable response.

When it's finished the girl will dry every pore in your body as well as herself. All this lasts about an hour. Extra-curricular activities are negotiable with the girl and cost between 300 and 400 bahts. If you do decide on the extra bit, she will wash you again afterwards, although not to the same extent as the first time. Then you get dressed and bid her a fond farewell.

The other form of adult entertainment in Bangkok are the so-called "live floorshows". Surprisingly the number of women tourists who go there is about 50% of the attendance. 200 bahts will gain you admittance and will also cover you for one drink. You can of course make it last several hours if you want to. If you are lucky enough to get to the front seats, the girls, when they are not performing on stage, will come and sit on your lap for 50 bahts.



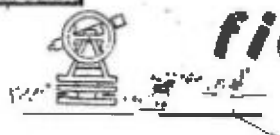
### Stay-A-While In Bangkok



But then Bangkok is not all like that. There are also the ever present traffic jams and Kamikaze drivers (I'm sure our driver has been trying to kill us all over the past few days). General opinion is that Thailand is safe from attacks by Hanoi because the Vietnamese troops will get stuck in traffic jams in any case. There are also the beautiful beaches at Pattaya, historical sights at the River Kwai, and the many Wats and Buddhist temples that provide a peaceful interlude in this land of contrasts.

Lastly, a very happy New Year to the Map.

From Don



## Field notes



### SURVEY BRANCH

With the reduction in personnel due to the reorganisation we are looking ahead to a busy year with plenty of interesting and varying jobs for everyone. LASER is continuing on, being about to embark on "Operation Desert Walk 80", a 2-3 week program in South Australia on behalf of the Army. The laser crew of Rod Menzies, Osman Ertok, Bob Goldsworthy and Roy Turner capably flown in the Nomad by Peter Prior will be based at Ceduna.

MAP ACCURACY is getting underway with "real" field work being planned for later this year.

HIGH ALTITUDE photography will be returning to Queensland about May to carry out this year's programme.

Even the Analytical boys had a field trip this year, identifying some control stations in Block 40. The adjustment is now well underway whilst Block 44 is almost completed and 39% about to be started.

TECH. SERVICES (Aviation Section) Report one new husband and two new fathers and request more, longer field trips this year.

### COMPILATION BRANCH

The 1979-80 Programme is concentrated in Queensland and Victoria with a few sheets to do in N.T. It is hoped that field work will get under way about April/May.

R.H.I.

- THAT The Nomad is now "hail" and hearty.
- THAT Dineke is 21 on Friday and will be celebrating at the Aurora for a while at lunch time.
- THAT Julie and Linda are also 21 this week.
- THAT Tubbs has bought running shoes.
- THAT Vicky wants a good home for her Kittens.



# Fitness Club

HELLO FUN RUNNERS -



Well 1980 is well and truly under way BUT the Tuesday Fun Run and Swim has come to a grinding halt. If anyone is interested in a jog and a swim at about 1230 on Tuesdays see Fitness Bruce Oliver on the 1st floor. I hope some of the regulars from the 1979 Fun Run will continue in 1980 and try and con . . . I mean recruit some new talent. (They tell me the 'swimming' (nudge nudge) in the pool these warmer months is very interesting). Naturally Officer Bruce Irwin (who still can't swim and I suspect can't run either) will be eager to resume his fitness duties. And now that Dave Goldbruce is no longer playing football, (or is he?) he will be very keen to keep some other parts of his body fit apart from his right arm. Isn't Bruce Pasco telling me he will be back in form after his holiday. I also hope Computer Brian Hall will be joining us; New Brian (as his friends call him) is in training at the moment, (not sure what for) and I'm sure he would love to maintain his recently found stamina and fitness. Hope to see you next Tuesday.



## MENU OF THE MONTH

### TABBOULEH BURGHUL (CRACKED WHEAT) SALAD

Rich, earthy and beautifully seasoned, this is a wonderful party dish. Burghul gives the tabbouleh its earthy quality. This is harmoniously balanced by the light, refreshing aromas of parsley and mint, and the acid tang of lemon.

As with most dishes, the preparation is highly individual. Quantities of ingredients vary with every family, but parsley is always used abundantly. This is a great Lebanese favourite.

½ lb fine burghul  
3 tablespoons finely chopped spring onions and/or 1 large onion, finely chopped  
Salt and black pepper  
About 1½ teaspoons finely chopped parsley

3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh mint or  
or 2 tablespoons dried crush mint  
4 tablespoons olive oil, or more  
4 tablespoons lemon juice  
Cooked vine leaves, raw lettuce  
or tender cabbage leaves

Soak the burghul in water for about ½ hour before preparing the salad. It will expand enormously. Drain and squeeze out as much moisture as possible with your hands. Spread out to dry further on a cloth.

Mix the burghul with the chopped onions, squeezing with your hands to crush the onions so that their juices penetrate the burghul. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add the parsley, mint, olive oil and lemon juice, and mix well. Taste to see if more salt, pepper or lemon are required. The salad should be distinctly lemony.

Tabbouleh is traditionally served in individual plates lined with boiled vine leaves, or raw lettuce or cabbage leaves. People scoop the salad up with more leaves, served in a separate bowl beside it.

A more dramatic way of serving tabbouleh is to pile it in a pyramid on a large platter, and to decorate it with black olives, scarlet tomatoes, pale green cucumber slices or dark green ribbons of sweet pepper, and sprigs of parsley.

A little finely chopped cucumber and tomato may be added to the salad, but it is absolutely necessary to salt and drain the cucumber for ½ hour first. Otherwise the water from these vegetables can unbalance the delicate seasoning, without which the burghul would be quite uninteresting.

# "V.R.O. NEWS"

**FAREWELL.** The Mexican (Geoff Dunn) and Miss Ros Ash were farewelled in a fitting manner both at Yuille Street, Frankston and at The Albion last month, to temporarily at least halt the exodus from our ranks. The fifth floor looks pretty empty now. However, take heart folks - Pam Hill has been recalled from the Tech. Support Section to fill the breach, and we also welcomed newcomer Peter Durkin who hails from Upper Beaconsfield, to help maintain our friendly and efficient service.



**RATBAGS:** The Royal/Republican Amateur Turf Betting And Grog Society (RATBAGS) have commenced another decade of peerless punting, this time with two members of the fairer sex in Jan and Lyn to lend their women's intuition to the RATEBAG cause. Craig Hawke has also joined us, keeping our syndicate at a round number of eight, and we look forward to a rewarding 1980.

**RED ROOSTER:** The VRO Crew finally caught up with The Red Rooster, our former B.O. Bob Wilkes who put on a "Do" for his sendoff at his Yallambie home. Bob sends his regards to all at Natmap, and is looking pretty well these days. Lucky Blighter.

**THE KNIFE:** Popular Registry Gal Diana Ferriaculo has just had her appendix out, and is enjoying the break from work.

**NO.26 BITES THE DUST:** "C.C." (Colin Carter) was shot down in flames earlier this month with the announcement of his engagement to Karen Stammers (nice girl), and the troops were treated to a treat at Mr. & Mrs. Carter's Cheltenham Home.

## "COMINGS 'N GOINGS"

Not a very big list this time, but it is encouraging to see the "COMINGS" outdoing the "GOINGS" for a change.

**ARNE EVANS:** Commenced 29 January, with Town & Country Branch.  
**WAYNE PETSCHAK:** Commenced 21 January, with Town & Country Branch.  
**PETER DURKIN:** Commenced 21 January, with Town & Country Branch.  
**ROS ASH:** Transferred to Bureau of Industrial Relations, City, mid Jan.  
**BRUCE O'CONNOR:** Moved to Reg Ford's old position with Planning & Staff Development.  
**BOB HOBBS:** Promoted to Geoff Dunn's old position at V.R.O.

## MORE R.H.I.'S ACTION FROM SUNDAY'S GAME

THAT Dave Dzur only drinks "Big M" when he goes to the cricket.  
 THAT the Book Worm has moved to the 4th Floor.  
 THAT "Speed" has put in a T.S.R. for Top Hat & Tails to complete his outfit.  
 THAT T.A.L. completed a social event without an injury.

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"WG" PINFEATHER BOWLING... ... AND IT'S LOST BALL!

# HASTEN SLOWLY

"Allow time and moderate delay; haste manages all things badly". - Statius - desk calendar 24.4.1980.

As I read that quotation, I thought about the Public Service reputation, often undeserved, for slowness and delay.

It is all too easy to artificially create a sense of urgency where, in reality, none exists, and it is often in these very situations then that "haste manages all things badly".

Of course there are times when a quick action or response is clearly essential but, equally, there are times when quiet thinking, perhaps consultation or even "sleeping on the problem" will produce a better result.

Provided "allowing time and moderate delay" is not translated as condoning procrastination and mental or physical laziness, there is much merit in planning the correct pace for a task so that proper decisions can be made and work can be done properly the first time.

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friday may 2, 7 floor

games nite,

chicken & champers

stroll up

# Social club

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## MID YEAR FUNCTION

FRIDAY 4th JULY.

The Mid Year Function will be at the "Eltham Barrel" on Friday 4th July commencing at 7.30 pm.

The Social Club took advantage of a special offer from The Barrel which was "too good to refuse", and added a \$2 subsidy per head. Consequently we are able to offer members a great night out, all inclusive, for \$18 a double (non members \$22 a double, spirit drinkers pay extra) On today's prices, this is exceptional value so book early as only 60 seats are available.

By making your booking you are eligible to have your night out FREE.  
A draw will be conducted on the night.

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## GAMES NIGHT

FRIDAY 2nd MAY

This night is being arranged by our first Function Committee and a good roll-up is needed to show your support.

They have organised an interesting program which promises great fun, not only for the kids.

Hooky, Darts, Quoits, Putting and Pin the Tail are list of games, with prizes to be won.

Chicken and Champagne are the refreshments with beer and wine also available.

\$1.00 for members and family

\$2.00 for non members and family.

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## NATMAP T-SHIRTS

Orders are now being taken for Natmap T-Shirts, so see P. Harrup with your order. They are good quality "Exaoto" shirts and good value at \$5.00.

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## TIPPO BO

To maintain interest in Tippo for the entire season an alteration has been made to the prizes. The weekly prize is \$10.00 for picking six winners, if nobody selects six winners, \$5.00 is paid to the person with the best winning selections whether it be 5 or 4 winners etc. The other \$5.00 then jackpots to the next week until someone selects six winners.

End of Year prize for the top tipster is \$50.00 with four other prizes for second, third and fourth best tipsters and a booby prize for the wooden spoon.

<u>Winners</u>	Round 1.	B. Osborne	5 winners
	2.	P. Wise	6 winners
	3.	W. Hutchinson	5 winners
	4.	D. Williams	6 winners
	5.	A. Scott	6 winners

## CURRENT POSITIONS

22. B. Osborne	A. Scott	G. McMaster	K. Sargeant
19. G. McRae	W. Stuchbery	I. Pasco	D. Young
I. Shiell	16. C. Carter	P. Quinn	MR. AVERAGE
P. Wise	A. Clarke	R. Thorn	13. A. Christie
T. Zentai	R. Hughes	J. Trask	L. Derkacz
18. M. Cowan	R. Lindell	14. A. Binnoore	D. Hooking
R. Menzies	M. Lloyd	E. Burke	J. Mardoch
K. Moody	W. Petschack	G. Burriess	B. Smith
J. Stanczewski	P. Ryan	D. Dzur	12. D. Goldsmith
D. Williams	A. J. Wright	P. Hall	11. L. Hill
17. H. Cowan	R. Young	K. Hayes	10. R. Irwin
D. Ferraiuolo	15. K. Crane	R. Hill	S. Pinwell
P. Johnson	A. Evans	R. Holland	
T. Larkin	A. Hatfield	R. Kearns	
T. Madson	G. Hawke	J. Madden	
		K. Oliver	



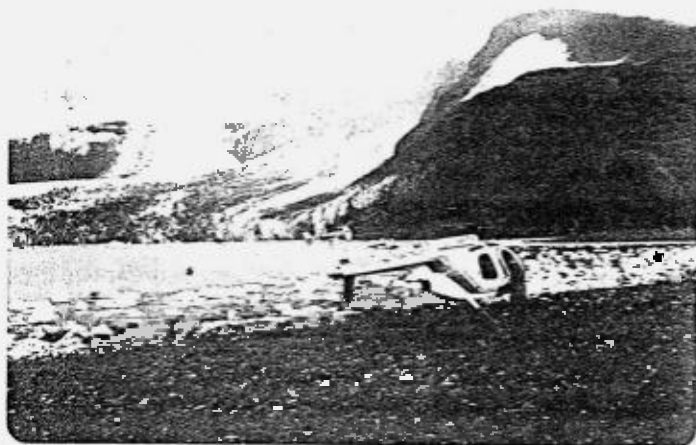
# HEARD ISLE. EXPO 80

National Mapping organised a six week expedition to Heard Island from 29 February to 8th April this year. The purpose of this voyage was primarily for the Bathymetric survey of the Heard - Kerguelen plateau and the accurate position fixing of the extremities of Heard and McDonald Islands to provide a sound baseline for future territorial negotiations with France to establish a median line between the French territory of Kerguelen and the officially recognised Australian territory of Heard and McDonald Island.



LAURENS PENINSULA FROM RED ISLAND TREE

A.N.A.R.E. established a base station on the North West end of the island in 1947 primarily as a stepping stone to Antarctica. After Mawson was established in 1954, the Heard Island base was abandoned one year later. In 1969 the U.S.G.S. occupied the island for over a year as part of the Pageos programme. For the 1980 expedition Matmap chartered the Cape Pillar with a minimal crew, and making room for 16 passengers. It was a combined program and work was carried out for a number of other interested government departments and authorities.



-HELICOPTER ON BEACH VICINITY COMPTON GLACIER

Heard Island is a volcanic island elongated in shape some 27 miles long by 13 miles wide. The highest mountain is the volcanic cone of Big Ben. 9005 ft high. The island has a permanent snow cap covering 80% of the whole island. The McDonald Island group are three islands some 30 miles North West of Heard Island, the largest being nearly 2 miles long and up to 700 ft high. They do not have a permanent snow cover.

Antarctic Division were offered four berths for scientific investigators and provided field clothing and equipment. A Hughes 500 helicopter was chartered for 50 hours, the composition of the expedition was;

C. Veenstra	Expedition Leader	
J. Manning	Surveyor C/2	Leader shore party
R. Streeter	Surveyor C/1	shore party
E. Graham	STO 1	shore party
B. Obst	Surveyor C/2	In charge Bathymetric Survey
M. Spellacy	STO 1	Bathymetric Survey
K. Brown	STO 1	Bathymetric Survey
J. Pittar	Technician	Bathymetric Survey
G. Johnston	Biologist	Leader A.N.A.R.E. group
I. Clarke	Geologist	shore party
J. Jenkins	Botanist	shore party
D. Williams	Marine Biologist	Head fisherman
L. Tilburry	BMR Bathymetric Survey	
R. Dulski	BMR Bathymetric Survey	

Overall the expedition was a great success, much Bathymetric sounding and Marine geophysical was carried out on the voyage to and from the island and specifically on the Heard - Kerguelen plateau. Some highlights from the shore party:

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| McDonald Island | - First ever recorded seaborne landing                                      |
|                 | - Reconnaissance Vertical photography of the islands (50mm lens Hasselblad) |
|                 | - Two JMR Fixes   |
|                 | - Small control network   |
|                 | - 80,000 to 100,000 Macaroni Penguins                                       |
|                 | - 58 kg of Antarctic Cod ( and varieties )                                  |
| Heard Island    | - Six JMR fixes   |
|                 | - Twelve tellurometer lines ( GA:1000 )                                     |
|                 | - Reconnaissance Vertical photography of the coastline                      |
|                 | - 5,000 fur seals   |
|                 | - A.N.A.R.E. base destroyed by wind and weather                             |
|                 | - Wreckage of Walrus aircraft recovered                                     |

A short visit was made to the French Base on Kerguelen to check out some minor medical problem during the return voyage.



- THAT Ian Graham didn't.....!!!
- THAT the fourth floor has a wealth of knowledge.
- THAT C.NoW thinks he can win Tippo.
- THAT R.W.M. should be.
- THAT Bob Goldy caught more mice than fish in Ceduna.
- THAT Alf is still smiling.
- THAT the Quady Kids aren't sweating as much now.
- THAT D.Bird does have blood.
- THAT on arriving at the dinner table with four chocolate icecream sundaes, to specifications, a Ceduna waitress asked. "Now, who's the one with no nuts ?" Nobody owned up.



RAND FINAL day, 1978 ... Jones  
and Jessaulenko hold aloft the  
Championship Cup. Now the two are  
worlds apart.

# crises

The Carlton hostages situation deteriorated today since more than 800 militant fans stormed and occupied the premises of the Carlton Football Club last week. The fans, armed with eskies full of beer, have taken 50 hostages, including Carlton captain Mike Fitzpatrick and coach Peter Jones. The militant fans have demanded that Alex Jessaulenko, now StKilda Captain Coach, be reinstated immediately.

Jessaulenko is reported to be convalescing after an operation on an infected ingrown toenail in a heavily guarded city hospital. Victorian authorities are reluctant to disclose his whereabouts for fear of possible kidnap attempts against him. However, President Hamer, known as "Tricky Dicky" is understood to be looking for other states to take Jezza upon his release from hospital.

President Hamer has ruled out the use of force to secure release of the hostages at this stage as any military action may endanger the hostages. The Ayatollah Malcolm Fraser has for his part virtually shelved any hopes that the hostages may be released in the near future by saying he will leave it to the new government. The new government is not due to be elected until December this year.

The crisis took a turn for the worse today when C.U.B. officials revealed that six Carlton members, including club president Ian Rice, who were drinking at the club bar at the time of the siege had hidden themselves in empty beer kegs in the back room. These kegs were collected by a C.U.B. delivery truck on a routine trip and the six were smuggled out unnoticed.

The militant fans are not amused and have vowed to "get even" with C.U.B. However, a C.U.C. spokesman said the company is not particularly worried. Meanwhile, jubilant Victorians are expressing their gratitude by displaying banners of "Thank you C.U.B." and consuming vast quantities of the product marketed by C.U.B.

All the same the hostages do not seem to be suffering badly. In a recent telephone interview, Peter Jones said they are being treated well and the fans even passed around their supply of grog occasionally. But Jones pleaded "Please get us out. We don't want to sit out the next footy season in here" Asked what do they miss most, Jones replied, "meat pies", and a voice in the background, thought to be that of Mike Fitzpatrick, was heard to shout "I've got to have a Four and Twenty Pie before the game", whereupon someone presumably one of the militant fans, said "Shut your gob" and the phone went dead abruptly.

The Carlton hostages crisis is not helped by the invasion of N.S.W. by Queensland either. In a lightning move, Joh Bjelke - Peterson has sent five divisions of armoured banana benders to bend the normally straight bananas of northern N.S.W. President Neville Wran has called upon his people to resist this blatant act of aggression to the last banana. Wran is believed to have approached Ayatollah Malcolm Fraser for help, but the Ayatollah has remained incredibly cool to Wran's representations. In fact it is thought the Ayatollah Malcolm Fraser may have authorised the use of the Federal Police to break up a demonstration outside the Queensland Tourist Bureau offices in Canberra recently.

World focus has also concentrated on the small republic of Birdsville which which has so far resisted any attempt to become a satellite country of Queensland. However, Birdsville's president is suffering from an extreme case of alcohol poisoning and Birdsvillians are tuned to radio broadcasts reporting on their president's health. Latest reports from Birdsville suggest that President Abu Rijinol is recovering and has made a speech from his hospital bed calling Birdsvillians to fight Queensland expansionism vigorously.

Meanwhile, President Hamer has used some of the strongest words to condemn Queensland hegemonism. In his latest outburst, Hamer has called for trade sanctions against Queensland as well as a boycott of the Kingaroy Peanut Festival planned for this year. Sir Charles Court has offered to stage an alternative peanut festival at Fitzroy Crossing W.A. Tasmania has responded to the call for trade sanctions by announcing it will not sell any more apples to Queensland, and South Australia has suspended a consignment of Barossa Pearl to Brisbane. And in other parts of the world, numerous gourmet restaurants and delicatessans are dumping tonnes of Kingaroy peanuts and Bjelke-Blue cheese as a sign of protest at Queensland's actions in N.S.W.

As of today, there is still no solution to how the Carlton hostages may be released, and Queensland banana benders are still exacting their toll of N.S.W. bananas. The United Nations Security Council is due to debate on these two crises next week, but one thing is certain: the world cannot afford to sit on the fence for very much longer, something must be done, and quickly.

**STOP PRESS** Jesaulenko left hospital early this morning under the cover of darkness and was whisked to St Kilda Football Club. St. Kilda president Lindsey Fox has said Jezza will not be returned to Carlton, but Fox denied reports that Jezza is under arrest. "Let's just say he will not be permitted to leave, but he can do what he pleases inside our domain".

**FLASH** Latest reports indicate that the militant footy fans may have given up their hostages, but authorities are treating this news with caution.

#### 1980 TECHNICAL ADVANCES

Recent developments in Photogrammetric model control acquisition by means of the Mini computerised airborne inertial navigation Camera System (NICANACS) has lessons for all cost conscious aviation experts. The accompanying photograph of the NICANACS System is classified information, not to be divulged to those Learjettes and Nomadites as this system will, when treasury runs amok, become standard Spot Photo equipment. A further plus for this system, is that it is loyal and friendly to the hand that feeds it. And during an emergency can be eaten.



Deutsches Museum, München

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#### FOR SALE

1/3 H.P. Automatic submersible pump.  
also New World Gas space heater  
see Rod Menzies.



# field notes



## SURVEY BRANCH.

The last Laser Survey (we know it's the last because the radiator has disappeared from the Nomad's roof) was carried out in the Maralinga area of South Australia during March 1980. It was a joint Army/Natmap exercise with the Army providing ground support; even marking the control points, an unaccustomed refinement, and Natmap providing the laser, aircraft and aircrew.

A brief outline of the survey, codenamed "Operation Desert Walk 80" has been written for the Departmental Staff Bulletin, watch for it.

Natmap personnel were Peter Prior, Bob Goldsworthy, Oscan Ertok, Roy Turner and Rod Mensies. The Army fielded a small team led by Sergeant Doug Winterflood and Corporal John Phillips from the 4th Field Survey Squadron, Keswick S.A.

The Army were based at Maralinga and Natmap at Ceduna. Everyone co-operated well particularly when the Army called at Ceduna on their way home.

Equipment problems caused a few worries early in the job but these worries had their lighter moments. One morning, as all were assembled in one room at the motel discussing the latest equipment failure and having a little sustenance, a cleaning lady came along to change the beds, said she as she knocked on the door, "Do you mind if I come in and strip?" The day seemed instantly brighter.

Another interesting diversion was the night search for a lugger, reported sinking off Ceduna. Roy Turner has written an account elsewhere, but did he mention that the chinese dinner he lost was calculated at costing him \$1.03 per hour for the time it was in his possession.

The last laser operation came to an end at Moorabbin Airport on 1st April 1980!

Survey Branch will now concentrate on Map Accuracy and Photography although the office part of Laser will continue for some time.

## COMPILATION BRANCH.

### Group 2.

#### (1) Preparation

For Project Team 3 it's been all systems go for quite a while with the preparation of the Beltranda area. The task is well in hand and all inspection material is expected to be available before the allocated field time.

Terry Larkin has most of his Project Team 4 busily preparing for Deniliquin. There have been a few unfortunate hold ups, but the later commencement date for the field inspection could enable the team to have material complete on time.

Dave Dzur has been preparing for his coming northern sojourn.

#### (2) Field

On Thursday morning, 1st May, Dave Dzur flies out in the Nomad as PT4's representative for the inspection and photography of their areas Bauhinia Downs & Walhallow as well as Urundangi & Illogwa Creek for Geoff Hutch's PT1.

FIELD NOTES CONTINUED.

At present, Carl McMaster is collecting a wealth of material from local and state authorities in the Rockhampton (PT3) and Charters Towers(PT4) areas.

Give or take about one week, the Deniliquin and Balranald jobs will run right through June. Staff will include Messrs Crane, Irwin, Shiell, James, Goldsmith, Pickering and Hattfield. Pilot and plane will be the inimitable Harry Baker and the ever reliable CAS.

Group 1.

On Thursday 1 May the highly esteemed Map Completion Show takes off in the Nomad for Alice Springs (not Toddy's Cabins again!), Tennant Creek and Mt. Isa.

Busily packing for the warm weather are Ian Hall, Jock Head, Dave Dzur and John Murdoch. They will be joined later by Peter Quinn who is on a pre-suntan, suntan expedition in Queensland.

As a sideline they will inspect Illogwa Creek, Bauhinia Downs, Wallhallow and Urundangi 1:250 000 areas. They are taking an RC9 along, so any necessary photography will be obtained during their time out, which is expected to be about 5 weeks duration.

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These three eminent gentlemen  
from Nunawading City Council  
led by the Mayor Cr. John  
Madden are inspecting.....  
What??  
Answer next issue.



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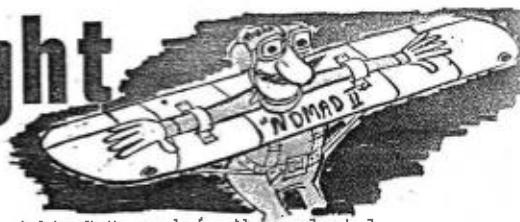
Passing of hairy old Natmapper.

Last November at Great Barrier Island, New Zealand, Sam the Black Dog died at the age of 17 years. Veteran Aerodist types will remember him as Kevin Burke's very lively and amusing shadow on many Queensland jobs.

FOR SALE - \$1700

IMMACULATE HONDA GL1000  
ANY ENQUIRIES TO BOB SMITH

# nomad night flight



There we were, after a particularly heavy nights P.M. work (sadly neglected in recent times) minding our own business, deep in the land of nod, when a terrible noise assailed the senses. Some - bleep - was pounding on the door. Not again ! This is a normal hazard of motel living, only the previous night a fair dinkum husband and wife ding dong which lasted from 11.00 PM to 1.00 AM had us worried that we might be called as witnesses for the prosecution. Anyway the standard practice for dealing with these sort of disturbances is to lay still and hope it will go away. It didn't. "Hello, hello !" "Bleep off ! you drunken bleep bleep", I think. Finally Rod, fresh from his World War 2 nightmare of being chased by a Japanese soldier, opens the door. It's 1.00AM.

The man wants us to go and look for a sinking lugger in the Bight. He's serious ! Everyone throws on some gear has two cups of black coffee and waits for their bodies to arrive. Peter has a hot shower for ten minutes but it doesn't do much good at that unGodly hour.

Out at the airport it's a - bleep - tearer of a night, blowing like 40 - bleep bleeps -, scant information is available. It seems this lugger is out there, no life raft, no charts, doesn't know his position, almost out of flares and sinking but otherwise O.K. Anyway we are given a set of bearings and told to fly the search pattern at 2,000 feet.

The whole thing was rather unreal. Staring out of a bucking plane into a black void you soon become disorientated. After a while we struck cloud and started to see lights everywhere. Stars of course - we hoped. Have you ever looked down a drift sight in turbulence ? or a glass bottom bucket in two foot waves ? I gave everyone the good news about the chinese spars rib from the night before. It's not easy. Still we stared out between the cloud and the white caps - their need was greater than ours.

Then Rod spotted a light, at last a piece of the action, as we came close we started flashing our torch and landing lights. Yes, they were answering ! What a stroke of luck we were there. Completely surrounded by water it was and we were just in time ..... to stop a lighthouse floating out to sea. The local fishermen will be pleased about this.

We had just sorted that one out when the search was called off. The lugger had heard us  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour before and our position was then passed on to a tug from Thevenard which found it. Thankfully we headed back to Ceduna and the cot.

SEQUEL:- The story that we'd served some purpose came from Adelaide's Sunday Mail. However, six days later I ran into the skipper of the Centurion who said he'd heard no aircraft and the whole thing was a jumble of misinformation. He could see the glow of Ceduna and a flashing lighthouse. (On the same sequence as our lighthouse). The tug was already at sea because of a fisherman stuck on a sandbar and it was the fisherman who saw the distress flare. Left him there with a tow rope in hand they did.

The moral of this tale is, although the search may be co-ordinated nationally - via Adelaide in this case - an awful lot of information gets lost or misinterpreted on the way. Find out all you can locally first before spearing off into the never never.

R.T.

EDITORS NOTE:- It helps when you are in trouble to know where you are and the best way to find out where you are is to have a MAP.

MOVE TO CANBERRA.

This historic notice came to the editors attention recently and may be of interest.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS  
"INTERIOR" - CANBERRA

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

AFH/IB

National Mapping Office,  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

10th March, 1954

Chief Topographic Surveyor,  
MELBOURNE, S.2.

Proposed Transfer to Canberra

From information available it appears that the transfer of the Melbourne Office to Canberra will take place in the latter half of 1955.

2. Hereunder are particulars of a house in O'Connor which will be vacated within 2 to 3 months as the occupant will be transferred to Melbourne. This house can be exchanged with one in Melbourne.

3. Details: 3 B.R., D.R., L.R., 14 square weatherboard house, large verandah, electric stove, electric sink and bath heaters, concrete paths, established garden.

Rent: 37/6d. per week.

Conditions: Purchase of timber frame, fibro sides, tiled roof garage for £40 to £50.

Note: The house is let by Department of Interior and occupant can purchase through W.S.H. or Department of Interior; either Department will loan £2000.

4. The occupant of Canberra house is interested in purchase of a home in Melbourne through War Service Homes. He is also interested in renting such house for say 6 months until appropriate arrangements for purchase of the house could be made.

5. Would you please bring the contents of this letter to the notice of all members of the Melbourne Office.

*B. P. Lambert*  
(B. P. LAMBERT)  
Director of National Mapping.



# GAMES

# NITE

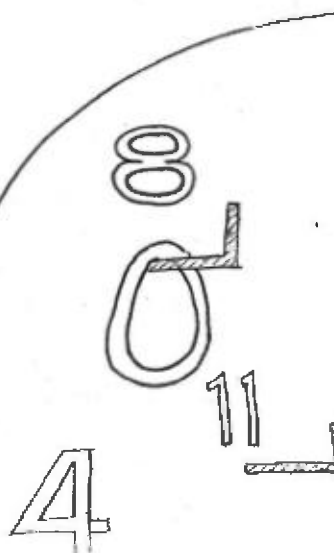
ALL WELCOME



# MAY 2

MEMBERS \$1.00  
NON-MEMBERS \$2.00

## CHICKEN & CHAMPAGNE



# Wear a Smile



RON BARASSI

last week appealed to Australians to be "more pleasant and wear a smile".

Mr Barassi made his appeal during a lecture on motivation to staff of Eastland shopping centre.

Ron said: "I'm Australian and proud of it, but one of my main concerns is people's attitude to their country. In another 30 or 40 years we will be a third or fourth rate country unless we improve.

"By improve I don't mean get wealthier in money, but wealthier in attitudes and mental health".

Barassi appealed:

"Let's set goals not only for work, but for

our social life, our health and recreation and note the steps we plan to take and what it will cost us".

He said that four years ago Australia was one of the most unfit countries in the world.

"We were taking far too many pills and there was a lot of negativity," he said. "Stop knocking. If we can't say something that's true let's not say it."

He added: "If we do not have motivation we will sit and nothing will happen. Be consistent self-starters and don't rely on others.

"Rely on someone else and you will lose. One day there will be a price to pay".

# Social Club

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## TROTS NIGHT - MOONEE VALLEY

This is the next function on the calendar and promises to be a great night out. We were able to secure only 40 tickets in the Owner and Trainers Room, so book early with P. Harrup or myself to avoid missing out.

WHEN? - Saturday 9 August.

## FRIDAY FUNCTION - 25 JULY

An additional Friday night function is planned for this date with drinks and a few nibbles. Members free, non members \$1-00 and cheap drinks. Come along for a chat.

## BREAKER MORANT

This film is now showing at Knox City. I have booked 40 seats at \$3-00 each for Friday 2 August, so book now - first in best dressed.

## NATMAP TIES

A minimum order for ties, at a reasonable price, is 100. This appears to be beyond our capacity as tie wearers, however, if I receive enough queries following this notice the matter will be considered.

## SOCIAL CLUB CATERING

Last month we accepted a request to cater for a regional POA meeting. The committee organised a casserole tea, with drinks and the response from the POA members indicated a most successful night. From our point of view, it was a profitable exercise and well worth the effort. My thanks to those who supplied the casseroles with special thanks to Tricia who coped famously when the fuses blew.

## EWITA

Due to very heavy bookings, the earliest I could get tickets for a Friday night was 19 December. There was a good response to the notice and as a consequence it is booked out. I will see the people concerned as the day approaches for the moonah.

## REPORT ON DINNER AT THE BARREL

Nat Map "In the Barrel"

"Barrel (n) Cylindrical wooden vessel of hooped staves usually bulging out at the middle.

On Friday 4th last the Eltham Barrel was really bulging in the middle with so many people that about 50 Natmappers were literally only "a drop in the barrel".

However the food was good and "a plenty", the music traditional and the beer CUB. The band in their short shorts and waitresses in their short skirts provided eyepleasing variations for all.

Dave Henda and Alf were there looking fit and well and pass their regards.

All appeared to enjoy themselves not daunted by the long drive home. The sports-minded were able to enjoy refreshments and tennis at the Laurences before continuing homeward.

Congratulations to the Social Club on another entertaining occasion.

P.J.W.

# The Lost Explorer

"The Mystery of Ludwig Leichhardt"

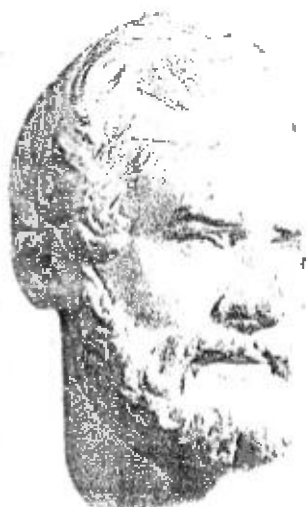
by Gordon Connell (Melbourne University Press 1980)

Most histories of Australia mention the explorations of Ludwig Leichhardt vary briefly, even so, most of the short references cover his disappearance in 1848, and note that his unknown fate is the most mysterious aspect of land exploration in this country.

This little book is an attempt to solve the mystery; indeed the author writes that "I believe that in this book the mystery of the fate of Leichhardt is solved beyond question". Certainly that is a bold claim to make, and the present writer believes that the claim to solve the mystery is only a qualified success.

Most of the book deals with Leichhardt's last expedition, and the efforts made by various governments and private individuals to find traces of that expedition. There is a brief biography of Leichhardt, with reference also to his earlier expeditions.

It is generally recognized that after departing the Darling Downs in April 1848, Leichhardt and his party reached the Barcoo about 100 miles east of the South Australian border. The generally cited evidence is blazed "L" trees which were later found in the region. What happened to the expedition thereafter is not clear. The author's contention is that Leichhardt "back tracked" to the north-east, thence he proceeded through the north-west portions of Queensland into the Northern Territory as far as Eley Creek in the Larrimah vicinity, and then turned south as far as the MacDonnell Ranges east of Alice Springs. From this region he headed back towards Queensland skirting the Simpson Desert. He and his companions were murdered at Wantata Waterhole on the Diamantina River about seventy miles upstream from Birdsville.



Leichhardt's last journey

L—the tree marked 'L' by Leichhardt. The names are of those who saw traces (Moncrieff saw L trees on the Georgina).

The author cites various scraps of evidence observed by later explorers, and feels that, when the evidence is taken cumulatively, his case is a strong one. The evidence and logic is presented in such a way that one's first impression is that the case is irrefutable. I cannot help but feel, however, that at times Mr Connell has subtly made the evidence read what he wants it to read. For an expedition whose stated objective was to reach Perth, the route taken appears to be an extraordinarily roundabout one. The conclusion he draws - that Leichhardt and his companions were murdered by Aboriginal may well be correct, even if his chain of reasoning leading to this conclusion is suspect.

One of the chief virtues of the book is the light it throws on the explorations of A.C. Gregory, whose journeys are generally neglected by the writers of history books. Here is a picture of a fine explorer and

observer who traversed several thousand miles of unknown country, much of it arid, without encountering much trouble.

The book is generally well illustrated, with some interesting photographs and diagrams, although the maps leave something to be desired in clarity of presentation. Certainly the book is well written in brief, non-technical english. Even if this reader felt that his claim to have solved the mystery of Leichhardt's disappearance is overstated, the book remains an interesting introduction to an explorer whose work is far too little known today.

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LEICHHARDT

A MODERN DAY





## The rolling roads of NSW

SIR, The majority of NSW roads appear to have been surveyed and mapped out by a drunk, whose rolling gait preferred a detour to a direct road.

Even the shortest trip on many roads can be a tiring experience. Sharp bends which require constant braking and gear changing can tax the strength of any driver, who must also keep a sharp eye out for potholes and make allowances for the loss of concentration by others. The risk of a serious accident adds to the hazards.



The NRMA has pointed out that a sharp injection of Federal Government funds will do much to relieve our flagging roads. In the interests of safety alone, the campaign deserves the support of every motorist in NSW.

M. D'ARCY,  
Stanley Street,  
St Ives.

March 11

- That speed mods to CAS have been so successful that recently a certain Party Leader had to ask the Pilot to slow down.
- That the desk Calender saying for 4 December 1980 might have some significance.
- That in the interests of clarity of the written word we quote the following memo "Rod,  
One, the other, both or neither of these may be yours, mine, Ian Halle, or, perhaps someone else (maybe).  
On the other hand, none of the above may be true'.  
Any ideas??                      Drew".
- That a tall thin surveyor and a short loud T.O. were geographically embarrassed enroute to a ground inspection area.
- That Gringo's lunchtime wanderings have come to a sudden stop.
- That Alma will be applying National Wage Case decisions to tee prices.
- That following the introduction of coloured screens on each floor staff will now be issued with matching T-shirts
- Rank insignias on the sleeve will be optional.
- That for Peter James' benefit Confucius say - "He who puts finger where finger shouldn't be is likely to have finger injured".
- That life in Deniliquin is all froth and "Bubbles".
- That Jack knows how to rearrange uncomfortable motel beds.
- That I.R.H. likes hairy barmaids.
- That surveyors don't like snoring T.O.'s.
- That following recent spot photo marking exercises, Surveys Branch have decided not to send "office" types out on their own - Two out of three is not good enough Tubbs.

## PIANO & THEORY LESSONS

For advanced or beginners  
See Diana on First floor  
Ext. 217

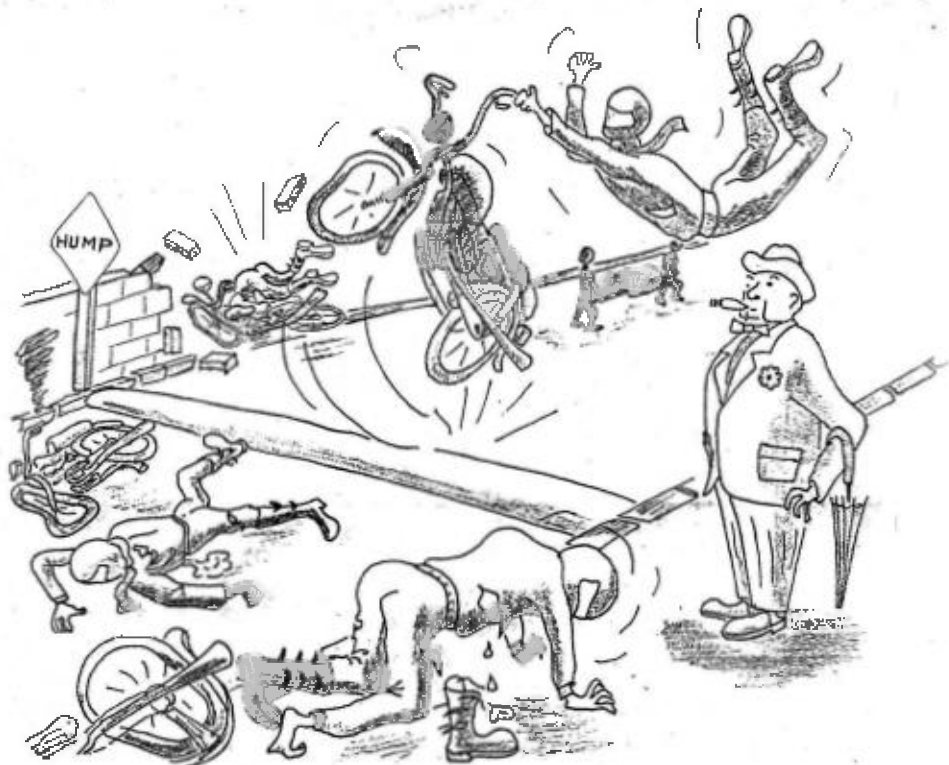
I would like to thank everyone for buying snowballs in aid of Foothills Hockey Club

..Julie

# SPEED HUMPS

Local councils, concerned with the quality of life in residential streets, have for years sought means by which they can restrict through traffic in these areas. One way streets, roundabouts and street closures are some of the techniques used.

Many will know of speed humps. You may have experienced them at drive-in-theatres, car parks, shopping centres and recreation reserves. They take the form of a narrow strip of the road surface raised enough to cause you to cross them slowly. The consequence of not doing so is potential damage to the vehicle.



Mayor of Hawthorn, at meeting of interested parties 12th Jan '80.

Quote "Does anyone other than the motorcyclists wish to say something"

ARRB internal report AIR 339-2 pp5.

The Australian Road Research Board has undertaken to gather experience of humps in other countries, and to conduct their own experiments to ascertain the value of humps to their projected use. They have only recently commenced publishing the results of their findings. From their research they have devised a hump measuring 3700 x 100 mm (Watts Profile, Jarvis, 1980). These humps, and variations of them have been installed at Hawthorn and Coric to test under actual traffic conditions.

Through my involvement with the Motorcycle Riders Association (MRA) I have participated in the Association's activities surrounding the installation of speed humps. The MRA are against the installation of humps as a means of controlling through traffic. We believe that all the testing and research done has been measured under ideal controlled conditions, separated from real life on the road situations. There are better ways to achieve the same objective.

The MRA held a successful protest day gathering opinions at Hawthorn Grove on 11th May. Then on the 6 July we joined with ARRB to conduct further off-road testing. The purpose was two fold. Firstly to test motorcycles not previously used such as sidecars and custom (chopper style) bikes. Secondly to see first hand the testing methods used. The test results will eventually be published by ARRB. Preliminary observations indicate that the results will agree with tests done previously.

The test procedure did confirm our belief that in general adverse situations related to speed humps are not able to be simulated due to the difficulty in creating a test model to work from. There is a noticeable absence of test people prepared to risk dropping a motorcycle on a wet, painted speed hump to test emergency braking in adverse weather.

There are still many problems to be solved. ARRB can only recommend a certain design. They cannot enforce their conclusions. In Hawthorn Grove, traffic speed between the humps has dropped from 72 kph to 69 kph. Volumes are less, but the surrounding streets have absorbed the change in volume to their detriment. There is a parliamentary inquiry currently being conducted into the legality of speed humps, plantation boxes and other road hazards. The Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service, Police, Transport Unions and Authorities are all against the introduction of speed humps.

It is worth considering the potential proliferation of speed humps. Look around your own area at the placing and shapes of roundabouts, the sometimes unusual placing of traffic lights, and their actual timing in relation to traffic needs. You too could have a speed hump to cope with some day.

E.N.O.







# field notes



## SURVEY BRANCH

With the Laserjet's May photography now well behind us, planning for the coming Spring offensive is well advanced.

Laser reductions for the Army's "Operation Desert Walk 80" are progressing along with other areas flown last year.

However the main thrust of late has been field work for the Analytical Adjustment of the Melbourne Sheet. Tom Zentel (our expert analyticalist), Necmi Tosun and Rod Wenzles spent three days in the area around Gisborne, connecting trigs to R.R.P.s. More recently nearly everyone on the third floor was engaged in marking and photographing other trigs. Everything is now in readiness for the adjustment, and eyes are starting to turn towards Warburton.

Map accuracy survey methods have been discussed at length and will hopefully soon be put into practice.

Reports seem to indicate that D.J.B. will soon be back and everyone will be pleased to see the "Boss" again. However don't worry Bob, work effort and morale, under our acting boss John Manning, have been kept at a very high level.

## COMPILATION BRANCH

### Group II

#### Pt. 4

The Deniliquin inspection staff comprised of Kev Crane, Dave Goldie, Dave Pickering and Andrew Hatfield.

Work flowed along smoothly except for a few problems with fog and a Landrover which was somewhat temperamental.

#### Pt. 3

Balranald's team was made up of Bob Irwin, Ian Shiell and Peter James with initial support being given by Kev Crane.

Weather problems thwarted the smooth functioning of aerial inspection and delayed the completion of the job by four or five days.

Harry Baker and CAS. provided aerial support most capably in both Deniliquin and Balranald.

### Group I

#### Teams 1 & 2

The map completion party of Hall, Quinn, Dzur, Murdoch and Head arrived back at Moorabbin on 12 June six weeks to the day after commencement of their trip. The party inspected three 1:250 000 sheets in the Northern Territory and one in Queensland.

Reg Wainmore, Peter Johnson and Peter Prior are currently at Charleville having obtained supplementary photography coverage of Surat. They are continuing with photography of Augathella, Charleville and Quilpis sheets.

A field inspection trip to the Mackay, Proserpine, Heron Island and Percy Isles 250 000 area will be undertaken in mid August for approx. 4 weeks duration. The team will be Khoo, Biddle, Pilon, Gould and Hall?

# V.R.O. NEWS

## RATBAGS:



A disastrous run of luck. Even an extraordinary mid season meeting held at The Albion on Friday 20 June with all members present has so far not arrested our slump in Round 2. Our treasurer, who shall remain nameless is unable to furnish a Treasurer's Report, but on dead reckoning, we should have \$263 in the kick. A point to note - one of the main purposes of the meeting was to discuss Louie Lindells catastrophic run on the gee gess, but since his turn to bet, Messrs Carter and Holland have also turned up a nil profit result!

## TIPPO

..... is bowling along OK and maintains it's usual high level of interest despite club loyalties being torn apart each week by "cattle auction" type sales of players, financial wheeling and dealing, and over commercialism creeping into the game. A word of praise to the convenors of "Tippo" in Dave Goldsmith, Peter Harrup and their helpers, who with the minimum of fuss each Friday and Monday deal with the tedious task of checking winners, points, posting details, etc. Pat Ryan is the leading VRO contender in "Tippo".



## WORLD NEWS

We've has one letter from "The Mexican", Geoff Dunn who sent his regards to V.R.O. and Natmappers. Geoff wrote of the initial shock at the "pretty grotty" living conditions of the Indonesians, but said they were all used to it now. The Dunks moved into their house after the first month in a guest house at Bandung and graphic descriptions like "twice as big as our Frankston house"; "two indoor gardens"; (and the topper) "marble on all floors - even the garage!", really had us all drooling with envy.



Indonesian farmers

"Now for the real good news" wrote Geoff. "Box of 24 stubbies (local beer) is A\$6-30, and it is as good, or very nearly, as Fosters". Good to see Mr Dunn has still got his priorities right. Geoff went on to describe the free and easy life style, the idyllic climate (Grr!), the great sporting life; and we sent off a letter on 20 June to which we eagerly await a reply from Bandung.



Javanese farmers

Haven't heard too much of other ex V.R.O.'ers although DVD keeps in touch on the blower. Had a most enjoyable Sunday recently at Chris and Colin Stubb's nice house at Strathmore Heights. Not-so old timers will remember Chris in Jan Trask's job back in Bourke Street.

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## STOP PRESS:

\*\*\*\*\* Not from the mail box is "The Mexican's" latest epistle which opens in this way:

"I'm sitting here, 7.30 pm, 28°C in a pair of shorts, and devouring a stubby. Great idea, having an extra 10 cubic ft beer fridge. Have heard a few Melbourne weather reports lately. Sounds great down there. How many jumpers have you been wearing Hughaz? I lost a fair bit of skin last week - "Sunburn" Whoops, sorry about that. Well enough stirring."

Shocking isn't it. Oh well, good luck to the lad.  
(NB: copy of this letter available to read in V.R.O.)



"THE MEXICAN"

# TIPPO AT ROUND 15

B. MADDEN )  
I. SHIELL ) 63  
T. ZENTAI )

C. HAWKE )  
R. MENZIES ) 61  
K. MOODY )

W. HUTCHINSON )  
A. SCOTT ) 60  
W. STUCHBERY )

A. HATFIELD )  
T. LARKIN )  
G. McRAE ) 59  
A. MASON )  
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K. HAYES 58

D. FERRAIUGLO )  
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B. OSBORNE )

L. KERKACZ )  
P. JOHNSON ) 56  
P. WISE )

G. BURRISS )  
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A. EVANS ) 55  
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J. MURDOCH )  
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S. PINWELL )  
K. SARGEANT )

D. GOLDSMITH )  
R. HILL ) 50  
B. SMITH )

A. BINMORE )  
J. TRASK ) 48  
A. WRIGHT )

W. PETSCHACK - 47

E. BURKE ) 46  
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B. IRWIN - 44

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## "COMINGS 'N GOINGS"

Since our last "Com. ings 'N Goings" published in the February Edition of "Natmap News" it is nice to record the arrivals once again out doing the departures.

Peter Hanford	Commenced 30 June, with Topographic Compilation Branch.
Murray Evans	" " " " " " " "
Judy Rodriguez	" 14 July with Technical Support Group.
Alison Shadforth	" 8 April, with Management Services Branch (V.R.C.)
Alan Chaikin	Retired C.O.B. 26 May.
Martin Kros	Resigned C.O.B. 11 April.

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The Motorcycle Riders Association is sponsoring an entrant, Jerlinda McGuire, in the Miss Victoria Quest. As part of their sponsorship they have organised a Ball at the Camberwell Civic Centre on Saturday 9th August.

Tickets are \$15.00 each, including a three course meal and entertainment. Proceeds go to the Spastic Society. For anyone interested, Blyth

FILM NIGHT

AUSTRALIAS ENTRY TO CANNES

\* **BREAKER MORANT** \*

now showing @ KNOX CITY

40 tickets booked for:

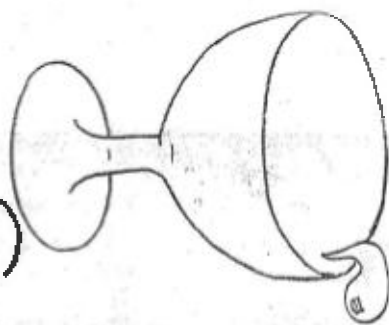
AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup> (friday)

Pick up tickets now from  
P. Harrup

Members \$3.00

Non Members \$3.50

# HAPPY HOUR (or 2)



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July

4:30 ~ 6:30<sub>pm.</sub>



Cheap Drinks !



Nibbles, but NO MEAL

Raffle



Members - FREE

Non - " - \$1

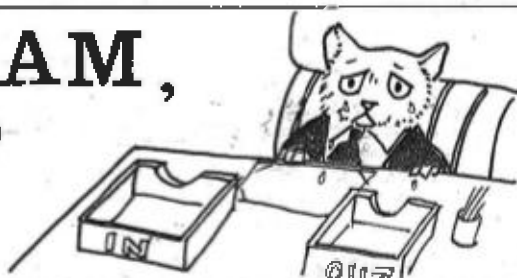


7<sup>th</sup> Floor - Ellery House.

19 SEPTEMBER 1960

NO. 35

# "HERE I AM, DEVELOP ME!"



This attitude apparently adopted by some, thus removes any responsibility from them, to further their own development.

I will not attempt to draw the line between where one should be developing him/herself or where the office has the responsibility, but I am endeavouring to make you think about your own development, or lack of it.

There are a number of ways to further your own development. The obvious one is further education and development courses. Playing a role in an organisation e.g., Institute of Cartographers etc or perhaps other socially oriented institutions, reading appropriate material on such subjects, and social activities are others.

These other forms of development then allows for the individuals tastes and preferences rather than being "locked-in" to fixed system, and allows you to develop as a whole rather than just developing the technical or professional side to enable you to do the job better.

I guess to most of us, how we are seen to do the job is an important factor, but a further factor is how are we as people-after all, we "work to live" not "live to work", and to be an expert at the job, and a failure as a human being, is not the highest achievement.

So think it over, you may be doing yourself a favour.



P.J.W.

As p.J.W. not as P. &amp; S.O.

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# social club

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## SOCIAL CLUB NOTES

### TROTS NIGHT - MOONEE VALLEY

Thirty-nine Natmappers and friends had a great night at the trots on the 9 August. Most went by bus and all agreed that was the way to go - in style. The Pinfeathers had to go by car even though they were the first at the bus stop - Harry forgot the tickets! The facilities were quite good although the bookies were too far away for the real punter. Food and drinks were plentiful and a good view of the finish from the lawn outside was most attractive. In summer it would be a most pleasant evening, so we will attempt to get a booking in the New Year.

### BREAKER MORANT

The theatre in the Knox centre hosted this film which thirty-eight of us attended. It was an excellent film although the portrayal of the characters as scapegoat heroes was rather misleading. They certainly got a rough deal at the trial, but their defence of "simply following orders" wears a bit thin these days. After all wasn't that the excuse given at Nuremberg?

The Knox venue is very good so we will keep our eye open for further features.

### FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

This is the second Friday night event produced solely by a Function Committee formed for that particular event. It promises to be a top night with plenty of variety. Make sure you bring the family to this one. See the notices already displayed for details.

The extra Friday function which was held on July 25 was a success. It was a quiet night and was well patronised by members.

### MICE & SPICE NIGHT

This is the last function before the annual Dinner Dance and is always a great night out. It's not too early to get those mice in condition and I've heard that Ed Burke has been training a replacement for the famous "Tippen" (RIP) and is going to be hard to beat. "Board Odds" Pinfeather will be there to take your dough, so come along and give him a fright.

When - OCTOBER 31



# "COMINGS 'N GOINGS"

Since our last newsletter we have had a few goings but happily this has been balanced by some new arrivals.

## GOINGS

D. Macaw - retired 1/8/80  
J. Murdoch - resigned 11/9/80  
A. Shadforth - Defence 22/8/80  
J. Madden - To contest for  
seat in the Federal  
elections.

## COMINGS

Debra Kennedy (VRO)  
Leonie Johnson (VRO)  
Geoff Wenborn (VRO)  
Glen Moulton (NM)  
Errol Fletcher (NM)  
Lindsay Clark (NM)

## TABLE TENNIS

1980 singles championship was won by Mr Carter. He defeated Mr Ertok 3 games to nil (Best of 5).

## ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The date to circle in your diary for the social event of the year is NOVEMBER the 28th. The social committee has engaged the services of former Melbourne Footballer Bob Johnson and pianist Barry Chambers who are the driving forces behind, "The Two B's Beef on the Spit".

It has been said that these bonzer blokes turn on the best high-falutin feed of beef in town. The Two B's present guests with a pot-pourri of table delights - sizzling gourmet sausages, sumptuous salads and succulent meats all prepared with tender loving care.

Music on this Festive occasion will be provided by a five piece band who perform under the name of "DELTA".

The cost to members has yet to be finalized but a very attractive price is anticipated.

## DOUBLES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

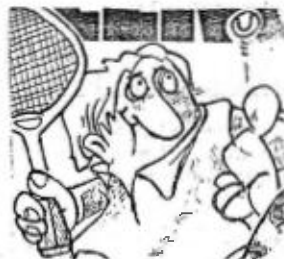
The 1st annual NMDTC is shortly to commence with 42 starters. The 21 teams have been drawn at random. SEE NOTICE BOARDS FOR DRAW.

Features of the Tournament are:

1. All teams to play at least 2 matches under the double elimination system.
2. \$1.00 entry fee to cover cost of balls and a prize.
3. \$1.00 per head, per game, for the use of the court.
4. All court bookings will be made via Craig Hawke.
5. First to 8 games one set match - no advantage.
6. Semi-finals and grand-final best of 3 regular sets.
7. Results and scoreboard will be on the 7th Floor.

Any ideas or complaints, please see Roland.

Good LUCK to one and all.





# HAMBURG '80

THE CONGRESS was held in the Congress Centre, a large modern building specifically designed and equipped for such events. It has two large auditoriums each seating over two thousand people and a number of smaller halls. A reception area included facilities for hotel and airline reservations, a post office, bank, souvenirs and an area for the purchase and despatch of congress papers.

Translation facilities were available in English, German and French through small, hand held radio receivers.

A wide variety of papers was presented most very good and a few decidedly poor. Most speakers tended to exceed their time allocation and as a consequence, discussion from the floor was very limited.

As a number of papers were presented simultaneously participants had to work out their priorities as best they could.

All papers, both presented and invited have been published in the International Photogrammetry Archives and copies will be available shortly for interested staff to read.

THE EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION was located across a park a few minutes walk from the Congress Centre in three large halls. One floor of the first hall was devoted to displays by ISP member organizations, universities etc and to providing facilities for poster sessions.

There was a very comprehensive display of photogrammetric and related equipments and good opportunities for technical discussions with well informed manufacturers representatives.

A large number of brochures were collected and, again will be available shortly for perusal by interested staff.

## VISITS TO INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURERS

The opportunity was taken to visit the 'Jenoptik' firm in Jena, East Germany and 'Wild' at Heerbrugg, Switzerland.

In both cases, as well as inspecting their factories, quite lengthy talks were held with technical staff. They seemed to value the opportunities to listen to the customers point of view and were concerned that their products met the market requirements.

PLANTEN UND BLUMEN  
ALTER  
BOTANISCHER GARTEN  
KLEINE WALLANLAGEN  
GROSSE WALLANLAGEN



## Wallringpark

der Freien und Hansestadt Hamburg

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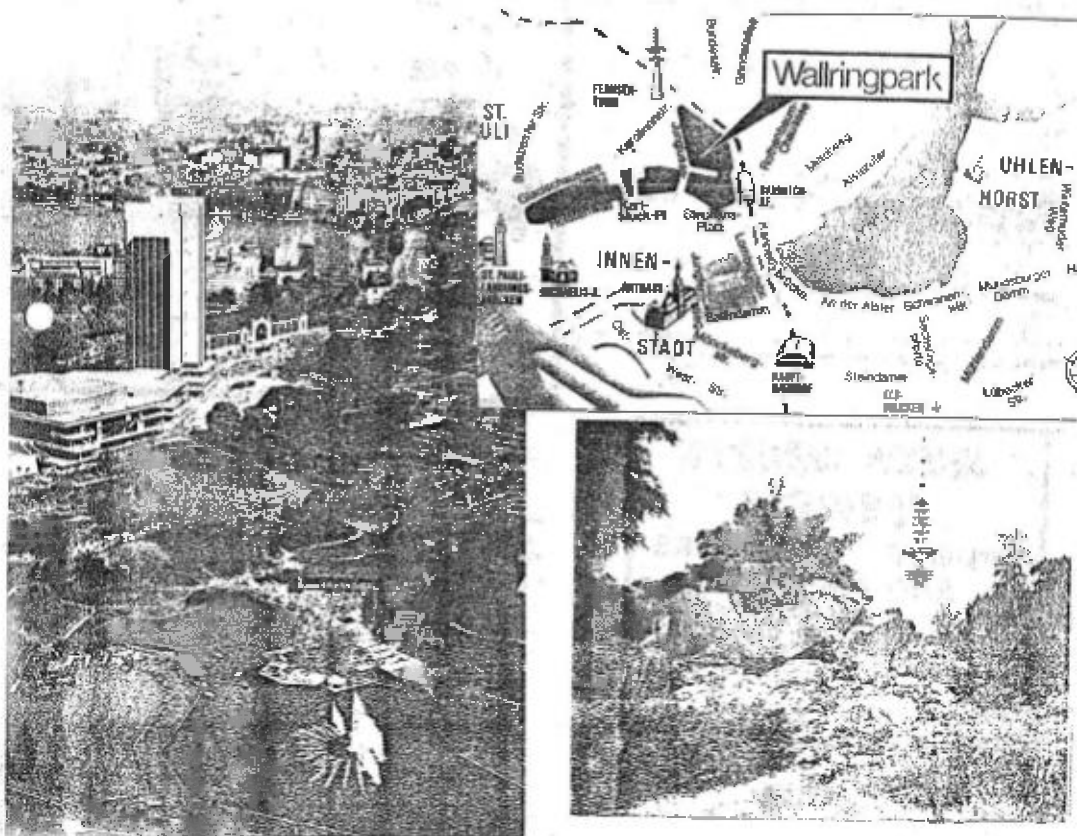
This was organized by the ITC so that new aspects and trends in photogrammetry evident at the Hamburg Congress could be reviewed. The ITC staff prepared discussion papers on five topics and these formed the basis for the seminar sessions. There was lively and informed discussion as the participants were there by specific invitation and the standard of their contribution was high.

TALKS TO STAFF

I will be giving a talk to the Dandenong staff as soon as the material which was surface-mailed from Hamburg arrives.

There will be a few slides to see and an opportunity to ask and answer questions.

It is likely that Mr Hocking will be back by then and he also will talk about Hamburg as well as about the Cartographic Conference at Tokyo.



Natmap Championship -

Lang Lang G.C.  
 Thursday 18 September 1980

An excellent day is assumed and all are welcome.

Commonwealth Golf Day

A team of seven is to be selected shortly to represent the Department in this annual event, at Amstel G.C. on Tuesday 7 October.

The selectors will be using scores from the Natmap c/ship, practice sessions and any other relevant scores as the basis for selection. So all golfers have plenty of opportunities to force their way in the squad.

Practice Sessions

- \* Beaconhills - Wednesday  
 1.00 pm. See Mr Irwin for details.
- \* Amstel - Compulsory for team members and reserves -  
 Tuesday 30 September  
 1.00 pm.

Heard at the "19th" . . . .

That "Eagle Irwin" always takes a spare pair of socks with him - in case he gets a 'hole in one'.

That the Selby Kid only gave the game up three times last month.

That the handicapper has caught up with the current Natmap Champion.



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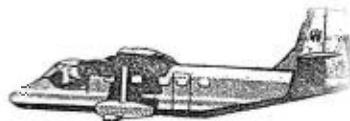
GIRL CLASSIFICATIONS

That grown man in executive positions can refer to their women work mates as 'my girl', 'your girl', or 'girl Friday', is as blatant an example of discrimination as the racist attitude of a white European man who refers to a fully grown man as 'boy'.

Anon



# field notes



## COMPILATION BRANCH

### GROUP 1 - FIELD NEWS

The long awaited trip to Mackay is over. Prayers for a few days of bad weather went unanswered and four 1:250 000 areas were inspected in two and a half weeks. Ian Hall, Milton Eiddle, Julie Gould and Dineke Pilon are back in Melbourne and Khoo, Jock Head and Paul Rodriguez have flown in DNM across to Charleville.

The office contingent of Group 1 has been further reduced from 8 September when another field party left for Mt Isa in Queensland. The team is P. Quinn, I. Pasco, N. Oliver, E. Kearns and H. Baker. Reg has driven one of our own Landrovers from Dandenong to Mt Isa, Peter and Norm flew up commercially, while Ian and Harry risked the trip in CAS.

J. Head and G. Khoo will, on the completion of the Mackay work, be joined by P. Rodriguez to commence supplementary photography of Charleville, and Toompine. They may also do some photography in the Cameroonal and Dobbryn areas if required.

Harry Wright is also in the field; on 3 September he joined an Army team in the Mossman area of Queensland where he will be comparing map completion methods.

### GROUP 2 - FIELD NOTES

It has been a comparatively quiet time regarding field work for PT3 and PT4.

In early August Bob Irwin undertook a short pre-inspection survey to obtain reference material in the Newcastle area for PT4.

Kevin Crane (Group 2) and Peter Quinn (Group 1) combine to collect reference material for Hamilton and Portland (Group 2) as well as for several Group 1 areas.

The October - November - December field program comprises Rockhampton and Tangorin (PT3) and Charters Towers, McKinley and Manuka (PT4).

## SURVEY BRANCH

Towards the end of September D. Williams and his off-sider E. Ainscow will depart Melbourne in a Matmap vehicle bound for the harsh interior of Australia.

The purpose of their field trip is to fix two S.A. - N.T. border posts to the A.N.S.

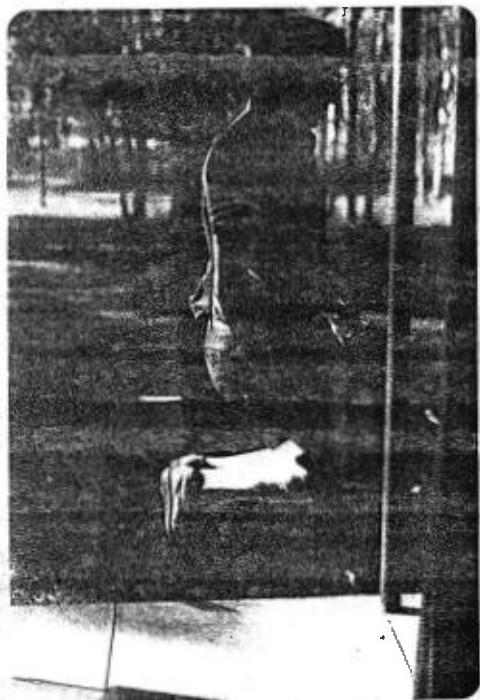
They will be using a JMR and will camp at each station for about one week.

If all goes well they should be back in Melbourne by mid-October.

Also towards the end of September Natmappers E. Burke, I. Graham and Peter Prior will begin taking revision photography at areas in S.E. Australia and with the possibility of photographing parts of Queensland.

They will be flying in a chartered twin engined Cessna which will be modified (?) to take aerial photographs at an altitude of 25 000 ft ASL. At that height the crew will have to wear oxygen masks as the aircraft will be unpressurized.

They should finish their work or run out of time and money (whichever comes first) by the end of October.



A HIGH FLYER FROM AVIATION SECTION IN ACTION.

## It's going to be a rotten day when..

You wake up face down on the pavement.

You put your bra on backward and it fits better.

You call Lifeline and they put you on hold.

Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.

Your son tells you he wishes Anita Bryant would mind her own business.

You want to put on the clothes you wore home from the party and there aren't any.

You turn on the news and they're showing emergency routes out of the city.

Your twin sister/brother forgot your birthday.

You wake up and discover your waterbed broke and then realise that you don't have a waterbed.

Your car horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a group of Hell's Angels on the freeway.

Your wife wakes up feeling amorous and you have a headache.

Your boss tells you not to bother to take off your coat.

The bird singing outside your window is a bastard.

You wake up and your braces are locked together.

You walk to work and find your dress is stuck in the back of your pantyhoose.

You call your answering service and they tell you it's none of your business.

Your blind date turns out to be your ex-wife.

Your income tax cheque bounces.

Your income tax rebate cheque bounces.

You put both contact lenses in the same eye.

Your pet rock soaps as you.  
(From Air Canada's Horizons)

- THAT the "Coorganga Award" for atrocious driving beyond the normal Natmap requirement has been given this year to JAG.
- THAT a certain Chinese Technical Officer requires eye surgery after an early morning stroll along Burleigh Heads beach.
- THAT H4 is half way to 60.
- THAT Tubbs will soon be setting up a milk bar beside his spuds store.
- THAT TGM is taking dancing lessons.

R.H.I.

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## Christmas 1980



Dear Member,

The Natmap Social Club is four years old. We have experienced in that time four successful years due to the hard work of the various committees, the co-operation of management, and the support of the staff.

We can only hope that in the coming years these past levels of success are maintained. Your continued support is not only the guarantee of this happening, but also ensures the future of the Social Club.

On behalf of the Committee, the Function Committees and the Staff of "NATMAP NEWS", I would like to wish everybody a Happy and Healthy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



D. Goldsmith  
President

# social club

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## MICE AND SPICE MICE - ANNUAL NATMAP CUP OCTOBER 31

The annual Natmap Cup was run, as usual, on the last Friday in September in perfect conditions and on a perfect track. Gates opened at 4.30 p.m., and although the crowd was slightly down on last year, the members' enclosure was soon buzzing with excitement.

The selected thoroughbred auction began at 5.00 p.m. and after some extremely spirited bidding the seven 'bred in the purple' racers were sold for what probably would be world record prices (average price \$6).

Racing was extremely keen, and after five well contested heats, the field was determined for the third annual Natmap Cup. Some close finishes really put course curator and chief steward P. James under a great deal of pressure. The Cup was a classic affair with the Vlahovich owned and trained Nat Map winning in good style.

Catering for the occasion was as usual first class and a vote of thanks is given to all concerned. Bookmaker H. Pinfeather, after an extremely shaky start, managed to get the better of the punters thanks to solid advice from bagman Kearns and pencilers Hatty and Mini Veyor.

All in all a great night was had by all the kids (big and small) and after an exhibition football match between Mini and the girls on one side and all the kids on the other, in which the kids won handsomely, the program ended.

Another top night.

Thanks also to the Box Hill Pet Store for supplying mice and especially for receiving them back again.

## XMAS PICNIC DECEMBER 7

Presents for all children attending the picnic are required to be handed in by Friday the fifth, please note presents are not to exceed five dollars in value.

Barbeque lunch starts at Midday (B.Y.O.)

Venue : Maryknoll Recreation Reserve

## EX-HALLOPER ILL

John Mardock is seriously ill in St. Pauls Ward, St. Vincents Hospital, Victoria Pde., Fitzroy.

It looks like he will be in hospital for quite a lengthy period.

He would appreciate a visit from some of his old mates at Natmap.

If there are any enquiries see Tricia on 1st Floor.

.....  
Stan Stafford is also not feeling the best and is home on one months sick leave.





# PNG REVISITED

During 1963 and 1964 Natmap was involved in the geodetic survey of Papua New Guinea and in those days when I was much younger and fitter I had the privilege of going to that country on three occasions. There are still a few of us left at Natmap who can recall the incredible sense of adventure that surrounded that particular survey.



Just over twelve months ago I was given the opportunity of going back to PNG for a twelve month period. As this was to be my first field trip for fifteen years (some people complain if they don't get a field trip each year) it was a most attractive proposition. The daunting part of this secondment to PNG was how my family would react to life in Port Moresby and how I would cope with the work requirements of the PNG Government Department of Works and Supply.

Fortune favours the brave and after twelve months away we have come home without too many scars and bruises. The experience has been very good for us all. Not all things that happened would be wanted to be relived but the sense of being together as a family was very rewarding. Our two children, David (11) and Kathryn (5) gained much from the exposure to the different culture and life style.

I share with you some of our experiences that will remain with us :-

- Our apprehension about the 'lawlessness and break ins' came to nothing, apart from the loss of one pineapple.
- The helpfulness of many national people who were always ready with a smile and muscle power whenever our car frequently broke down.
- The neglected and filthy town areas where rubbish lay around inviting disease.
- The drought condition of Port Moresby. PM is in a rain shadow and is lucky to get 15" of rain a year - and this only falls in a three month period.
- The roadworthy conditions of cars. One in every two should never be allowed on the road.
- The stray mangy dogs that scrounge the place looking for scraps of food. (Many of the dogs were without any hair and the sight of them was quite sickening.)

- The high cost of imported commodities (\$16 for a plastic rubbish bin).
- Carton milk (UHT) which did not need to be refrigerated but which did not taste like milk either.
- Swimming all the year round.
- Over twenty different colours of bougainvillea.
- Many fine new office and commercial buildings but also much squallor and shanty conditions in squatter settlements.
- The waiting lists for housing for national people. Between 3-5 years is not unusual and in the meantime families are split up or are forced to live in cramped conditions with relatives (one talks).
- Schooling for national primary children is in two shifts and even then not all children can be taught.
- The gentleness of the national people. They would never ridicule anyone.
- The lingering musty smell of books from the Ela Beach Library.
- The converted cattle trucks which operate as public transport around the country.
- The coolness of winter when the day temperature dropped from 32° to 29°.
- The painstaking work done by old women in threading tiny coloured beads to make bracelets.
- The sights and smells of the markets.
- The South Pacific Festival of Arts when representatives of 22 countries visited Port Moresby to demonstrate their culture.
- The immaculate war cemetery where so many young Australians are buried.
- The two different kinds of music that resound through the night. The traditional drum beats announcing some special occasion and the amplified hifi of PNG's top two hundred.
- The charm and vivacity of young children.
- The garbage collectors sitting inside their truck sorting through the refuse for 'treasures'.

These are some of our memories of a year that was very much different to life in Oz.

#### PLANNING & STAFF DEVELOPMENT

During 1980 P&SD, co-ordinated

- (i) Training
- (ii) Staff Development
- (iii) Visits by Students from Tertiary Institutions
- (iv) Talks on Natmap to outside organisations.

On the Training side the second group for the year is completing "Introduction to Mini Computers". A large group became accredited "First-Aiders" via the St Johns Ambulance course, while seven of our people passed the Reprographics course held partly here, and partly at the North Melbourne School of Graphic Arts.

The Departmental Training Officer and his assistant ran 3 courses covering Selection Procedures, Letter and Report Writing.

Senior TCB Staff are participating in the "Hurley" Workshops, and selected personnel have attended various outside courses seen necessary for their Training and/or Development.

Most officers have completed their development reviews, and the subsequent interviews will be ongoing.

seven groups of students received awards and prizes for their work by our able guides. These groups were studying final year Cartography, Surveying, Architecture and Forestry.

Various officers spoke to groups on aspects of National Mapping's work. These included two 4WD clubs, two camera clubs and two Junior Schools.

In 1981 Photogrammetry 2H and Hypoxia training at Pt Cook and Photo-interpretation by slide/tapes will be added to the training program.

#### FOURTH AUSTRALIAN CARTOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE

The Fourth Australian Cartographic Conference was held in Hobart 4-7 November 1980. It was a roaring success. The only disappointment was the poor spinning form of a globetrotting Matmapper at the Casino.

The conference was well attended, about 250 participants, and Matmap personnel included Carlos, ACT, DRN, JM, AGB, BEG, RAR, King Claude, John Payne, Ian Miller.

The theme of the conference was Change, Challenge and Communication but it mainly was about computer assisted cartography (mapping). Poster Sessions were presented by Dave Rocking (High Altitude photography) John Manning (Heard Island) and Andrew Turk participated in the Tactile Mapping.

The next conference will be a joint one with the Institution of Surveyors in Canberra in 1982; it should be interesting and enjoyable and no doubt with a few late late sessions at the workers' club.

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## **TENNIS**

1. All first round matches have now been completed, and we are now well into the second round.
2. Congratulations to the James-Zental team on being the first to be eliminated.
3. Please arrange your own games, book the courts, and pay Craig the \$1.00 prior to commencement of the game.

Good Luck ..... Roland

#### GAMES THAT CAN BE PLAYED

##### WINNERS SIDE

Carter-Lloyd v. Blake-Christie  
Chapman-Johnson v. Burries-Quinn  
Lindell-Rampal v. Durkin-Turk  
Bawke-Wilson v. McMaster-Wraith  
Rodriguez-Wentborn v. Larkin-Wise

##### LOSERS SIDE

✓ Dzur-Holland v. Ferraiuolo-Pasco (Pasci)  
Hughes-Vlahovich v. Williams-Young  
Stanczewski-Moody v. Goldsmith-Pesti  
Menzies-McRae v. Oliver-Stuchbery

## **V.R.O. NEWS (CONT)**

**HOLIDAYS:** Reg "Killa" Kilpatrick (Touring South Coast NSW) and Lyn (staying at home on the farm at Bemann) have just returned from an enjoyable 4 weeks leave.

**SICK LIST:** The good news is that Mark King, our budding Librarian, is back on deck... the bad news is that "Killa" had a bad turn on the way home the other night. Let's hope he's back real soon.

**STORK REPORT:** Nothing to report from the Holland camp as yet.

**JOHN MACMILLAN:** Called in on Mon. to have a drink and say farewell before going to Canberra as Asst. Sec. in Andrew Pascock's Dept.

**Footnote:** John is a former Personnel Officer of the Dept.





R.H.I.

BET YOU CAN'T  
FINISH THE RUN  
BEFORE THE MICE  
GETS TO THE LINE

That the food in C.V. was as good as that in Halranald.

That R.J.I. can eat a pretty mean entree.

That in King's Cross, Bankcard isn't accepted by everyone.

That there's a difference between catfish and sharks.

That "Bombalaska" Baker will return once CAS can lift him off the ground.

That M<sup>A</sup> will approve leave anywhere, anytime.

That Reg likes his steaks rare.

That a field party in Mt Isa told the cook they were from Darwin.

That a bearded, dark-haired surveyor got a lot of attention at one King's Cross night spot.

That P.B. can paddle an Ekky through anything but has trouble with a canoe.

That night porters are not amused by 3.00 a.m. phone calls.

That the "Beanie Bandit" has started riding home for lunch.

That Bazza is "roving" again!

That the night cricket match at Charters Towers produced some startling comments, like "I hope they turn the light off at half-time so's I can have a ----".

That U.D. always "underlids" important words.

That Charters Towers & Tangorin 1:250 000 areas have been renamed (slightly).

That "Speargrass" will be playing Christmas carols at Myer USC Bowl.

That W.B. no longer snores - he fears for his life.

That hairdressers bust at pontoon.

That Hughenden is the place to go for a haircut.

That a certain Natmapper is on a SEE food diet - as he SEES it he EATS it.

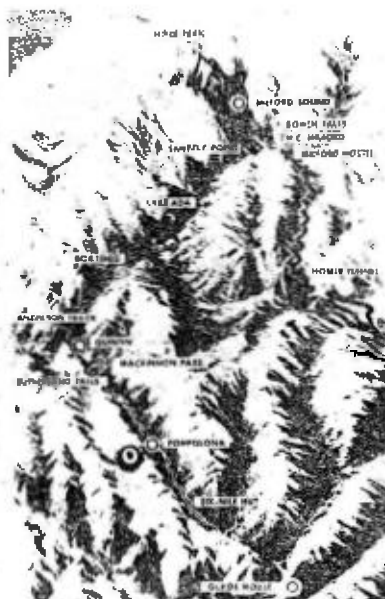
That Peter James will have to either buy a bigger hole or a smaller pool.

That A.J.I. doesn't eat musk lifeaversa.



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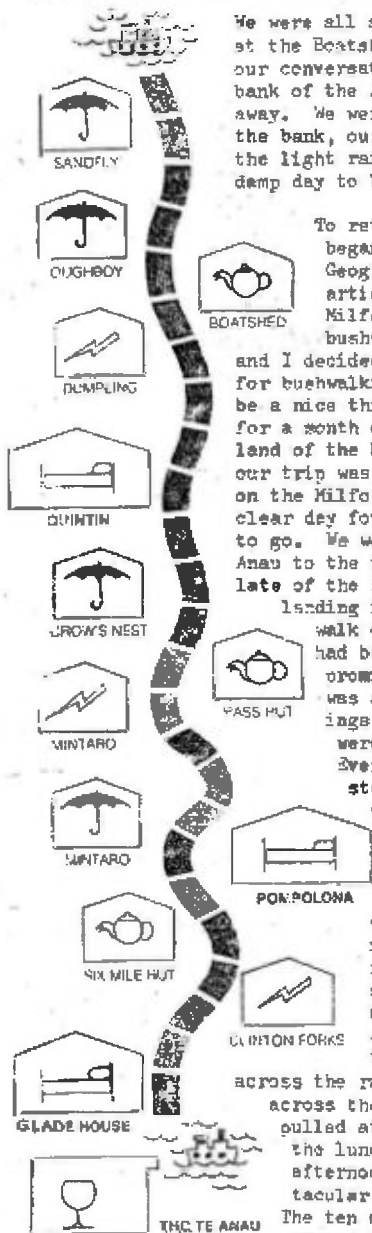
## NEW ZEALAND'S MILFORD TRACK



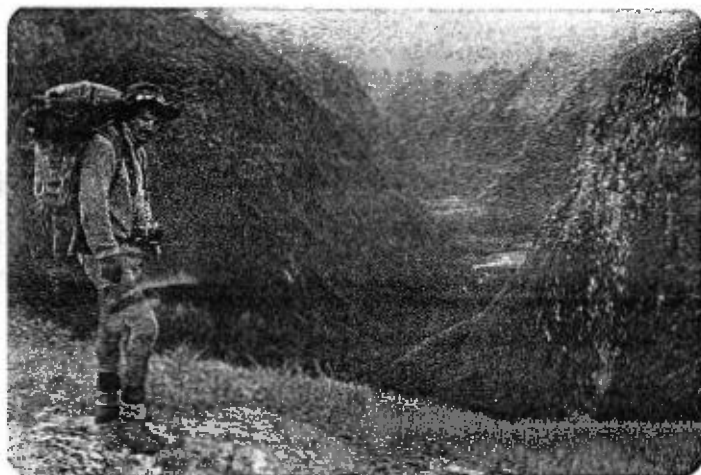
To return to where it all began, in 1978 the National Geographic featured an article on New Zealand's Milford Track. Being keen bushwalkers, friend Karlsson and I decided a trapping (NZ term for bushwalking) holiday in NZ would be a nice thing to do. We arranged for a month of joyous travels in the land of the Maori. The highlight of our trip was to be a four day hike on the Milford Track. One beautiful clear day found us in Te Anau ready to go. We were ferried up Lake Te Anau to the Glade House landing late of the first day. From the landing it was only a short

walk of 30-40 minutes to the Glade House itself. The day had been clear and warm and to the inexperienced eye promised fine weather in the days to come. After all, it was summer. We decided to leave photographing our surroundings till the better light of the morning. Large trout were lying in the crystal waters of the Clinton River. Everything seemed perfect. Morning came to the sound of steady rain. Any thoughts of photographing the mountains which surrounded us were lost in the clouds which enveloped them. Still, though wet it was warm as we crossed the suspension bridge to begin the walk up the Clinton Valley. The track followed the river. We had been told to look for large trout in the clear waters. Unfortunately the clear water had turned to a milky torrent in flood. We walked through dense beech forest growing in places on peat-like ground which was springing under our feet. Moss and Lichen covered vast areas of a rainforest very different from those of Australia. At first we stepped over water lying on the track. Then came our first creek crossing. We added

across the racing stream, gripping a strand of fencing wire strung across the stream for balance as the turbulent knee-deep water gulled at our feet on the slippery rocks. We squelched on to the lunch break at Six Mile Hut. The rain eased during the afternoon. As the clouds lifted we were treated to spectacular waterfalls tumbling down the rock faces of the valley. The ten miles to Pampolona Hut, our overnight stop, were covered by late afternoon. We were soaked through despite our waterproof clothing.



Next morning we were away to an early start with light drizzle falling. That soon cleared and the day began to look more promising. The day's walk involved a climb of 2 700 feet to the Mackinnon Pass covering five miles then a 3 400 foot descent over four miles to Quinton Hut. The walking was easy to Lake Minto at the start of the pass. Then the ascent began. The track deteriorated from a path to narrow rocks that could take only one person in places. As we climbed out of the fern gullies and rain forests the timber gave way to scrub and eventually to tussock grass above the snow line. On the surrounding mountains we could still see the light covering of snow which fell overnight. Reaching the top of the pass we were greeted by a spectacular view of the mountains towering above us and the valleys far below. From a lookout, Quinton Hut



"CLINTON VALLEY FROM THE PASS"

3 000 feet below looked very small. The top of the pass was dotted with tarns, the water crystal clear. As we watched, the weather closed in again and within minutes the panorama was hidden behind storm clouds. The descent was made through intermittent rain. The last two miles we clamboured down through lush forest keeping with a river which dropped in stages over spectacular rapids and falls.

It was mid-afternoon when we reached Quinton Hut. Abandoning our packs we set off on the hike to the Sutherland Falls two miles and one hour's walking/climbing/sweating away. The magnitude of the falls is difficult to grasp. They descend 1 700 feet in three stages. The roar of the falls at their base is incredible, with the spray whipping back to sting your face.

Our last day loomed grey and ominous. We had before us a thirteen mile hike to Sandfly Point (Sandflies, there is another story). The Boatshed Hut halfway was the lunch stop should it be raining. We were told it was all downhill. They overlooked the occasional climb of a few hundred feet to circle a lake or two. Within a short time we encountered a reminder of the dangers of the track. A recent landslide had covered the track with hundreds of tons of debris, re-routing the river in the process. The rain soon began to fall. Each time I thought the rain was heavy, the real stuff would fall even heavier. In the last eight miles we had five inches of rain. The track was under water for the most part with many flooded streams to cross. Some streams had one person suspension bridges over them, others just had fencing wire strung across. On one section of track we climbed up and along a precipice ledge with the river far below us and a rock wall above. The run-off had turned the ledge into a narrow torrent of water rushing down at us.

It was with relief that two wet, tired and bedraggled hikers arrived at Sandfly Point. Thirty six miles and many inches of rain had taken their toll.

It was a great experience I would commend to anyone who enjoys hiking.



"THE START OF IT ALL"

**BNO**

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

The recent "Mouse and Spouse" evening held under the auspices of the Social Club raises the question of the ethics of humane animal treatment.

Leaving aside the gambling aspect of this promotion, we feel that it is not correct for us to use and exploit animals in the fashion used on the evening.

We are sure that none of us would care to be treated as the mice were, and unthinkingly "cast aside" at the end of the evening's entertainment. Even mice deserve better consideration than this.

Yours faithfully,

M.R. Biddle  
J. Gould

EDITOR'S NOTE

As reported in Social Notes, on page 2, the mice were not "cast aside" after the event. They were in fact returned to the pet shop all in good shape.

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FOR SALE

DEEP FREEZER - 12½ cuft - Fast freeze compartment, interior light, aluminium lined lockable, adjustable lid, adjustable feet, Operating Instruction Book in 10 languages: 3 hang-up baskets, pilot lights. Excellent condition - \$350. any enquiries to A. Golding.

# "V.R.O. NEWS"

## STOCKTAKE

She's been on for the past two weeks; if you didn't move or bat an eyelid when the stocktakers came round you just as likely copped an accession of a sticker (if it doesn't move whack a number on it!). We've been flat out trying to locate "the spanner that Kinley borrowed", "the water bag that Mickey lost", and "the RC9 that fell out of the Nomad".

Many thanks to all who returned their stores and co-operated with us on the stock take. Certainly the "Frightening results" of the trial stocktake which we conducted before the boys from Canberra lobbied here, served to highlight the good work done over the years by permanent storemen in Stafford, Stacco and Macaw. (Best Regards, Dave!)



8/YAKE 1980

## RATBAGS

The Royal Amateur Turf Betting and Grey Society completed their betting year on a good note with mug punter Louie - a hot favourite for the Golden Trap Award - pulling off a Quinella with "Summer Flier" and "So Easy". That win elevated him to second spot on the ladder - and lifted our winnings for the year to the fine tally of \$366.78. Miss Smith (Jan) was our Ratbag-of-the-year.



## Australian officerX on over seas service

New from Santosa cable car, Singapore.  
ICEL 1

Hi! Dad, Mum & Wat happen.  
Well we have just returned from  
Singapore & Malaysia after our first  
leave. I spent 1 1/2 weeks in Singapore  
and 1 week on an island called  
Giverny. The island is about a 3 hour  
boat trip off the East Malaysia coast.  
It's where they filmed South Pacific.  
Had a great time, sun-bathing around  
the coral reefs everyday. It's the  
nicest tropical island that you can  
about.  
The real shock of the holiday was  
Singapore. High rise buildings,  
countryside, and crowded traffic.

I can't say how it compares  
with this place, as the latter  
will probably be superior.  
It's still think more in the  
Dark Ages. I was sick for  
a few weeks before & during my  
holidays. Didn't eat or sleep  
for 2 weeks and lost 10lb.  
I think Talbot has passed  
away.  
About time someone wrote  
a letter to let us know  
what's happening in the office.  
Has Jan left yet?  
Sorry Peg, but there hasn't  
been a pay increase over  
here for 20 years or  
so. I think it's  
stupid. So Blue Sky  
Agrees to all  
Jeff, Peg & Kids.





# "COMINGS 'N GOINGS"

A stable period of employment has ensued since our last edition, but it is nice to see a couple of old faces back with us again.

## COMINGS

- John Allen - (TSB) Commenced 27.10.80. Returned to the fold after one year on secondment to Papua Nuigini.
- John Madden - (TCB) Re-commenced 3.11.80 after contesting Federal Elections.
- Richard Gibbs - (TSB) Commenced 29.9.80. New starter; a Surveyor.
- Lynda Conroy - (Temp. Typist) Commenced 3.11.80 with Inquiry Committee, Queens Road.

## GOINGS

- John Madden - (TCB) Resigned 26.9.80.
- Jan Trask - (Personnel) Finished 3.10.80; to a Personnel Management Course for a year.
- Rita Palmer - (Temp. Typist) Finished 22.9.80. Filled in for us in the Typing Section.

STOP PRESS ("COMINGS"): Judy Kennedy  
Donna Harrison

— Two trainees in the Clerical Area temporarily employed under the N.E.S.A. Scheme.



STOP PRESS  
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WEDDING SNAP



# Field notes



## SURVEY BRANCH

### JPR Survey NT-3A Border

Leaving Dandenong on Tuesday morning, the 23rd of September 'Min' (Darryl) and the 'Crow' (Ed Ainscow) eventually made it to their first survey location, the 180 mile post on the border (longitude 132°) some six days later, leaving numerous vehicle problems and the treachery of that infamous 'bullock trail', (the Stuart Highway) behind them.

After quickly setting up camp with all the comforts of home, namely: flies, scorpions and a fridge that wouldn't work, the magic 'black box' (the JPR-1) was put into action. The time was spent charging batteries (if, and when, the Hondas decided to go, usually only after TLC from the Crow); trying to stay cool, and prevent nose bleeds, in 36°C plus heat; monitoring the 'black box' at least twice daily; taking mets; and thinking of something exotic (is to eat) for either breakfast, lunch or tea, not forgetting numerous cups of tea or coffee made with the help of the Crow's fantastic camp kettle. So it can be seen it was 'flat out like a lizard drinking'!

Following about six days of successful satellite observing/monitoring the intrepid Natmap duo proceeded some 200 miles east to the second survey location, the 7 mile post east (longitude 135°) arriving there, after some well needed detours, two days later.

The daily procedure and length of stay here was the same as before only the heat and the flies were no longer such a problem, rather the dust storms and threatening rains (fear of being stranded!). However, luckily, no heavy rains occurred and so following completion of the survey at this point, which also included the odd sunshot for azimuth, the two boys set off for home. After a short detour via Elliston, on the coast, they arrived back in Melbourne just in time to vote Mal back in.

Despite a degree of inexperience on one hand and a degree of 'long time between drinks' (almost 8 years!) on the other, this expedition to the dry, flat, hot centre of Australia went off without too much loss of life or limb (human anyway), in fact the 'Crow' may have put on an ounce or two. Hopefully the results for the two stations, yet to be received from Yankeealand, will reveal that the exercise has been satisfactory in accomplishing the task intended for it, this being the strengthening of mapping control for Block 39 West.

'MIN'

### ELLISTON FIELD SURVEY

All being well immediately after the New Year celebrations Natmappers Bob Goldsworthy, Ed Ainscow and Leon Derkacz will depart Melbourne in two Natmap vehicles. They will head for Elliston, a quiet fishing village on the coast of S.A. A few days later the Nomad will also take off from Melbourne and fly to Elliston with the rest of the field party.

Contrary to some current rumours the party will not be armed with fishing rods, spear fishing gear or other holiday paraphernalia. Instead, they will be taking with them all the necessary survey and camping equipment to establish mapping control on several islands off the coast.

## ELLISTON FIELD SURVEY CONT'D

Field operations will include 2nd order angle work, tellurometer measurements and spot photography. All field parties will be camping and it will be necessary to bring their own food and water to the islands.

All in all, everyone is looking forward to this trip and hoping for more of the same in the future.

## COMPILATION BRANCH

### GROUP 1 - FIELD NEWS

The 1980 field work for Group 1 is over with the return of the field party from Camooweal and Dobbryn. J. Head, R. Kearns and P. Quinn flew home in the Nomad, stopping for two days to complete some photography in Newcastle. I. Pasco and M. Oliver drove the departmental Landrover to Townsville and then flew to Melbourne commercially. H. Baker flew CAS to Townsville where it was depoted and Harry returned to Melbourne by commercial flight as well.

The next scheduled field party for Group 1 is in the Penola-Maracoota-Pinnaroo area of South Australia in late January or early February 1981.

### GROUP 2 - FIELD NEWS

PT3's areas are Manuka and McKinlay, with Rookhampton as a possible finale. Party members are Kalen Sargeant, Graham Lawrence and Ron Thorn. They will be based at Hughenden until about 25 November, then moving west to Julia Creek.

Pilot and aeroplane have been the ever reliable combination of Harry Baker and CAS. Terry Mulholland will relieve Harry on 24 November for the duration of the trip.

PT4 members Dave Dzur, Peter Harrup and Peter Hall returned to Melbourne on 13 November having completed inspection of the Charters Towers & Tangorin 1:250 000 areas.

The party was based at Charters Towers and Hughenden respectively. Bob Irwin stayed at Hughenden for an extra four days working with Andrew Turk and the PT3 party.

Inspection of C.T. was frustrated by poor weather which unfortunately slowed the job down somewhat. Perfect weather prevailed for the duration of Tangorin inspection and happily for the party the job flowed smoothly.

Vehicular problems also slowed the work rate down in the early stages.

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## MONSTER LAMINGTON DRIVE

IS ON AGAIN.  
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Orders and money to Julie by THURSDAY 4 December

Delivered MONDAY 15 December

\$1.00 per 1/2 dozen      \$2.00 per dozen

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## BROTHER RUMAPPER ON THE ILL LIST

MARIE COWAN is doing well at home after surgery and hopes to return to the Map by Christmas.

## "GOVERNMENT ISSUE STATIONERY SPECIFICATIONS" - courtesy the Contractors "Telecom Supply".



### STATIONERY

**Biros** Biro's should continue to be supplied with the F (fine) and M (medium) markings on the plastic barrel, although they will cease to have any real meaning. The tiny ball-bearing in the tip of the biro will be subject to fluctuations in its diameter. The effect this produces is varied and includes the following; total lack of ink flow; degrees of patchy and scratchy writing; occasional over-supply of ink resulting in blots; and the extreme case where the ball-bearing is so small it falls out altogether leaking ink all over the unsuspecting user.

**Rulers** Wooden rulers will have a series of notches along the ruling edges. Plastic rulers shall be warped, (either direction will do), and made of an extremely brittle plastic. In both cases the ruling of straight lines will become impossible. Anyone who attempts to straighten a plastic ruler by force will risk serious injury from the resultant shrapnel effect.

**Sponges** The sponges that are used to moisten the gummed tabs on envelopes are to be withdrawn immediately.

**Envelopes** The gummed tabs on envelopes should be honed to razor sharpness and curved inward slightly. Anyone licking the tab will receive a severe cut on the tongue. Of course we anticipate that this will lead to an overwhelming demand for sponges, (see above). As an added bonus we expect that this ploy will substantially reduce the capacity of injured officers to enjoy their morning and afternoon tea-breaks.

**Clag** The only form of glue permissible. To be supplied lumpy in bottles with an unremovable plastic top and splayed brittle nylon brush specially designed to flick little globules of glue all over the user. Does not adhere. When applied it soaks the page leaving soggy mess and buckles paper when dry.

**Sticky-tape Dispensers** To be supplied complete with blunt cutting edge that mangles, rather than severs, the tape.

**Sticky-tape** Should be electrically charged so that it curls around and adheres to itself unless held firmly at both ends.

**Paper Clips** Each box shall contain a percentage of paper clips that are barbed at one end. They go on easily, but when an attempt is made to remove them they grip the paper and refuse to come off.

**Staples** Each box shall contain a proportion of staples made from soft metal. When one of these staples is used it will mash itself against the paper and jam up the stapling machine.

**Stapling Machines** Should be specifically designed to make the task of removing a jammed staple difficult.

**Pointy things with the round wooden handles** Are to be kept in short supply as they are the only things that will dislodge mashed staples from jammed up stapling machines. (These implements have different names in different locations and are variously called: pig-stickers in Departments not concerned with law enforcement; bodkins in the Attorney-General's and Prime Minister's Departments and other refined areas; or as we call them in PSB — prongs.)

**Staple Removers** These come in two varieties, tweezer and scoop styles; neither should work. The only way to remove a staple shall be to use the staple remover to excavate the surrounding paper. This will then enable the officer to prise out the staple with one of the pointy things with the round wooden handle (see above), which will be kept in short supply.

**Snow Flake/Liquid Paper** This white correcting fluid should be made with an additive that causes it to crack and flake off fifteen minutes after it has hardened. This will be especially infuriating to the officer who has written corrections on the white paint and then must do the work all over again.

**Teledexes** The letter selecting index shall incorporate a random factor mechanism, so that, far more often than not, it will fly open at a page different from the one which was selected. This random factor mechanism will have the added benefit of being indecipherable, the officer will simply have to keep trying until the required page comes up.

**Desk Calendars** Desk calendar stands are to be constructed of a heavy duty metal that rusts during the year. When it comes time to renew the date pad the 'bullworker' frame will refuse to budge. Replacement date pads are to be issued with a number of pages printed upside down.

**Pencil Sharpeners** Will be designed to chew up the pencil rather than sharpen it.

**Pencils** Are to be supplied with leads that are broken at half inch intervals along their entire length. This will effectively thwart officers who may choose to buy and use their own pencil sharpeners.

As it is apparent that the Government will continue to pursue a policy of making life difficult for quite some time, I would welcome any suggestions that you feel will further this objective and demonstrate our undivided loyalty to the Government. In closing I remind you that if the axe is going to fall, all we can hope to do is guide the aim.

27 March '81

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## GIVE US A GO!

Firstly, to set the records straight, the new committee and I wish to highly praise the efforts of the out-going committee in maintaining a well oiled management machine in relation to the affairs of your social club. It is hoped that this sentiment can be expressed again, with the same genuine sincerity, in about twelve month's time, and, if not, that it is made obvious to your new committee why.

For myself, I am both nervous and, to a small extent, pleasantly surprised, regarding the responsibilities that you all have, apparently willingly, placed on the new committee and, in particular, myself. I urge you to assist us through opinion and deed, with perhaps the odd bit of encouragement, specifically through participation in one, or many, of the various functions envisaged, resulting in a better social atmosphere for the majority if not for all.

President 'Min'

(Not Amin)



# PSST!

HERE'S A GREAT TIP FOR FRIDAY  
MY COUNTRY COUSINS "DAGGIN"  
AND "HECTOR" ARE CONDUCTING  
A PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH FOR  
ALL NATMADERS AT RUTHERS  
PARK DANDENONG. PLENTY  
OF TUCKER AND DRINKS  
AVAILABLE AT A  
MODEST COST!

# SOCIAL CLUB

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On Thursday 5 February at the AGM the office bearers for the Social Club were elected as follows :-

President	:	Garryl Williams
Vice President:		Norm Oliver
Secretary	:	Pam Hill
Treasurer	:	Peter Hansford
Committee	:	Tricia Booth Bob Holland John Manning Maya Pinkster Dave Goldsmith (as Past-President)

Once again the outgoing committee are congratulated and praised for their efforts as well as those who were seconded to assist them during the year. Both Peter Harrup and Kalen Sergeant should be singled out for the undoubted high degree of application they have displayed over quite some years.

## THE YEAR AHEAD

The new Committee very much appreciates the responses from all over the building regarding likely in house and outdoor social functions that you would like to see introduced. (A summary of these can be found on the last two pages of this issue of "THE NEWS").

We hope you realise that all these suggestions will not be satisfied (certainly not this year!) however it is hoped that sufficient will be, to show that the exercise has been worthwhile.

The Committee is presently looking into sources of entertainment both social and sporting, internal and external, which may be of interest to members, in particular something for the seventh floor (for the young and not so young).

## CRICKET - SUNDAY 29 MARCH

The annual match against Social Security to win back the "National-Security Cup", is to be played this Sunday at Hammings Park, Dandenong. Cricket finals and ground non-availability have made arrangements difficult. (Both the Captain and President's teams are involved in Grand Finals), but the match will be played with our strongest possible team with, of course, many cheering supporters. Starting time is 11.00 o'clock.

## PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH - FRIDAY FEB 27

This function took advantage of fine summer weather and subsequent dry throats with more than 50 members happily participating. Original fears of over-catering were quickly dispelled despite the need for a 'mini' bread sale towards the end. The committee is most encouraged by this support of their first function and have arranged another for tomorrow Friday March 27 at the same venue and time. See you there.



*This will be hot when it comes down after re-entering the earth's atmosphere—you'd better take it.*



## SOCIAL SIPS - FRIDAY 13 MARCH

This proposed "no fuss" function, despite its not encouraging attendance, nevertheless will be perservered with on a fortnightly basis on the Friday After Pay Day. (Except where a major function, eg, Ploughman's Lunch has been planned). Next "SOCIAL SIPS" will entail a Sausage Sizzle on Friday 10 April.

SQUASH - Originally organised for Saturday 21 March, this appears to be unsupported. (12-16 Players needed to make it a goer). This

tournament may be reinstated later this year ..... so keep fit!

POOL & PING PONG TOURNAMENTS are to be arranged during the Winter months assuming enough support warrants them. (Get your name on the Shields!)

NIGHT OUT A group booking of twenty or more to see "They're Playing Our Song" is scheduled for a Friday Night (Possibly 1 May). Those interested, see me. (i.e. "Min")

## COROWA : FRIDAY 3 APRIL TO SUNDAY 5 APRIL

Just a reminder of this great chance to get to know each other a bit better as well as some thirty or so of our Canberra counterparts. It's not too late to decide to go. For further information see the notice appearing later in this issue, or consult Harry Wise. It should be fun for all.

## MID YEAR FUNCTION - FRIDAY 20 JUNE

A combination Rock n Roll Disco Supper Dance and President's Birthday Party is in the planning stages. More details to follow, but don't throw out your old blue jeans, bobby socks n brylcream.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT Every effort to finally conclude this before Winter is being made as long as the players involved assist by keeping their eyes, ears and options open. Current favourites appear to be Turk and Durkin. NOTE Peter Durkin has taken over from a disillusioned Roland Lindell as chief commenor of this long winded event. Peter advised that the courts are unavailable on MON, TUES, WED Lunchtime, but are available anytime after work, (ie, 4 o'clock). Courts to be booked and paid for (\$1 per person) in advance to Craig Hauke who has the key.



Trophies for winners!

# Corowa '81

CRICKET

TENNIS

B'B'QUE

GOLF

WINGS TOUR

SWIMMING



NATMAP REUNION WEEKEND

COROWA, N.S.W. 4-5 APRIL 1981

INDOOR & OUTDOOR

SPORTS

Just a reminder that our annual "half-way" reunion with the other half of Natmap - CANBERRA - is on 4-5 April 1981.



## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

---- Seen in a restaurant in Port Lincoln, one "crow" trying to suck a steak to death. Ed broke his dentures two days earlier by coughing them out onto the floor in the shower. The same "crow" was later seen on the beach at Elliston dressed in jocks, boots (no socks), singlet, hat and carrying a fishing rod, pretending to be fishing next to a topless sunbather.

---- The field party in South Australia discovered that one has to become proficient at "Space Invaders" or "Cosmic Monsters" or else be tagged unsociable. The champion is one Mr Rod Riquez.



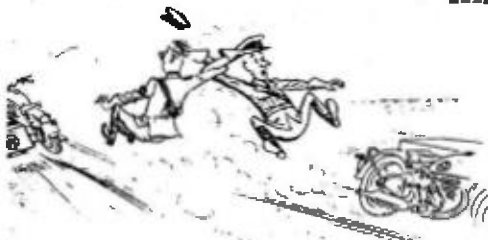
On the same trip to S.A., certain TD's and pilot went in search of a nudist beach and when it couldn't be found they decided to start their own.

---- One surveyor was continually called "lessie" by the proprietor of one motel. It didn't take her long to start barking at him.

After such a successful completion of the Elliston Survey the 3rd floor boys are investigating more offshore islands for positional accuracy. Tasmania perhaps or Fiji!



---- Of course we still have a few rumours, such as the Elcop works, the tennis tournament will finish and a very obscure statement that having a long one and a short one in a survey party has its disadvantages.







# field notes ≈



## FROM THE FIRST FLOOR

From January 21 - February 24 Project Team 2 field inspected three 1:250 000 sheets: Pinnaroo, Naracoorte and Penola in South Australia. Map vehicles, the Land Rover station wagon and Holden station wagon, were used and performed very well. (except for two flat tyres in one day on the Holden). The Cessna (and Jock Head) were used for aerial inspection.

The team members for the first three weeks were P. Johnson, P. Rodriguez, J. Gould and P. Quinn. J. Manning then took over for the final two weeks, and P. Quinn returned to the office to prepare for the inspection of Ballarat sheet with Project Team 1.

The members of the Ballarat team were P. Quinn (again), J. Fox, T. Zentai and E. Fletcher and duration was 24 February to 7 March.

The inspection method differed for three of the six sheets as Ballarat, Skipton and Creswick had been aerial inspected last year.

The Wangaratta sheet is now being inspected by Team 2. Party members are: P. Quinn (yet again), R. Turner, T. Zentai and I. Pasco. The flying will be done in a contract plane with contract pilot.

In the pipeline for near future inspection trips are Broken Hill, Walgett, Nyngan, Angledool and Bourke.

Broken Hill, Walgett and Nyngan will be done by Project Team 2 and party will probably consist of: Reg Helmore, P. Johnson, M. Biddle with either P. Quinn (once more) or J. Manning.

Angledool and Bourke will be inspected by Project Team 1 with probable team members of B. Wright, R. Kearns, R. Turner and once again either P. Quinn (lets give him a turn) or J. Manning as Party Leader.

## FROM THE FOURTH FLOOR

After a wet start, (Raincloud Irwin strikes again! It is suspected that he brings the rain to win a stake at cards) the field inspection of four sheets in SA is progressing well.

Bob, Goldy, Speed, Peter and Jock have just finished an enjoyable stay at the "East West" Motel Ceduna. They have moved to Cleve for one week, and then to Wilpena Chalet for one week to complete the job. P.P. has just taken over from Jock as driver of CAS.

In early April, the field inspection of Rockhampton will be undertaken by the two Kevins and JDM (part). Any supplementary photography required will be undertaken by Terry Rayner and Pete James.

(Cont..)



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### ELLISTON OFFSHORE SURVEY

On Monday 5 January, Natmappers L. Dorkacz, R. Goldsworthy, R. Gibbs and E. Ainscow departed Dandenong in two Natmap vehicles ie, the inter 'sports' D1310 and the Landrover 'the Rocket' utility.

After a hot and exhaustive journey across the Vic/SA countryside, these members eventually reached the local watering hole at Elliston SA. A day later Natmappers D. Williams, I. Graham and T. Mulholland landed at Elliston Inter-National in the Natmap 'Learjet' VH-CAS. All members had an enjoyable flight particularly I. Graham who made a few passes at the hostess.

On quenching their thirsts and after finding out that the fish were not on the bite, party leader L. Dorkacz decided to check the action at Flinders Island. This island lies about 10 miles off the mainland and is occupied/owned by a farmer who grazes sheep, cattle etc. Leon managed to finalize a deal with the owner of Flinders Island and on doing so the survey gear and Messrs D. Williams, I. Graham and R. Gibbs were flown to the island in CAS. When this was completed Leon and Richard then made the slow journey to Pearsons Isles which lies about 20 miles away from F.I. The trip was made in an ex-army barge which was owned by the owner of F.I. For 8 days Leon and Richard battled the weather and the island for the sake of a few survey measurements (doesn't this make your heart bleed!)

On the ninth day Leon and Richard returned to F.I. where on calling out to the other Natmappers (ie Ian and Darryl) they were only greeted with a few 'echoes'.

After Leon and Richard had cleaned up, the survey again proceeded and 4 days later the survey was completed.

On returning to Elliston from F.I. the 4 Natmappers were surprised to find that Ed and Bob had nearly eaten the town out of all the home made sausages.

During their stay on the mainland Ed and Terry managed to catch one decent meal of fish while Bob nearly caught a whiting while fishing on Elliston Pier.

Overall the survey was a success despite a few minor problems. A more detailed discussion of the survey together with results is to be published shortly in a technical report.

'DIRTY'



YOUR MAP - A FRIEND

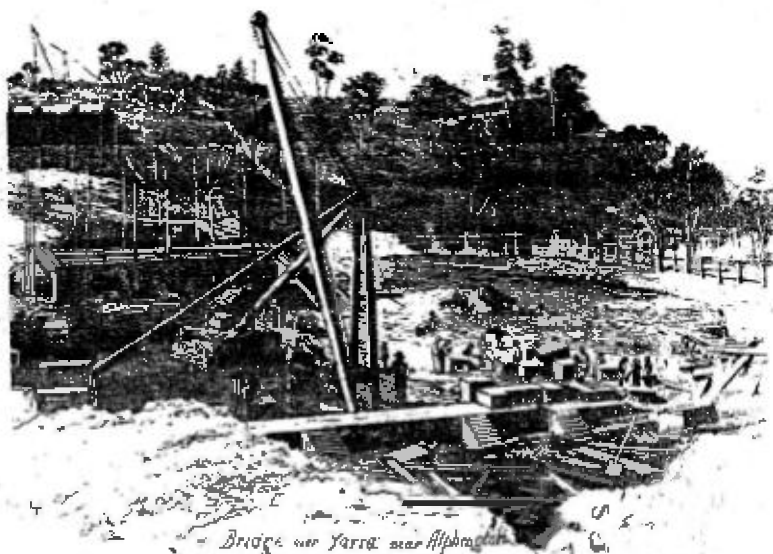


# The Outer Circle

A History of the Oakleigh to Fairfield Railway by David V. Dearsell and Bruce H. Herbert (Australian Railway Historical Society, Victorian Division), 1979.

This little book provides a well researched history of probably the most controversial railway line of suburban Melbourne. The Oakleigh to Fairfield Railway is an excellent example of the confused thinking, idealism, opportunism and political chicanery which seems to be a characteristic of Victorian political life of the 1870s and 1880s. It may seem incredible that a route from Oakleigh to Fairfield was mooted as a means of bringing railway traffic from the Gippsland area to the city centre of Melbourne. Such was in fact one of the stated aims of the Outer Circle Line, partly because of political manipulation and partly because the railway between Oakleigh and South Yarra was privately owned until the late 1870s.

Constructing the railway bridge over the Yarra River near Fairfield.  
*Australasian Sketcher; LaTrobe Library*



Land speculation was widespread when the route of the line was being chosen, and some of the heaviest dabblers in this being leading political figures of the day. The actual construction of the line was characterised by poor management by the Victorian Railways (nothing new, perhaps!), and some of the contractors, (one of the contractors resident engineer was a young man named John Monash, and the extracts of his diaries and letters published in the book give the impression of a competent and forceful personality who had an excellent grasp of his work - qualities well demonstrated

by Monash in other fields later). The line was largely financed, it seems, by loans from the London money market, such finance apparently easily obtained in what were boom times. A different picture would emerge when the economic conditions in Victoria went sour in the 1890s "bust"



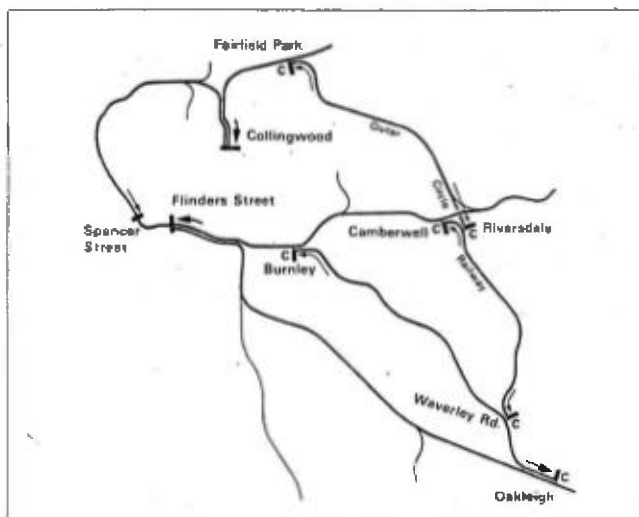
Ploughing a cutting during construction of the Outer Circle.

*Australasian Sketcher; Latrobe Library*

The line opened in 1891, but only existed as an operational line in its entirety for a little over two years. Several changes of train were needed to travel between Oakleigh and Fairfield. This factor, as well as the sparsity of population in the area of the railway, meant that it was never an economic proposition, as the line closed after only a few years. In the late 1980s, when economic conditions improved the Camberwell - East Kew, and Camberwell-Ashburton (later extended to Alamein) sections were re-opened. The

East Kew section, with its picturesquely named "Despatch Dasher" train was closed for passengers in 1927, and for goods in 1943. The section south of Camberwell was electrified in the 1920s and later the line was duplicated, and today forms part of the electrified suburban rail network.

This map shows how train services were operated on the Outer Circle and its associated connecting lines with Melbourne from 24th March 1891 until 12th April 1893 when the entire line was in operation. The arrows indicate the terminals for each train. Places where passengers changed are represented by "C".



Several factors make this book excellent reading. The wide scope of research is evident from the bibliography, and embraces both official and private contemporary sources. Many original drawings and etchings are reproduced. The selection of photographs in the book is really first-rate. It is easy to realise, for instance, the economic reasons for the line's early demise, because the photographs show the rural and semi-rural nature of most of the country traversed by the line when it was built in the late 1880s. Also, there are many classes of Victorian suburban

locomotives, which do not seem to be included in many other specialist works dealing with Australian railway engines. Lastly, the book is not written in jargon, and technical terms of railway operation are explained to help the general reader. All in all, this is a fascinating story of part of Victorian colonial history.

# One Bounce Ahead

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Sixty-five people have nominated to go in "Tippo 81" at five dollars a pop, which represents \$325. This will be split up amongst you budding "Lou Richards" in the following way:

- a) \$10 each week allocated for 22 weekly prizes, i.e. \$220
- b) 1st Prize : \$65  
2nd Prize : \$20  
3rd Prize : \$10 (Provided all 65 are in it!)
- c) \$10 for a perpetual trophy for the seventh floor,  
plus a wooden spoon.

The rules remain the same as ever with only the following alterations:

- 1) Winner must pick six to qualify for weekly prize  
otherwise the ten dollars jackpots to the following  
week.
- 2) Entries to be in by 3.00pm, Friday.
- 3) Scoreboard will be displayed in Personnel area,  
5th floor.
- 4) Your tips to be lodged each Friday with either myself or Geoff  
Wanborn, on the fifth floor.

Good Tipping

"C.C."

5. Trots Night (Moonee Valley)
6. Gallops Day - Picnic Races
7. Friday Lunch (BBQ) in the Park ("Burnt Onions")
8. River Boat Cruise on the Yarra ("Cruisin' Down ...")
9. Orienteering/Bushwalking ("OOOEE!")
10. Cricket Matches ("Bowl a Maiden Over")
11. Church Service ("Alleluiah")
12. Other
  - Indoor Night Tennis ("A not so motley collection")
  - Squash Tournament
  - Kite Flying & Drinks
  - Fun Run
  - Ten Pin Bowling
  - Bike Rally
  - Scavengers Hunt
  - Nomad 'Joy' Rides
  - Feral Cat Hunt
  - 'Le Bus' Trip (& Meal on D.D. Bus)
  - Champagne Breakfast/BBQ on the Yarra
  - Mid Year Function:
    - Eltham Barrel
    - Nero's Fiddle
    - Alexanders
    - Rembrandts
  - Speedway Night
  - Golf Days
  - Horse Riding
  - Roller Skating Night



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**STRANGE**  
**GOINGS-ON**

## EDITORIAL OPINION

WELL, HERE IT IS .. THE FIRST EDITION OF "NATMAP NEWS" FOR THE YEAR. WE TRUST THAT YOU ENJOY A BIT OF LIGHT READING TO BE FOUND WITHIN THESE PAGES. THIS EDITION HAS INVOLVED QUITE SOME EFFORT ON A FEW PEOPLES PARTS AND WE WOULD SINCERELY WISH TO THANK ALL THE CONTRIBUTORS, HARD WORKING TYPISTS, PHOTOCOPY HELPERS, COLLATORS, AND EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED IN SOME WAY WITH "NATMAP NEWS"

"THE NATMAP NEWS" IS A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER WITH AN APPROXIMATE CIRCULATION OF SEVENTYFIVE COPIES TO BE ABSORBED BY OVER A HUNDRED ON THE STAFF .. AND SO PLEASE READ AND PASS ON.

... EDITOR: Des Young  
SUB EDS: Rod Manziels.  
Russ Hughes

SUGGESTIONS, IN APPARENT ORDER OF PREFERENCE, FROM 'THE MASSES'

A. IN HOUSE

1. Games Nights :
  - Bingo ("Legs Eleven")
  - Pool/Snooker Tournament ("Go, Eddy!")
  - Cards Night ("Play it again Sam")
  - Carpet Bowls ("Depends on your Bias")
  - Casino ("Bond's the Name")
  - Hooky/Darts ("Double Top")
2. Friday Do's :
  - Monthly Social Sips (No theme) ("Hic")
  - Chicken & Champ/Wine & Cheese/Pizza Nights ("Pheww")
  - Wet T-Shirt Night ("Wow")
  - Bad Taste Night (Cooking/Dress) ("Yuk")
  - Ethnic Night (Food/Drink) ("Shaddapyaface")
  - Slide Night (Field Trips) ("ZZZZZ")
  - Mice and Spice ("6/4 the Field")
  - Spit Roast ("HMM!")
  - Snail Race ("ZZZ")
  - Staff Baby Photo Competition ("WAHEHE!")
  - Photographic Competition/Exhibition ("Click")
3. 'Special' Functions :
  - Talent Quest ("Boo!")
  - Film Night - 'Blue', Feature, Sport ("Wow")
  - 'This is your Life' ("Sir William Smythe III")
  - Clown/Magician night for Kids ("Abracadabra")
  - Fancy Dress Party ("Incognito")
4. Dance-Type Functions :
  - Rock 'N' Roll (50's) ("Be Bop")
  - Disco ("Ear Muffs")
  - Barn Dance ("Moo")
  - Cabaret ("Life is ...")
  - Costume Ball ("Belle of the Ball")
  - Country & Western ("Yahoo")
  - Square Dance ("M")
5. Other :
  - Drag Night ("Gooday Love?")
  - Jiggolos & Tarts Night ("Irma La Douce")
  - Mud Wrestling ("Squelch")



B. OUTSIDE

1. Film/Theatre/Live Show/Play/Opera Night ("All the world's a Stage ....")
  - e.g. 'They're Playing Our Song'
  - 'The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas'
  - Tikki & Johns
  - Comedy Cafe
2. Fishing Trips/Competition ("The one that got away")
3. Ski Weekend/Day Trip (Bus)/Wineries e.g. Corowa ("Ski Bunny Hunting")
4. Family Picnic - BEG (as well as Xmas picnic)
  - Poker Run
  - Car Rally ("Ants in Your Pants")
  - Mystery Trip
  - Vintage Train Ride (Puffing Billy)





THESE CANDID SHOTS WERE TAKEN BETWEEN KINGSTON & ROSE ON A RECENT FIELD TRIP  
WE COULDN'T FIND THE NUDISTS BEACH, SO DECIDED TO MAKE ONE OF OUR OWN



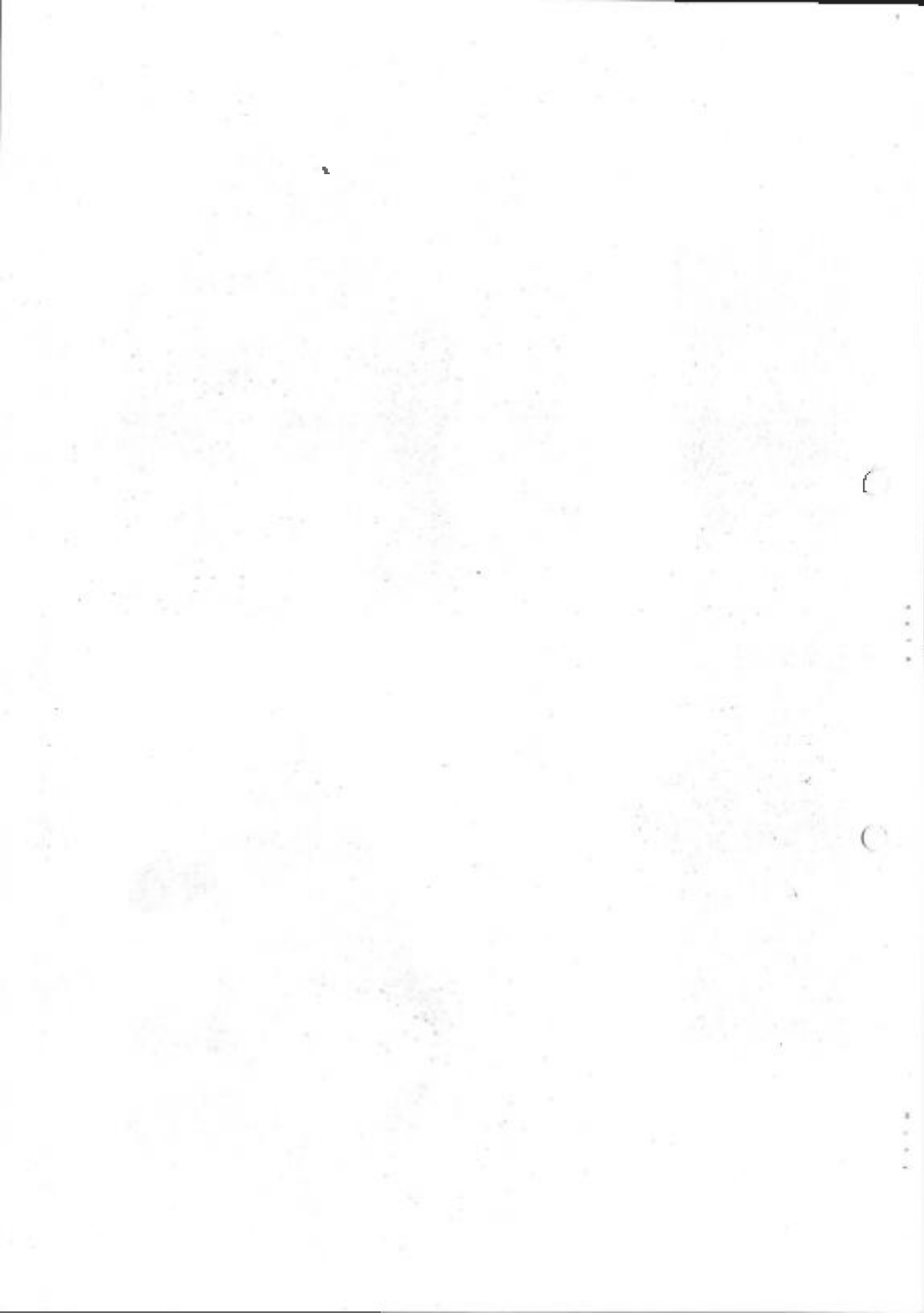
RECOGNISE THIS FACE -- JOHN DOING SOME  
INSPECTION OF HIS OWN.



PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH --- RELAXING BETWEEN  
FILMING



JOHN TRYING HIS HAND AT FISHING -- WE TRIED TO TELL HIM THAT HE WAS USING THE WRONG BAIT  
BUT HE REPLIED WITH A WRY SMILE "THEY'VE BEEN NODDING AT IT ALL DAY" !!



## EDITORIAL DIGITAL MAPPING SYSTEM WORKING

THIS EDITORIAL HAS BEEN PRODUCED USING THE

*Digitising Table (Atek)  
Computer and Plotter  
on the First Floor*

Acceptance testing is underway at present

Testing and documentation will be completed by December 1981

This editorial, to use the term loosely, has been written in

Times Roman text which can be written along curved lines, if required.



PS. WE CAN PLOT COMPILATIONS TOO.

# Social Club

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## SOCIAL NOTES

The following are events, some of which, unfortunately, are a bit 'dated', but, however, all occurring since the last edition of 'the News'.

### 1. PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH NO. 2 - FRIDAY 27 MARCH

On a very fine day an even larger gathering than for the first occurred with even top-brass attendance. Unfortunately the food was a little 'thin' for the later-comers, but the drinkers had no complaints. Undoubtedly the need to re-kindle this type of function in the warmer months (September/October) is unquestioned, in fact even a winter version is being considered (but do you replace a cold 'Minnie' with a warm muggie?).

### 2. CRICKET VS SOCIAL SECURITY - SUNDAY, 29 MARCH

Despite a valiant effort, Bill Stuch's "pot pourri" of stars went down (again) to Ernie's sloggers. A depleted and none too experienced bowling attack made runs a little too easy to get for the opposition, however notable performers were:

Tom Zentai - behind the stumps  
Russ Hughes and Bill Stuchbery - a fine batting combination  
'Kinky' - for remarkable, at times, fielding.

Serious consideration is being given regarding a change of venue for next time, as well as playing a bit earlier in the season.

### 3. COROWA WEEKEND - 3-5 APRIL

The two officers, the larger proportion from Dandenong, experienced a relaxed and generally hassle-free weekend this year (except for some 'mysterious' accusations from one motel proprietress). Canberra took the honours in the Mini Wimbledon Tournament, however we were merciless in the cricket despite some pleasant 'distractions' from one of Canberra's rear-end batters.

### 4. THEATRE: 'BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS' - WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL

Some 20 members and friends were able to enjoy this fine show.

### 5. SAUSAGE SIZZLE - FRIDAY 24 APRIL

Despite 'slightly' over-catering it was generally agreed that the honorary cooks: Holland, Oliver, Hughes and Lindell produced 'snags' cooked to perfection for the multitude. So this function, once again, went off with a bang(er).

### 6. THEATRE: THEY'RE PLAYING OUR SONG - THURSDAY 7 MAY

Once again 20 saw and greatly enjoyed this highly rated Australian produced musical comedy.

### 7. SPAGHETTINITE - FRIDAY 28 MAY

With the great, and much appreciated, assistance of a number of excellent sauce makers (any of whom could easily get a job at MARIO'S), plus the added time saving of the Club's recently acquired micro-wave oven, those who attended had a great time, and so finally that cupboard full of pasta has gone!?

### 8. BASKET BALL MATCH NO. 1 VS SOCIAL SECURITY - WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE

After initial worries about raising a 'competent' team, the Natmap Globetrotters demoralised Vince's mob by the margin 31 to 12. Great defence work by Scott and brilliant attacking play by goal sneaks: Dzur, Hawks and James, made our more 'dressy' opponents look second rate.

9. ROCK-N-ROLL DANCE - FRIDAY 26 JUNE

This intended major mid-year social function, which was to culminate the celebrating of a number of peoples birthdays was greatly enjoyed by those attending. The band (The Blue Light) was extremely good and set the scene very well. Many, many thanks go to those who assisted with the catering (an inhouse effort), the variety of food, both hot and cold, was outstanding. However the number of actual work participants was very disappointing, and although this fact did not unduly effect the atmosphere for those who attended, it certainly required thinking about if similar functions are to be attempted again. Those who 'dressed up' in 50's gear should be commended for their spirit (Leonie Johnson - best girl, Craig Hawke - best guy).

10. BASKETBALL MATCH NO. 2 VS SOCIAL SECURITY - THURSDAY 2 JULY

Not to be undone, Vince's mob challenged us to a re-match (different venue), this time playing for a trophy! The result, of course, was never in doubt (Natmap 31, Soc. Sec. 21) especially as we had 17 players to their 6).

As a curtain raiser to the 'big' game the girls played each other. Unfortunately Natmap's (composite) side was just pipped (15-13) despite some added weight! (NB. Not Vicki!)

Looking towards the future:

(i) FRIDAY 17 JULY

This has been set aside for the next Friday function, a Social Sips Session (or S.S.S.), thereby reverting back to the original Friday pay week function.

(ii) KID'S NITE - FRIDAY 31 JULY

No age limit. Games to be organised (even the oldies can join in!). Usual party delights to be made available (party pies, 'little boys', cakes, lollies). A great night for the kids (young and old!) with a hopeful party atmosphere.

(iii) POOL TOURNAMENT

Organisation is well under way for this, which is to be a knock-out best of 3 games affair. More details from Russ Hughes. (NB. For those who can't get a game on the pool tables, don't forget CARROM is available - see Brian Martinez or Richard Hill for lessons!).

(iv) FOOTBALL (AUSSIE RULES) VS SOCIAL SECURITY

Not to be undone, Ernie has challenged us to a game to be played in the near future (next month?) on a Sunday. More details, later, from Min or Peter Quinn.

(v) SNOW TRIP - SEPT/OCTOBER

This is envisaged to be a full-day trip to an area (possibly Buller) using either bus or private transport. Beginners and pro's are welcome. John Manning is the capable organiser.

(vi) MOONEE VALLEY TROTS NIGHT - SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY (1982)

A definite booking has been made for this night. (It's becoming very popular, understandably). We have also requested to be informed of any nights that become available later this year for group bookings, further details from Min.





Best Dressed "Crafter Hawke" Yeah Man!



"Ricky Wise" minus his headgear!"



Two real cool cats. What's with da cats?



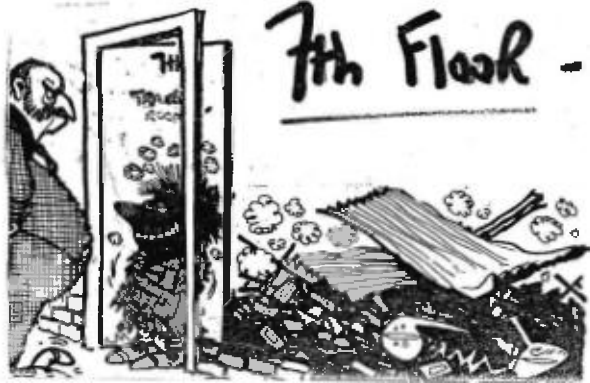
# KIDS PARTY & GAMES NIGHT

7th Floor - FRID. 31 JULY

\$1.00 FAMILY

\$2.00 NON MEMB.

"Health Food", Great  
Great night for 'ee



# Cricket on the Cooper

Some of the cricketers were skirts, some wore shorts, some wore long pants and in some cases it was hard to tell.

Some had down hundreds of kilometres in their own planes for the match, and others had staggered a few dusty metres from their beds to the dustier pitch.

It was the third annual match for the Cooper Cup, a game played between the workers of the Moomba gas-fields and the station people around the Cooper.

It took place on Sunday. And while Adelaide was lashed by hail, the only thing in the high blue sky of Moomba was a bewildered eagle hawk which, unlike some of the players, kept its eye on the ball.

It had all the elements of a great cricket match, and some which a great cricket match should have.

The oval, known locally as the MCG, had been scoured from the knuks dust by a road grader and the concrete pitch was, according to Senator Harrod Young, "a few degrees too far to the north-west" — though God knows why seeing it was in the middle of no oil lease two-thirds the size of Texas.

There was The Hill, a convenient mound of sand, laced with bones and reportable barnacking.

There was a television beam shining on high from a hydraulic cherry-picker.

There was a streaker in the sunset and, as is the nature of things, he repeated his doggy performance for the TV crew.

There was an impressive grandstand, peopled mainly by people with cowboy hats and high-heeled boots and skin like saddle leather.

"Here's the bar!" roared, and a man pointed to a collection of 44-gallon drums filled with ice and 100 dozen cans of beer from four States. "There's the bloody bar. Help yer bloody self, mate," he said.

I did and the game got under way.

About 400 watched, and 140 of them had come in from the stations. The airstrip looked like a used-plane lot.

The players were led on to the field by a Scots paper, David Blackhart, who was born in Dublin. It was that kind of day.

There were beer bellies that even the Ark Royal would have to go around, and when Moomba keeper Lyn Keen took his place you just knew nothing was going to get past his amplitude.

The man at third base told me he was on double time.

Russell Ferguson opened for the Coopers in a red tam-of-shanter twice as big as any hat within a hundred kilometres.

Red borrowed it for luck from his aunt, Betty Marchant. At one stage he was batting with his cousin, John Ferguson, from Durrham Downs, 300 kilometres "north up the Cooper."

Before the day was out, Japsen Ferguson from Brommings Station, 680 kilometres away in Queensland, had had a hit, too. Max Ferguson, from Warwick, in Queensland, also had downed a batsman. They're all related, though only they and God know how.

Former Test umpires Mel McIntyre and Colin Egar were there — Egar standing in immaculate black and white. State cricketers David Hookes and Kevin Wright took a turn at umpiring, though Hookes was booed when he missed two easy catches while standing at square leg.

Then Hookes had a bat. After he'd hit a few sixes for the Cooper team a band of Moomba stalwarts stormed the ground, carried him off and dumped him in a 44-gallon drum.

So Wendy O'Dea, the local flying doctor, had a bash and brought wild cheers when she scored off her first ball.

They were supposed to be eight-ballers, but by this time I suspect a few sevens and nines were creeping in.

The Santos refrigeration engineer was at the point of collapse as the last of the cold beer disappeared — though there was barely a can to be seen littering the ground.

The Moomba mob won the match, I'm told. But it was the unquenchable spirit of the Outback that won the day.

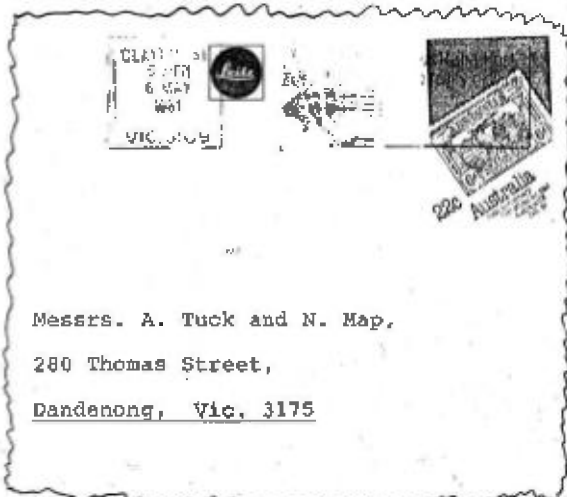
— Osa Colquhoun

## BASKETBALL Trophy



### NATMAP GLOBETROTTERS DEFEATED D.S.S. (SOCIAL SECURITY)

This dark and rather indistinguishable photo is of the handsome perpetual trophy presented to Team Captain Dave Durr by "Vince" of Social Security as a result of NATMAP'S big win over Vince's Mob. The final scoreline was 31-12, and should be the forerunner of many more enjoyable games in years to come.



Messrs. A. Tuck and N. Map,

280 Thomas Street,

Dandenong, Vic. 3175

From "Adelaide Advertiser"

June 23 1981

Funny letter received at the Map.



# field notes ~



## TCB GROUP 11

### PT3

The "Desert Job" (comprising Gason, Innamincka, Kopparramanna and Strzelecki field completion) has recently been completed.

The party comprised Bob Irwin, Terry Rayner, Graham Lawrence, Norm Oliver and pilot Harry Baker.

Accommodation was provided by the Santos company at their Moomba gas field site. The food was high in quality - large in amount. Just ask Three-Course-Norm - See-food Harry.

The swift nature of the job was partly a result of an aeroplane with long range fuel tanks and a cruising speed of around 135 knots.

Somewhat surprisingly the weather was almost totally favourable!!

Good rainfall a week prior to the commencement of the job turned a lot of the countryside into various shades of green. One sight which no member of the party will forget was the aerial view of the gibber country and the water courses running through it. A rich green strip of grass and low herbage bisected by the watercourses provided a beautiful contrast to the maroon-brown gibber stones.

The area in the vicinity of the small "township" of Innamincka - Cooper's Creek gave out an aura full of Australian exploration history. This is where the tragic "Victorian Expedition" lost its leaders Burke and Wills 120 years ago and the site of the famous DIC tree.

### PT4

Mid July will see the departure of Bob Irwin and Dave Ozur to Newcastle to undertake that area's field completion.

## TCB GROUP 1

### PTs 1 & 2

Group 1's scheduled field program this spring includes trips to the Northern Territory, Central Queensland and the Canberra/Ulladulla area.

M. Biddle and P. Quinn are flying to Katherine in a hired Cessna 182 on 27 July for two weeks to inspect HODGSON DOWNS and PELLEW map sheets. In early September another party - J. Fox, R. Kearns, T. Zentai, J. Gould and P. Quinn will be taking CAS to Boulia, Winton and Winton to inspect three map sheets in the Queensland Channel Country. The Canberra and Ulladulla maps will be inspected by G. Khoo, P. Rodriguez, D. Young and J. Manning in October.





## SURVEY BRANCH

### Map Accuracy

In May-June Surveys Branch conducted a map accuracy survey of the Fromanga 1:250 000 sheet. The party consisted of Carl McMaster, Rod Menzies, Richard Gibbs, Ian Graham, Ed Ainscow and Bob Goldsworthy. Mr Bobroff changed over with Carl for the last week.

The party measured a traverse of five stations over 112 km radiating to map detail points and closing the loop with heartening accuracy. The job provided many opportunities to revive old skills and test old techniques with new technology.

The HP97 made mince-meat of Messers Chambers and Shortrade, while a one man load of a CA1000, with battery, and a radio and other ancillary gear was enough to bring tears to some old eyes. Miniaturisation of new equipment with minimal power drain has made a big impact on this type of work and could be further exploited.

Some things, however, don't change eh, but! The flies, the AFDS sched, woodsmoke, frosty mornings, hot cuppa, blackened billies, soggy rice, Quilpie water, bedding airing, Corone's showers. We even had 80mm of rain, so everyone seized the opportunity to get their vehicle bagged, not badly, just enough to get the adrenalin going. One way or another we all learned some new tricks.

### Photography

The Learjet has completed another successful contract, completing 1:250 000 photography of ten areas in Qld plus part of Cairnsdale before the snow set in. We had a crew standing by with shovels to remove the snow on the first clear day, but fortunately for skiers that day didn't arrive.

Crews have been kept busy as the Nomad is also working away on 1:50 000 photography. At present Bill Stuchbery and Ian Shiell are in Northern N.S.W. Ed Bourke is on his way to take over from Bill and after finishing in N.S.W. will move to the Cooper Basin to pick up photography for Project Team 3. Jack Head is piloting the Nomad.

## FURTHER NOTES FROM PROJECT TEAM 1

### Holidays in Northern Victoria or a Whirlwind Tour of the Vineyards

Well I have been in the bush before, but I can say without fear of contradiction the gracious days of deck chair testing are well and truly over. Rally driving combined with wine testing is a new experience. They call it Field Inspection and the object is to say, I've flown it, chundered over it, caught a glimpse of it or been there and tested it.

The qualifications for this facet of mapping is a strong stomach and a manual dexterity with coloured pens. For example an annotation of a single building can easily become a group of buildings on a corrugated road, or at nine in the morning you may be suddenly called upon to give an opinion of a particularly evil looking fortified road.

Mind you it's not without its hazards though, ten minutes after that particular incident I told my chauffeur the top of a tree 500 m away was on fire. I knew it was a bee swarm but he did take some convincing.



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## FIELD NOTES (CONTINUED)

In another memorable incident, having had elegant sufficiency in our daily diet of dust we decided to flush it down with a Big M at Strathboogie. Lo and behold this particular or peculiar shopkeeper took it out of an unrefrigerated cupboard! Haven't you got a cold one? I asked, "Oh no they're all in the cupboard. It says on the carton you only put it in the frig when it has been opened!" Dave went on to explain "I only got them the other day and I'm waiting to find out what to do with them". Fair Dinkum.

Due to extreme pressure of work we didn't have a great deal of time for P.R. work, even if we had it would not have made any difference for there was a distinct lack of Space Invader Machines in some country towns.

Other fellow holidaymakers were P. Quinn, Ian Pascoe, Tom Zentai and Roy Turner.



## AROUND THE BRANCH

NOTES FROM MANAGEMENT SERVICES BRANCH 1.

THE FINANCIAL YEAR HAS ENDED MUCH TO EVERYONE'S SATISFACTION WITH NOT MANY BISCUITS LEFT IN THE BARREL. ACCOUNTS AND PURCHASING HAVE HAD A BUSY TIME IN WRAPPING UP THE END OF THE YEAR, AND MOST OF THE OFFICE HAS BEEN CALLED UPON AT SOME TIME OR OTHER TO HELP OUT. IT'S NOW TIME TO CATCH UP ON SOME OF THOSE OTHER "TOD HARD" JOBS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT OFF UNTIL NOW.

GENERAL SERVICES: The Car Park Basement has been repainted and people are urged to do the right thing and park in their designated space, and leave the loading zone and visitors area free. See Russ Hughes or Peter Mansford (Social Club) if any problems. Pat Ryan (Registry) and Marg King (Library) report no missing files or books at present and ask people to keep up the good work and return same promptly. ~~The~~ <sup>Mr</sup> ~~has~~ <sup>has</sup> seen much activity with the return to old style field work (if only temporarily), and Messrs Hawke n' Hughes have been inundated with Board of Surveys and equipment for servicing and repair. An object lesson on how to return gear in scottish condition was provided by "Groom".

PERSONNEL: "Dink" Personnel C.C. has recovered from his footy mishap and has returned to fill the chair until Jan Treck's return in early October.



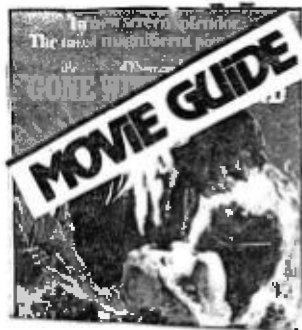
Not too many "Comings 'N Goings" to report apart from the departure on Friday 10 July of Ken Hayes bound for St. John's harbour and Debra Kennedy heading down south to Moh<sup>o</sup> the Casino. Other departures were Linda Connors the writer (Friday 17 July) from the Inquiry. A "comer" was Richard Davitt from Systems House, Ont<sup>o</sup> the house who has been working on the 1st floor computer the past three months. Bob Foster has just recomm<sup>ed</sup> after a long convalescence following his motorbike

accident, and another. The sole recommendation will be that of Mr Sid Kirkby who resumes from his leave of duty with Antarctic Manning on 3 August 1981.

The Razor Gang has done away with payment of salaries in hard legal tender and so please let them know in personnel of your intended mode of payment. We await with trepidation future news of reduced staff ceilings, etc.

ACCOUNTS: Authorizing Officer Bob Holland reports an excellent result for the end of the financial year.. ("you get lawsuits for spending every last zac with this crazy system") .. and wishes to thank everyone who was involved in helping to achieve the desired result. Now it's time to tidy up a few loose ends, review some of the systems, and get stuck into 1981/82.





# FILM REVIEW

## "THE BIG COUNTRY"

On Saturday night most of us were engrossed with Channel 2 watching with malicious pleasure former England Captain Ian Botham hammering the ball to all parts of the Headingley boundary, knowing full well that this was the last throes and rites of a fallen cricket team. (It's always good to beat the FOMS in England).

But over on Channel 10 was a movie which the more I see it, the more I consider it to be ... well, "THE MOVIE".

It's not a western in the true sense, no bar room brawls or nerveless shoot outs in the main drag - it's more your former's western - set out in cattle ranch country. Awesome star Gregory Peck as the sea captain turns up in fancy "Eastern Rig" and has barely set foot in the big country before a gang of frolicsome ruffians, The Hennessy boys rough him up and give him a dusty, bumpy reception at the end of the lariat. He has come to marry Major Tyrrell's daughter, played by a pouting, spoilt Carroll Baker, and the Tyrrells who have been feuding with the Hennessy's for years, decide to escalate the war.

Possibly the greatest entrance in movie history is made by old man Hennessy, played by Burl Ives, when alone he gate crashes the sumptuous engagement party at the Tyrrell mansion and abrades his old "friend" Major Tyrrell in front of his high born guests with a terrible tirade. "When you ride roughshod over my land and hunt my women and children, then you are the low downest yella bellied skunk that ever crawled on this earth!".



Above: Charlton Heston as Old.

The key to the ongoing feud is Big Muddy, a choice property which is sandwiched between the Tyrrell's and the Hennessy's and has traditionally allowed access to its precious lifeline ... Big Muddy, the river which gracefully winds its way through the ranch. Peck offers to buy the property from the owner, a pretty school teacher played by the ravishing (then at least) Jean Simmons. Eventually Peck falls for her after he and his intended (Carroll Baker) fall out after Peck evades a fight with the jealous and surly leading hand "Steve", played by Charlton Heston. Out in the big country where men are men, and this is unforgivable in Miss Tyrrell's eyes. McKay (Peck) is to leave the next morning for town, but not before he seeks out "Steve" to say "goodbye". A marathon fist fight ensues with only the stars as company, and as Heston, battered, bleeding and bruised drags himself to his feet he utters - "All I can say McKay, is that you take a long time to say goodbye".

To cut a long story short the Hennessy's and the Tyrrell's battle comes to a dramatic climax, Peck get Big Muddy and the gal (Jean Simmons), and in the best movie traditions of the fifties, everyone lives happily after. I look forward to yet another re-run - I dozed off on Saturday and missed the ending.

**9.00 (D) MOVIE:** The Big Country (PG-13) Gregory Peck, Jean Simmons, Charlton Heston, Carroll Baker, Burl Ives. A former sea captain arrives in Baltimore to marry a rancher's daughter and is forced to take sides in a feud over water rights (Repeat). Includes Tattletales resulting draw Sn. 125 (A4 hrs)

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### "THE NATMAP NEWS" .....

... is a quarterly (approx.) production for the Staff of Natmap, Management Services (VRO) and the Inquiry, and enjoys a circulation of 75 amongst over one hundred people, so please read and pass on. We apologise if we have forgotten or overlooked noteworthy events... we do rely heavily on YOU the contributors to make it a better Newsletter.

.. Bob Young, Rod Menzies, Russ Hughes.



# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

● Groom & Norm came upon a new drink recipe while up the Birdeville Track. Take one 2 litre bottle of Coke; tip 750 mls out and replace with one 750 ml bottle of Bundy; stir slightly - result - Readymix (as the locals call it).

● Certain pilots and people in TCB will be interested to know that after a week in the mud around Eromanga even the showers in Quilpie are refreshing.

● The conversation went like this:-  
Carl, "Do you think it'll rain, Ed?"  
"No, not much."  
Carl, "Won't bother with the tent then."

Next morning ...  
Galdy, "How much rain did we have last night?"  
Ian, "About an inch in that last storm I'd say,"  
Galdy, "Good thing we put the tent up, looks like it's set in,"  
Ian, "You want soggies this morning, Carl?"

● Ian Graham, late one night, tried to observe a star but gave up and returned to the rest of the crew around the fire when he discovered the star going West to East.



GROOM---

● Biggles Baker's feet will never be the same after crossing the Cooper (all in the course of historical research). Actually, because the water was so cold and deep, the shortest member of the party (Wombat Irwin) has certain parts of his anatomy which will never be the same again.

● After several days at Moomba, Terry Rayner and Wombat made good friends with Johnnie Walker, a local lad known for his ability to bring out the best in people. Actually Terry got to know him very well!

● Four intrepid runners were seen jogging down the airstrip at Moomba Gas Field. Wombat, Groom and Norm decided it was much easier going in the Cessna. Biggles decided much earlier that mental exercise was far less strenuous and lay on his sack while reading some history and admiring some of the 'adornments' on his wall.

● On another rainy night at Eromanga, the experience of 013 showed out. He was the only one who's swag remained dry. Wat! No tents again.

● Greame (John the Baptist) Lawrence was seen to be walking very tenderly after digging the land Rover out of a predicament. Seems something kept 'nibbling' his toes. (Little prickly bushes cunningly hidden by the mud).

● RUM was returning to Melbourne, very proud of his newly acquired felt hat and cream molasskin. "The ultimate in dress for a professional bush surveyor." That is until he was asked by the Calgatty Agent, in a Wodonga pub, how many head of cattle he caught at the

**Biggles  
flies  
again**





Monday 10 a.m. "Carl's a bit late."



Wednesday 4 p.m. "Wonder if he meant the other hill!"

# POOL TOURNAMENT

After a lapse of three years the 1981 Netmap Pool Tournament has been revived and twenty-seven acceptors so far are in line to get their name on the trophy hanging on the 7th floor. It should get under way very soon, but there's still time for any late acceptors at this stage. The final will be played on a Social Sips Night - best out of three - local house rules apply. The \$1 entry will go towards maintenance of the table and queues (has! has!).  
GOOD POTTING!

## POOL TOURNAMENT DRAW 15/7/81

### GROUP 1

QUINN V. LLOYD  
GOLDSMITH V. HUGHES  
HARRUP V. KEARNS  
BRISTIE V. IAN HALL

### GROUP 2

PINFEATHER V. PASCO  
KURA V. ELY  
BAKER V. MCRAE  
WILLIAMS V. LINDELL

### GROUP 3

IRWIN V. MCMASTER  
BURGESS V. WENBORN  
KHOO V. VISSER  
HAWKE V. TURK

### GROUP 4

CARTER V. MOODY  
HOLLAND V.  
V.  
V.

# TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Now rivals "Days of our Lives" and "World of Sport" as the longest running drama. Harrowed organiser Peter "Back Hand" Durkin is still hopeful of a conclusion before Christmas '85. Seriously though, the weather's been a bit crook hasn't it? Still, let's press on with it folks!

## TIPPO '81

A close battle between Registry gals Lady Oi and Pat "Colliwobbles" Ryan who both lead on 72 points. That represents an average of 4.8 winners a round - not bad picking in anyone's language. Andrew Christie in a magnificent burst of lowly tipping looks like getting his name emblazoned on the trusted wooden spoon once more!



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# NEWS

## DANDENONG OFFICE

NO 39

### CHRISTMAS '81

#### LETTER

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS SEASON TO YOU, YOUR FAMILIES AND  
AND FRIENDS; MAY NEXT YEAR BE AS GOOD, IF NOT BETTER,  
THAN THIS ONE. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

SPECIAL GOOD WISHES AND GOOD LUCK TO: WR, F&RS, NT, JMu,  
MP, IRH, PHi, P&JR, DV, D&RD, AJW, RVG, AGB, GW, SM&BP,  
and remember.....

"RETHE LWLI ALYWAS BE TEBRTE NAD SEWRO SYREA  
HTNA 1981 OS KBREA TGHOURH NI 'B2!!!!"

(Translation Back Page.. I think.)

... MIN





## DINING OUT



*"to eat is Heaven" — Confucius*

### COOPER CREEK HOTEL—MOTEL, INNAMINCKA DINNER MENU (served about half past)



table d'hôte

a la truck

CHEF'S SELECTION: Bundaberg  
PILOTS' PREFERENCE: Bomb Bay Duck  
TRUCKIES' CHOICE: Starve until you get to Birdsville

#### Appetisers:

QUAIL, DUCK AND FLOUNDER  
REPTILE COCKTAIL with Corella Sauce  
OYSTERS ROCKEFELLER — severely

MORTAL BAY BUGS  
TOAD ON THE WHOLE  
MUSSELS KILPATRICK Artichokes too

#### Soup:

SOUP DE yesterday — bean soup  
BIG RED kangaroo tail (skinned extra)  
TURNED TURTLE TUREEN

MULLICKATAWNY  
WITCHETY — good grub

**BURYMUNDI** (served weekends only)

**TILPREE TROUT** — tantalisingly teased from tepid Tilpree waterhole by a precisely placed pattern of hand grenades. With Araldite sauce.

#### CAT FISHCAKES

#### Entrées:

BEEF STRONGAN'OFF  
MOOMBA MOURNAY — goanna gastro

CROWQUETTES  
HURRY CURRY

#### Main Course:

Game, fowl and poultry  
PRESSED RABBIT — fresh from the track  
SAVOURY SWALLOW — one swallow is enough for most people but we give you two  
PELICAN MARYLAND  
SPOONBILL SURPRISE — small spoon, big bill

#### Chef's creations:

BURKE & WILLS SPECIAL — anything left over from yesterday  
ROLLED RIBS OF BEEF de la bulbar  
CHUCK STEAK  
STRZELECKI SCHNITZEL — a hunk of camel flesh battered flat with the back of an axe and crumbed all over with crumbly nardoo seed — (also available cooked)  
BOUNDARY RIDER RISsoles with mustered sauce  
PEPPERONLY PIZZA (not to be sneezed at) — served in three popular sizes  
Min Holden or Mack truck hubcaps.  
CARPETBAG SNAKE  
RIG ROAST — delicious ly diced dingo delicately drenched in Dullingar light crude  
BRUMBY IN A BASKET — serves 83  
ADAM'S DELIGHT — spare rib in cider, Garden of Eden salad.

#### Sweets:

(F.I.S.)  
APPLE DUMPLINGS  
SHOO FLY PIE

RICE PUDDLING  
SAYGO

Cheese & Greens: DANISH BLUETONGUE, SPRUNG ONIONS, LEAKS,  
SALT BUSH BISCUITS

PLEASE TAKE A DOGGIE BAG — our dogs won't eat it.  
DON'T FORGET THE WASHING UP.

*"to eat is Hell" — Tourist*



SINCE THE LAST ISSUE, THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS/EVENTS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED WITH THE PARTICIPATION, ENJOYMENT AND IN A NUMBER OF CASES, THE VERY APPRECIATED ASSISTANCE, OF OTHERS.

## FRIDAY JULY 31 - KID'S PARTY

The infamous 'Space Invaders' machine made its debut at this function and immediately showed its potential to both occupy people's time and empty their pockets, with no age limits. Most of the kids seemed to enjoy themselves without too much screaming and



yelling although some thought 'musical chairs' was unfair and got a bit upset. It appeared unanimous that the favourite game was 'Pass the Parcel' for the participants as well as the on-lookers (oldies!). A 'Guess the Baby Photo' competition was also held and it was a dead heat for first: Paul Wise and Diana Ferraiuolo (I'm sure they copied each other) with Kevin Moody getting a booby prize for lost.

## FRIDAY AUGUST 28 - WINE & CHEESE (& BEER) TASTING

Unfortunately Micky was not present to defend his title of overall best taster for 1980 and so those present missed observing his obvious expertise and tasting style. In all three categories tastes offs were necessary to determine the winners, which included the Stuchbery clan for the wines:

The results were :-

Wines : Fiona Stuchbery (you should have asked Rebecca for some help, Bill!).

Cheese : Roy Turner (of course!)

Beer : Alan Scott (what happened to the die hards?).

Due to lack of numbers present there was quite a deal of excellent wine available for additional tasting (thanks to Mr Manning's fine selections) and those wishing took advantage of this.

## WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9 - GALLIPOLI

Twenty members and friends saw this great Australian, and almost believable, film at the Frankston Cinema after a hearty meal at the Pier Hotel. I would think the film would appeal to anyone (except the British!).



# social club

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## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 BULLER SKI TRIP

A disappointingly small group headed by John Manning skied, with the masses, on the slopes at Buller on a very fine day. Despite being a tiring day (early start) everyone got something out of it, even if it wasn't good service at the 'Abominable'. The suggestion is to possibly have an extended trip next year using 'cheap' accommodation somewhere. For one person the day, and particularly the night, was too much. Perhaps the date was a warning?



## WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23 PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH NO 3

This was to be sub-titled "a Footy Fiasco". In that it was a prelim to the VFL Grand Final (which, of course, Collingwood should never have been in). I don't need to tell those who went to Hemming's Park that it definitely was not a dry event, however most were able to keep themselves dry and warm enough to down some sausages and icy cold beer. It is believed that even

an injury was incurred by one of the diehards playing football, obviously trying out for Geelong next season.



## WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21 - BASKETBALL VS SOCIAL SECURITY

This was a re-rematch against Gino's mob at the Doveton North Primary School hall. Unfortunately a much depleted (in both size and skill) Natmap team was engaged and, although trying very valiantly, were defeated, thus forfeiting the trophy (until next time). There is no need to mention the scores here! A re-re-rematch is likely early next year (or whenever DD is available).

**'Destiny now in  
our own hands'**



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6 1982 - MOONEE VALLEY TROTS NIGHT

Numbers attending are required by January 7 so please contact Min if interested. Cost is dependent on the number attending but is likely to be about \$15 each which includes entrance, meal, drinks and bus trip to and from the track.

## GENERAL

I believe special mention should be made regarding two Social Club Committee members who have left Natmap since the last issue.

Firstly Maya Pinkster, as I'm sure you all know, has left to have her (and John's) baby in the not too distant future.

She was a very hard worker for the Social Club and we were very lucky to have her; at times she was even scolded for working too hard.

She was the very best of luck and happiness for all of us for this important occasion. Her position on the Committee has been very ably filled by Diana Ferraiuolo, who also is a very willing worker and certainly adds a bit of brightness to our functions.

Pam Hill, our ex Secretary, has left to work with her husband. This she was very glad to do and we are very happy for her. Pam's long standing period of assistance to the Social Club is known to all and should not pass without due recognition. Her organisational skills and tireless help were much appreciated. Her departure left a gaping hole to be filled but we think we have done well with her replacement as Secretary, Bob Holland. Although Bob will not probably freely admit that he enjoys the job, he certainly seems to have got his teeth into it. His position on the Committee was taken by Alan Scott whose bright and 'different' ideas are very helpful and generally constructive. He also is a tireless worker.



Hopefully finding this readiness to assist in Diana and Alan is a good sign for the future, particularly with regard to filling positions on the Committee for next year (?).

Once again, in case you missed the message on the front (somehow) the Committee wishes you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous and fulfilling New Year and thank you for your support during 1981. We can only hope that this support will continue, if not increase, for those allocated to perform the Committee's tasks next year.

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## FRIDAY OCTOBER 30 - MOUSE AND SPOUSE 1981

After a nervous and quiet start this night livened up to its usual high pitched excitement with "Hot Odds" Harry Pinfeather in full control. Once again he managed a winning book (never in doubt!). Thanks also go to bagon James, who

was also responsible for the condition of the track, a marvel of modern architecture, and to Scotty, as official starter; Joe as official judge and stipendiary steward, and Lyn for her part-time photography. Special thanks to Russ Hughes for his exotic holding stables which, in general, held the mice, except when the kids were playing with them! (Editor: And what about our hard working Prez "Mini" on the Totaliser Board). The first and second placegetters in the 1981 Natmap Cup (both received inscribed trophies) were :

FIRST: Mal the Rat : Owner/Trainer - Andrew Christie

SECOND: Rat Rug : " " - The Hansfords,

## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20 - PLOUGHMANS LUNCH NO 4

As for No 3 this was held at Hemmings Park and it also rained heavily (at the start!). Spirits were lifted when the sun came out and everyone got stuck into the variety of sausages, bread and salads that were available, especially the more spicy continental sausages, although some complained at the degree of cooking. For some light entertainment, Rudi showed us his expertise at finding ring-pulls and bottle tops with a metal detector ((luckily he found what he was looking for ... about 2 km SE!). Another PL is envisaged for the month of January.



RUDI'S SEARCH FOR GOLD

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 13 - KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY - MARYKNOLL

This will be along much the same lines as previous years with some innovations. Once again we are asking for some gifts to be distributed (by our jolly Santa!) to the kids that attend. Those willing to help please start thinking, and doing something, about it now. Rumour has it that one AJW will have more reason than most to be celebrating on this day!.

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 23 WORK CHRISTMAS PARTY

This will be an 'all-in-on the house' affair for members and families, but don't be surprised if you are asked to buy the odd ticket in a raffle for a large hamper of goodies.

# TENNIS NEWS

## TOURNAMENT

There are two matches still to be played. Recently MCMASTERS & WRAITH had an easy win over QUINN & BURRISS, who had previously defeated HAWKE & CHRISTIE by a narrow margin. MCMASTERS & WRAITH now meet EVANS & HARRUP in the Semi Final. The winners of this match play DURKIN & TURK in the Final, which we hope to play this side of Christmas, subject to availability of the players. (Editor; Not the end at last?!!!!).

## COURT USAGE

The Social Club has recently come to a Court Hire arrangement with Dandenong Uniting Tennis Club. The courts at both Robinson Street or Pultney Street are currently available free to Social Club Members. Please contact Craig Hawke or Peter Durkin on the fifth floor for times and keys.



### Current Times For Usage

Robinson Street Courts- Lunch Time: Tues. from 12:30, Thur. from 12:00 & Frid. from 12:30.

### After Work

Use courts at Robinson Street or Pultney Street, but Club Members have first priority.

..... Peter Durkin

## DINNER DANCE

The silly season is upon us and the social calendar is quickly filling up at this stage of the year. Recent out of house events have been IAN HALL'S SENDOFF at Andrew Turk's abode East Brighton, the VRO REUNION at Bob Holland's (East Doncaster), and culminating last Saturday Night in the Nainap Dinner Dance at the Pirates Cove Restaurant, Waltzing Matilda Hotel.

Although Terry Larkin reckons he didn't enjoy the night - "I never do when I go by taxi!", everyone seemed to take to the buccannering atmosphere, subdued cabin lighting, fine "marinated" rations (ho!ho!), and the rollicking sea shanties provided by the ship's orchestra.

Until next year, me hearties!

.... The Bosun's Mate.

## Waltzing Matilda Hotel Pty. Ltd.

Cooking, Catering and Reception Room,  
Scorbyale, Victoria, 3171  
Telephone: 548 1953

SEAFOOD COCKTAIL NEPTUNE  
SYDNEY ROCK OYSTERS ON ICE WITH LEMON

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BEEF STROGANOFF

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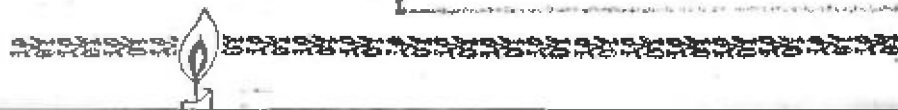
PRIME PORTERHOUSE MAITRE D'HOTEL  
CHICKEN KIEV  
GRILLED FILLET OF BARRAMUNDI

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FRESH FRUIT SALAD & CREAM  
YE OLDE ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING

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COFFEE AND AFTER DINNER MINTS





# field notes



## SURVEY BRANCH - MAP ACCURACY '81

R. Menzies, D. Henderson, E. Burke, I. Shiell and M. Lloyd journeyed to Ouyén/Mildura during October to carry out a "map accuracy" survey on the 1:100 000 sheet of Nowingi.

The field party was joined mid-way through the exercise by Bob Goldsworthy and his intrepid Antarctic colleagues, who were treated to a "course" in the finer points of surveying, especially in the use of the Doppler Satellite System.

Michael and Ed spent several nights under the stars while the remaining crew had to withstand the confines of a motel room.

A word of warning to those travelling along the Calder Hwy - beware of little yellow vehicles assuming the "right of way" whilst crossing the bitumen.

..... Ossie

## AIR PHOTOGRAPHY

Another "Last Flight of the Nomad" is about to get underway with the departure this week of Joe McRae, Tony Maginn and Pilot Terry Mulholland to carry out the photography of Mildura.

## ICB GROUP II

### PT3

The Queensland areas of Jundah, Muttaburra and Emerald were field completed by Kev Crane, Terry Rayner, Norm Oliver and Murray Evans during October.

During the job the crew met an old Blackall gent, Mr Walker who is compiling a history of the town. It seems the old saying about Blackall may not have much validity after all.

At about the same time Bob Irwin, Terry Lorkin, Graham Lawrence and Blue McGibbon finished the Western Hays.

Irwin piloted CAS in both of the above jobs.

As a matter of some urgency, Bob Irwin and Dave Goldy will inspect the Kiana 1:100 000 area prior to Christmas.

### PT2

PT2 recently completed the field inspection of the Canberra & Ulladulla mapsheets. The field party was led by our new chief DRH and composed Khoo, Gringo and Carlos ably assisted by Harry and Jack in CAS.

Canberra turned on typical Melbourne weather for the occasion and naturally when we shifted to Moruya on the coast the rain came with us. The new Toyota was truly blooded on several occasions and impressed in both highway and off-road conditions.



#### TCB GROUP 11 - PT2 (Cont)

Social contact was made with Stan and Nell Stafford who were caravanning at Bateman's Bay, and Khoo, in partnership with Stan, had his only run of luck on the "pokies".

... was also in town and the accompanying photograph is not Carlos being recruited into the Hore Krieger, but of a QMA Survey Assistant who had a close shave with a shearer "mate" of his before leaving Bathurst.

On completion of the task, Bob Irwin took over CAS and he and Goldie are expected to complete the Kiama fieldwork this week.

... Mike & Mal

## "THE SD4 STORY" (COMPILATION DEVELOPMENT)

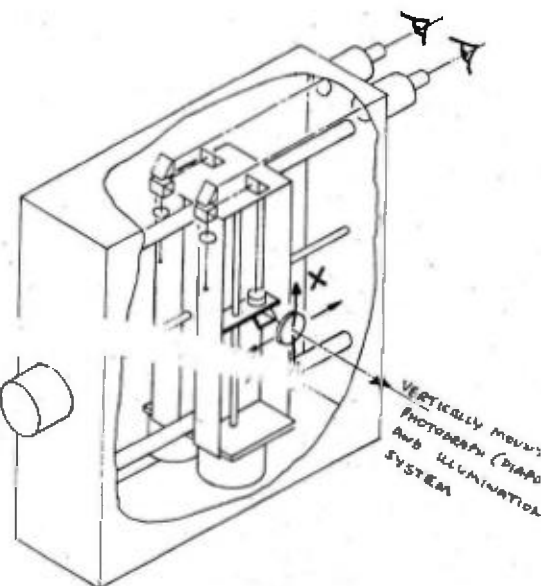
The QASCO backed, Mike Elfick of Stereodigitiser/ Stereo Computer Ltd. is on it's second visit to the Dandenong Office part of an evaluation study being undertaken of Compilation Development to look at the machine's accuracy and general applicability to work undertaken by NATMAP, in both the map compilation and Aerotriangulation areas.

The basic operation of the SD4 can be described as follows;

(Diapositives) are scanned, under computer control, and utilising both mirror and lens movement of images, in two orthogonal directions (X and Y) in such a way that a stereo model is maintained (no X or Y parallax).

Two "joysticks" control the movement in the model, one for X/Y, the other for (apparent) Z. Following computer assisted Relative (and Absolute) orientations, the device can be used as an aerotriangulation instrument to obtain model coordinates or selected points to be used in Block Adjustment Program (eg: MOOBLOCK). The instrument can also be used as an Analyti plotter utilising an HP4 flat bed plotter to produce a hard copy of detail as it is scanned in the model.

Communication with the microprocessor controlling the movements in the device is via a DEC VDU, with output to both plotter and printer.



The QASCO SD-4 stereodigitiser. (Reproduced from Proceedings of the Digital Equipment Computer Users Society, Christchurch, New Zealand, August 1979)

.... Doreryl Williams

# WHITE CHRISTMASSES



About this time two years ago I was living in a tent at Mt King in Enderby Land while twenty odd of us did a three month field survey.

All around was the grandeur of great mountains, and the glorious colour and light of Antarctica.

We had Christmas dinner in a Parcoll hut - a bit like a super tent - which was decorated as much in the traditional Christmas manner as possible, we ate all the traditional Christmas things and opened gifts brought from home.

It was a happy Christmas.

Last Christmas I was at Mawson where the mess and recreation room and sleeping quarters were a blaze of streamers, holly and Christmas baubles. A tree made by winding green plastic packing around wire formers stood in the corner, a beautifully carved nativity scene - carved by a most irreverent rogue - in front of it. The tree and around it was covered in presents for the about 60 men there.

Some presents were from home, some were made, anonymously, by one expeditioner for another. Some presents were serious, some were downright insulting - all were made or given in an atmosphere of "family".

At each of these Christmases it was noticeable that after a few hours the revelry slowed and people became reflective and quiet as they thought of absent friends and loves. Even the human warmth within an Antarctic party can't make up for the absence of family, friends and lovers.

Natmap has always been something of a "family" and I hope it will always remain so. We are all richer while it does.

This year I am back with old friends and it feels good.

Merry Christmas.



# THE MAP MAKERS



By GABRIEL LAFITTE

**IT'S NOT** easy to find men like Bill Johnson, John Allen or Syd Kirkby these days.

Men who spend eight or nine months of the year completely alone in the remotest reaches of central Australia, coping with any emergencies without assistance.

Men who know how to bluff a tribe of New Guinea natives who suddenly confront them armed with bows and arrows.

Men who brave the 100 mph blizzards of Antarctica.

These are the men who, from the air and on the ground, are helping to map every square inch of Australia and its territories.

They work for the Department of National Development's National Mapping Division, which has its main office in Canberra, with the topographic headquarters in Melbourne.

But there aren't many who want to follow for very long in the path of these trail-blazing surveyors.

Bill Johnson, 63, said: "Most of our new recruits spend two or three years with us and then leave."

"We warn them they will

have to live without feminine company; that they'll be on timed food continuously; that they might have to go for a fortnight without a proper wash; that they'll have to hold their surveying instruments completely steady while flies swarm about their faces.

"They still join us, get a couple of years' experience, and then the mining companies snap them up with offers of pay up to double what they receive here."

Bill Johnson's surveying work on the ground is as vital as the aerial photography which has revolutionised map-making in the past 25 years.

Because the aerial shots each cover 150 square miles, some distortion is inevitable.

Further inaccuracies can be caused by the plane tipping or tilting slightly during flight.

These faults can be corrected by viewing the photos through the \$188,000 Stereomast at the Mapping Division's Melbourne operational headquarters.

It is a sophisticated machine imported from America which shows the photographs in three dimensions.

But before distortions can be corrected, the exact positions and heights of certain points along the ground must be fixed by men on the ground.

This is where Bill Johnson, and his 80 colleagues who cover Australia, Antarctica and New Guinea at ground level, come in.

One of them, John Allen, 23, who now operates the stereomast, was once involved in a surprise confrontation with armed New Guinea highlanders after being dropped by helicopter on to the top of a 12,500 foot peak.

"At that height the clouds were below us, ringing the mountain, with a clear sky above."

"Suddenly a group of 20 natives, armed with spears, and bows and arrows emerged from the clouds, climbing towards us."

"They had no clothes as such, apart from the loincloth which was a World War II military jacket coated in pig grease to keep him warm."

"To test us out, he came up to me and thrust a dirty piece of paper torn from an old pound note at me."

"He wanted coins, but I didn't have any, so I decided to bluff him."

"I took a new pound note from my wallet, tore off a corner, and offered it to him."

"His face fell, but all the other natives' faces lit up, and the tension disappeared."

The result of the surveying is 18 by 24 inch maps, each covering 900 square miles at a scale of four miles to the inch.

It will take nearly 600 maps to cover all of Australia and New Guinea.

Australia's Antarctic territory, an area 80 per cent as big as Australia, presents even greater mapping problems.

To cover the Antarctic territory at the same scale will eventually require nearly 500 maps.

Syd Kirkby, 28, who was awarded a MBE in 1965 for his pioneering work in Antarctic map-making, said:

"It's a demanding, but fascinating piece of work. When I first started working in the Antarctic 14 years ago, the surveying party would be just three or four men with a team of dogs or small tracked vehicles, on the ice for a whole year."

"Now the parties are far more productive because there are more men, all of them specialists, and they have helicopters as well as planes, and much better equipment."

"They generally stay only for the three summer months."

"But I'm glad to be desk-bound again."



AUSTRALIA'S map-makers have a big job on their hands. They even have the task of mapping part of Antarctica.

## THE "HELL" YOU SAY!

Just what is meant by this word "Hell"? They say sometimes, "It's cold as Hell." Sometimes they say, "It's hot as Hell." When it rains hard, "It's Hell," they cry. It's also "Hell" when it's dry.

They hate like "Hell" to see it snow. It's "A Hell of a Wind" when it starts to blow.

Now "How in Hell" can anyone tell "what in Hell" they mean by this word "Hell"? This married life is "Hell" they say, when he comes in late, there's "Hell to pay." When he starts to yell, it's a "Hell of a note." It's "Hell" when the kid you have to tote, it's "Hell" when the doctor sends his bills for a "Hell of a lot" of trine and pills. When you get it you will know real well Just what is meant by this word "Hell."

"Hell, yes," "Hell, no" and "Oh, Hell," too, The "Hell you don't," the "Hell you do." And "what in Hell" and "The Hell it is," "The Hell with yours" and "The Hell with his." Now, "who in Hell" and "Oh, Hell, there!" And "what in Hell do you think I care," But "The Hell of it is," "It's as sure as Hell,"

We don't know "what in the Hell" is "Hell."

- Author Unknown

# GOLF GOSSIP



The annual Natmap championship was once again held at the Royal & Ancient Long Lang Golf Course. A new handicapping system was utilized this year to give everyone an opportunity to feature in the finish. It proved very popular with the long markers but may need to be reviewed next year.

Mr G. Burriess won the day with an excellent score and is to be congratulated on his fine performance.

The annual interdepartmental golf day at Anstel proved a "winner" again. Natmap's team acquitted themselves well, but more involvement by more golfers is required next year, in order to finish higher in the placings.



The Kink

..... "Ossie"



## POOL TOURNAMENT

Seventh Floor ..... Arnold Visser won his way to the NATMAP CHAMPIONSHIP with a fine 2-0 victory over "Dark Horse" Roland Lindell, who performed remarkably well to make the Final. Both received medallions for their efforts. The tournament, the first to be held at The Map since Ken Hays's victory back in 1978, was marked by some classic matches of high standard between the thirty two contestants, and we look forward to making it an annual event.

..... "HORACE".



## PING PONG TOURNAMENT

We are at the elimination stage where the losers of the first round are battling for the final sixteen places. The knockout stage of the tournament begins. Surprise of the opening round was the defeat of 1979-80 champ Colin Carter by the veteran left hander Januszewski.

Player's please assist by playing games promptly. .... Oscon



.....  
 Above the guys who criticise  
 And minimise the other guys  
 Who's enterprise has made them rise  
 Above the guys who criticise  
 And minimise the other guys



.....

"Straighten up, Cooper."



ANSWER FRONT PAGE: "There will always be better and worse years than 1981 so break through in 82!!"