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LIFE AT STATE BANK CENTRE



- **MAIN BANKING CHAMBER** as seen from just inside the main entrance at the Bourke/Elizabeth Street corner. Escalators lead to the lower banking chamber and the new Safe Deposit section.



- **TYPICAL TOWER FLOOR layout.** Pictured is a section of the bright and spacious Bankcard Department on Level 6. All furniture and fittings are new. Carpeting and air-conditioning enhance comfort.



- **CLOCKWATCHER:** Moira Berry of Branch Mechanisation Department on Level 5 of State Bank Centre, uses the Elizabeth Street PO clock as a watch. (The ghostly figure in the tower is the Editor, reflected in the window.)



- **AUTO-CUPPA:** Sharon McColl of Bankcard Department helps herself to coffee from a vending machine on Level 6. These machines, installed on all tower levels, dispense hot or soft drinks 24 hours a day.

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FRONT COVER:

'Grow With The State' was the slogan attached to 10,000 native plants given away to customers during the first three days of our new State Bank Centre branch. Pam Wright (H.O. Business Promotions) was one of the dispensers of our souvenir saplings. (Photo by courtesy of the Melbourne HERALD)

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Back At the Old Corner!

FIRST MOVES INTO SBC



First phase of the big move by head office departments into State Bank Centre was completed, with a minimum of fuss, during the weekend of November 22-23.

Several complete departments and large amounts of storage material were transferred into five Levels of the Centre.

Simultaneously, our largest branch (formerly known as Elizabeth Street) moved next door from its 5-year temporary home in Elizabeth House — back to its old landmark location at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth Streets.

As State Bank Centre Branch it opened its doors at 8 am on Monday, November 24. Souvenir native plants tagged 'Grow With The State' were distributed in the banking chamber.

HUGE PRIOR PLANNING JOB

All aspects of the massive move were masterminded by Project Manager Jack Horsley, Assistant Project Manager Geoff Marsh and their regular staff of seven — supplemented by four temporary assistants.

THE PROJECT TEAM WORKED AT MOUNTING PRESSURE THROUGHOUT THE THREE WEEKS LEADING UP TO THE MOVE.

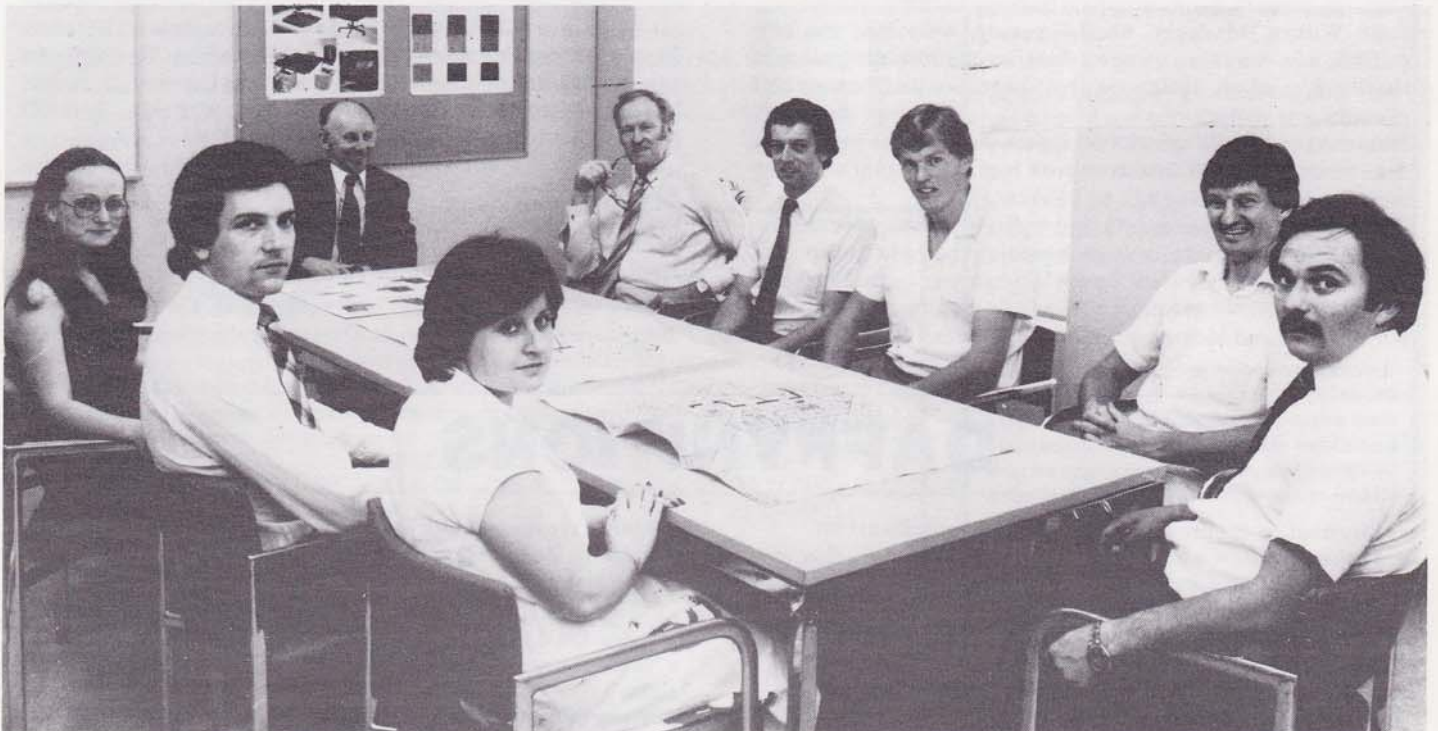
Long before that, the team carried out a vast planning operation: establishing department and branch space needs . . . working with the architects in choosing suitable furniture, fittings, office equipment and storage systems . . . estimating required quantities of desks, chairs, power outlets, telephones . . . planning computer connections . . . designing office layouts . . . organising security equipment and procedures.

At the time of the move the Project team: controlled delivery of some 150 truckloads of new furniture supplies . . . and the transfer of all equipment and records from Elizabeth House . . . set up the branch, various departments, cafeteria and automated tearooms . . . arranged smooth changeover of telephone lines and numbers . . . obtained, sorted and distributed keys.

REST TO MOVE BY MID-YEAR

The remaining head office departments — in Hothlyn House and Century Building — are expected to move to State Bank Centre tower floors by the middle of this year.

- **MASTERMINDS OF THE MOVE:** The basic Project Team which planned and organised the big November move into the State Bank Centre. Reading clockwise from left foreground: Carmel Rico, Ken Cookson, Sue Bailey, Jack Horsley, Geoff Marsh, Max Brewer, Stuart Greenwood, Lee Bidstrup, Tony Goodwin.
- **NOTABLE ABSENTEES FROM PHOTO:** Temporary helpers for the move: Bruce Hecker and Rick Allanson of the Relieving Staff, Karen Witty of Correspondence Department and — as State Bank Centre Branch Co-Ordinator — Frank Fitzgerald.





Welcome Aboard!



'FIRST OF THE NEW' FOR 1981

Twenty-four newcomers reported to Staff Training Centre, City, on January 6 to begin their banking careers.

John Wilson, Manager, Staff Training, welcomed the new staffers, who were then given an illustrated talk on the history of the Bank, and an outline of their conditions of service and promotional opportunities.

Next day, two of the recruits were posted directly to head office departments (Sharon Armstrong to Chief Accountant's Department, and Grace Mangiagli to Bankcard).

The other 22 newcomers returned to Staff Training for the rest of the week to prepare for branch postings (see photo caption). They were instructed in 'basics' in matters including mail handling, types of accounts, cheque operations, deposits and withdrawals and security precautions.

NEW STAFF (Left to Right) FRONT ROW: Sharon Armstrong (Chief Accountant's Department) Grace Mangiagli (Bankcard) Leanne McAuley (Croydon) Mario Benci (Brandon Park). SECOND ROW: Kerry Ward (Blackburn North) Colin Moncrief (Auburn South) Sophie Tsoukka (Glenroy) Gabrielle Boland (Oakleigh) Mandy Squires (Noble Park). THIRD ROW: Sharon Leny (Mount Waverley) Ricky Anderson (Central) Nadina Fewkes (Toorak) Michelle Ballard (Frankston East) Kathryn Surtees (Greensborough). FOURTH ROW: Lisa Phillips (Box Hill) Naree Sayer (Reservoir) Christine Phillips (St. James) David Egan (Richmond South) Nicholas Hill (Heidelberg West). BACK ROW: Carol Manhire (Clifton Hill) Valerie Baker (Mentone) Helen Detering (Studfield) Nick Johnstone (Rosanna) Robert Davies (Alphington).

DAFFYNITIONS

- **Elephant:** A mouse built to government specifications.
- **Father:** A fellow who gives away his daughter to another man who isn't nearly good enough, in order to get grandchildren who are smarter than anybody's.
- **Experience:** What you get when you don't get what you wanted.
- **Marriage:** Like a midnight phone call. First there's a ring. Then you wake up.

- **Shock Treatment:** Doctor's bill for an after-hours home visit.
- **Friends:** People who are always there when they need you.
- **Summer:** Time of year when it's too late for a man to do the jobs around the home that he put off last winter until the weather fined up.
- **Men:** Three varieties; the rich, the handsome and the majority.
- **Yoga:** An orderly mind in a bent body.



This Car is Almost 50 Years Old!

SINGER MAKES COMEBACK

Keysborough branch manager Harold Jobson and son Glen 18, have restored a rare 1934 Singer Le Mans sports car.

When they bought the car for \$2,300 three years ago it was shabby, but in running order and fairly complete. Now, some 1,000 leisure hours later, the Singer is probably the best of its kind in Victoria, and Harold values it at around \$10,000.

Harold and Glen took courses in cabinet making, panel beating, welding and spray painting to equip them for their painstaking project. Their work included replacing much of the car's wooden framework, rebuilding brakes and suspension assemblies, repairing split and rotted panels, making a new windscreen frame, re-upholstering the interior, and applying a dozen coats of paint.

Harold says that, visually, the wheels are the car's most obvious non-standard feature — they are wider than the spindly originals.

The Singer was the third restoration project undertaken by Harold. Over the past few years, he has rebuilt a 1945 Ford Army Jeep and a three-wheeled Messerschmitt 'bubble car'. He is currently directing his renovation skills to a 1927 Indian Scout motorcycle.

— Tom Sedunary

PUZZLE CORNER

1. SCRAMBLED STARS:

Following are the jumbled names of eight movie stars — some old some recent. (Example: If we listed Derbert Orford, the answer would be Robert Redford) Caution: Just because a name in the following list is male or female does not necessarily mean that it 'unscrambles' to a star of the same sex. Read across:

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| • JOHNNY AWE | • FRED PEATON | • BRYAN TWEATER |
| • NEAL W. UPMAN | • ALB GRACKLE | • WILDCAT O'STONE |
| • THORNTON CLEASH | • BUNNY RYLER | |

2. DIRTY STORY:

Two schoolboys were playing on a garage roof when it collapsed. Both boys fell to the floor below. When they picked themselves up, the face of one lad was smeared with black grease. The other boy's face was quite clean. This second boy went straight into the house to wash, but the dirt-faced boy didn't bother. Why?

ANSWERS: See Page 15

State Secrets by the Teller



NEW staffer, filling in form, came to 'Whom to Notify in Case of Accident' and wrote 'A GOOD DOCTOR.'

BRANCH manager, leaving home for a staff college live-in course, urged his wife to take things easy during his absence, and to sleep in every day. Then he told his three small children not to snuggle into their mother's bed and wake her in the mornings. Returning home three weeks later he was greeted at the front gate by the kiddies, who shouted for all the neighbors to hear 'DADDY, NOBODY SLEPT WITH MUMMY WHILE YOU WERE AWAY'.

SUBURBAN manager went into his residence for a quick lunch and was asked by his 6-year-old daughter 'What's the hurry, Dad?' He told her 'I have to balance the branch.' She replied 'Why? Is it crooked?'

LADY, writing to report loss of small son's passbook, said 'It went missing during the first wee in December.' She didn't mention whether the wee was hers or his.

BOSSY manager: 'I've lost my biro. Has anybody seen it?' Clerk: 'It's behind your ear, sir!' Boss: 'Come on, I haven't got time to waste. WHICH ear?'

RELIEVING staff lady with a weight problem claims to be a light eater. Her mates agree. They say that every day as soon as it's light, she starts eating.

YOUNG man opening account at Wood-end branch gave his occupation as FORGER. When this caused some consternation at the counter, he explained that he was a metal forger, employed by a Ballarat historical museum to make suits of armour.

RETIRED officer says he has arranged for his body to be donated for medical research after his death. Now he's trying to arrange for it to be donated to Bo Derek while he's still alive.

New \$1½ Million Frankston Premises

Our impressive new branch premises in Young Street, Frankston opened for business early in December. The \$1.5 million four-storey air-conditioned building is one of the tallest office complexes in Frankston. A spacious ground floor banking chamber (more than double the size of its predecessor) provides eight teller positions, three interview rooms and extensive enquiry counter space. (Manager John Johnson and his staff of eleven hosted on December 17 an official opening function attended by the Mayor of Frankston and our General Manager).

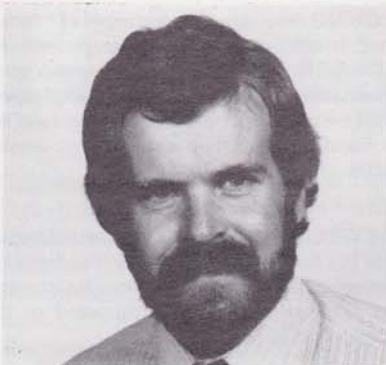


JACK RYAN, Deputy General Manager (Finance) (right) last month won his first squash match against sporting all-rounder **Peter Wynd** of State Bank Centre. (Peter is now taking court bookings, up to six days ahead, on 602 7223).

TWO FREE SQUASH COURTS with adjacent shower facilities are now open in the upper carpark of State Bank Centre from early morning to 9.30 pm weekdays, and also operate at weekends. Bookings can be made **ONLY** through Peter Wynd at the Centre (Phone 602 7223). At this stage, a staff member can book in one friend or family member as an opponent. No equipment is yet available for hire. Later, a State Bank Squash Club, with pennant teams, might be formed. Tournaments could be arranged between HO, branches and departments. (Note: Black soled shoes are banned.)

POPPING UP ON TV:

Our first-in-Australia 'pop-up' steel security screen at East Camberwell branch was filmed in action last month by a crew from the ABC national TV program **FOUR CORNERS**. The segment is slotted for showing on Saturday February 14, with a repeat the following afternoon, as part of a comprehensive report on the war against armed robbery in Australia. Filming was done at the branch after closing time, and took more than two hours to complete.



Bob to coach Barwon

Clerk **Bob Allan**, 29, of Geelong branch, will coach Barwon Football Club in the 1981 Geelong Football League season.

He assumed his new role after four years as coach of the reserves.

Bob, who has won the reserves "Best and Fairest" awards in the past two years, has played 180 senior games, and now hopes that his form next season will warrant a return to the team in his old centre position.

His Nibs, P. Gibbs!

Recent issues of Statesman have featured some imaginative cartoons to illustrate branch centenary stories. The man behind the drawings is 24-year-old Watsonia teller Peter Gibbs.

A part-time artist, Peter first came to our attention two years ago when several of his cartoons appeared in the ABEU's Savings Weekly. Although his work is quite new to these pages, he has been drawing since aged nine, when a portrait of his father earned him first prize in a junior art competition. He began sketching cartoons by copying the works of established caricaturists, and from those he developed his own style. Peter finds humorous drawings a difficult but fulfilling pastime. "For me, cartoons are an exaggeration of reality which enable the artist to communicate his ideas," he says.

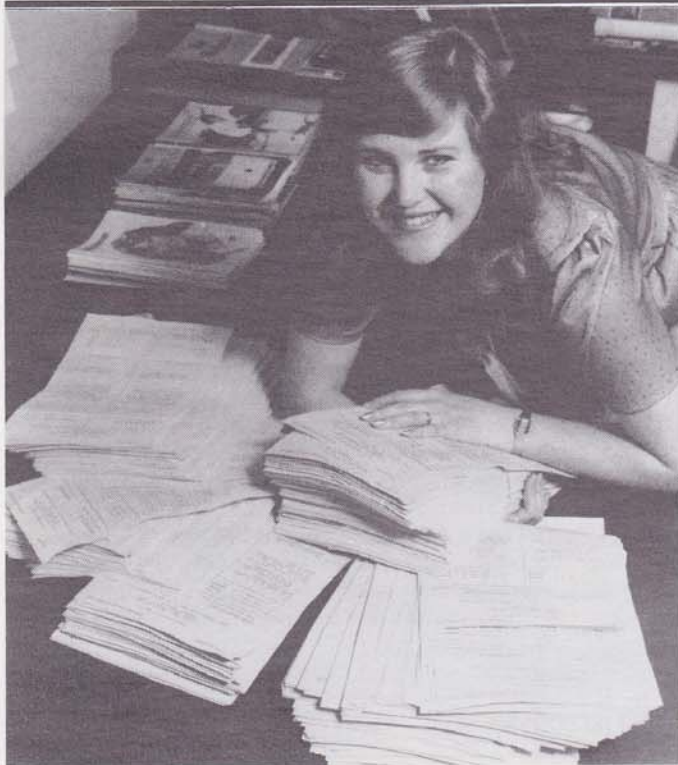
Peter works from a small art studio at his Eltham home where, apart from his cartoons, he has completed around two dozen landscapes, still life scenes and portraits. He rarely paints from real life, preferring to rely on his own imagination for ideas.

To date, he has sold all but one of his paintings and is currently working on a mural for a friend.



However, now that summer is with us, Peter prefers outdoor activities and spends most weekends establishing a

native garden at his home. Undoubtedly it will be 'back to the brush' as soon as the colder weather returns.



Thanks, Readers!

STATESMAN will contain more staff and branch news from now on.

That is one result of the reader Survey conducted last November — when we asked all serving officers for their anonymous opinions on the magazine and the 1980 Staff Annual Report.

The Survey revealed that 95% of respondents read most or some of STATESMAN. The 'most-liked' features were (overwhelmingly) the joke and gossip columns, items about branch staff members, and photos of newly-appointed accountants.

With your co-operation (keep those stories, photos and 'funnies' coming) we will now be able to make Statesman even more acceptable to the majority of readers. (And we might manage to convert some of the 5% who said they "read none" of the magazine).

● Leanne Binns of H.O. Marketing Department pictured with some of the survey sheets returned by the staff.



Around the Branches

by Pam Wallbridge



Euroa: Stateside Bound

Accountant Paul O'Brien, 29, will next month join a welfare

officer, a hospital administrator, an air-conditioning technician and a teacher on a six-week study tour of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

The five were selected to represent Victoria and southern New South Wales in Rotary International's Group Study Exchange Scheme, which enables "outstanding young business and professional men" opportunities to study another country and its people. The scheme provides return air fares and accommodation.

Paul, who was encouraged to apply for the Rotary scheme by his branch manager, Peter Shepard, survived a series of gruelling interviews before gaining final selection.

Kilsyth: Stanza for Staff

One satisfied customer recently used a novel way of wishing branch staff the best for the festive season. He presented them with the following poem together with a box of chocolates.

To Staff at 361

A little chew for morning tea,
To thank you for your courtesy,
To wish you in a word of cheer,
A Merry Christmas, bright New Year,
Continued happiness and health,
A modest share of this world's wealth,
Companionship, security,
A calm serene longevity.

Lower Plenty: Santa at The Window

Customers received a special treat when 'Santa' dropped by one Friday in December to assist branch staff with the Christmas rush. Throughout the day Santa, who bore a remarkable resemblance to regular branch teller Mark Bamford, presented children with some 250 bags of giveaway balloons, sweets, drink coasters and advertising leaflets. Older depositors received a glass of sherry and a piece of Christmas cake. Manager Peter Nelson reports that the gesture was well received by customers, and provided staff with a novel way of promoting the Bank's services.



● Santa, alias Mark Bamford, is pictured helping out at Lower Plenty branch.



● Bob Maxwell (right) hands the \$500,000 loan cheque to Cr. Keith Evans, a member of the local sewerage authority. (Photo by courtesy of The Southern Peninsula Gazette.)

Dromana:

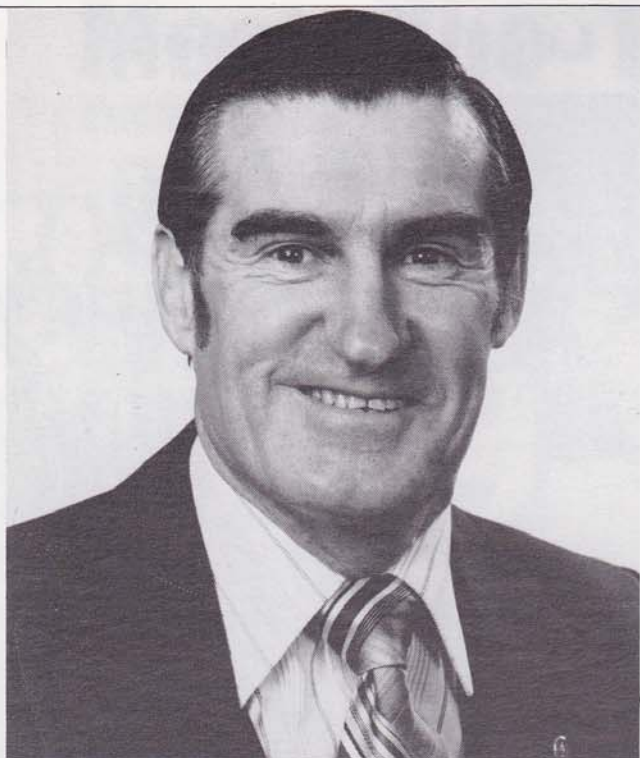
Bank Advances Dromana

When manager Bob Maxwell recently announced the granting of a \$500,000 loan to the local sewerage authority, he remembered the old saying "actions speak louder than words".

For the past few months Bob and several local business men have been running a promotional campaign, using the slogan "Let's Advance Dromana".

The group produced signs for display by local business houses, mounted a publicity drive for community development projects, and set up an information centre in the heart of town.

Bob says that a second tangible State Bank contribution to Dromana's advancement is a recently-completed \$110,000 reconstruction of his branch premises.



Colac: Michael and Molly Meet Again

Recently-appointed branch manager Michael Burke and assistant manager Molly Moloney have renewed a working partnership which they shared at the branch 16 years ago.

In 1965 Michael was senior accountant and Molly was senior clerk. Molly has served continuously at the

branch for 23 years, while Michael managed Wendouree branch for the 15 years between his Colac appointments. Says Michael: "Molly knows the Colac banking scene very well and is immensely popular. I'll be relying heavily on her knowledge and contacts to help re-establish myself in Colac".



● Noelene pictured taking a breather during the regional championships held in November at Swan Hill.

Swan Hill: Tennis Hotshot

At 18, Swan Hill branch teller Noelene Carty is a champion tennis player with a collection of more than 100 trophies to prove it. Noelene, an A-grade player, is the local club's female under-19 singles champion. In November she won the north-west country regional singles title which qualified her to attempt this month's State finals held at Traralgon. Noelene is also a keen roller-skater and plays regularly for a local roller hockey team.



WANTED

News and photos of staff members... their sporting achievements and unusual interests or hobbies. Tell us about funny incidents or remarks from every day branch life. HELP STATESMAN TO 'BRANCH OUT'.

Know Your Bank Legal Department



MOST OF H.O. LEGAL DEPARTMENT is pictured above.



'LEGAL'S' MANAGEMENT STAFF: (left to right) Harold Wardle (Solicitor) Vern O'Day (Managing Law Clerk), Jim Wing (Solicitor), Gerry Allen (Supervisor), Ian Palfrey (Solicitor), Michael Montalto (Solicitor), Peter Galletly (Senior Supervisor), Ian Purbrick (Bank Solicitor), Robert Haines (Manager, Legal Accounts).

Meet The Legal Eagles and Mortgage Makers

Ever feel that you are on the receiving end of too many instructions? Well spare a thought for the staff of Legal Department who each year receive some 17,000 'instructions' from Mortgage Loans Department to attend to the legal documentation of customers' loan applications. All involve a complex clerical process of preparing and registering documents for transfer of property titles to be used as security for the Bank's mortgage loans.

With a staff of 80, 'Legal' is one of the largest of Head Office departments. Executive-in-charge is Ian Purbrick, the Bank's solicitor, who also heads a small Solicitors' Section within the department. Vern O'Day, Managing Law Clerk, who is a much experienced conveyancer, manages the General Section and is responsible for the continued flow of loan files. Both men — and certain other legal specialists — were employed from outside the Bank.

The General Section (to which most staff are assigned) is split into more than a dozen subdivisions to handle the various phases of each loan file's progress from its date of arrival from Mortgage Loans Department after approval, to settlement day. Some of the main tasks involved include:

- recording the loan file on the department's sophisticated mini computer.
- checking copies of title documents supplied against originals held at the Titles Office.
- preparing all mortgage documents for taking security over titles which have been accepted by Mortgage Loans Department.
- calculating and collecting fees — such as stamp duty and search charges — payable by borrowers.
- arranging loan settlements with borrowers' solicitors.
- attending loan settlements in the Melbourne city business area.
- instructing branch managers on settlements to be effected at their branches.
- verifying documents supplied by vendors' solicitors at settlements, and registering them at the Titles Office.

NOTICE

There is absolutely no purpose in reading this notice. It is to be completely ignored although we know that despite this warning you will read it to the very end.

Thank you.

- lodging title duplicates for safe-keeping in our Securities Department.

Although the majority of loans are for relatively straightforward purchases of property, many require settlement in conjunction with personal loans, or the paying out of existing mortgages. Loans with unusual securities, such as interstate properties or churches, also require special treatment.

In a typical week, Legal Department settles around 350 loans for a total payout of \$7.5 million. December is the peak time of the year. In 1980, for example, the department settled 960 loans valued at \$23.3 million in the fortnight preceding Christmas. Busiest day was December 19 when Legal staffers attended a record 231 settlements and handed over \$5.75 million to borrowers' solicitors.

While the General Section is occupied with its mass production of mortgages, the Solicitors' Section — comprising five solicitors, two articulated clerks and a small clerical team — provides a specialised legal service for the Bank's administration.

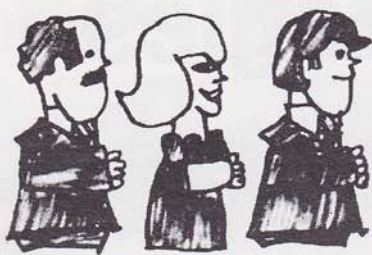
Chief responsibilities of the Solicitors' Section include:

- providing legal opinions on legislation (e.g. Trade Practices Act) which affects the Bank's operation and its relationships with customers.
- offering guidance on legal action which the bank may take against individuals or organisations — or which may be taken against the Bank.
- attending to legal requirements in connection with sales, purchases or leasing of Bank properties.
- advising on legal aspects of building contracts.
- documenting the acceptance and discounting of Bills of Exchange for the Chief Manager, Lending.
- issuing legal proceedings for the recovery of delinquent Bankcard, personal loan and mortgage loan debts (sometimes involving sales of property).
- acting on branch matters such as customer frauds, forgeries and bankruptcy, and legal procedures relating to armed holdups.
- making specialised checks and documentation for commercial mortgage loans granted through the Bank's Provident Fund.

HELP LEGAL TO HELP BORROWERS

Branches can help Legal Department to keep customers' loan files flowing (and thus minimise customer enquiries) by ensuring that applications, when submitted to Mortgage Loans Department are accompanied by

- (a) a recent copy of title
- (b) a draft copy of transfer — or Titles Office dealing number.



Meet our new Managers



P.J. CLOSE, Lang Lang

Peter is currently team manager for the Ballam Park Little Athletics Club in Frankston, and is a youth leader for his local church. Peter also finds time to enjoy social games of squash and tennis, along with weekly sessions of jogging with friends. He is married, with two daughters aged six and eight years.



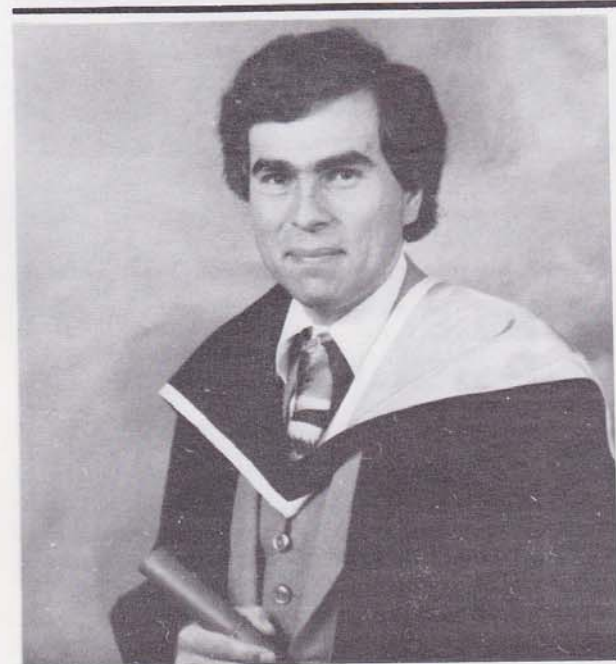
W.A. COLE, Repaid Loans Officer, Personal Loans

During the past 10 years, Warren has been vestryman for the All Saints Church of England in Nunawading, and has served as church warden for two years. His recreational activities are fishing and boating, and his hobbies comprise gardening, stamp collecting and woodwork. Warren is married with three daughters aged seven, nine and 13 years.



G.S. McKEE, Assistant Manager, Melton

Most of Graham's spare time is occupied with bike racing. He is currently a competitive professional road racing cyclist, training regularly with both the Coburg and Northern Veterans clubs. Graham recently completed a three-year term as treasurer of the Oak Park Primary School Council. He and his wife Coral have two daughters aged nine and 11 years.



G.W. PERCY, Advances Officer, Personal Loans

This will be Graeme's third trip to Personal Loans where he was originally appointed in 1968 as an unclassified officer.

As a founding member of the Ringwood Rangers Ice Hockey Club, rated now as one of the best clubs in Australia, Graeme trains regularly, and has represented his team in a number of State finals. Graeme and his wife Elizabeth (former Premises staffer) have three young daughters.



R.G. SCHMIDT, Trentham

Bachelor Ray originally joined the Bank at Kyneton. He later served his accountant appointments at north suburban branches, and is now happy to return to home territory. Most of Ray's spare time is occupied with either fishing or shooting, and he hopes to continue these interests in Trentham.



J.W. STEARMAN, Assistant Manager, Warragul

Jeff and his wife Rhonda enjoy spending most of their spare time at McLaughlin's Beach near Yarram, where they have a holiday house. This enables Jeff to take advantage of the local surf and trout fishing, along with camping and bush walking. Jeff is also a committee member of the Churchill Community Health Centre.

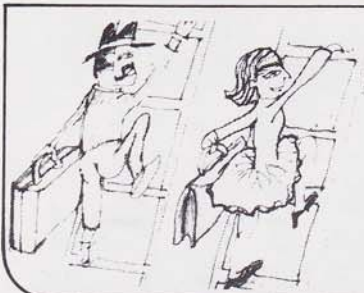


R.A. TANNER, Rosedale

For the past 20 years, Bob has been involved with the Lindenow Football Club. During that time he has been secretary on four occasions, including last season. His recreational interests include fishing, boating and social games of squash. Most of Bob's spare time is spent on his farm at Flaggy Creek with his wife and their four children.

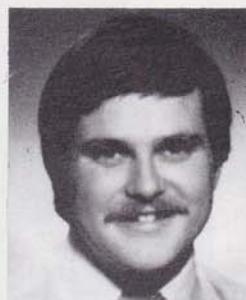
The Graduate

Internal Audit Department accountant Peter Stoitsis, 27, recently graduated as a Bachelor of Business Studies — Accounting after more than six years of part-time study at Footscray Institute of Technology. Peter says the course, which qualifies him to practise as a public accountant, demanded around 18 hours of study per week.



On the Way Up

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



PHILIP BRENNAN
Central Clearing
Section



PETER WABBIS
Kew North



BRUCE PEART
Branch Mech. Dept.



JUDITH MILES
Montmorency



ELIZABETH BOWER
Jolimont



PHILIP SMEDLEY
Clayton



DEBBIE LAYTON
Chief Acc'ts Dept.



ERIN BURL
Mount Waverley



GARRY MANN
Mildura



BEVERLEY BRIGGS
Branch Mechanisation



COLIN CAMPBELL
Chief Acc'ts Dept.

THIS SPACE HELD FOR YOU

You can help us make STATESMAN more branch-oriented by giving us news and photo suggestions about your branch and its staff. Send your contributions to STATESMAN C/O H.O. Marketing Department, or phone 60 0531 ext. 444 or 329.



Now It's Larry The Lion

Geelong full-forward Larry Donohue, 25, a teller at our Corio Village branch, will leave his hometown club, and line-up next season with Fitzroy.

The move will end an unhappy two-year saga in which lapses of form and confidence, and a series of injuries led to Larry's dumping from the Cats' senior team.

Larry believes that the change in clubs will provide the stimulus he needs for a return to the form he displayed in 1976 when he kicked 105 goals to top the VFL goal-kicking list.

- The parting of ways for Larry Donohue and Geelong. (Photo by courtesy Sunday Press).



First Branch Mech. Class at SBC.

Pictured is the first group of branch staffers (plus five instructors from Branch Mechanization Department) to take part in a teller training school at State Bank Centre. Back Row: (left to right) Steven Schyschow (Instructor), Trevor Riches (Dandenong Market), David Sims (Croydon), Murray Newman (Blackburn), Malcolm Bundy (Elwood), Andrew McAdie (Pinewood), Gavin Casey (Burwood, Through Road),

Terry Barber (Niddrie), Paul Jukes (Instructor). Front Row: (left to right) Loretta Duffy (Instructor), Judy de Haas (Instructor), Kym Jarrett (State Bank Centre), Kerry Alexander (Niddrie), Anne Smith (Ormond), Nives Smrdel (Hampton Central), Pam Williams (Carrum), Kerry Moulynox (Instructor).

SEE MOOMBA STAGE PLAYS FOR ONLY \$3.50

The Bank-sponsored 1981 Moomba Festival of Theatre offers a variety of live plays by leading Victorian drama groups, to be performed mainly at the Grant Street, Theatre, South Melbourne from February 26 to March 7. Admission

PROGRAM

26/2 at Pentridge "COMEDIANS" (Trevor Griffiths) by Pentridge Mess Hall Players.

The following plays will be staged at the Grant Street, Theatre, South Melbourne (just off St. Kilda Road).

27/2 "THE LION IN WINTER (James Goldman) by Dramus Theatre, Hamilton.

28/2 "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" (William Shakespeare) by Red Cliffs Players.

01/3 "DAMES AT SEA" (Haimsohn-Miller) by Pumpkin Players.

price is \$3.50 excepting for the final (award-presentation) night, when the \$7 admission price includes a chicken and champagne supper. Phone bookings: 337 9471.

02/3 "TIME TO KILL" (Leslie Darbon) by Toorak Players.

03/3 "EQUUS" (Peter Shaffer) by Williamstown Little Theatre.

04/3 "THE KNACK" (Ann Jellicoe) by Adelphi Players

05/3 "KNOCK KNOCK" (Jules Feiffer) by Heidelberg Theatre Company.

06/3 "THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND" (Tom Stoppard) by Geelong Repertory Society.

07/3 "TABLE MANNERS" (Alan Ayckbourn) by Malvern Theatre Company.



THE GENERAL MANAGER, Mr. Harry Torrens spoke at December's annual meeting and Christmas get-together of more than 180 retired officers. Robert Lowe, president of the State Bank division of the A.B.E.U., also addressed the assembly in Melbourne's Lower Town Hall. Mr. Torrens is pictured (second left) with Bill Jamieson, 84 — one of the oldest annuitants present — and Neil Kelly (former Deputy General Manager, Administration) who is president of the Retired Officers' Association.

Reminder

The S.B.R.O.C. meets at the beginning of each quarter (in March, June, September, December) for a chat and a 'cuppa', and welcomes new members.

Santa's Tale Was Told

A Christmas card sent to STATESMAN, and simply signed 'Santa', contained the following poem:

"I'm sending this message to warn you
That taxes and strikes today
Have robbed me of all my equipment. . .
My warehouse, my reindeer and sleigh.
I'm making my rounds on a donkey,
He's old and decrepit and slow.
So you'll know if I miss you this Christmas,
I'LL BE OUT ON MY ASS IN THE SNOW"

When Cows Basked at Bulumwaal

Not much banking was going on at Bulumwaal, 20 miles north of Bairnsdale, on the day this photo was taken about 50 years ago.

The humble little building housed an agency of the Bank from 1912 to 1941. Practically all of its earliest customers were goldminers from the local diggings.

A clue to the age of the photo (sent recently by Lloyd Walton, manager, Bairnsdale branch) is the 4% interest sign on the righthand side of the front wall. The Bank paid 4% interest on passbook accounts only in the years 1921-23 and 1928-33, so the picture must have been taken during one of those periods.



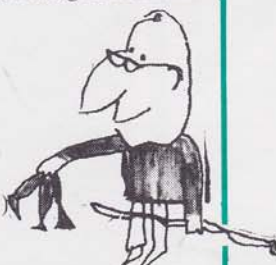
On the Grapevine



Gone Fishin'

Recent and approaching retirements

RON LANCASHIRE (Glen Waverley)
FERGIE BORRACK (Geelong)
IAN McDONALD (Valuers Dept.)
KELLY SMITH (Hadfield)
JOAN VAIL (State Bank Centre branch)
JACK LYLE (Wangaratta)
VIN MAGUIRE (Springvale)



PUZZLE ANSWERS

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1. SCRAMBLED STARS:

- John Wayne • Peter Fonda • Warren Beatty
- Paul Newman • Clark Gable • Clint Eastwood
- Charlton Heston • Yul Brynner

2. DIRTY STORY:

The boys could see one another's faces, but not their own. So the clean boy thought he was dirty, and the dirty boy thought he was clean.

State Bank Sports Directory

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>COMPETITION</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
CRICKET	Victorian Junior Cricket Association - Turf Competition	From early October to late March	Ken Batrouney, Relieving Staff, Extension: 201.
FOOTBALL	Victorian Amateur Football Association	April to early September	Steve Roberts. Branch Mech. Dept. Phone: 602-7711
LAWN BOWLS	Inter-Bank Competition	November to March. Every second Wednesday afternoon.	Gordon Lester, Western branch. Phone: 61-2471
	Inter-Club Competitions	November to March - once a fortnight (evenings)	
WOMEN'S NETBALL	Victorian Women's Netball Association (Royal Park)	February to June... & August to late November. Inter-Bank match, October.	Jan Ivory Personnel Dept. Phone: H.O. Ext. 503
WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL RULES BASKETBALL	Victorian Business Houses Basketball Association. (Albert Park)	All Year... all Associations, Inter-Bank match, November.	Graeme Finn, Staff College. Phone: (059) 71 2100
	Melbourne East Basketball Association. (Nunawading)		
	Corio Basketball Association (Geelong)		
MEN'S INTERNATIONAL RULES BASKETBALL	Victorian Business Houses Basketball Association. (Albert Park)	All Year... all Associations, Inter-Bank match, November.	Graeme Finn Staff College. Phone: (059) 71 2100
	Diamond Valley Basketball Association (Greensborough)		
GOLF	Victorian Inter-Bank Golf Association - also internal competitions	April & October Inter-Bank pennant matches. Monthly social day for State Bank staff.	Jeff Cameron Relieving Staff. Extension: 201
SWIMMING	Victorian Combined Banks Swimming Association.	February: Victorian Inter-Bank Carnival. March: Australian Inter-Bank Carnival. All Year	Julie Bowen, 118 - Black Rock Phone: 99 3401
ROWING (Banks Rowing Club)	Victorian Rowing Association	September to April	Ron Kitchen, Valuers Dept. Extension: 88
VOLLEYBALL	Eastern Metropolitan Volleyball Association	February to October. Tuesday Evenings	Zina Tolni, Overseas Dept. Phone: H.O. Ext. 200