

Our Bank

LOOKING AT PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN THE STATE BANK OF VICTORIA

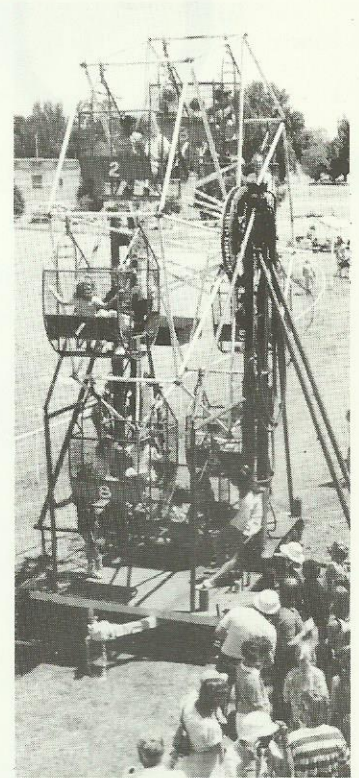
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Christmas is over



St Vincent's Father Christmas (Richard Rocznak)

Christmas is over, and we hope by now the festive season's heartburn, indigestion and other excesses as well! So many of you have sent us photographs of your pre-Christmas activities that we are dedicating this edition of Our Bank to a pictorial record of Christmas '86.



For the statistically-minded, 1500 drinks, 1000 ice creams, 700 presents and 700 children are the measure of success for the staff family Christmas party, organised by the social club, at Albert Park.

But, for the kids the real success of the fun-filled event were the pony, cart and wagon rides, ferris wheel, merry-go-round, inflatable castle, clowns, races and Lawrence the Magician.

Of course, the biggest attraction was Father Christmas, played by Trevor Walters and Con Roks, and the presents he handed out.



It was a similar scene at Marong football ground when north-central region held its Christmas party.

About 50 children enjoyed the attractions which included Wow the Wizard, Fonda the Clown, a merry-go-round, pony and cart rides and Father Christmas, otherwise known as Frank Ward.

Senior regional manager Peter Shepard, regional manager Allan Timmins and social club secretary Peter Wynd went along for the fun.

Credit for the party's success goes to the north-central social committee of Margaret Dillon, Paul Johnston, Dean Wigmore, Jenni Brownfield and Stephen Young and chairman Wayne Connors.



Oakleigh South manager Peter Hartin with Mothers Christmas Victoria Horne (left) and Mandy Rowe

At Oakleigh South branch, Victoria Horne and Mandy Rowe dressed as Mother Christmas.

Mandy reports that one customer was so "tickled pink" she went out and bought a Christmas present for the staff.

The jolly old gent in the red suit – and sometimes his helpers – appeared at many State Bank branches to spread yuletide cheer!

At St Vincent's Hospital branch, teller Richard Rocznik played Father Christmas to staff and customers.



Back row – Tu Hua, Debbie Yeomans, Chris Nichols, Julie Browne; middle row – Carmel Greco, Christine Boyle, Karen Beer, Sophie Barboussas; front row – Josie Muleta, Hung Tsui, Richard Rocznik



Maryborough's Father Christmas (Colin Pocock) and his helpers: back – Lisa Kennedy, Jacinta O'Connell, Liz Diamond, Barbara Legg, Sheree Moser, Maree Egan, Sue Healey; front – Cheryl Curtis and Jennine Mortlock



Merry Christmas from Mooroopna: back – Shelley Everett, Sam Calleri, Kathy Payne, Janine Johnston, Rhonda Bollard; middle – Julie Mandersloot, Bob Hodges; front – Jenny Harmes, Melanie Attwood

Maryborough's Christmas Eve started with a breakfast in the nearby gardens and finished with Santa (accountant Colin Pocock) giving presents to the staff – Sue Healey made the red and white clothes for his "helpers".

Accountant Bob Hodges was Father Christmas at Mooroopna branch while his "elves" promoted Christmas cheer to customers.

At Lancefield, manager Doug Hennebery reports his staff decided the town needed "a little extra" for the festive season.

So teller Marita Leahy dressed as Father Christmas and teller Donna Clune and Doug's daughter, Georgena, were the helpers in giving out mince pies, Christmas cake and cordial.

Window Dressing

First prize for the best Christmas window display has gone to our Ascot Vale colleagues who took part in a competition run by the local Chamber of Commerce.

Entering the competition was the idea of Stella Pegler and Tina Coughlan who also worked on the display.

Stella says: "We just put our heads together and came up with the idea."

"We had seven windows and a door to decorate and we also decorated the inside of the branch."

"It took us about a week to complete."

The branch received \$100 and a trophy from chamber president Emanuele Sulsenti.

When we spoke to Manager Ted Breadon his staff hadn't decided on how to spend the money but he said they were determined to win the competition again this year.



Alan Marsh, Keith Dillon, John McCoy, Laurence Schache, Maria Mania, Rosemarie Giemsa, Josephine Romano, Stella Pegler, Cynthia Cassar and Rosemary Messina at Ascot Vale



Howzhat!



How does legal department unwind after the pre-Christmas home loan settlements rush?

They have a hat day!

Rhonda Pawlik, supervisor of settlements section, put a week into spreading the news of her idea around legal department and advances.

The last day of the year was designated Hat Day and what a sight it was.

"Some bought hats, some borrowed hats," says Rhonda.

"We had quite a few very old hats, some cricket caps and several homemade jobs."

Where's the butter, deer?

For the last three years Josef Boehm has created a centrepiece for the table at the Commissioners' and Executives' Christmas party.

His latest work of art was a magnificent margarine sculpture of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.

Josef, a chef with Nationwide caterers who supply the meals in our Bank's cafeteria, has no formal training in the art but he has been creating margarine sculptures and ice carvings for more than 10 years.

He does all the work without assistance.

"It takes a lot of time, but the results are worth it," he says.

"It's a part of cooking, really - a traditional art usually associated with large hotels."

"Rudolph was made in the cafeteria from pastry margarine which stays firm at room temperature," says Josef, who also attends the ordering and organisation which goes with our Bank's larger functions.

"Waste conduit pipes formed the frame and I used polystyrene on the inside to make the whole structure lighter."

"Margarine mixed with food colouring was used for the nose and eyes."

All the margarine is applied by hand, a process which Josef describes as "messy, but not too bad".

Rudolph was certainly popular at the party.

Later, he went on display in State Bank Centre cafeteria



where he remained until Christmas Eve.

Unfortunately, there is a tragic side to these works of art.

They don't last long.

However, Josef is philosophical about this aspect of his creations.

"You come to terms with

the fact that one only makes them to last a short time," he says.

"That's life! Nothing's permanent, except change."



State Bank's premiership-winning indoor cricketers - Harry Stirling, Darren Wright, Mark Powell, Ken Batrouney, Julie Kupke, Ruth Adams, Diane Allen and Sharon Dickson

Mixed Nuts Crushed

Another State Bank team has taken off a sports premiership with a decisive grand final victory in its debut in indoor cricket.

Team captain Mark Powell, of Croydon branch, reports his team defeated Mixed Nuts 106-82 in the grand final at Croydon Indoor Cricket Centre in its first

year in the 10-team competition.

State Bank played Mixed Nuts three times during the season without a victory - two defeats and a draw - but finished on top of the ladder to meet Mixed Nuts for a fourth game in the grand final.

"After waiting two weeks to

have another crack at the Mixed Nuts, our team came through with flying colours to win the game that counted," says Mark.

Our team comprised Harry Stirling, Julie Kupke, Ken Batrouney, Sharon Dickson, Mark Powell, Ruth Adams, Darren Wright and Diane Allen.

Peewee News

The first Pleasant Wednesday Evening this year will be held at 6 pm on February 18 in the cafeteria at State Bank Centre.

Netball Victory At Last

State Bank has had its first victory in the Corporate Challenge Shield netball competition between Melbourne business organisations with a 28-19 win over Union Fidelity.

It was the third time State Bank had reached the grand final - losing to Scottish Amicable in the previous two.

An historic picture



The first Regional Managers' Conference held on the 17th and 18th of November last year, at the Parkville Regional Centre. A second one was held this month

Successful Tender

Korumburra branch is official banker to Korumburra Council after successfully tendering for the account.

More than \$5 million will be provided in loans in the next five years.

Branch manager John Sherlock says the council was impressed with our

offer of 100 per cent loan funding and low account-handling fees.

"We are looking forward to a long and successful banking relationship with the Shire of Korumburra," says John.

State Bank is now official banker to 57 local government authorities.

Branches Upgrade

Five of our Bank's branches in north-central region – Echuca, Bendigo, Kangaroo Flat, St Arnaud and Elmore – have been upgraded to meet increased business demands and record lending in the region.

Senior regional manager Peter Shepard believes the demand for State Bank products and services reflects growing community awareness of our changing stature as the Action Bank.