

Statesman

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Fitzroy Centenary

Colonial Capers!

We staged 'The 1879 Show' at Fitzroy on March 6, to celebrate the centenary of our Smith Street branch.

Billowing banners fluttered from the Victorian-era building amid signs proclaiming '100 Years of Service'. The banking chamber became a display area, with an array of historic photographs, banking and sporting mementoes. The staff worked in colonial costumes, and migrant officers paraded in ethnic dress while a girl folk-singer 'busked' outside the branch. 'Open Day' was declared, and hundreds of customers and visitors arrived to inspect the displays and collect souvenir showbags. Old depositors were given a morning tea party by manager Eric Andrews.

On radio 3UZ, top-rating personality Bert Newton devoted a full hour from 10.00 a.m. to 'Fitzroy Memories', and conducted several interviews with old identities, including former Fitzroy branch staffer Bill Thompson.

At 4.00 p.m., Fitzroy Mayor Les Sotiriadis, in full regalia, and our Acting General Manager Murray Souter arrived by the State Bank/GTV9 helicopter at the Smith Reserve — to christen, with steaks and sausages, a large electric barbecue donated by the Bank as a centenary gesture. Head office girls in period dress added glamour to the scene.

Later, more than 150 local citizens, including the Mayor and Councillors and local M.L.C. member Mr Doug Elliot (remembered as 'Uncle Doug' of our Mickey Mouse Club days) attended a function at the branch.

Manager Andrews made a presentation to the oldest branch depositor, then Mr Souter announced a \$100,000 loan to Fitzroy, almost half of which would expand the city library's book and tool lending facilities.

Points made by Mr Souter in his speech:

"The opening of our first suburban branch was a very significant event for the Bank and for Victoria. It established the principle of branches under central control rather than the local control in use until that time.

"In 1879 more than 70% of Victoria's population of 900,000 lived in the country, where 10 of the 11 local savings banks had been established. Fitzroy was the first recognition by the Bank of the growing industrialisation of Melbourne.

"Fitzroy was where Victoria's industrialisation began, and we were part of that beginning.



"Today, a century later, we are still proud to be part of the Fitzroy community. Tangible evidence of that is the special loan of \$100,000 to the City of Fitzroy, and the granting by the Commissioners of a barbecue which we hope will be the focal point of a new local community recreation area.

"Victoria's cultural life has benefited immensely from the influx of migrants. The City of Fitzroy has been one of the major beneficiaries. Many migrants work with us in the Bank and bank with us, and we are very proud of them."

Mayor Sotiriadis responded:

"Your Bank has helped a generation of Fitzroy people to buy homes in this city, and has provided advice and guidance which have been of immense value.

"The State Bank barbecue will be a great community asset, and will be a lasting reminder of a century of service to Fitzroy."

● FITZROY FLASHBACKS. See Page 16.

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FRONT COVER: Old-fashioned beauties (from left) Leanne Davis (Business Promotions) Linda Lovelace (Salaries section) and Pam Wright (Business Promotions) paraded in colonial costumes for our Fitzroy Branch centenary celebrations.

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It's A Beaut Life At Baxter!

Our Staff College outside Frankston has acquired various nicknames during the past 18 months — among them 'BAXTER HILTON', 'COCHRANE COLLEGE', 'ROACH'S RANCH', 'McNAUGHT'S MANSIONS' and 'PRETTY'S PALACE' — but it has consistently had only one reputation: 'EXCELLENT'. Praise has always been plentiful for the luxurious College, which combines the amenities of a holiday hotel with the privacy of a 21-acre bush sanctuary setting.

More than 700 managers and accountants have 'graduated' since the College opened in August 1977, and current course members range over all grades and classifications.

Thirty six officers attend each 3-week course, and each member is accommodated in a separate motel-type unit with an outside view of bushland. Most members go home for the weekends (from 4.45 p.m. Fridays, returning 8.30 a.m. Mondays) and all have Wednesday afternoons off for recreation of their own choosing. The choice is wide:

SWIMMING in the heated pool (especially popular in early morning and late afternoon) or at local beaches only a 5-minute drive away.

PLAYING TENNIS, Squash or Table Tennis in the College's fully-equipped games area.

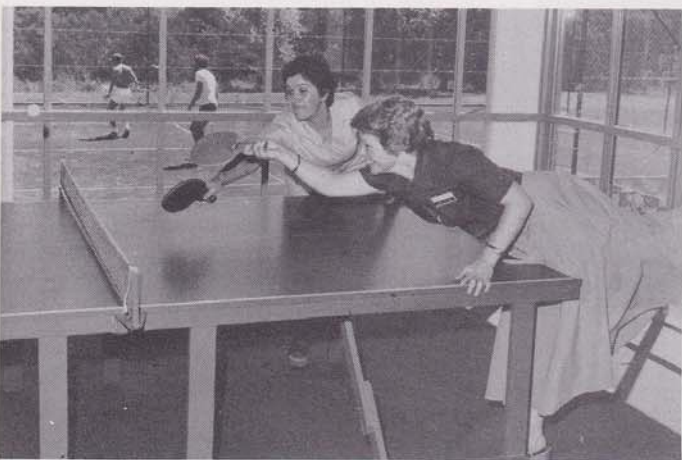
JOGGING around the picturesque track lining the ¾-mile perimeter fence of the College grounds.

GOLFING on Wednesday afternoons at the exclusive, nearby 'Millionaire's Course' — Frankston Golf Club (or practising on the College's own Par-3 hole).

SOCIALISING in the spacious lounge and games rooms, with drinks if required (all course members receive \$4 daily expense money in addition to normal Bank salary). Playing **POOL**, **SNOOKER**, **BILLIARDS** . . . Singing around the pianola or piano. Reading in quiet corners.

WALKING on peaceful bush tracks through eucalypts, wattles and melaleucas inhabited by native birds, possums, and the occasional wombat.

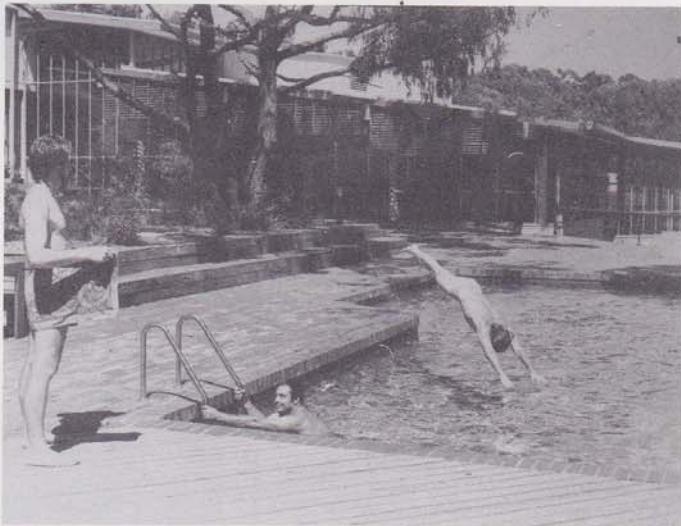
FAMILY BARBECUES: Usually on the second Sunday of each course, members are invited to take their families and friends to the College — for a look around and a barbecue lunch. Attendance is normally 80-plus.



● **STAFF GIRLS**: Sue Watt (left) and Jenny Skiller prefer table tennis.



● **'MILLIONAIRES' COURSE'**: Heading off into the secluded valleys of Frankston Golf Club (from left) Ken McColl (Ivanhoe East) John McPherson (Staff College) and Stan Mill (Mt. Evelyn).



● **COOLING OFF**: Enjoying the heated College pool are (from left) Gary Young (Pahran Market) John Dodemaide (Melton) and Ken Clarkson (Malvern).



● **SET FOR MATCH**: Course members (from Left) John Barfus (Glen Waverley) Alan Chalkley (Robinvale) Barry Aldersley (Relieving Staff) and Alan Harrison (Geelong, Ryrie Street).



It's A Beaut Life At Baxter! (Cont.)

College Whispers

OUR Staff College has been called 'A Fountain of Knowledge Where All Go To Drink'.

LES HANSFORD (Chief Accountant's Department) formed the College's first Yabbie Farming Co-operative, based at the nearby dam, without much success.

DANIELLE ZYTOBIERSKI (Morwell) was woken each morning during her course by a bearded kookaburra.

DAVID MCKENZIE (Staff) had a bird perch on his shaft in the middle of his swing at Frankston Golf Club.

MALCOLM MCPHAIL (Echuca) holds the College swimming pool record of 750 continuous laps over a period of 90 minutes.

IAN JENNER (Forest Hill) is remembered as the man who tried to walk on water (fully clothed).

JACK MOLONEY and MIKE SAUNDERS (Merbein) attended the College at different times, but each won the Snooker red ball competition. (Lots of practice at home?)

WHY was STAN (The Man) HARTRICK (Yarram) christened 'The Phantom Burglar'?

SUPER OPTIMIST: College member who believes one ball will be sufficient to play the local course.



- LOUNGE adjoining the dining room and overlooking a wooded valley is a popular area for relaxing and socialising.



- FAMILY barbecues are usually held near the pool on the second Sunday of each course.



- BUSH-FRINGED dam, accessible by walking tracks, attracts sightseers and yabby-ers.

"Jack's Way"

The following verses, dedicated to Principal Jack Roach, were composed by a Staff College 'graduate' accountant last year, and were sung to the tune of 'My Way' by the entire course group on their final evening at the College.

And now the end is near,
And so we face the final curtain,
My friends we'll say it clear, we'll state
Our case of which we're certain.

We left, our homes last month,
And travelled down Nepean Highway
And we, we did all this, to learn it
Jack's way.

Small cans, we had a few, and I suppose
A few too many. The great, part of all this,
It cost us not, a single penny.
We worried, fought and played,
We made the most of every course day,
And more, much more than this,
We did it Jack's way.

Yes there were times, I'm sure you saw
When certain things became a bore,
But through it all, when there was doubt
We wrote it down, and threw it out.

We stood the test, we came out best, and
Did it Jack's way.

Staff College Tributes

From the many unsolicited letters of praise received by the Staff College Principal from 'graduates' and visitors, here are some typical extracts:

"I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the efforts made by the Principal and staff to render my term at the College beneficial, pleasant and comfortable. Course members are encouraged to maintain high standards of participation and behaviour. Knowledge and ideas I gained are already being successfully applied at my branch."

KEITH MORTER (Bulleen)

"I will always look back on the course as one of the highlights of my banking career. The whole College concept is magnificent. The course itself, the domestic arrangements and the recreation are a tribute to the organisational ability of the Principal and Staff."

JACK LYLE (Wangaratta)

"Apart from being absolutely delighted with the layout and facilities of the College, I was extremely pleased with the attention we all received from both staff and lecturers. The course itself has been most beneficial to me as a manager — and as a person."

JOHN HARE (Timboon)

"Thank you very much for extending the hospitality of the Staff College to the families of course participants on Sunday. Our children and I had a lovely day and we did appreciate the opportunity to see the College and to use the delightful facilities you provide there."

Mrs M. FLEW (The Crest, Bulleen)

"I have taken up my appointment at Port Melbourne and am in the process of initiating an in-branch training programme. I would be most appreciative if you could supply me with suitable material."

IAN BUCKINGHAM (Port Melbourne)

"Your Bank may have taken some time to build a Staff College but when they did, they certainly made a job of it."

IAN GRIEVE (Principal, WALES Staff College)

"Thank you so much for ensuring me a stimulating experience — in the best of surroundings — with the greatest tact, courtesy and understanding."

TED GANNAN (Latrobe University)

"I believe that this College will have a great influence not only on our lives, but on the lives of countless members who will follow us in the years ahead."

"We are fortunate indeed that, imaginative planning went into the architecture and the structure of courses, and that great care was taken in the appointment of a competent staff and selection of interesting and informative lecturers."

JOHN MATTHEWS (District Manager)

"I would like to express my appreciation for the privilege of participating in the fellowship and enthusiasm generated by your excellent course structure."

BRYAN BARR-MURRAY (Traralgon)

"Thank you for the tremendous effort that you and your team put into making us feel at home."

RON BARKER (Highton)

"I gained a greater knowledge of running an efficient office, and more confidence in public speaking. The teaching techniques and friendliness shown by the instructors kept us alert and interested at all times."

CLIFFORD POOLER (Echuca)

"I see this as one of the greatest changes in the history of the Bank. I have nothing but praise for the College. The organisation and smooth running of everything during my stay was excellent. The lectures, the catering, the sporting facilities and the domestic arrangements were all first class. I benefited greatly from this course, and feel sure that, with this positive new approach, the Bank can look forward to a bright future."

GEOFF PARSONS (Reservoir, Broadway)

State Secrets by the Teller



WITH the footy season looming, one head office manager's wife is so desperate for his attention that she has sewn players' numbers on the backs of all her dresses.

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CUSTOMER went to city branch and asked junior at side counter 'Do you have a JP here?' Junior thought for a moment, then replied 'Yes' and led customer to a teller named John Patterson.

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WE asked a busker who was strumming outside Fitzroy branch 'Do you always play by ear?' She replied 'No, sometimes I play over there.'

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MANAGER who is very conscientious about sending alimony payments to his ex-wife says he's scared that if he misses a payment she will repossess him

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WOMAN turned up in loans department with a \$5 note protruding from each ear. The manager asked a clerk what was going on, and was told 'Pay no attention. She's got \$10 in arrears'.

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ANNUITANT recently returned from Las Vegas with a small fortune. Trouble is, he went there with a large fortune.

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YOUTH applying for a job claimed experience in bookkeeping. It turned out that he has a collection of overdue library books.

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ADAM and Eve were, of course, the first bookkeepers. They invented the looseleaf system.

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BRANCH manager, accused of having an illegible signature, supplied this definition of real illegibility: 'A doctor's prescription written with a bank pen while standing up in a hammock'.

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Cut - Price California !

... 14 days from \$796

New reduced fares to the US have produced bargain package tours covering Los Angeles, Disneyland, Las Vegas, Yosemite National Park, San Francisco and Californian coastal cities.

Consider the 14-day 'WESTERN COCKTAIL' tour which departs at monthly intervals from now until next March:

On Day 1 you fly to Sydney, transfer to a Pan Am jumbo jet, and wing your way direct to Los Angeles, gaining a day as you cross the Dateline. On arrival, you are transferred by coach to Buena Park hotel near Anaheim, south east of L.A.

Day 2: A full day at nearby Disneyland, with free admission and eleven complimentary attractions.

On the third day you travel by air-conditioned coach to Las Vegas, Nevada, via the San Bernardino Highlands and the Mojave Desert, and book in for two nights at the Golden Nugget Hotel on 'The Strip'. You spend a full day in Las Vegas around the casinos — or may prefer the optional plane and coach tour of the Grand Canyon. Next day you coach-cruise on to Fresno and the Sheraton Hotel. On the following day you go to spectacular Yosemite National Park and on to San Francisco, where you are booked in at the Sheraton Palace. The following two days take you to various Frisco attractions, then it's a beautiful coastal run through Santa Cruz,



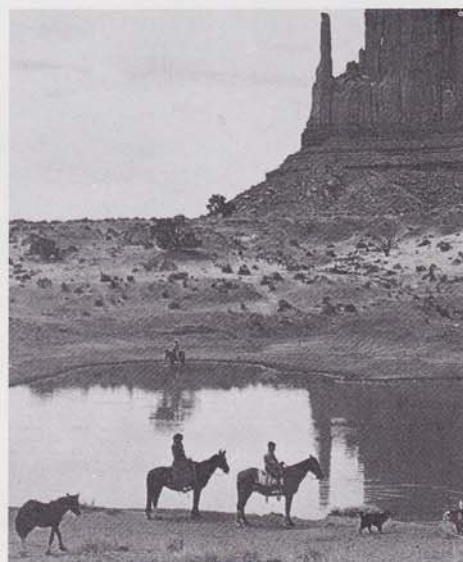
Travel Notes by Rob McGeehan, new manager of Thomas Cook-State Bank Travel office, McEwan's Annexe, 391 Bourke Street, Melbourne (Phone 67 6481).

Monterey, Morro Bay and Santa Maria, with a night stopover at Holiday Inn. On Day 9 your coastal tour continues south through Santa Barbara, Ventura and Santa Monica to Los Angeles and Buena Park. In the next 48 hours you are free to visit Knotts Berry Farm amusement park, the Movieland Wax Museum, Disneyland again, Universal Studios, the Queen Mary and Tijuana (Mexico).

After a final shopping day in Los Angeles you board your Pan Am jet for your direct return flight to Sydney and connecting flight to Melbourne.

DISCOUNTED PACKAGE PRICE ex-Melbourne for twin-shared accommodation (no meals): FROM \$796, depending on departure date. Full fare payable 6 weeks in advance. For full details contact TCSB Travel, McEwan's Annexe, city. (Phone 67 6481).

Go Away!



● Yosemite National Park



Home Finance Tips For Shoppers

A mobile Home Buyers' Advisory Centre, manned by Head Office Business Promotion officers, has been attracting many enquiries from shoppers at busy suburban centres.

To keep children occupied while their parents are seeking housing advice, a free fishing game is conducted at the back of the unit.

The Advisory Centre has already been used in Monday-to-Saturday sessions at Northland, Forest Hill, Waverley Gardens, Chadstone and Southland.

This month it will be at Parkmore Keysborough (April 2-7) and Eastland (April 23-28). Subsequent appearances are scheduled for Bayside Centre, Frankston (May 7-12) and Brandon Park Centre (June 8-23).

- **FISHING GAME** attached to back of our Home Buyers' Advisory Centre entertains kiddies while parents are inside receiving housing advice.



● Janet Bourke, 18, (seated) Leanne Mason, 19 (left) and Sue Moten, 19, are qualified operators of our System 4 ICL computer at the Spencer Street complex.

Computer Operators – The New Banking Breed

These days, some young State Bankers are choosing a new career direction. Instead of moving up through the branch structure from CLERICAL to CASH, they are progressing out of branches to COMPUTERS.

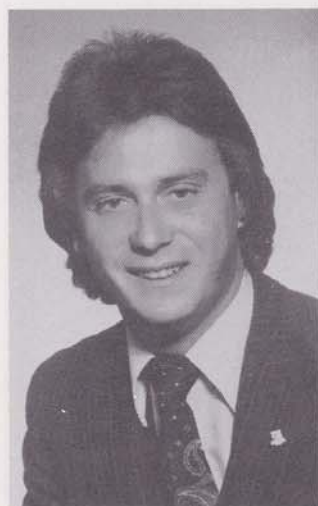
Currently, 27 operators are employed at our modern, airconditioned computer complex in Spencer Street, city. They work in four overlapping shifts around the clock, and receive pay loadings ranging from 12½% to 27½%, plus car mileage or taxi allowances for night travel.

Each person works the same shift for a fortnight at a time, and is rostered three months in advance.

Recruited mainly from branch staffs, the computer aspirants must first pass an aptitude test, then undergo about three months of training on the job before becoming operators. Then they advance from simple work, like fitting tape reels, changing over discs, and separating printout sheets — to actually operating computer console keyboards.

Progressively they learn to 'run' as many as six different programs through the computer at once — under supervision of a senior operator.

The main work they perform — and it is absolutely vital to the running of the Bank — is the nightly processing of the hundreds of thousands of transactions logged daily by the 253 branches in our on-line network.



Bewdy, Neil!

Neil Taylor, account supervisor in head office Chief Accountant's Department, recently won 2 games against tennis ace John Newcombe.

He was beaten 10-2 by Newk in a pro-set tournament at the SPORTS EXPO show at the Exhibition Buildings.

Neil normally plays in the L.T.A.V. A grade competition for the M.C.C. Tennis Club.

PUZZLE CORNER

1. BEAUTY: There was keen competition at Surfers Paradise for the title of Miss Paradise, 1978. Eventually five pretty girls — Jacquie, Lyn, Pam, Evelyn and Linda — were invited to choose one of their own number. The idea flopped, however, as each girl received one vote. The girl whom Jacquie voted for, voted for the girl who voted for Linda; and the girl whom Linda voted for, voted for the girl who voted for Pam. Lyn was much disappointed at not getting Pam's vote. For whom did Evelyn vote?

2. SECURITY: Change RISK to SAFE by altering one letter and making a fresh word at a time, without re-arranging letters.

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Around the Branches

by Tom Sedunary

Hopetoun:

Hole-in-one



Manager Allan Axford wrote himself into the golf record books with a hole-in-one at Warracknabeal golf course. Allan used his 6 iron to perform this great effort on the 13th hole. Who said 13 was unlucky? And any other staffers entitled to join the Hole-In-One Club?

Brunswick East, Lygon Street:

Man Of Notes

Manager Don Patrick has the music game taped. As secretary-treasurer of the Recording Society of Australia he is deeply involved in professional-quality taping of live classical music performances. Actually, he enjoys taping any interesting sounds, whether they emanate from a school speech day function or a country milking shed.

Don has a large record collection and is alternate organist at the Macleod Uniting Church.

Warragul: Fish Story

Branch staffers dropped Statesman a line about an enjoyable fishing day they spent off Phillip Island. Here is teller Jeff Tolley's report: "The day started at 3.00 a.m. with a quick breakfast, then a long drive to Bob Healey's home at Lang Lang. From there we went to San Remo, where a boat we had hired was all stoked up and ready to go.

Our bag at the end of the day was about 70 fish, mainly flathead, of varying sizes.

● Pictured: Foreground (left to right): Bob Millichamp, David Polson. Back (left to right) Peter Schmidt, Les Cochrane, Ian Twite, Jeff Tolley, Paul Walkinshaw, Bob Healey, Peter Ryan (Trafalgar).



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Christine Nets Place in Vic. Team

Next month clerk Christine Harris, 18, will play in national netball championships with the senior Victorian team. Christine, a goal shooter, was the only new member of this year's State squad. She is pictured here during a recent practice session. (Photo by courtesy of The Sun.)



●Don Patrick in his music room.

(Brunswick Sentinel photo).

Shepparton: \$85 Grand Winner

Tattslotto winner Mrs Mary Fentham of Congupna was amply supplied with investment suggestions by Assistant Manager Ian McKenzie (left) and accountant Max Hazelman after she won \$85,633 in Tattslotto. It was the second Tattslotto first prize collected by the branch in recent months.



45 Swanston Street Loony Licence

It's bad enough being offered an ordinary driver's licence as a means of customer identification. But how would you react to presentation of a BACK-SEAT DRIVER'S LICENCE?

The authentic-looking gag licence was referred to Keith Howell, acting assistant manager, after a young man presented it as identification when attempting to cash a cheque.

Issued by the 'Department of Fidgets' in the State of Nervousness, the document declares that the holder has "passed all tests for nervousness, and has been licensed to irritate, annoy, criticise and otherwise disturb, from the rear or left front seat, the person actually driving the car".



Caulfield East: Footy Flag Freak!

Teller Geoff Wade is a fanatical collector of English and Scottish soccer team souvenirs. In four years he has decorated his bedroom with more than 150 different flags and almost 100 rosettes. But don't get the idea that Geoff is one-eyed about footy codes. He is an avid Aussie Rules supporter of South Melbourne.

BACK SEAT DRIVERS MUST CARRY THIS LICENCE WITH THEM — OTHERWISE MUST KEEP QUIET WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION.	Date 1/10/77	Age 19	Sex M	Colour of Hair Brown	Height 5'10"
WARNING: This licence requires the holder to remain seated & quiet.					
Department of Fidgets			Bureau of Nuisances		
THE BEARER (Please Name and Address in space of right)			STATE OF NERVOUSNESS LICENCE FOR BACK SEAT DRIVER		
			20 LORIMER ST 5TH MELBOURNE 3205		
			FIRST LICENCE Number: The Commissioner already has your number		
has passed all tests for nervousness and has been licensed to irritate, annoy, criticise, and otherwise disturb the person actually driving the car, from the rear seat or left front seat.					
Signature: <i>Geoff Wade</i>			I. M. FIDGETI, Commissioner of Jolopies.		
BLACK STUMP GARAGE AND SERVICE STATION, Under Highways Junction, Epsomwood (Copyright)					

Frankston: Cricket Clash

A cricket team from two of our Frankston branches scored a 9-run win over a team from Dandenong Market branch. Outstanding player was Phil Smedley, who top-scored for the 'Frankston Flyers' and took 5 for 19. The victors pictured above are (left to right) BACK ROW: Kevin Quinn, Greg Harris, Warren Winter, Gary Tobin. MIDDLE ROW: Neil Bolt, Chris Fletcher, Phil Smedley, John Owens, Geoff Stow. FRONT: Norm Lyons (and son) and Chris Horton (Captain/Coach).

Girl & Guy of the month

Cherry Blossom Kellie

Since spending a year in Japan as a Rotary exchange student, Kerri Rymer has acquired an oriental outlook, and a wardrobe of kimonos.

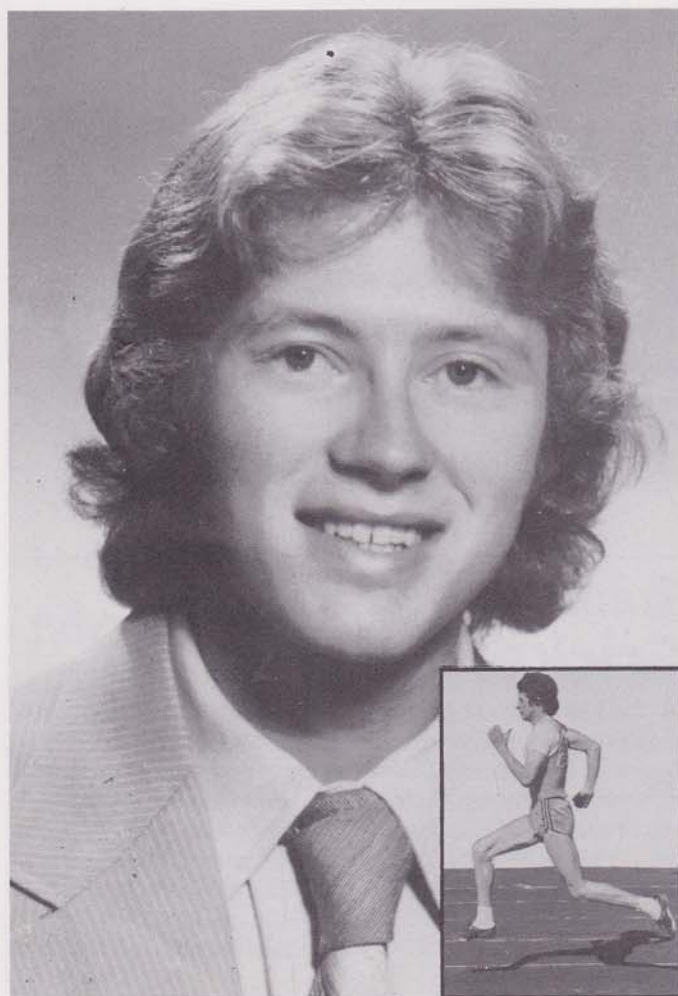
Kerrie, 18, is a clerk at Beaumaris, Balcombe Road branch. She spent 1977 in Japan as a Rotary exchange student. Kerrie was the only foreigner in a town of 50,000 people, where she lived with five different host families, and taught English to schoolchildren.

She now reads, writes and speaks Japanese, and is in constant contact with Rotex (exchange student) members.

Kerrie's other interests include swimming, water-skiing, and disco and ballroom dancing.

She has no steady boy friend at present, but her ideal man would be 'someone who is kind, understanding and handsome — like Dad'.

Kerrie's sun sign is Cancer, which inclines her to be 'sensitive, affectionate and proud'. Others on her emotional wavelength are Scorpios and Pisceans.



Young Man In a Hurry

Damien O'Shea, 22-year-old teller of Malvern East, Wattletree Road branch, enjoys life on the run; he is one of Australia's top sprinters. Twice this year he has represented Victoria in 100 metre and 200 metre events, against South Australia and Tasmania, and he hopes to compete in this year's national title events in Perth.

Training every day of the week leaves little time for social life but Damien enjoys dinner dances whenever he can fit them in. Surfing is a summer interest, and in winter Damien follows Hawthorn Football Club.

His prime ambition is to represent Australia as a sprinter in the Moscow Olympics.

Damien's Scorpio starscope suggests that his 'ambition can be unbounded' and he possesses 'warlike courage'.

His best 'running mates' romantically are likely to be Cancer or Pisces subjects (but he is currently unattached).

Bank Bowls Bonanza!



● Australia's top bowler Jim Yates (left) pictured with former State Singles Champion Bob Grisold (right) and 1979 Fours Winner Lionel Lawrence.

Jim Yates, manager of our Carlton North branch, became Australia's top lawn bowler in mid-February when he won the bi-annual Australian Singles Championship in Launceston. Jim, a seasoned interstate player, has been six times champion of Moreland Bowling Club.

Bob Grisold, manager, Brandon Park, former Victorian Singles Champion, recently won the Victorian Metropolitan Pairs title with a club partner and competed in the State Pairs event.

Lionel Lawrence, manager of Clayton branch, was a member of the Burwood team which won this year's Metropolitan Fours title and also competed in the State title. Lionel Lawrence's Burwood team won the Victorian fours championship on March 14, and Bob Grisold and his team-mate took the Victorian Pairs title on March 15. So Bob and Lionel will now compete in this month's Australian Pairs and Fours championships.

Late Advice!



A Gippsland firm of solicitors sent the following letter to one of our branches. (Name of the deceased depositor has been deleted for obvious reasons):

'We enclose Mr 's authority and we would be pleased if you would let us know the amounts and nature of all accounts held by the Deceased with your Bank. 'We require the information so that we can advise Mr in his affairs'.

STATESMAN asked staff sketch artist SALLY CHANDLER (Chief Accountant's Department) to visualise the situation, and her cartoon appears at left.

Teller Talk by Sue



OUR two accountants were on holiday in Hong Kong, and on their final day one decided to have a suit made to measure by one of those high-speed tailors. When he returned to the hotel, wearing the suit, his mate said 'Very smart, but what's that hump at the back?' He explained 'That's the tailor. He's still working on it.'

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BOSS asked a new recruit 'Did you wipe your feet on the mat at the door?' Youngster replied 'Yes, sir'. Then manager told him 'The other essential thing in this business is truthfulness. We have no mat'.

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A customer's lament: Experts speak of cash flow, I wish they would refrain. No matter what I do, my cash Flows mainly down the drain.

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TIP for tellers from the musical comedy 'Annie': 'YOU'RE NEVER FULLY DRESSED WITHOUT A SMILE'.

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HEARD an accountant complaining to the manager that the new clerk was lazy. He said "Every time I give him a job to do he persuades someone else to do it for him". Boss came straight back 'Lazy, nothing. That fellow is executive material!'

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OUR boss says Women's Lib will never succeed until men take over the running of it.

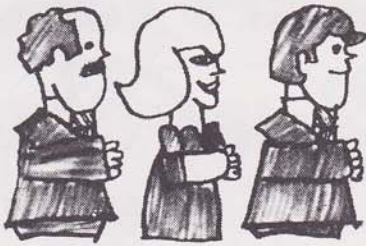
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COUNTRY accountant, driving on a narrow country road, saw another car approaching erratically. As he pulled to one side to let it pass the lady driver wound down her window and shouted 'PIG!' The accountant, surprised and annoyed, shouted back 'COW!' Then he ran over a pig.

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AUSTRALIANS are getting stronger. Twenty years ago, it took two people to carry \$10 worth of groceries. Today, a 5-year-old can do it.

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Meet our new Managers



G. J. CAMERON, Relieving Staff

Geoff, who recently completed a three-year stint at London Office, wasted no time in getting back into the local golf scene. He joined the Riversdale Club, and is currently playing off a handicap of 3. Prior to his London appointment, Geoff was captain-coach of the Bank's footy team, and played 250 games over 16 years. Though officially retired he could be talked into a 'comeback'.



B. J. GRAY, Beaumaris.

Footy fans will remember Brian as a dashing winger with Collingwood from 1956 to 1965, when he played more than 130 games and was a member of the Magpies' 1958 Premiership team. Nowadays Brian coaches juniors in the Aspendale area, and he is heavily involved with the administrative side of Little Athletics. Brian and wife Maureen have sons aged 10 and 12, and a daughter, 6.



P. J. CARTER, Skipton.

Peter's career to date has been centred around metropolitan branches, so he and wife Barbara are really looking forward to their introduction to country life. The Carters, who have two young daughters, enjoy family picnics and "touring around". Peter's individual spare time interests include reading, social golf and tennis.



M. J. HENRY, Macarthur

Maurie has been involved in local cricket and football for 20 years, first as a player and coach, and more recently as a club administrator. Still an outdoors man, he plays golf at Yallourn, and spends many hours tending his garden of vegetables, fruit trees and ornamentals. Maurie is married to former Morwell staffer Margaret Deviesseux, and they have three young children.



L. M. CURNOW, Boort

Max, who was born at nearby Charlton, is pleased to be returning to home territory. During spare time he is a keen fisherman, and enjoys coaching two "budding fast bowlers", his sons Peter and Ross. Max and his wife Lesley (nee Hinkins, former staffer at Doncaster branch) also have a four-year-old daughter.



G. J. HOATH, Systems Officer, E.D.P. Department.

Greg joined the Bank at Brunswick in 1964, and after six years of branch life moved to E.D.P. Planning Section. He has been a competitive player with the State Bank Table Tennis for the last four years, and enjoys occasional games of squash and snooker. Greg and his wife, Annette, have a four-year-old daughter and a son aged 3.



B. T. FRY, Goroke.

Barrie's new appointment will put an end to his six years of commuting between Melbourne and the Wimmera at weekends. While living in Melbourne he was a keen and regular player with the Warracknabeal Football Club, and has played 214 games with the side. Barrie's other interests include cricket, golf, fishing and shooting.

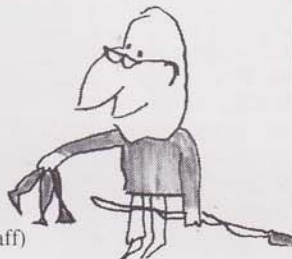


D. I. JEFFREY, Beaufort.

Doug has been a country councillor of the Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria since 1965. His on-court successes have included singles and doubles championships in Country Week tournaments, and he has represented Victoria on eight occasions. Doug is also an experienced tennis coach and umpire. He and wife Jill have a four-year-old daughter and a baby son.

Gone Fishin'

The following retirements have been reported to STATESMAN:
KEN WATSON (Clerk of Works)
MALCOLM HALL (Emergency Staff)
FRED WEBSTER. (Geelong)



PUZZLE ANSWERS

1. BEAUTY: Evelyn voted for Linda.
2. RISE, RICE, RACE, PACE, PACT, PAST, CAST, CASE, BASE, BASK, BALK, BALE, SALE, SAFE.



On the Way Up

Here are our newest classified officers, promoted in recent months to Accountant 3 status:



ANNABEL SUTTON —
Chief Accountant's
Department



RUSSELL COLLINS —
Chief Accountant's
Department



LES MAUNDER —
Chief Accountant's
Department



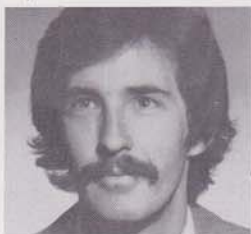
GREG MIZON —
Chief Accountant's
Department



RAY KINGSTON —
Chief Accountant's
Department



BERNADETTE VICK —
Correspondence Department



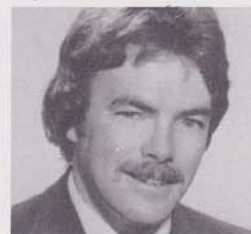
JEFF RYAN —
Abbotsford



GIULIANA FRANZ —
Essendon North



RON OLVER —
Relieving Staff



GEOFF POWELL —
Relieving Staff



BRUCE ADAMS —
Branch Mechanisation



CHERIE THOMAS —
Branch Mechanisation



JOHN KEGELE —
Alphington



JULIE ALLAN —
Branch Mechanisation



JIM BAIRD —
Branch Mechanisation



LINDA BORRADALE —
Mordialloc



ALEXANDER TSAKMAKIS —
Correspondence Department



NOEL BROOKER — E.D.P.
Department



LEIGH DAVIDSON —
Trafalgar



MICHAEL FORD —
Relieving Staff



MARILYN NOLAN —
St. Albans



ROBERT BRENS
Thomastown



TREVOR GEITZ
Sandringham

WANTED

- News and photos about staff members... their sporting achievements, unusual hobbies or recreations.
- Funny incidents from everyday office life, in branches or head office departments.

Our New Staff Counsellor

The Bank's new Staff Counsellor is Lindsay Oates, formerly a business promotions officer in head office Marketing Department.

He takes over from Neil Westaway, who has returned to the Valuers section after ten years of devoted service as the staff's confidante and adviser.

Lindsay joined the Bank in 1959, and served in branches and head office until 1966 when he resigned to become business manager for the Methodist Church in Fiji.

For four years he worked with a staff of more than 100 professional people, assisting individuals and couples from different races and cultural backgrounds. He returned to the Bank in 1970, and in 1971 was seconded to the Aboriginal Affairs Loan Fund office in Canberra, in a position requiring tact and insight while catering to the needs of Queensland Aborigines.

Following this secondment, Lindsay resumed banking work and became involved as an organiser with the Croydon Community Service and the

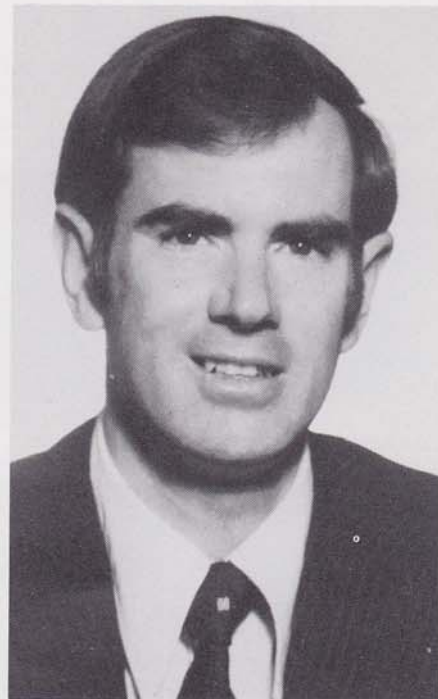
Ringwood-Croydon Advisory Bureau, which provided telephone and personal counselling services to the local public. He also served as Youth Counsellor for the Croydon Central Uniting Church Youth Club, and has had several years of experience in this type of work at local and State levels.

Last year, Lindsay was seconded to the Bank Education Service, in which his lectures at schools covered not only banking but advice on careers, lifestyles and attitudes to society.

His 5½ years in Business Promotions brought Lindsay into close contact with migrant groups and educators, as well as Bank officers in all age groups.

In addition to all these other activities, Lindsay has assisted his mother with conduct of a 'Life Line' service.

So he comes to the very important role of State Bank Staff Counsellor with a long and varied record of service to people. He can be reached at his office on the 13th Floor of our premises at 270 Flinders Street, city. Phone: 63 5854.



We Sponsor A Young Farmer

David Smith, 22, of Birchip (second from left) won the Young Farmers 1979 State Bank Travel Award to Ontario, Canada. He was pictured receiving congratulations from Mr Tom Austin, Acting Minister for Agriculture, after the judging of six finalists in the Bank's head office board room. Also present were (left) Mr Ian Pederson, Chief Advisory Officer of Victorian Young Farmers and Mr Harry Torrens, State Bank General Manager.



'LIZZY STREET' CHEQUE ACCOUNTS COMPUTERISED

So Long, Sensimatics!

Sensimatic posting machines in the Cheque Account Section of Elizabeth Street branch were put to bed for the last time on the evening of March 8. The machines had been in use at 'Lizzy Street' for the past 20 years. They handled more than one million transactions during the 1977/78 financial year. Elizabeth Street's cheque accounts, and those of 36 other branches, are now fully computerised.



Goodwill Bargains Still Available

Since our offer of bargain goodwill gifts appeared in December STATESMAN, more than 600 orders for 6100 items have poured into Marketing Department. The following articles are still available (by sending a list of requirements with a cheque payable to State Bank, to 'Goodwill Giveaways', head office Marketing Department):

Bank Tie (specify colour and design) \$3.50. Bankcard Wallet 60c. Beaker Set 50c. Golf Balls: 'Hot Dot' \$4 per pack of 3, 'Rebel' \$3 per pack of 3. Mini-Calculator \$16. Cuff Links \$2 or \$2.50 (gift boxed). Key Purse (black, red, or brown) 60c. Pendant (gold or silver finish) \$1.20 or \$1.50 (gift boxed). Stayput pen 50c. Note/Card Wallet 75c. Table lighter \$2.75. Tape Measure \$2.50. T-Shirt (Girls' Sizes 10 to 20. Men's SM to OS) \$3.50. Desk Set \$6. Filing Case \$3.50. Opener/Sealer 60c.

THIS SPACE HELD FOR YOU

You can help us to make Statesman more branch-oriented by giving us news and photo tips about your branch and its staff. Send your contributions to STATESMAN, C/- Marketing Department, Hothlyn House, or telephone 60 0531, ext. 444.

Mickey Moneybox Sold For \$14!

Remember our Mickey Mouse moneyboxes of the late 1950's? About 500,000 of them were sold to members of the S.S. Bees children's club run through HSV7, in association with the Mickey Mouse Club TV show.

Staff member Judi Evans of Elizabeth Street branch reported to STATESMAN last month:

"During a recent visit to an antique fair and sale at Camberwell, one particular item caught my eye. Among small goods for sale on a counter was an old State Bank money box — the tin, house-shaped Mickey Mouse type. As the box was sporting a 'sold' sign, I was anxious about the price, and on picking it up found it marked at \$14.

"So any staff members who still have any old money boxes should hang on to them. There's certainly big money in these tiny 'banks'."



SUPER SCOUT!

John Peart of HO Personnel Department recently received, in a personal presentation by the Governor of Victoria, Sir Henry Winneke, the Medal of Merit for outstanding services to Scouting. John joined the Scouts as a boy at Clunes 25 years ago, and has been a leader in the 1st Malvern group for the past 17 years. His present rank in the Movement is Group Leader.

Fitzroy Flashbacks

Celebration of the centenary of our Smith Street, Fitzroy branch began at 9.30 a.m. on March 6 and continued all day, culminating in an official function. Some of the highlights and participants are pictured on this page.



Acting General Manager Mr Murray Souter, arrived by State Bank/Channel 9 helicopter with Fitzroy Mayor, Cr. Les Sotiriadis, at Smith Reserve, to inspect the new State Bank barbecue.



Bert Newton, presenter of 3UZ's top-rating morning radio show, featured a one-hour segment of 'Fitzroy Memories' during which he interviewed past and present State Bankers and old local identities.



Mayor Sotiriadis samples the first sausage grilled on the public barbecue donated by the Bank as a centenary gesture. He was served by Acting Chief Manager, Marketing Maurie Cavanough, watched by Acting General Manager Murray Souter.



A teacup toast was drunk when veteran depositors were entertained at morning tea at our Smith Street branch. In common with all visitors during the day they received souvenir pens and other Bank mementos.



More than 100 people attended a late afternoon function at the branch. They included Mayor Sotiriadis and several councillors and local Legislative Council member Doug Elliot (remembered as Uncle Doug of our Mickey Mouse Club days).



Fitzroy branch staff in period costumes were photographed outside the branch with folksinger Berenice Kavanagh. Pictured (left to right) Don Ruff, Eric Andrews (manager) Tony Green, Janet De Paoli, Robyn Crawford, Poppi Foujoulas.