

Our Bank

LOOKING AT PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN THE STATE BANK OF VICTORIA

SEPTEMBER 1986

The Death of a Computer

They held a wake for System 4, the computer which was shut down last month.

System 4 served State Bank long and well.

But the time had come – as in all working lives – to move aside and be replaced.

System 4 has been replaced by the ICL 2900.

System 4 was installed at our Spencer Street computer centre in 1969-70 for about \$2.3 million, but its ability has been superseded.

Its capacity was 384 K, that is, the area in characters and spaces accessible for putting in programme instructions.

The capacity of its replacement is 65,536 K.

System 4's speed was about .3m Machine Instructions Per Second, the number of programme instructions the machine can act upon per second.

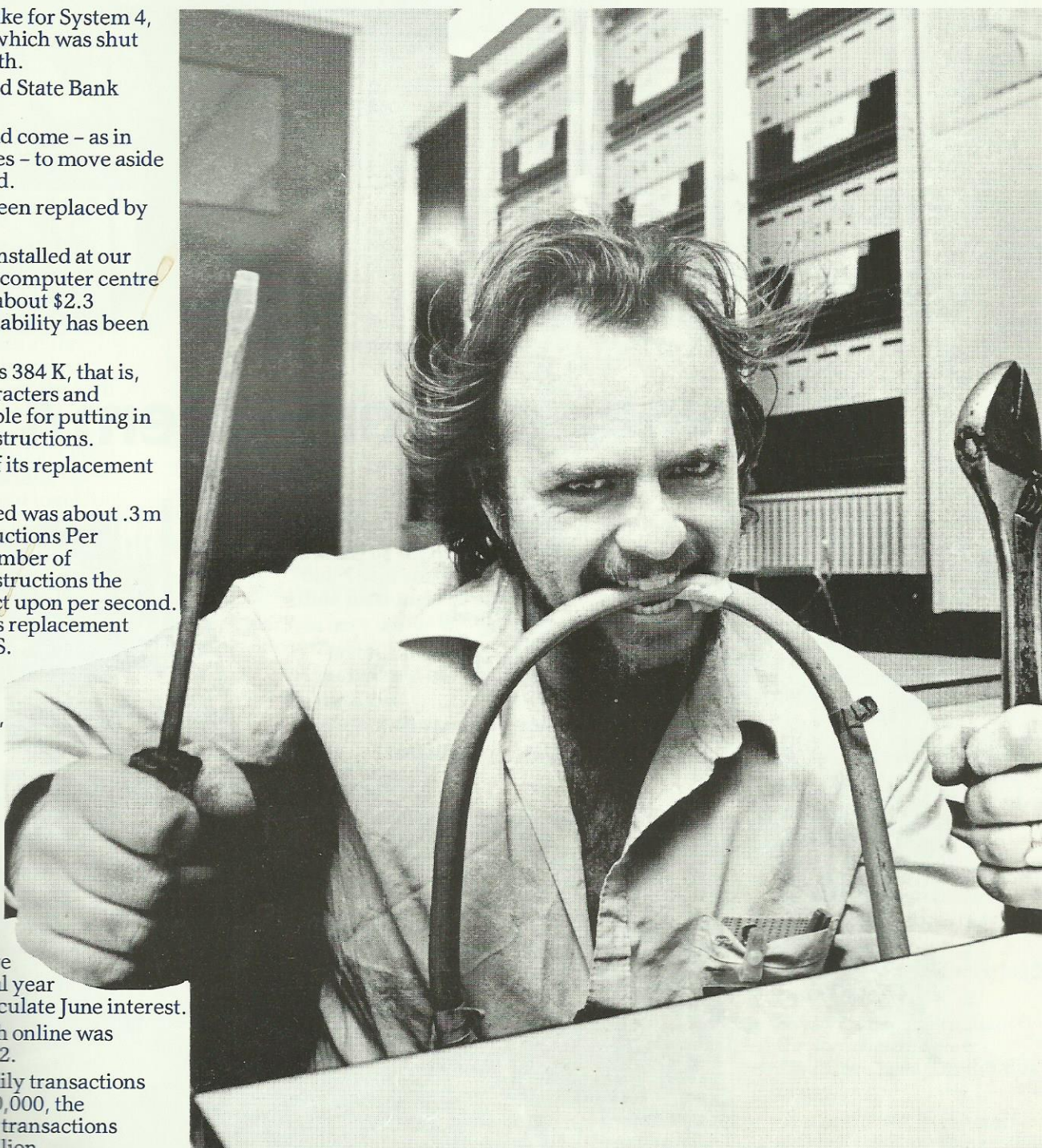
The speed of its replacement is about 4 MIPS.

Its functions were, through 1131 terminals, to provide 430 branches with an online service from 8 am to 6.30 pm five days a week, prepare branch and head office departments' reports, prepare end-of-financial year reports and calculate June interest.

The first branch online was St James in 1972.

The average daily transactions were about 450,000, the average yearly transactions around 118 million.

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Engineer Dave Vanstone gets his teeth into the job of dismantling System 4.



Assistant manager ISD operations Brian Hoath, engineer Dave Vanstone and engineer Alan Smith.

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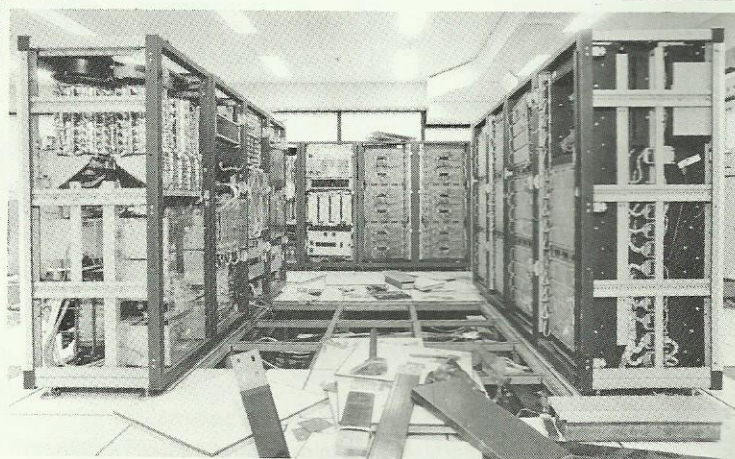
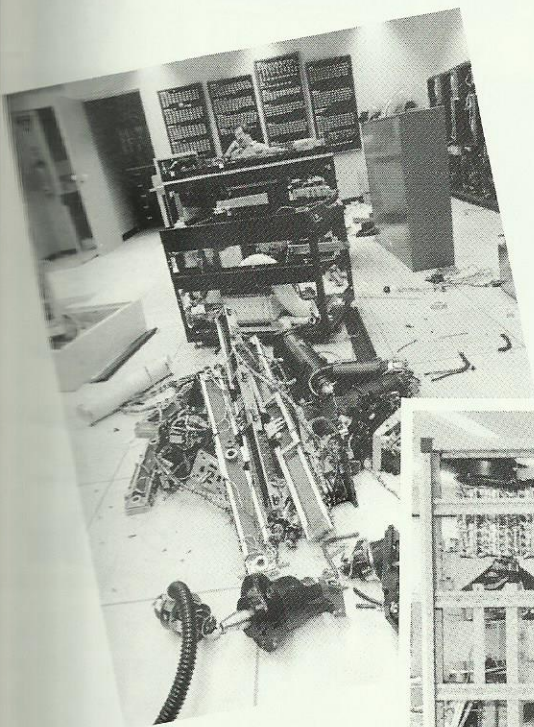
Terminal end for System 4

A total of 3 million seconds of power was used to process these transactions.

System 4 put in hard for 14 years at three shifts a day to log up 87,360 hours. With three eight-hour shifts there were 10,920 shifts.

But System 4 has gone. It has been sold as scrap to a Sydney company.

System 4 signed off at 12.44 pm on August 24.



The end of System 4

Happy 100th, Robert



Robert Anderson and Geelong West staff.

It's not often your branch can boast of a 100-year-old customer, but when you can, it's worth a party.

Such was the case at the Geelong West branch on September 2 when the staff celebrated the 100th birthday of Robert Anderson, of Geelong West, with a cake, morning tea and a gift of a gold ingot.

Mr Anderson, a former locomotive driver, is a regular customer at the branch and a favourite with the staff.

Letters he received for his century included one from chief executive Bill Moyle.

Mr Anderson started a joint account at Geelong West

with his wife, Florence, on October 9, 1924.

Manager John Carter says: "He's a lovely old bloke. He comes in regularly once a fortnight.

"He's a favourite with everyone here. He's got a terrific memory.

"He's got a twinkle in his eye and usually brings in some Columbines for the girls.

"The party went really well. He had a great morning.

"The Mayor was here. He's had a terrific turn-of-the-century.

"One of the girls baked a cake for him. He really enjoyed the party."



Robert Anderson and Geelong West manager John Carter.

We'll carry your bags, Michelle

Deer Park branch teller Michelle Carr thought she was in trouble when branch manager Arthur Hannah wanted to see her.

"I was balancing up," she says.

"I thought I'd done something wrong."

Michelle could not have been more wrong.

Arthur wanted to congratulate her for winning a competition run by the Herald and Benson and Hedges with the prize a

first-class ticket for two flying Qantas to the Rio carnival with seven nights' accommodation and \$3000 cash.

"I nearly died when the Benson and Hedges man rang me," says Michelle, 18.

"I said 'You're joking.'

"It was a shock. It was a surprise."

For anyone thinking of volunteering to carry Michelle's luggage for her, don't bother. She plans to take her mum, Lyn.



Michelle Carr

Bendigo PWE

October 22 is the date for the first Bendigo Pleasant Wednesday Evening.

North central regional lending officer Wayne Connors says the PWE will be at the Queen's Arms Hotel from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

A six-person social committee has been formed comprising three from the regional office, two from

Bendigo branch and one from Bendigo Hargreaves Street branch.

Another PWE might be held before Christmas.

Says Wayne, chairman of the social committee: "We'll see how popular this one is."

The next PWE in the staff cafeteria of State Bank Centre is on October 29.

APPOINTMENTS

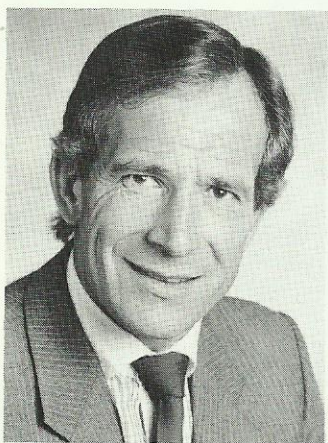
Chief executive Bill Moyle has been appointed chairman of the Victoria Council of the Bicentennial Authority.

Premier John Cain has announced Mr Moyle's appointment in Parliament.

Mr Cain says of Mr Moyle: "I am sure he will be an excellent chairman of the Victoria Council."

Mr Cain says he expects Mr Moyle's appointment to be welcomed by the community.

He says that Mr Moyle, who was appointed chief executive in 1984, is a distinguished Victorian who has made a valuable contribution to the State over many years.



Jon Attoe

Jon Attoe has joined our Bank as chief manager corporate banking.

Jon, 43, began his banking career at Lloyds Bank in England in 1960.

He came to Adelaide in 1967 to work for the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, the bank which gave him his first experience in corporate banking in 1980.

After joining the National Australia Bank as corporate lending manager in 1981, he moved to Barclays Australia Ltd. as corporate finance manager in 1982.

Most recently, he was senior manager, corporate, with the Australian Bank.

Show Time Again!

Royal Melbourne Show time is a busy time for Victorians.

It means the start of spring weather and the climax of the football season and gives the chance for country and city people to mingle

and learn a little of each other's lifestyle in the hustle and bustle of the show.

State Bank's branch in Plummer Avenue at the showgrounds was a success again this year.

Thousands of people used

its Easy Bank Teller Point – about 400 times a day – to make their banking easier during the show time rush.

Others used the branch for depositing and withdrawing and to open accounts.

The branch was also kept busy with people using it for paying bills. There were even international banking inquiries.

This year's State Bank team was headed by manager Greg Schreck, of Maryborough.

Greg and his staff, Stephen Crisp, Debbie Thompson, Leanne Hurkmans and Anna Genovese, of State Bank Centre branch, along with branch marketing support people, had a busy time promoting our Bank.

About 7000 State Banking System carrybags were distributed to show visitors in the first four days of the show.

The branch's upstairs entertainment area was well patronised by customers and guests invited by town and country branch managers – some 3000 invitations were sent out.



Leanne Hurkmans chats with a young show patron.



Showgrounds branch manager Greg Schreck and rural valuer Ian Cox enjoy a cup of tea with Ian and Linda Balfour, of Hampton Park.



Stephen Crisp, Debbie Thompson, Leanne Hurkmans, Lynda Hughson, Anna Genovese and manager Greg Schreck.

How things have changed

When joining our Bank, staff are required to work for a short probationary period before being taken on full time.

Back in 1900, when the Bank was known as the Savings Bank of Victoria, joining was a much more difficult procedure, requiring the trainee to put down a large sum as a pledge of dedication to their chosen career.

Such was the case for 17-year-old Robert Hill when he applied for a job at Geelong branch in 1900, and was posted to Horsham.

His family had to put down a 500 pound probationary bond, which was refunded

after a year of satisfactory work.

Robert's son, also named Robert, recently brought in the lengthy legal documents his father had to sign at the time, to show Terry Martin, assistant manager at Forest Hill branch.

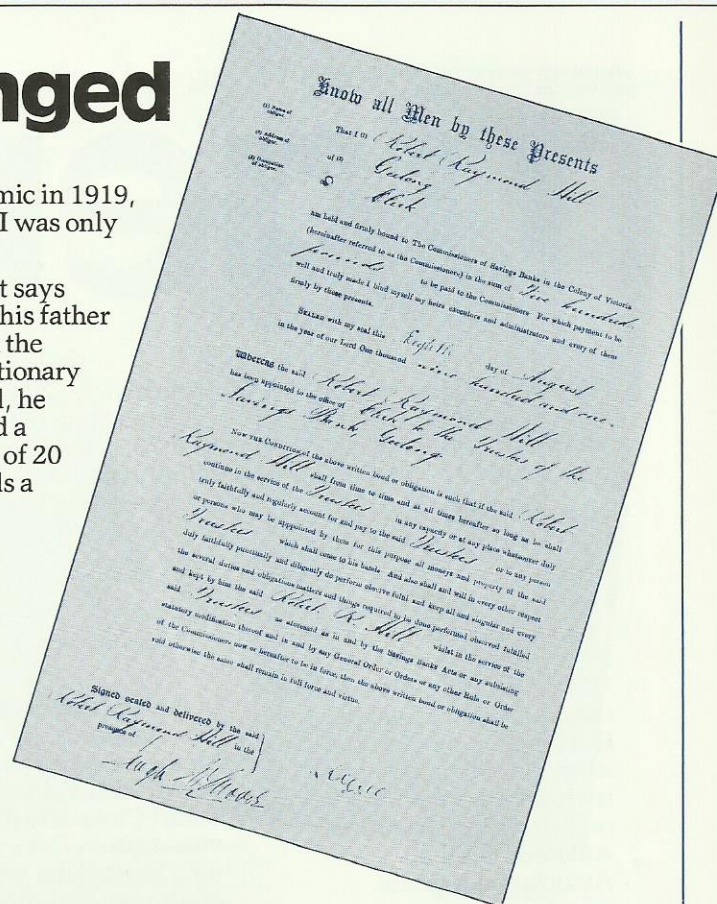
"Apparently it was the done thing in those days," says Robert.

"Up until about 1914, many people in a variety of industries, nurses for instance, were asked to pay a bond, as a means of enforcing honesty.

"It was interesting for me to find the documents recently, as I never heard about these things from my father. He died in the flu

epidemic in 1919, when I was only two."

Robert says when his father ended the probationary period, he earned a salary of 20 pounds a year.



Up, up and away with Kel

Kel Hazlett, manager at Hampton Park, has a hobby which is adventurous to say the least.

He builds and flies his own aircraft and is a member of the Sport Aircraft Association.

Kel started flying in 1956 with the Gliding Club of Victoria, in the days when winch launching was the only way to get off the ground.

This presented the keen flier with the problems of a steep ascent and the possibility of a cable break.

He trained for 18 months before he flew solo in a Grunau Baby, a glider of pre-World War II design.

Since 1976, he has been working on an aeroplane of his own design and manufacture.

He is very proud of it, and says: "It's not just a powered glider, it's a conventional aeroplane.

"I call it the Mini Moth."



Kel Hazlett

The plane was ready to fly in 1984.

Since then, he has been modifying it and his latest plan is to install a more powerful engine.

"When you first fly your own plane, even though it's a milestone event, you have so much on your mind that you can't really appreciate it," says Kel.

"You get so much more out of the experience later." Kel flies his plane from Penfield, near Sunbury. It is housed in a 6 metre long trailer which he also built.

Tigers' Grand

State Bank Football Club came so close to winning a premiership for the first time since 1977 this season.

Despite a magnificent effort in a close game, the Tigers just failed.

The Tigers' senior team finished second but lost the second semi-final to Bulleen United by 99 points and lost the preliminary final to Elsternwick by 10 points so it was left to the reserves to try to capture the premiership in Victorian Amateur Football Association E-grade.

The reserves finished on top of the ladder but lost the second semi-final against Brunswick by a point.

The Tigers beat Bulleen United by 38 points in the preliminary final to win the right to battle Brunswick for the flag in the grand final.

State Bank led 2.4 to 2.2 at quarter-time but at half-time trailed 3.5 to 4.5.

The result was obviously going to be close and photographer Andrew Chapman says many of the fans at the game believed the Tigers were the better team.

It was in the third quarter that Brunswick started to get ahead and State Bank trailed by 13 points at the start of the deciding last quarter.

The Tigers outscored their opponents in the final quarter but when the siren sounded, State Bank had lost by 11 points, 7.12 to 9.11.

Finals scores: Seniors second semi-final Bulleen United 19.16:124 defeated State Bank 3.7:25, preliminary final

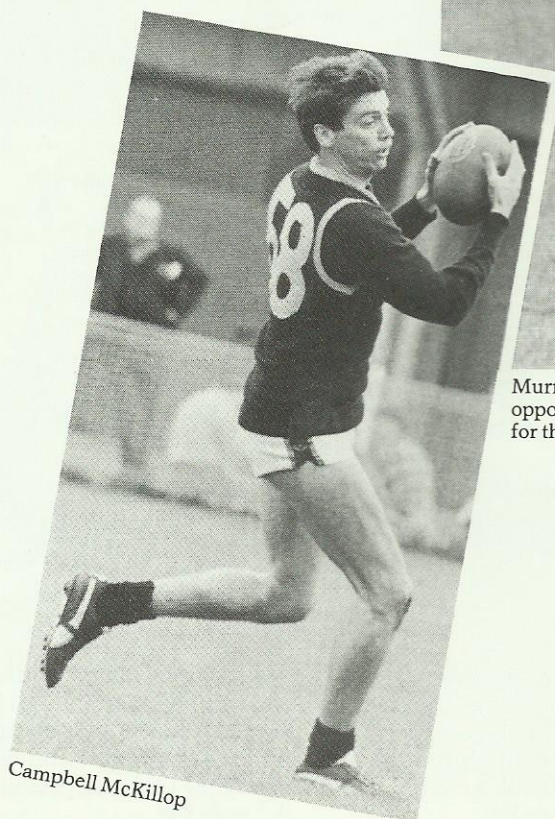
Elsternwick 12.16:88 defeated State Bank 12.6:78; reserves second semi-final Brunswick 9.6:60 defeated State Bank 9.5:59, preliminary final State Bank 14.10:94 defeated Bulleen United 8.8:56, grand final Brunswick 9.11:65 defeated State Bank 7.12:54.

In the club's best-and-fairest awards, Kevin Matheson won the seniors' award ahead of vice-captain Stuart Cloke and deputy vice-captain David Jenkins who headed the VAFA E-grade goal-kicking list with 82. The reserves' award was won for the fourth time by Jeff Inglis. Second was Mark Keating and third Bruce Husson.

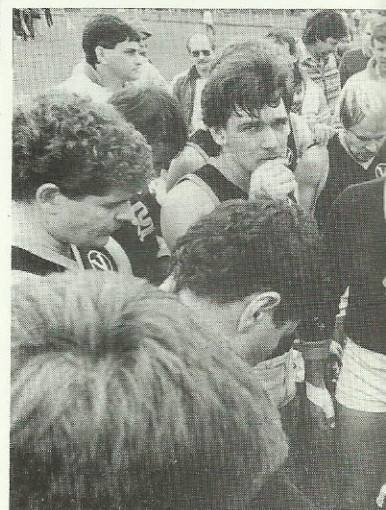
The club's annual general meeting will be held in the clubrooms at 7.30 pm on November 5.



Murray Guy leads his opponent in the race for the ball.



Campbell McKillop

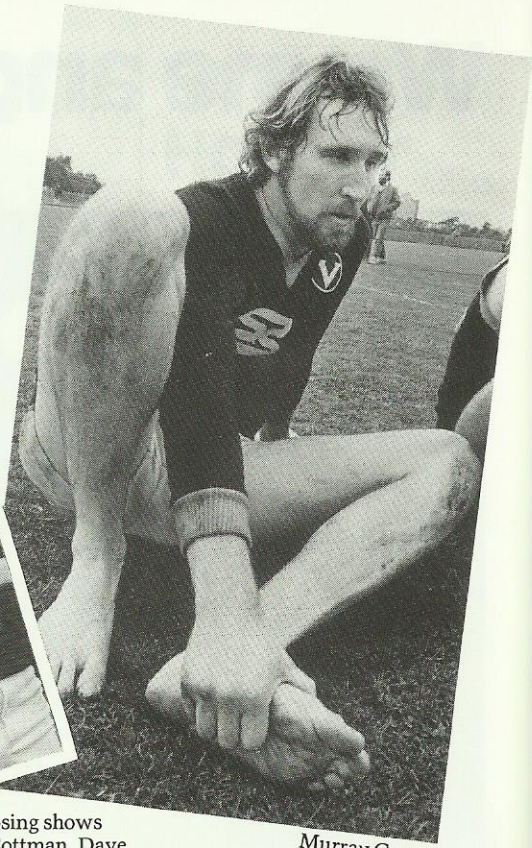


Three-quarter time and coach Roland Rogotowicz urges his Tigers on for one more quarter.

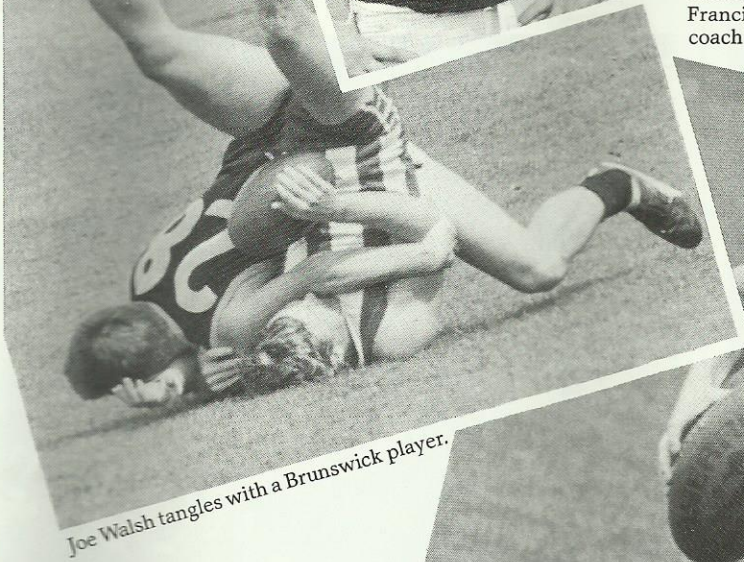
d Final



The pain of losing shows in the faces of Dean Cottman, Dave Grant, Grant Amor, club vice-president Viv Francis, captain Steve Roberts and assistant coach Tony Bull.



Murray Guy - after the siren.



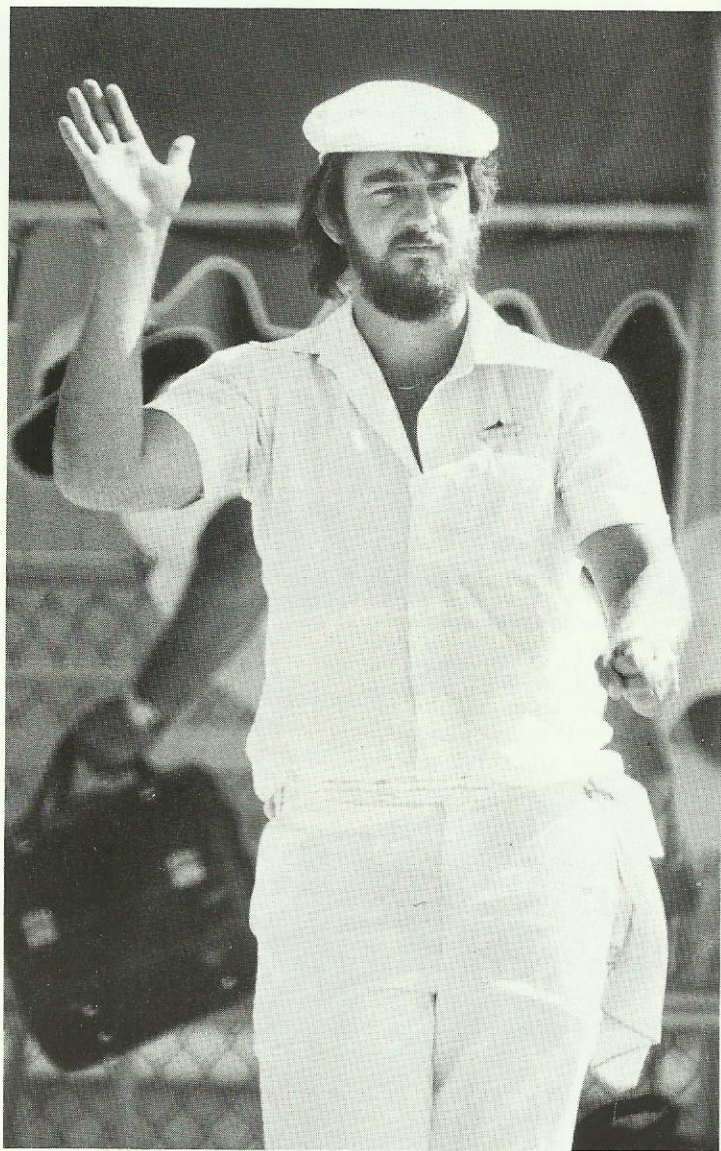
Joe Walsh tangles with a Brunswick player.



Ruck-rover Neil Roberts.



Wayne and Jim, our Champs



Wayne Jessup

At 28, Wayne Jessup does not fit the image many of us have of bowlers being more advanced in years.

He has been bowling for five years and this year he won the B-grade lawn bowls championship at Beechworth Bowling Club.

Wayne, Beechworth branch accountant, says: "It's certainly not an old man's game.

"And I'm certainly not the youngest in the club. There are probably four or five younger than me."

His next step is to try to take the club's A-grade

championship next year and he starts training at the end of this month for the challenge.

Wayne practises on Tuesday and Thursday, plays Pennant on Saturday and social games on some Sundays.

"That was the first club championship I've won," he says.

"I've picked up a lot of other awards. I've won a few handicap events and played in three premierships sides.

"I'll have to see if I can go one better next year."

Jim Yates, manager at Carlton branch, has just won the Australian men's pairs championship for indoor biased bowls.

The tournament took place at Newcastle Sports Entertainment Centre.

Two hundred and eighty bowlers from all over Australia took part in the event.

Jim and his partner received a portable stereo radio cassette recorder, a medal, and a perpetual trophy, which they keep for a year.

"We'll each keep the trophy six months!" says Jim.

Jim, who has won three state titles and represented

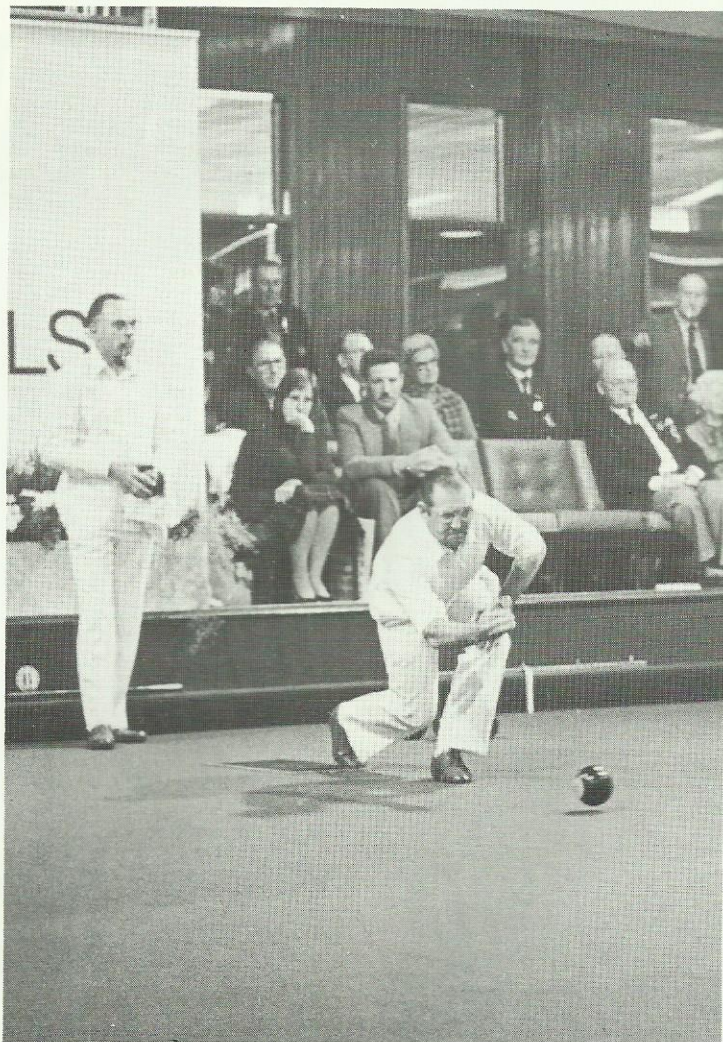
Victoria 11 times, will be part of the Australian team to visit New Zealand and play against their "formidable opposition" next May.

"I enjoy the challenge of bowling, and the fraternity of the players.

"You don't get that kind of satisfaction from other sports; plus there's no age limit and they're a terrific bunch of people", says Jim.

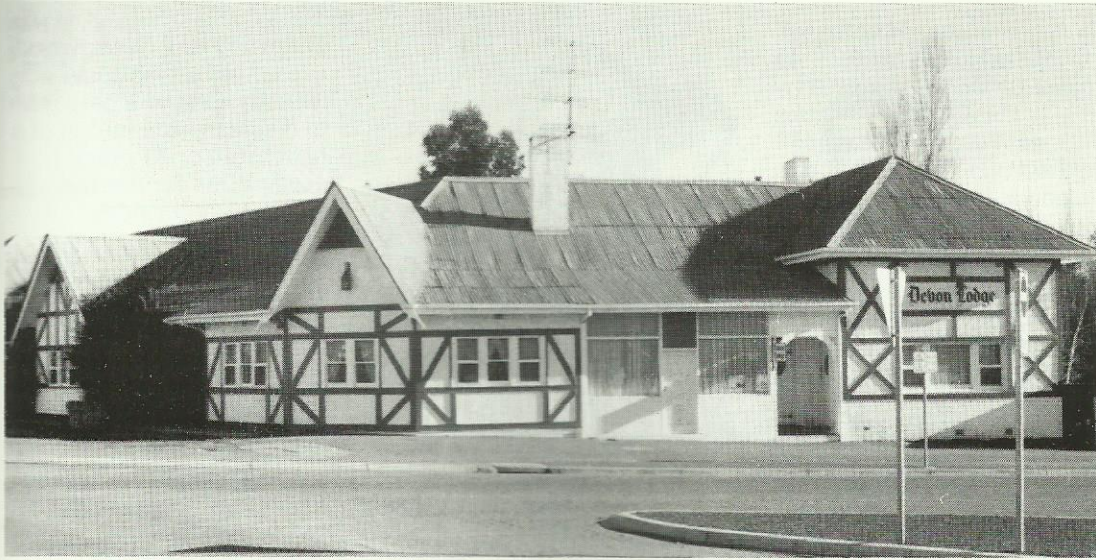
Jim's wife, Lois, and his son Darren, from Easy Bank section of Bank Cards department, are also champion bowlers.

It will be no surprise to see many more medals in the Yates family in the future.



Jim Yates

Arthur – the Shutter Bug



Arthur's Competition Picture

A photographic display in Shepparton 15 years ago inspired Arthur George, manager at Gisborne branch, to take some photographs of his own.

Not just family snaps, though. He decided to learn all about photography and joined a camera club.

Now, as a member of the Woodend Camera Club, his main interest is slides.

"The club holds competition nights," says Arthur.

"A theme is chosen, and we base our pictures around it.

This could be a colour, a season, night photography. Just about anything.

"Slides are particularly good for a club, because they can be projected for a much bigger image for viewing."

Arthur nominates children as the most difficult subject to photograph.

"You have to wait until they're relaxed, so that they will look natural. Sometimes, this takes hours!" says the patient Arthur.

At the moment, he is

learning about processing, and is part of the way through building a darkroom at home.

Has he gone as far as he can go?

"No," says Arthur.

"Photography is a constant learning process."

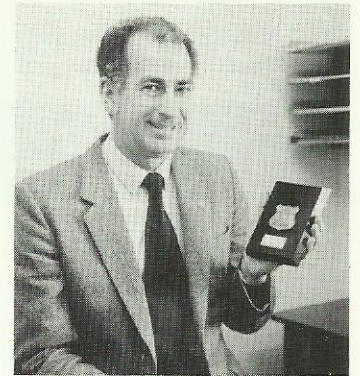
His latest photographic project is a competition for the best photograph of an historic building in the Kyneton-Woodend-Gisborne area.

The winner will be presented with a trophy in October.

Rotary Honour for Editor Doug

Beechworth branch manager Doug Jeffery may not see himself as a Churchill-type correspondent but his journalistic skills have been recognised by the Rotary Club.

Doug, 42, a member of the Rotary Club of Beechworth, as editor of the club's Bulletin, was responsible for his club winning the award for the best Rotary Club Bulletin for 1985-86.



Doug Jeffery

It was Doug's first year as editor and the first time Beechworth, in District 979, won the annual award.

There are 52 clubs in the Rotary district and Beechworth's Bulletin scored more points than any club in the district.

"We scored more points than any other club," says Doug.

"I like writing. I've always enjoyed it.

"I've always done a bit. I used to write sporting articles for the Seymour Telegraph when I was down that way.

"I enjoyed being editor very much."

Doug, who is now club treasurer, has been with Beechworth Rotary two years.

On Etiquette

Sue Lewis, teller at Ararat branch, is the third entrant in the Ararat Golden Gateway Festival Queen Quest.

Sue, 17, was invited to join by last year's winner.

"All my friends said it was the chance of a lifetime, so I said, 'why not?'" says Sue.

A winner will be chosen from the six or seven entrants on the night of the festival ball. They will be judged on etiquette,



Sue Lewis

appearance, interests and ambitions.

The ball was to be held on October 3, the last day of Sue's holidays.

"It's a good way to wrap them up", she says.

The winner will receive a weekend for two in Melbourne.

And is she nervous?

"Yes, a bit!" she admits.

Sue is sponsored by the Ararat and District Junior Football Association.

Banking on Fireman

Summer is not far away.

It has a habit of advertising its approach with an occasional blast of heat in spring.

Then it's here and you wonder what happened to the cold days and nights of winter and the gentle spring.

Australia's heat bakes.

It pushes us outside to end-of-year and new year parties and barbecues, makes us wear light clothing, changes the colour of our skin and throws us into backyard pools and the surf.

Australia's summer also means bushfires.

Who remembers a summer when there is no memory of a fire?

Who can name a year when not one fire truck was seen on its way to yet another outbreak, down the peninsula, near the border, in the hills, near a town?

Fires arrive with summer. They will again this year.



Neale Marlow (left), Frank Pitinga and Phil Jones

Tragically, lives could also be lost.

Neale Marlow and Frank Pitinga, of Bank Cards, are two Country Fire Authority firefighters who this summer will again be called out at any of the 24 hours in the day or any of the seven days in the week.

They were called out for Ash Wednesday.

Frank, 21, fought the blazes around Berwick, Pakenham and Officer. Neale was at Cockatoo, Belgrave,

Berwick and Officer. They went "wherever there was red."

Neale, 43, had about six hours' sleep in three days at that time. Besides fighting the fires, there was the despatching of crews to organise.

Frank and Neale are with Edithvale fire brigade. Neale, brigade secretary, has been with the CFA since 1964 and Frank for five years.

At Edithvale recently, CFA

chairman Ray Greenwood presented six National Medals. One was presented to Neale in recognition of a minimum of 15 years' continuous service for emergency services.

Neale has already logged up 22. It is hard to put a figure on the number of voluntary hours spent in the battle against fires in that time.

Summer 86-87 will be much like many others - seemingly endless heat, relaxation, socialising, swimming.

To firefighters it means sleeping with the telephone next to the bed, having to be ready to answer the call at any time. For Edithvale, an average of 33 calls.

This summer, when you are at the beach, or at a barbecue, or relaxing with a drink in the backyard and you hear the siren followed by the fire truck, spare a thought for the volunteers.

They don't always receive much recognition.

Glass Art

When Gil Riscalla, manager at Ripponlea branch, was getting acquainted with the business people at Glen Eira Road, one of the places he visited was the Australian Lead Light Company, two doors from the branch.

He was so impressed with their work that he arranged with Nick Georgiadis, head of the company, to have some of his work displayed in the Galleria in State Bank Centre.

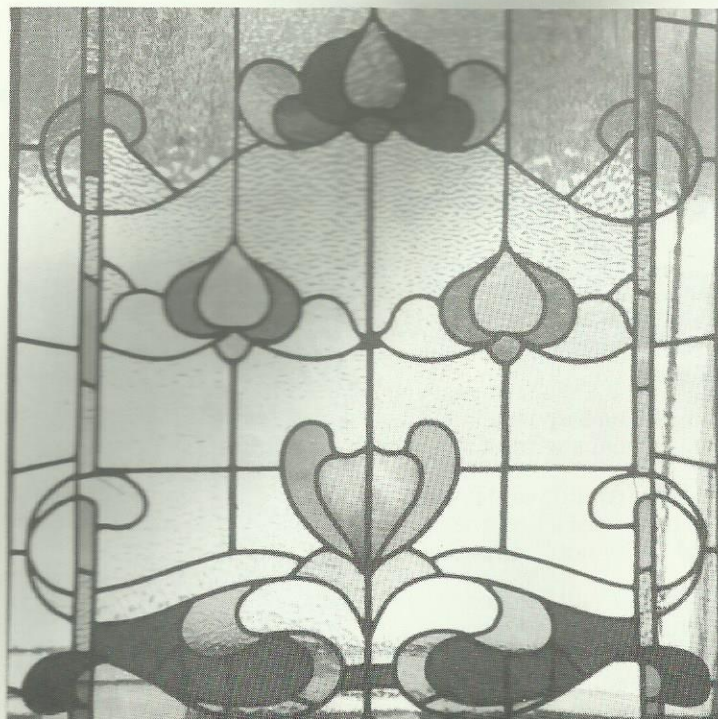
Leadlight demonstrations have been given daily during September by Nick, his wife, Eva, and assistant Liz Simpson.

"Public response has been excellent", says Liz.

"A lot of people are interested in what we're doing."

Nick is a former bank manager who started lead light work as a hobby. His work became so popular that he went professional.

The process involved in creating work, such as the Edwardian window pictured, is extremely intricate. Imported glass is used, and each piece is cut by hand. Lead is placed between the pieces and soldered. Putty is used to weather-proof the work.





Flying Along

If enthusiasm counts in competitive sports, the Victorians will be giving everything they have in the 16-foot skiff national championships in Queensland.

Tony Hercus, 19, of Mordialloc branch, is one of the sailors picked for the Victorian skiffs and although he admits that New South Wales, which holds the championship, is more experienced, the Victorians plan to give it their best.

"New South Wales have about 15 years more experience," he says.

"But we're doing heaps of

training every Sunday and every chance we get."

The championships, at Hervey Bay, start on January 1.

Each skiff has a crew of three and Victoria will be sending 15 sailors.

Tony has been sailing for 10 years and sailing skiffs for the past two years.

"The races are over 16 to 20 nautical miles," he says.

"They fly along. We've been clocked at over 15 knots. Depending on the weather, they can complete the race in an hour-and-a-half.

"We'll be giving it our best shot."

Neil kicks on!

Broadford branch accountant Neil Haslett who played his 300th senior game for Lancefield Football Club this year, admits he regularly thinks about hanging up his boots but says he will probably front up for pre-season training next year.

Neil, 33, played about five seasons with Lancefield's junior team before starting with the Tigers' seniors in the Riddell District Football League in 1968.

He also played two seasons with Kyneton in the Bendigo league.

"Do I think about retiring?" says Neil.

"Oh yeah, about every Saturday morning.

"My biggest disappointments would have been playing in two losing grand finals in 1981 and 1983.

"My biggest thrill was playing my 300th game. We played Melton South. We got badly beaten that day."

Neil is vice-captain and has also been club treasurer for 10 years. He has won two club best and fairest awards and has now played 308 games.

The Tigers did not make the finals this year and Neil says of his chances of playing in a premiership team: "I think I'm running out of time.

"But I'll probably be there next year."

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Full Points to 315 Collins Street

Football jumpers, footballs, scarves and meat pies at 315 Collins Street branch were the order of the day as grand final fever gripped Australia.

The ball to start the 1986 grand final had not been bounced but our 315 Collins Street colleagues were well into the spirit for that one day in September.

In the days leading to the big game, they added a touch of footy festivities to their branch.

The staff have been working under trying conditions for months because of construction work in the building – three cheers to them for their on-field performance.



Thumbs up for the grand final from Charles Hinsley, Darren Llewellyn, Grace Theuma, Wendy Doran, Jenny Jackson, Sue Brenchley, Heather May and Harry Finck



Grace Theuma gets into the grand final spirit with a pie

Strike up the Band



Barry Whitehead

There must be thousands of school children who take up a musical instrument . . . sometimes by force.

Unfortunately, not many of them keep up their playing into adult life.

One exception, however, is Barry Whitehead, 46, manager of Wendouree Village branch, who celebrated his 30th year with our Bank on September 17.

He has been playing the cornet since he was 10.

Barry, the offspring of a musical family, began taking cornet lessons for ulterior motives.

"I started taking piano lessons – but I was no good! So, to get out of the lessons, I took up the cornet."

"I thought 'It's only got three keys, so it must be easier!'"

Since then, he has played in brass bands all over Victoria, including the Nhill Band, the Shepparton City Band (which he helped set up) and now, the Ballarat City Brass Band.

This is the first A grade band in which he has been involved.

Barry, who enjoys playing "anything modern" also

gets a lot out of his playing on a social level.

"When you're moving around with the Bank, joining a band is a great way to meet people", he says.

And where do they play?

"You name it! Local shows, openings of municipal buildings, race meetings, street processions, carnivals, concerts . . . even ANZAC day."

Right now, Barry and the Ballarat City Band are preparing for the Victorian championships in late October, which are part of Ballarat's South Street Competitions.