

Our Bank

LOOKING AT PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN THE STATE BANK OF VICTORIA

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"The Bank has a clear mandate to enlarge its services and to develop on a commercially competitive basis."

That was the view of Chief Executive Bill Moyle when taking up his position to head the Bank. Now, six new appointments mark our Bank's move into wholesale banking in both the international and domestic markets as part of this development.

The appointments are part of a restructuring which will enable the Bank to meet the demands of the Corporate and Government sectors more effectively.

Mr. Moyle said that, while the Bank normally expected to develop its own executive staff through training and career experience, the Bank's desire to expand its range of activities quickly had created the need to recruit staff from outside the Bank on this occasion.

"Increasing attention is being given to the staff training and development functions to ensure that our future needs for executives will be adequately provided for," he added.

The new appointments will add to the executive skills of our Bank in corporate lending, treasury and international operations.

James McAnany (Assistant General Manager International) and Peter Dawkins (Chief Manager International) both bring wide international banking experience, having served in senior management positions both within Australia and overseas.

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Bye Bye Betty

After more than a million hello's it's goodbye from Betty Fraser, a woman who has served with our Bank for forty years.

Betty's face may not be as familiar as her voice though, because she spent the majority of her time with our Bank as a switchboard operator.

For Betty it's been a real family affair — both her sister and father worked for the State Bank too.

Over the years many staff have been amazed at Betty's ability to recognize them by voice alone.

She says she plans to travel in her retirement, as well as catch up with all the other things which get pushed aside when you lead a busy life.

When asked what celebrations were planned for her retirement, Betty said she had had a week of celebration, being taken to lunch every day!

Our Bank wishes Betty on behalf of everyone all the best for her retirement.

Can you imagine...

A race to rival the Melbourne Cup in spectacle and colour in Victoria in November?

In fact our Bank will be part of a race that will do just that.

We, along with other banks and finance companies, are sponsoring a hot air balloon race across Port Phillip Bay as a curtain-raiser to Victoria's 150th Anniversary celebrations.

The race is planned to start at about 7.00 — 8.00 a.m. Saturday November 17, but a lot will depend on the weather. So if we can't start Saturday we'll try again Sunday.

In all, ten balloons will compete from all over Australia, though naturally our entry is from Victoria. Our balloon will be piloted by Simon Potocnik, who like all the other flyers is a member of the Hot Air Balloonist's Federation.

To overcome the usual restrictions on balloons flying over water each one will have a chase boat and two-way radio, with helicopter support too.

The balloons will begin at St. Leonards on the Bellarine Peninsula and finish at Carrum on the other side of the bay.

To promote the race one of the balloons will be inflated in the City Square at lunch time on Wednesday 14, so if you have time, come along. The balloon will be anchored to our Bank's rural caravan so let's hope it doesn't float away!

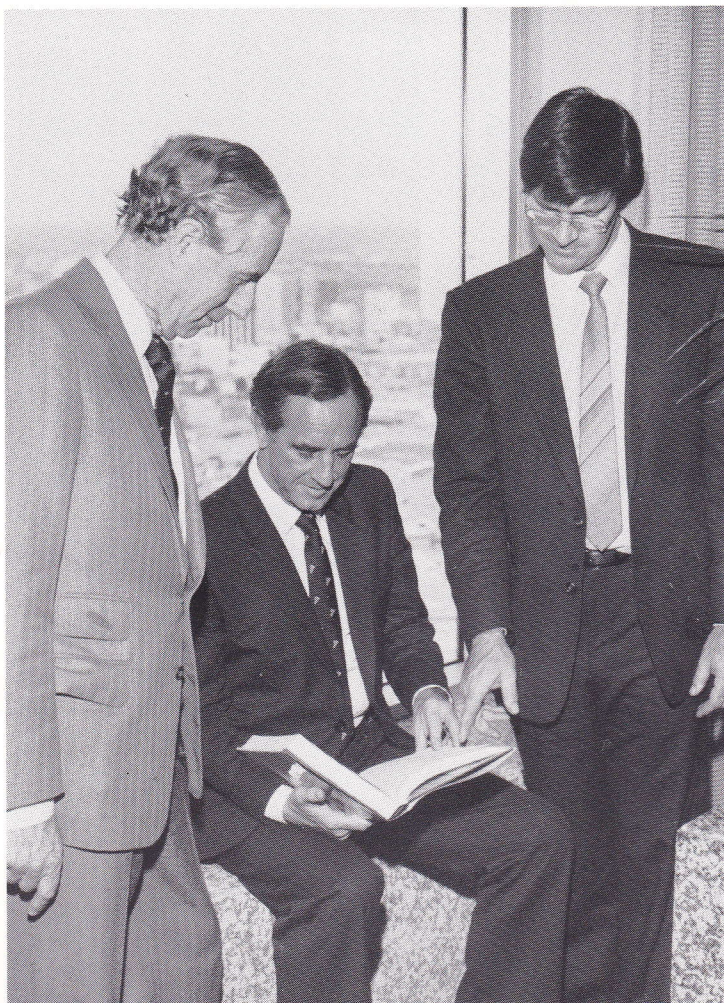
Do you know who was Victoria's first Premier?

No? Well this and thousands of other facts about our history are to be found in a new book which the State Bank has sponsored.

It's the first history book written which covers the beginnings of our State, to the present day.

Victoria — A History, was written by Don Garden to commemorate Victoria's 150th Anniversary, and our Bank is helping in two ways. Initially we contributed part of the production costs to allow the book to be sold at a lower price.

But staff will contribute to the book's promotion too. The book



is being displayed in all metropolitan and selected country branches and can be ordered by the public through any branch.

Victoria — A History was launched by our Premier John Cain at a function held at the State Bank Centre. Both he and

author Don Garden thanked the bank for its support.

Here they are pictured with our Bank's Chairman, Arnold Hancock admiring the book. And who was the first Premier? William Haines, who served from 1855 — 1857. Surely you knew!

Our Bank's D-I-Y Centre

Did you know our Bank can build its own counters, fit its own locks, service its own air-conditioners and do hundreds of other jobs you would expect to require outside expertise?

In many ways we are a do-it-yourself organization.

In fact, all these functions are housed in the newly completed Services Complex at 31-41 McNaughton Road, Clayton.

The complex was recently opened by our Chief Executive, Bill Moyle, at a function attended by local councillors and staff responsible for the complex's development.

The huge building also houses some of the most up-to-date storage and materials handling equipment in Australia, and is considered to be 'state of the art' in this specialised field. Many major Australian and International companies based in Melbourne have sent delegations to view it.

Special emphasis was placed on staff safety and comfort in the design, including a fully equipped cafeteria to provide meals.

In opening the complex, Mr. Moyle said the development was another example of the Bank's increasing commitment to efficiency in meeting the challenges of modern banking.

Pictured at the opening are (L to R) Marty Byrne, Alan McNaught, Cr. Pat Mahoney, Bill Moyle, Graham Marks and Max Carr.



Bank Sets New Course

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John Rawlins (Assistant General Manager Treasury) adds experience in merchant banking, general banking and stockbroking, most recently holding the position of Chief Manager Domestic and International Funding with the National Australia Bank.

Shane McNeice (Senior Manager Corporate Lending), Peter Crawford (Manager Corporate Lending) and Ross Dawson (Corporate Marketing Manager) were all previously with the Australian Resources Development Bank in senior lending positions. They bring to our Bank skills in financing medium-sized enterprises operating in the tourism, engineering and transport industries.

The Bank is also seeking to appoint a Chief Economist to its staff.

It is expected these appointments will bring benefits to both customers and staff. ✎

For most people the memories of Grand Final Day and the Royal Melbourne Show are already fading.

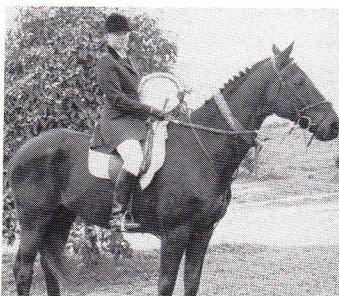
But for two of our Bank's staff they were days not to be forgotten.

For Glenroy staffer Glen Thorogood, Grand Final Day was the highlight of his year when he played in the victorious North Melbourne Under 19 side.

The Friday before the final Glen's workmates donned football jumpers and decorated the branch with final's teams colours.

For Rutherglen Clerk Christine Warren her first trip to Melbourne to compete at the Royal Melbourne Show will bring vivid memories for many years.

Christine and her horse 'Kilty Boy', won the prestigious S.A. Greaves Memorial Hunter's Plate from a field of forty.



And just to show our staff cover all sports, a team from Security



Section of Premises Department won the Annual Chubb Golf Trophy.

The team of Lindsay Moore, Frank Guppy, Bill Symonds and Peter Rodda scooped the pool, winning the four events of the contest which is held among banks and security firms.

And, in a marathon performance State Bank Officers Ian Gilbert, Peter Rawson, Mick O'Conner, John Chibnall, Steve Mason, Glen Woodward and Bernie Cooney all completed the recent Big M Marathon from Frankston to Melbourne.

Congratulations to you all. ✎

Happy First Birthday Barkly Square

Yes, even bank branches have birthdays and the most recent was Barkly Square, which turned one in October, along with its neighbours in the Square's Shopping Centre.

Staff joined in the Centre's festivities, handing out showbags and decorating the branch with streamers and balloons to complement the Circus theme chosen for the celebration.

Naturally, no birthday is complete without a birthday cake and staff John Sawyers (Manager), Peter Barber, Ras Fenerlis and Peter Hoggan are pictured showing off theirs.



Good Work!

We take pride in reprinting the following extract from a letter we received about our Young Street, Frankston branch from customer Brendan McGreal, Community Services Director at radio 3MP.

"My thanks to State Bank Accountant Terry Whitford and Teller Joy Britton for their help in identifying me and transferring money to my cheque account to buy a car that took my eye while holidaying in N.S.W. recently.

"Their swift and efficient action enabled me to purchase the car."

We're happy to report the car has given Brendan trouble free motoring since!

Even if you can't make it to Japan yourself, the current exhibition in the State Bank Centre's Galleria offers a chance to at least see what Japan looks like.

'The Colours of Japan' is a collection of photographs by Otto Rogge which has attracted a great deal of interest from the Japanese community and camera enthusiasts.

It was opened recently by our Chief Marketing Manager Jack Roach, pictured below.

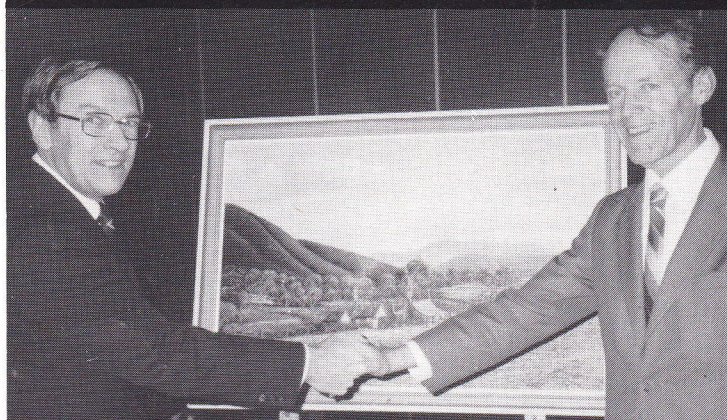


Board on the go

For the first time in living memory the Our Bank's Board has met outside Melbourne.

The meeting was held at Bendigo Council Chambers, last Thursday, following lunch with the Major and local Councillors. The Board plans to meet at other major country centres during the year.

Ross' half century



Ross Strang's 48 years of service to our Bank will be acknowledged with the renaming of our Spencer Street E.D.P. Centre as the Ross Strang E.D.P. Centre.

At a ceremony to be held later this year a plaque will be unveiled in the building in his honour.

Colleagues have already marked Mr. Strang's retirement with an afternoon get-together at which Ross was presented with a painting by Max Carr, Deputy General Manager Administration.

Farewells also go to . . .

Ken Cooper who retired as Manager of Balaclava on July 20.
Michelle Pritchard who retired from the Reserve Staff on the 4th of May.

Bob Park who retired as Manager of Watsonia on June 11.

Frances Smith who retired as Manager of Footscray North on July 30.

Anastassios Aralios who retired from Western Branch on June 28.

Roy Horan who retired as Manager from the Titles Office on July 14.

John McCausland who retired as Manager from Reserve Staff on July 27.

Pat O'Malley who retired as Manager of Bayswater on July 16.

Max Raggatt who retired as Manager of Emerald on July 31.

Don Dimsey who retired as Manager from the Reserve Staff on September 9.

Keith McKinnon who retired as Manager of Mooroolbark on September 10.

Dave Hart who retired as Manager of Wangaratta on September 14.

Stan Mill who retired as Manager of Mount Evelyn on September 21.

Wally Hicks who retired as Manager of Oakleigh on September 28.

Max Grainger who retired as Manager of Highton on October 5.

Bruce Blain who retired as Accountant from Mooroolbark.

Ray Leason who retired as Manager of Clayton October 19.

Alan Roberts who retired as Manager of Korumburra October 26.

Getting down to work in retirement

Those staff who remember 'Trigger' Dawson, recently retired from Maryborough, will be interested to know he's not taking it easy in retirement.

He's just been accepted into a Bachelor of Arts Degree at Deakin University.

We look forward to reporting his successful graduation in a few years!

And, don't forget we're always interested in any exciting happenings or newsworthy people within our Bank.

Computer Whiz

Peter Black has been appointed Manager of Systems and Programming, E.D.P. Department.

Peter joined the bank in 1970, serving at several branches and Head Office Departments before his latest position.



He is well qualified for his job, having a graduate diploma in Information Systems. He is also a member of the Australian Computer Society and Treasurer of the Australian Institute of Systems Analysts.

Peter lectures part-time in the Computer Science Department of R.M.I.T.

Outside office hours he is an active Lions Club member and enjoys good food and drink.

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