

Extracts from THE HIGHWAYMAN
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December, 1980

RAY MACFARLANE

After a spell of 43 years the quiet and unassuming Ray MacFarlane retired on September 15.

His first period of service commenced in June 1937 and concluded in November 1941, when - like so many John Citizens, Ray answered his country's call and remained on full time military duties until late 1945.

His second period of service witnessed steady promotion in the many fields of Departmental activity culminating in 1966 when the higher echelons were attained. From there until his retirement, Ray was Paymaster, Senior Examiner of Claims and Auditor for the final six years of his distinguished career. Ray has what could be termed a 'DMR family'. His wife is a former employee; son Ian is currently employed as a registered surveyor in the North Western Division while son number two, Robert, is a field hand with the Survey and Property Section.

A foundation member of the DMR Christian Fellowship (inaugurated in 1950) he has remained a loyal and keen supporter of this organisation. Other interests include fishing, gardening and photography.

At all times approachable, affable and helpful, Ray MacFarlane shunned the theatricalities of a high-key farewell and opted for a quiet au revoir from his many friends who have diplomatically given him the nudge to do something practical at home. He leaves with a Makita sander and a Bosch two-speed jigsaw.

CHARLES HANZMANN

Two elegant silver goblets were part of the material reward for Charles Hanzmann who retired on September 2 following twenty years service.

Commencing as a toll collector in January 1960, Charles graduated to the clerical branch approximately ten years later. Attached to the Ledgers Section for eight years, Charles concluded his career in the Pay Section.

Our sympathy is extended to the relatives of the undermentioned persons recently deceased:

Jack Hansen on August 31. He retired in December 1957 and was a senior surveyor in Survey Section.

Cecil Hawkins on September 1. He retired in December 1966 and had been the Division Engineer at Goulburn; Assistant Chief Engineer; Chief Engineer and Special Administrative Assistant to the Commissioner.

Norman Judge on September 2 as a result of a road accident. Until his untimely death he held the position of Road Design draftsman at the Metropolitan Divisional Office.

Jim Reid on September 9. He retired in December 1975 and was a Road foreman at Windsor Works Office.

September, 1982

HARRY CONEYBEARE

On 16th July, 1982, 64 of Harry Coneybeare's many friends gathered at the Masonic Club to farewell him on his retirement. Many apologies were received from his friends, particularly those associated with the Old and Bold and RSL, who could not be present on the night.

At the time of his retirement, Harry was the longest serving Departmental officer, 46 years.

In wishing Harry and his wife, Margaret, all happiness and health for the future, his friends and colleagues presented him with a silver tray, whiskey decanter and a "geniune authenticated" aboriginal axe.

Harry's many contributions to the life of the Department were remembered in song by Roy Dunstan, Don Periera and George Glazier with Alleyne Smith on piano to the tune of the Modern Major General from the Pirates of Penzance as follows:

Harry is the very model of a good environmentalist.

He knows his subject thoroughly, a conscientious specialist.

He warns us if our road designs are likely to be criminal

Because they may encroach upon some relics aboriginal.

Those lovely slabs of sandstone rock may bear some prehistoric art,

Or axe grooves in the creek bed really set this special site apart.

He tells how we should carefully dispose of dirty sediment,

Conserve the shrubs and spare that tree - at least that's what he said he meant!

Conserve the shrubs & spare that tree - at least that's what he said he meant!

Conserve the shrubs & spare that tree - at least that's what he said he meant!

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He also knows the habitats of native birds and animals,

The wombats needing bridges for to cross the road to see their pals.

Advice on any matters ecological we need to list,

We always get it right from him, our good environmentalist.

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The fear of noisy traffic running through a pleasant neighbourhood

Upsets so many residents, we would avoid it if we could,

And Harry hurries out to hear and measure all the decibels,

His meter working overtime in busy streets and quiet dells.

His measurements and calculations silence all the critics' cries.

His reference books are many and his table stacked up to the skies.

Now that he's leaving us, it seems, the library will get them all

They say they have no room and so will stack them all out in the hall.

They say they have no room and so will stack them all out in the hall.

They say they have no room and so will stack them all out in the hall.

They say they have no room and so will stack them all out, all out in the hall.

At meetings Harry's tape recorder always keeps the language clean.

It makes the speakers honest although some would say it's rather mean,

But still on any matters ecological, we must insist, [REST MISSING]

PHIL HORE

Phil Hore, Senior Attendant, retired on Friday July 16, after 21 years' service.

Prior to his appointment to the Department, Phil was employed as the Senior Lift Driver at Anthony Hordern & Sons Ltd, from June 1950 to February 1961. This position involved the supervision of some fourteen lift drivers and those who can remember the prestigious firm will realise the responsibility his position entailed. Due to the vagaries of the commercial world, the great firm suffered a decline and eventual collapse, but, fortunately for us, Phil saw the writing on the wall and came to us in February 1961.

Late in 1967, Phil was classified as an attendant, becoming Senior Attendant in April 1974. Later that year he was appointed a Controller under the Summary Offences Act, 1970 and he was authorised to act in that capacity in the Head Office complex.

Throughout his career reports indicate that he was a very dedicated officer who always carried out his duties in a capable and efficient manner.

In his position as Attendant in the main vestibule, Phil excelled in his ability to cooperate with the general public and staff members, thus creating a "good image" to the public and staff alike.

A well attended farewell completed Phil's services where a presentation was made to him.

IGOR VAULIN

The 14th July, 1982 saw the retirement of one of the Department's most colourful characters - Igor Vaulin. Igor chose Bastille Day as an appropriate symbol of his forthcoming retirement - freedom and independence.

Igor Vaulin was born in China and qualified as a Civil Engineer in Shanghai in 1944. He migrated to Australia some five years later and joined our organisation in 1955, being attached initially to the Bridge Section until 1960.

During this period Igor was occupied with the design of bridges largely in the western area of the State, including Mehi River at Moree, Macquarie River at Gin Gin, Darling River at Tilpa and Pooncarie. He was also associated with the designs for Ballina Street, Lismore and the Dennis Bridge over the Hastings River.

In 1960 Igor was transferred to the Metropolitan Division, which at that time was experiencing a renaissance in bridge construction. The major bridges built towards the end of the last century at Fig Tree, Gladesville, Roseville, De Burghs, Cooks River and at lesser sites were no longer capable of carrying modern traffic volumes and were in the process of being replaced. In addition, new bridge facilities were provided at Silverwater, Taren Point and the Salt Pan Creek area. Igor, with his usual vigour, played a leading role in the construction of the new bridges, being responsible for casting yard supervision, laboratory activities, field stressing operation and many other matters.

From 1963 until 1968 Igor was stationed at Grafton, where he supervised bridge construction by contract and direct control. The contracts for which he was responsible included structures at Wardell, Ramornie, Harwood, Thora, Coldstream, Bungawalbyn, Murwillumbah and Six Mile Creek at Battens Bight. His direct control organisation completed a number of bridges including Emigrant Creek extension, Moonee Creek, two bridges south of Woodburn and the bridges over Yellow and Violet Creeks on the Bruxner Highway. During this period Igor designed the two Moonee Bridges in Divisional Office, which could not be handled at the time in the Bridge Section because of other pressures.

For ten years, from 1968 to 1978, Igor was again stationed in the Metropolitan Division, as Supervising Engineer in charge of all bridgeworks. Initially, the Southern Cross Drive to Kingsford Smith Airport was constructed, which involved a number of bridges including major structures at Epsom Road and Gardners Road.

Other major structures were over the Georges River at Alfords Point and over Cooks River to the International Terminal. Footbridges were built at Frenchs Forest, Sydney University and Linley Point. Towards the end of this period the Botany Foreshore work was commenced and again many structures were required.

In his 27 years and 2 months service with the Department Igor was involved with the construction of in excess of 50 bridges and attacked each new challenge with tremendous energy and industry. Igor worked hard and played hard and leaves many friends.

During retirement Igor plans to continue a long running battle with the "one arm bandits", travel abroad and perhaps try his hand at a few business ventures.

We wish Igor and Mrs. Vaulin a long, healthy and happy retirement.

ARTHUR NEWLAND

Arthur "Bluey" Newland joined the Department of Road Transport and Tramways on 10th April, 1934, as an apprentice electrical fitter at Randwick Tramway Workshop. After completing training he continued on at Randwick Workshop. When the war came he served with the Naval Auxiliary and spent much of his time outside working hours on patrol. When the war finished he transferred to the Traffic Signals Section of Department of Motor Transport and gained an interest in traffic signals.

Arthur was responsible for the installation of underground ducts and linking cables for the original city co-ordinated system. As old tramway ducts were used, Arthur's tramway experience was a great advantage. He was a man of many talents for when Harold Peach retired he took over the management of several Parking Advisory Committees, an unenviable task.

Most of the traffic signals pioneers have now retired although Len McLennon, Alex Hamilton, Don Hughes and Bruce Sellwood are a few who still remain. Over the years Arthur gave his best and will be long remembered by his many friends both in this Department and the others in which he served.

Arthur is also a violinist, and for many years was a regular performer at the Burwood Christmas parties. He has always had interest in the outdoors, being involved in scouting and more recently in gemstones and geology. He was suitably fare welled by the Traffic Section on 3 1st July, 1982 and presented with a new set of bowls.

MARK KLUCH

Friends of Mark Kluch gathered in the Voucher Examination Section on 15th July, 1982 to say farewell and to present Mark with a parting gift comprising a crystal whisky decanter and six whisky glasses.

Mark commenced with the Department on 16th December, 1960 and served his first five years at the Metropolitan Maintenance Office at Granville. His next postings were the Materials and Research Laboratory, Milsons Point - 6 years, Cost Section - 4 years and the 7 years up to retirement in the Voucher Examination Section.

Mark is one of those rare people who never seem to age. His youthful appearance has changed little from his earliest days with the Department and many people question whether his birth certificate has been checked. Mark assures everyone that he is rightfully at the age of retirement and looking forward to this change in his life. He plans to enjoy his grandchildren, travel Australia and perhaps in a couple of years make a visit to his homeland, Poland.

Amongst Mark's achievements was his revision of the Department's theft records system and the establishment of a workable method of maintaining these important records. At the farewell Ron Price spoke highly of Mark and thanked him for his commendable contribution to the Department. Being a very organised person Mark prepared a farewell speech which is reproduced verbatim below. Retirement is not to be taken lightly and Mark's words express extremely well the emotions of which we all hope one-day to share.

I had often been asked how I feel about retirement and I would reply that I have mixed feelings about it.

On the one hand I am glad, because from now on, I will be able to indulge in my little hobbies, to travel, to read as much as I want. In short, to do what I like doing.

On the other hand, I am a little sad, because I have to leave behind over 20 years of work with - mostly - pleasant people, many of whom offered me their friendship, which I greatly appreciate.

I will also miss the specific atmosphere of this section. The mateship, the shared jokes, even the teasing. I am sure I will miss all these and other things.

But life being what it is, there comes an end to everything. I am glad to have met you all and sad because I have to say Goodbye.

Thank you all for your friendliness towards me.

Our sympathy is extended to the relatives of the following personnel recently deceased:

March - George Hanson who was employed at Wagga Wagga Divisional Office and prior to his retirement in July 1963 held the position of Senior Car Driver.

April - Cec Price who, until his retirement in June 1975, was the Senior Car Driver in Head Office.

Larry Henry, who had retired in November 1978 and prior to this was attached to the Urban Investigations Section as a Road Design Draftsman.

May - A.G. (Scott) Scott-Findlay who had retired in February 1961 and was 81 years of age. **Beryl Kemp** who was employed as a Machine Operator and was attached to the Supply Section.

Merv Mitchelson. Merv was extremely popular and his sudden death came as a great shock to all who knew him, particularly those in the Special Typing and Personnel Sections.

June - Bruce Bain, who was employed as a clerical officer at Parkes Divisional Office.

Mrs Barbara Jones, wife of Keith Jones, Deputy Metropolitan Engineer. Barbara was a former Club member who competed in the Interstate Sports Carnivals in tennis.

Mrs Marlene Drumgold, wife of Neil Drumgold, our previous Club Chairman. During his term of office Marlene graciously supported Neil at Club activities and functions.

July - Reg Morton who retired in 1972 after 40 years' service with the Department in the Yass area where he was employed as a Road Foreman at the time of his retirement.

Doug Clark who was attached to the Metropolitan Divisional Office where he was employed as a Road Design Draftsman.

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VALEDICTORY FAREWELL

Over the past 18 months the Department has been unfortunate to lose the services of three officers through early retirement because of illness.

John Neeson, Jack Anderson and Bill McGennissen were entertained by their many friends at a luncheon held at the Masonic Centre, Castlereagh Street, on 27th April 1983.

Speeches were kept to a minimum but nevertheless Alan Emery spoke about his close relationship with Bill McGennissen while Messrs. Ed Brown and Eric King spoke concerning Jack Anderson and John Neeson. Each of the persons being honoured was presented with a gift on behalf of his friends and colleagues to mark long and happy associations over the years.

JOHN NEESON

In the first four years of his service since joining the Department in March 1942, John saw duty at four 'B' locations - 'Bridge Section, Bateman's Bay, Bowenfels and Bendemeer. He then went to Tamworth Divisional Office in September 1952, Yass Office in January 1954 and Parkes Divisional Office in September 1957. He returned to Head Office to the Highways Section in 1962 where he was Acting

Engineer for Field Organisation and Methods until March 1965 when he was appointed Divisional Engineer, Bega.

John was deeply involved in community activities at Bega where he was Deputy Chairman, Monaro South Coast Regional Development Committee, President of the Bega Rotary Club and a member of the Bega Branch of the Road Safety Committee and the Bega Swimming Club.

He became the Divisional Engineer, Inner Freeway Construction on 5th June 1972 and on 20th February 1975 he was appointed Metropolitan Engineer, a position he was to hold for over six years and one which is closely associated with his name - more so than any other position. In August 1975 shortly after becoming Metropolitan Engineer, John attended Advance Course No. 53 at Mt. Eliza during which he became quite ill. Such is the tenacity of the man that he completed the course.

He was appointed Highways Engineer in October 1981, but instead carried out the duties of Acting Chief Engineer (Services) until 26th February 1982 when he was forced to go on sick leave.

John overcame many obstacles in the latter stages of his career and his fighting spirit will overcome many more. We wish him and Irene the best of all possible worlds and we know that they will face the future with courage and fortitude whatever may befall.

BILL McGENNISKEN

Bill McGennissen joined the Department on 20th June 1949 as a Car Driver after working as a Bus Driver at Katoomba following his discharge in May 1946 from the Army where he served in the 154th Australian General Transport Company.

He transferred to Glen Innes as Divisional Car Driver in August 1950, returned to Head Office as Senior Car Driver in January 1961 and then served at Metropolitan Divisional Office from November 1962 until December 1967, when he was appointed Garage Supervisor at Head Office.

Bill has been associated with transport since the age of 17 and he developed considerable experience in the Department's operations in both Country and Metropolitan service. A highlight was his achievement of a 100% pass in the Advanced Driving Test conducted by the Veteran Motorists Association in July 1963, a feat which only three people had achieved up to that time.

He has consistently been regarded as diligent and enthusiastic and is a person of high moral and ethical character. Under his leadership and personal example, the Head Office Garage has reached very high standards.

Bill has always been keenly interested in the progress of younger members of the staff with whom he came in contact and he is regarded by many as their friend. He is widely known and respected throughout the Department and in the Motor Trade generally.

During his association with the H.O. Garage he was always very co-operative in providing transport for the Recreation Club when needed. He is now living at Easton Park Retirement Village, Glenfield. He will always be pleased to see his friends from the Department at any time.

Every best wish for the future is extended to Bill. May his life be rich and full of contentment.

JACK ANDERSON

Jack Anderson ceased duty on 21st February 1983 after more than 40 years service. He commenced as a Junior Draftsman in November 1941 at Newcastle Divisional Office, enlisted in the RAAF in August 1944 and was discharged in 1946.

Jack is one of the few officers left who hold the Diploma in Civil Engineering, which was awarded to him in 1950. In 1951 he was appointed Assistant Engineer at Waratah Office and from then until December 1963, when he was transferred to the Executive Engineer's Section as Supervising Engineer, all of Jack's service was in the Newcastle and Grafton Divisions with relief at Bega Divisional Office early in 1961.

In December 1968, he was appointed Divisional Engineer, Goulburn and in March 1974 he became Divisional Engineer, Outer Freeways where he remained for almost four years until his appointment as Field Inspecting Engineer. Jack was appointed to Executive Engineer on 6th February 1981 and to Engineer, Special Duties, Engineer-in-Chief's Branch on 1st December 1982. During his time at Goulburn he became involved with the Legacy movement and derived great satisfaction from being able to help others.

He has always been regarded as displaying greater than average ability in his capacity to co-operate with others as well as being very competent in the other more technical aspects of his duties. It was the ability to "get on with others" that enabled Jack to carry out his duties as Executive Engineer in an exemplary way, and to show a distinct aptitude for dealing with industrial matters.

It is with some sadness, then, that we farewell

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February was a great month for the visit of the stork on the 11th Floor, Bridge Section with no fewer than four babies born.

Congratulations are in order to:

Mr & Mrs Richard Yates - Jennifer Anne born on the 2nd.

Mr & Mrs Garry Mittlestadt - James Arthur born on the 23rd.

Mr & Mrs Martin Dale - Timothy Charles born on the 24th.

Mr & Mrs Tom Anderson - Jake born on the 25th.

(Tom is now in Outer Freeways, but they still think of him as a fellow worker).

Bridge Section is starting to wonder what was going on as they were all in the same work group during 1982.

Jenny Fawdry (ex Secretarial) has presented her husband Trevor with a bouncing baby girl (Angela May) on 17th April. Congratulations to you both.

Phil Verner of Public Relations is another happy parent. His son Paul was born on 19th March.

Di and Mal Emerson (Public Relations and Advance Planning respectively) have commenced rearing Ashley born on 13th April.

Well known identities in the Simpson Lee Building -namely Dave Adams (Wages) and Teresa McLoughlin (Audit) have tied the knot. We wish Teresa and Dave many happy years together.

Recently Pay Section has undergone some changes. Two familiar faces, Bruce "Waterloo Station" Wedderburn and Gary "Last Race" Eggleton have been transferred. Never mind boys, a change is as good as a holiday, they say. Hope you are enjoying your new work. Their replacements are two new starters with the Department, welcome to Robyn Gadde and Ross Morgan. Trust your stay with Pay Section is a happy one.

A job, done for so long by Relief Staff, is now permanently filled by Jill Davis ex Central Records. Happy to have you Jill and congratulations to you and fiancée Art on your engagement.

Our very popular blonde Revenue lady has been let out of her "cage" for three months. Good to have you outside for a while Michele. By the way there is no truth in the rumour her "cage" partner needed a break.

Michelle "Mangrove Flower" Binnie is counting the weeks until her big day in October. Don't have anymore nightmares Michelle, the flowers will arrive.

Sad news of the week is that Ron "Tea Leaves" Peel has been placed on a strict diet, which bans the drinking of tea. Ron has been seen sniffing the tea container as he tries to kick his 14 cups a day habit. It's what they call "Cold Turkey" Ron. A source close to the Tea Club indicates that the Club has now budgeted for a surplus, the first in five years.

Now retired Max and Jean Lloyd had open house on Saturday 16th April to show off their magnificent new residence at Towoon Bay on the Central Coast. Max and Jean treated their guests to a lovely fish barbecue lunch (supposedly caught by Max). Thank you Max and Jean for your hospitality.

RECORDS ROUND UP WITH SLIM PICKENS

Well, we're back in action again and after a period of cutbacks the staff has had additions to its numbers. Heading the Section is Bob Bennett, capably assisted by Terry Hopkins and John Torpey and our five file registration clerks, Steve Martin (Miscellaneous), Bill Prior (Freeways and Highways), John Richards (Highways), Tom Portelli (High Councils) and Geoff Ellacott (Low Councils).

Amongst our losses are Jill Davis to Pay Section, Karen Hall to Tenanted Properties Section and Gary Sutton to Training Section. Congratulations to Jill and Arthur on their engagement and pleasing news also received with Sandra Mondon and Gay Mackin giving birth to adorable sons. We also welcome to our ranks champion cycle rider, Eddie Salas in Accounts Records (who was voted as the Town Clerks' Society Sportsman of the Year for 1983) and our new typist Debbie Gaffney from Bourke.

Your files are kept in good order and repaired by Bill McLaughlin and Gordon Fox. For any lost files contact George Lebon who is only too pleased to look for them. We also welcome our new file attachment personnel, Graham Wurr, Kelly (from the Tele) Barlow, Allison Brett, Tracey Nicholl and Sandra Rose.

We welcome home Harold Cliff after a stay in Industrial Section since July 1979. Our Compactus crew is headed by Vic Turton, the Low Councils are looked after by Les Chapman, High Councils by Sue O'Callaghan, Freeways and Miscellaneous by Craig Goodwin (ex Mail Room), and Highways by Shelley Beech (no relation to Bondi). The file clearances (like the mail) go through with Peter Berry and the Survey and Property Section is being well looked after by Mrs Ghandi's friend - Les Ward, and the control of file markings are looked after by Lori Ellis and Lesley Glazier.

A recent visitor still enjoying his retirement was Charlie Latimer. It's also good to see Mick Goldthorpe is still smiling at Wagga. We were very sorry to lose our ace barrow boy, Geoff Hunter, to Lithgow. The 'PT' kid is greatly missed by his mates in SR, and our loss is Lithgow's gain of a good car driver.

Congratulations to Donna Lee (now ATP) and Steve Adams on your forthcoming marriage. Steve is still smiling.

Well, like Taubmans we still keep on keeping on and looking after the Head Office files.

Those Friday evening drinkers at the Kirribilli Ex-Service Club should not despair as Jack will be a regular there for a long time yet.

Jack Bedwell.

Jack did not retire willingly but having accepted the inevitable set about making plans for his retirement. He should be kept busy for many years building, extending and renovating houses for his five children.

We wish him and his wife June a long, healthy life and time for Jack to carry out his threat of writing an autobiography. We look forward to reading it and to many future meetings at his favourite watering hole.

BASIL ALLAN GOODGER

Basil Goodger of South Grafton Works Office retired on 29th July, 1983 after 37 years service.

Basil started with the Department at Dorrigo in September, 1946. He worked at Coffs Harbour, where he operated a rock crusher for eight years, Jackadgery and Whiporie Road (with Bill Preston) and after promotion to Ganger worked in the Maclean, Grafton and Urunga Areas.

A farewell dinner for Basil attended by 100 people was arranged by the South Grafton Works Office Social Club and held at the Grafton District Services Club. Basil was presented with a chrome shovel and pick (pictured) a pewter mug, chrome tray and goblets, together with a decorated cake complete with loader and stop/go signs.

Many speakers spoke highly of Basil and wished him well in his retirement. He will continue to reside in Grafton.

W.G. (GEORGE) FAIRBAIRN

On 30th September we bade farewell to William (!) sorry George Fairbairn after his completion of 44 years service.

World War 11 was just a month old when George commenced with us as a messenger. Then, three years later, in 1942, he took to the air as a dashing, debonair teenager with looks that rivalled Errol Flynn.

Back in civvies in 1946 as a clerk he saw service in various sections prior to an 8V2 year adventure in the bush taking in Bega, Bateman's Bay and Wentworth.

Completing his penance in 1958 he returned to Head Office but was snapped up by Metropolitan Maintenance. It took him four years to tidy up Granville before his return to Head Office in 1962 where he processed major contract payment vouchers for over 13 years.

With the knowledge gained from such experience he arrived in the Audit Section in 1976 and for the last 7 and a half years has enjoyed their pleasant company and surroundings so it is only fitting that he should retire from the spot where he spent his most relaxed working years

We are all happy, for George's sake only, to say au revoir as we know he has been looking forward to retirement and we unite in wishing him many years of enjoyment which will be derived, in large measure, from his hobby of constructing the toys that bring pleasure to so many. We trust that good health will attend him. The farewell ceremony in Audit section was attended by over 90 people, which included former workmates from Bega, Wentworth and other offices.

To assist George with his hobby of making toys for disadvantaged children he was presented with a spray gun and workmate bench as well as a pair of stilts and a wig for obvious reasons.

E.M. BROWN

Ed Brown commenced with the Department on Monday, 19th July, 1948 and after 34 years service decided to call it a day on Friday, 28th October, 1983. Ed was a Pom, born in Moss Side, Manchester on 9th October, 1923, but while the writer does not know when he came to the Lucky Country, there is no doubt he is a dinkum Aussie now.

He was educated at Sydney Technical High School and in 1944 obtained his B.E. (Civil) from Sydney University. The Metropolitan Water Sewerage and Drainage Board enjoyed his services for four months as a Trainee Engineer on the Warragamba Dam and the Sydney Graving Dock. For the next two years he served in the R.A.A.F. constructing airfields in Borneo, New Guinea and the Philippines.

When he was discharged in May 1946, he was employed by BORAL (Botany Works) and it was not until this work finished that he eventually joined the Department. He commenced in the Bridge Section (Design) as an Assistant Engineer and was appointed Officer-in-Charge, Frederickton in November, 1949 much to Vince O'Grady's disbelief because he (Vince) did not know that Ed was coming until he arrived.

Ed married in 1950 and in August 1952 he was transferred to Bowenfels. From then until January 1963 when he was appointed Divisional Engineer, Glen Innes he served at Outer Metropolitan Division (Chatswood) and Newcastle. He was then successively Divisional Engineer at Tamworth and Newcastle before being made Assistant Highways Engineer in September 1974. Shortly afterwards he was promoted to Deputy Highways Engineer.

NEWS

To that popular couple, the handsome Ange Fenech and his charming wife, Josette, who became parents of Alison Rae. The photo below shows Ange receiving well wishes from former co-workers Marilyn Wooff and Di Emerson.

RECORDS ROUND UP

Here is a further insight into the world of Central Records. First up is the Mail Room A Postman's Lot is a never ending busy lot and this applies to our Head Office mailroom, always a hive of activity. It's not just a case of sticking down stamps and sending out letters, many aspects come into this interesting job such as correct weight and size of envelopes, postcards, the types of articles to be sent, what is allowable and not - such as explosives, pornographic literature, live animals (snakes) etc., telegrams, plus various modes of mail and postal systems.

No matter what problem comes up, our happy crew of Alan, Ernie, George, Marie and Paul can still smile.

Accounts Records is staffed by Gerry Herd, Esmae Fox and Peter Francis, the Legal Branch Records by Kerry Brown and Roqs Elgahazi with all outside sections capably supervised by Frank Smith and Bill Arthur. The third floor is running well with Mrs Joan Bruneu performing the chores.

Who was the Records personality who attended the world premiere of PHAR LAP the movie in Sydney? Craig is still talking about it. It was very pleasing to see our ace Rugby Union supporter Les Chapman ecstatic after the Wallabies 29/9 win over the Argentinean Pumas.

Mechanical Records (home to those plant files) is manned by Bob Thorpe, Donna, Joanne and Robyn, on the scenic 25th Floor of the Central Square Building.

Congratulations to Steve Adams and Donna Lee (ATP) on your wedding on 24th September.

Slim Pickens.

A LOOK AT ARCHIVES / LONG TERM STORAGE

Situated down by the harbourside at Day Street can be found a vital part of our Records Section - Archives and Long Term Storage home to old records. The NSW Archives Act, 1960 forbids the destruction of any public record without prior approval of the Archives Authority of NSW. Records transferred to Day Street are evaluated in terms of Administrative, Accounting, Legal, Research or Historical value. They are catalogued, stored or destroyed in accordance with an approved disposal schedule, which specifies retention and disposal periods.

At present there are about 3200 shelf meters of file records stored at Day Street with slightly more, 3705 shelf meters, at the Government Records Repository at Kingswood. The Archives is responsible for the preservation and safe custody of early Public Works Department Records related to Construction of Roads and Bridges together with Main Roads Board and early D.M.R. Records. The collection consists of manuscripts, photographs, files, volumes and miscellaneous memorabilia, much of it donated by outside persons, e.g. the family of the late Dr. J.J.C. Bradfield donated valuable personal papers related to the construction of The Sydney Harbour Bridge.

In accordance with State Government policy, all records less than 30 years old will be closed to access by the public. However, if access is required this may be granted at the discretion of the Department. Custodian of the Archives is Bob Mayall, assisted by that doyan of Records Clerks - Bill Clarke, with Kevin Spruit, Graham Brown and Monica McArdle making up the team of experts.

1984 follows, above may be 1984 as well.

IAN LINDEMAN

On Thursday, 16 February, 1984, Ian Lindeman (true to his vintage) said farewell to his many friends in the Department at a gathering in his honour at the Masonic Club.

Ian had spent 34 years in the Department's service in various positions and locations throughout the State.

The Principal Industrial Officer, Mr Ken McKay, performed the duties of Master of Ceremonies at this function and presented a "thumb nail" sketch of Ian's career.

He referred to Ian's devilish sense of humour, his industrious nature and his ability to get a job done. He mentioned some of the sections and country offices Ian had worked in and the many senior officers he had worked with. He recalled Ian's courting of Margo, whom Ian met on a Roseville tennis court when she was sweet 16.

Ian served for many years in the Public Service Association - Department of Main Roads Sub-Division and was awarded the Association's Gold Medal for his contribution to that organisation. Ian was also Chairman of the Main Roads Credit Union Supervisory Committee from 1974 to 1978.

Ian progressed through many sections in Head Office on his way to the top of the tree and on retirement had reached one of the highest positions that the Department has to offer those engaged in Clerical Administration, that is, Acting Chief of the Personnel Branch.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Mr Laurie Brown, recalled memories of his association with Ian at Broken Hill in 1955, when responsibility for the Broken Hill district was transferred from the Public Works Department to the Department of Main Roads and the subsequent formation of the Murray Darling Division.

He thanked Ian, on behalf of all the engineering staff, for his assistance in the Engineer-in-Chief's Branch, and wished Ian and his family health and happiness in his retirement.

The Chief Accountant, Mr Ted Hanlon, referred to his long association with Ian, his forthright attitude and the desirability of being on the right side of that forthrightness. He is a great ally if he agrees with you and a formidable opponent if he doesn't."

Mr Hanlon referred to Ian's two stints "on the bag" as an Inspector of Accounts. Ian was in the unfortunate position of having to serve two periods of Accounts Inspector as the grading of the job was increased and he was obliged to pass through the classification twice.

When the grading of the position was lifted for a second time and Ian was again required to go "on the bag" for a third stint, he was not amused and refused the offer in no uncertain terms. Eventually, reason prevailed and Ian was given the promotion he so rightly deserved.

Mr Hanlon closed his speech by thanking Ian for seven years of excellent service to the Accounts Branch, his personal thanks for the friendship and support that Ian and Margo had given his wife and himself with their work at the North Rocks Blind School, and the thanks and best wishes from the staff of the Accounts Branch for a healthy and happy retirement.

Bob Dudley reminisced about his friendship with Ian and the days at Bowenfels Local Office. He referred to Ian's persuasive manner and told a story about Ian when he was working at Bowenfels, carrying out a time check on the Jenolan Caves road.

Bob *alleged* that "There were two hitchhikers thumbing a lift when Ian collided with them. One was thrown down the side of the hill and the other came through the windscreen. He stopped immediately and rendered aid. Neither was seriously injured, but Ian arranged for the police to attend the accident. The story goes that Ian's persuasive manner, at its best on this occasion, resulted in the Constable charging the hitch-hikers with leaving the scene of an accident and wilfully damaging a vehicle.

The commissioner, Mr Bruce Loder was then called upon to make the presentation to Ian. Mr Loder thanked those present for supporting the function which marked the completion of Ian's career with the Department.

He referred to Ian's dedication and manner in which he carried out his duties. However, he implied that completion of a successful career required essential support, both at home and at

work, and in this regard Ian was well supported.

Mr Loder referred to Ian's industrious nature and approach in achieving the best possible result. - While always aiming to be helpful, he has never been reluctant to put an opposing point of view. However, once having reached a consensus his full support was always available. Mr Loder finally referred to the special part Ian played in establishing the new Personnel Branch and that Ian was prepared to defer his retirement indefinitely until a sound basis had been reached.

Ian replied, thanking all those present, those who could not attend, and for the wonderful memories and experiences over the past 34 years.

MERV CLACK

On Thursday, 12 July 1984, Merv Clack, in his usual effervescent way, said farewell to his many friends in the Department at a gathering, in his honour, at the West End Hotel's Bounty Room. Merv had spent 40 years in the Department's service, most of which had been within the Print Room in Head Office.

Alan Emery, the Graphic Services Manager and Merv's chief in recent years, reminisced about Merv's early service in the helio room in the 1950's. He referred to the loyalty and manner in which Merv had performed his duties. Indeed, he likened it to "service above self" in respect of Merv's approach to his job. He was always more than willing to put himself out to help get a job done.

Alan mentioned an amusing incident that occurred soon after he took up his appointment as the "Graphic Services Manager". When contacting a supplier of printing materials, Alan identified himself and was surprised to be informed that "You must work with Merv Clack"! The association and goodwill that Merv had built up with many suppliers, over a great number of years, was as Alan considered personified in this comment.

Merv's attitude to life and his personality have certainly contributed to his apparent youthful appearance and belies his 60 years. In making the presentation - a Bamix Food Processor - Alan wished Merv and his wife, Roma, a long happy and healthy retirement. Merv replied, thanking all those present and his many friends who had contributed in making his working life one of pleasure and fulfilment.

LIONEL FRY

After 24 years service, the Department's Loans Officer, Lionel Fry, retired on Friday, 27 July 1984.

Lionel commenced with the Department at Parramatta Divisional Office in August 1960. He subsequently worked at Sydney Harbour Bridge Toll Office (2 years), Industrial Section (4 years) and Metropolitan Divisional Office (2 years).

In October 1972, Lionel was appointed as the Department's Loans Officer in the Funds Section. It was in this position that he found his niche as the "quiet achiever" in administering the Department's public loan raisings and attending to the needs of up to 14,000 stockholders in the Department's loans.

At an afternoon tea function held for Lionel on 27 July, a large number of his friends gathered to say farewell. Bob McDowell, Kevin Kerr and Keith Johnston all thanked Lionel for his friendship and support to them in the Funds Section over the years, and for the efficient public relations job he had performed for the Department with the stockholders in his 12 years as Loans Officer.

The Chief Accountant, Mr Ted Hanlon, added his thanks on behalf of the staff of the Accounts Branch. He then presented Lionel with a deluxe golf buggy, which will no doubt be put to good use, by Lionel, in reducing his handicap.

Our best wishes are extended to Lionel and his wife Lois, for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

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Since the last issue of "The Highwayman" many members of the club have retired. To ensure that they are all remembered a short resume of their service and retirement details will be included in this issue.

WILLIAM J. CARY

On Friday 28 June, Bill Cary, Assistant Principal Correspondence Officer, retired after 26 years service.

Bill was hoping to slip away quietly on his retirement day but his many workmates ensured that he would be farewelled in a manner befitting such a conscientious officer and loyal friend. Bill is pictured above with from left to right Lorna Day, Judy Gimbert, Carol Horseman and Rhonda Hay at his farewell function.

RONALD A. DUBEDAT

Ron Dubedat, Divisional Engineer, Parramatta, retired on 4 July, 1985 after a career of more than 35 years service with the Department. Ron gained his early engineering training at Goulburn, Dubbo and Grafton and served as Divisional Engineer at Bourke, Wagga Wagga and Parramatta. He worked in various sections in Head Office and was Engineer for Councils prior to his appointment as Divisional Engineer at Parramatta.

To farewell Ron, a function was held, in his honour, at the River Palace Restaurant, Parramatta on 28 June, 1985. An official afternoon in July, at which Ed Sanberg's, Assistant Divisional Engineer, wished Ron all the best and presented him with a table and lamp from his many friends in the Department.

ERNEST V. MOORE

Ernie Moore, Personnel Officer, ceased duty on 3 July 1985, proceeding on leave prior to voluntary early retirement, in his 36th year of service with the Department. This included duty at Billinudgel Works Office, Holbrook Works Office, Bourke Divisional Office, Audit Section, Engineer-in-Chief's Branch, Pay and Personnel Sections. Since 10 May 1978, he has served as Personnel Officer. Ernie's friends farewelled him at a luncheon, in his honour, at the Mandarin Club on 2 July and an afternoon tea on 3 July.

STEPHEN P. SCRIVENER / DONALD 1. FAIRBAIRN

Two long serving officers wishing each other well in their retirement. Stephen Scrivener (Principal Mechanical Engineer) on the left, with Don Fairbairn (Staff Officer). 36 years service with the Department. A function was held, in his honour, at the Sebel Town House, Elizabeth Bay, on his retirement day.

Don Fairbairn retired on 5 July, 1985 after more than 44 years service with the Department. Don's service included duty at Batemans Bay, Bendemeer, Bega, Yass, Metropolitan Maintenance, Supply Section, Records and Audit. He was appointed Staff Officer in 1976. Don's friends farewelled him at a luncheon in his honour, at the Mandarin Club on 2 July and an afternoon tea on 5 July.

Don returned to Head Office on 8 August to receive a medallion, presented to him by Mr Laurie Brereton, Minister for Roads, in recognition of 40 years of meritorious service.

FREDERICK A. SMITH

On Friday 12 July, 1985 Fred Smith, the affable Salaries Enquiries Clerk in Staff Section, retired after a total of 22 years service. Fred had two periods of service commencing on 11 February, 1948 and finishing on 8 January, 1951 and 28 July, 1966 until his retirement on 12 July, 1985.

During this time Fred endeared himself to all who came in contact with him. He has been of great assistance to the Recreation Club over the years in organising the Fire Engine each year for the Children's Christmas Party and in more recent times - The Bush Walks. Freddie's many friends said goodbye at an afternoon tea, in his honour, in the Staff Section, on 12 July, 1985. The Club's best wishes and thanks go with him.

FRANK J. SMITH

On Friday, 12 July, 1985 Frank Smith, 4th Floor Supervisor with Records Section, retired after 14 years service with the Department. Frank was always "a nice guy" and his attitude to his fellow workers was always pleasant and helpful. Frank's many friends wished him well at an afternoon tea, in his honour, on his retirement day.

RAY GATTENHOF

On Friday, 12 July, 1985 Ray Gattenhof, Controller - Toll Collection, Sydney Harbour Bridge, retired after 23 years service with the Department. Ray joined the Department as a toll collector at the Bridge in April, 1962. He was promoted to a Supervisor's position in March, 1978 and finally Controller in June, 1979.

Ray's friends wished him and his wife Edith every good wish for the future at a farewell function at the Toll Office on his retirement day.

KEVIN D. WICKS

On 15 July, 1985 Kevin Wicks, Supply Officer, retired after 33 years service. This included duty at Yass, Nambucca Heads, Holbrook, Ballina and various sections in Head Office prior to his appointment as Supply Officer in 1981. Kevin's friends wished him well in his retirement at a function, in his honour, at the Rosehill Bowling Club.

PHOEBE M. CANDISH

Phoebe Candish, Machine Operator in Staff Section retired on 19 July, 1985 after a total of 19 years service. Phoebe's friends farewelled her at an afternoon tea, in her honour, in the Staff Section on her retirement day.

KENNETH L. GETS

Ken Gets, Senior Draftsman attached to Survey and Property Section retired on 25 July, 1985 after 43 years service. Ken's friends farewelled him at a function, in his honour, at the Macquarie Hotel on his retirement day.

Ken also returned to Head Office on 8 August to receive his medallion, presented by Mr Laurie Brereton, Minister for Roads, in recognition of 40 years of meritorious service.

WALLACE D. SMITH

Wally Smith, Mechanical Engineer (Plant) attached to Mechanical Section retired on 29 July, 1985 after 35 years service. This included duty mainly in Head Office with a short period in Cooma Works Office. Wally's friends wished him well in the future at a function, in his honour, at the Macquarie Hotel on 8 August, 1985.

LAWRENCE R. BROWNE

On Friday 26 July, 1985 Laurie (LRB) Browne, Engineer-in-Chief of the Department since 27 April, 1982 retired from the Department's Service after 40 distinguished years of service.

Laurie was first employed by the Department as a student from 4 July, 1944 to 13 February, 1945 at Ballina Works Office, Newcastle Divisional Office and Nowra Aerodrome. He joined the Department on 4 February, 1946 as Assistant Engineer in Bridge Section on a weekly wage of \$14.80. He saw service at Gibraltar Range, Bellangry, Coffs Harbour, Wagga Wagga, Broken Hill, Enfield, Wollongong, Parramatta and Head Office.

Laurie's friends wished him well in his retirement at a function, in his honour, at the Royal Automobile Club on 25 July. At this function Laurie was presented with a book detailing the history of his service with the Department. Laurie, along with Don Fairbairn and Ken Gets, also returned to Head Office on 8 August to receive his medallion, presented to him by Mr Laurie Brereton, Minister for Roads, in recognition of 40 years of meritorious service.

Ron Price

On 8 August 1985, Ron Price, Group Accountant of the Department since 1976, retired after 43 distinguished years of service. Ron commenced as a Junior Clerk in Head Office Records Section on 14 January 1942. He saw service at Batemans Bay, Mogo, Parkes, Carcoar, Grafton and Head Office.

Ron's friends wished him well, in his retirement, at a luncheon at the British Ex-Services Club.

On his last day and in recognition of his contribution to the Department, Mr Laurie Brereton, Minister for Roads presented him with a medallion for 40 years of meritorious service.

The Recreation Club thanks Ron most sincerely for the contribution he made to the club as its Honorary Auditor for the past nine years. His sound advice and assistance to the Committee has contributed to the efficient accounting procedures of the Club's financial records.

ADRIAN J. PARKINSON

Adrian Parkinson, Testing Operator attached to Lane Cove Works Office since 1974, retired on 15 August 1985 after 33 years of service.

Adrian commenced on 3 January 1950 in the Head Office Testing Laboratory in the basement of the Head Office building. He also worked at Wentworth, Newcastle, Dubbo, Bourke, Milsons Point, Parramatta, Granville and Lane Cove. His many friends wish him well in his retirement.

NADEJDA STILECZ

Nade Stilecz, Head Assistant in charge of the Executive Dining Room, retired on 23 August 1985 after 15 years service.

Her many friends wished her happiness and health in her retirement at an afternoon tea in the Cafeteria on her final day.

She is pictured with, from left: Thelma Gilbert, Nade, Mary O'Bryan and Edna McWhirter.

COLIN A. SELWIN

Col Selwin, Storekeeper, attached to Supply Section, retired on 30 August 1985 after 26 years service. He commenced with the Department as a Car Driver in Head Office Garage on 26 August 1959, where he remained until 1980 when he transferred to Central Workshop as a Storekeeper.

All the best for the future Col.

CHRISTOPHER MAGUIRE

Chris Maguire, Clerk Grade IV, attached to Industrial Section since 1967, retired on 2 September 1985 after 30 years of service.

Chris commenced with the Department in Dubbo in 1951. he also served at Batemans Bay, Currawon Creek, Bega, Cobar and Head Office. His many friends farewelled him at an afternoon tea in Industrial Section on 2 September 1985.

JOHN S. DAVOREN

John Davoren, Legal Officer, attached to Legal Branch, retired on 9 September 1985 after 30 years service. John commenced work for the Department on 23 May 1955 as a clerk Grade 11 in Examining Section. He transferred to Legal Section in June 1955 where he progressed to Clerk Grade 1V prior to his reclassification as Legal Officer in 1970. John's many friends wish him and his young family every happiness in the future.

JOHN W. DART

On 13 September 1985, the affable Jack Dart, Clerk Grade 111, Legal Branch, retired after 33 years service. Jack was appointed on 4 February 1952 in Head Office Examining Section. He also worked at Prestons, Ballina, Bendemeer, South Tamworth, Holbrook and Head Office.

Jack's many friends bade him farewell at a function at the Red Lion Inn Hotel. He has built a new home in Eugowra for his retirement. All the best Jack - we wish you good health and happiness

HAROLD K. PHILLIPS

Harold (Toby) Phillips, Chief Inspector, Weight of Loads, decided to hand in his scales and call it a day on 16 September 1985, after 29 years of service. Harold's friends wished him well for the future, at an afternoon tea in the Weight of Loads Section on his final day.

NOEL L. GURNEY

Noel Gurney, Cost Accountant, retired on 26 August 1985 after 35 years of service. Noel commenced work with the Department on 25 September 1950 as a Clerk Grade 11 in Internal Audit. He also worked at Prestons, Sydney Harbour Bridge Toll Office and in numerous Head Office sections. His many friends wish him health and happiness in his retirement.

JAMES H. TARLETON

On Thursday, 3 October 1985, Jim Tarleton, Assistant Secretary, retired after 42 years of service.

Jim Tarleton with his son Scott and daughter Karalee at his farewell function at the Red Lion Inn Hotel on 30 September. Jim was appointed on 10 February 1943 as a Junior Clerk attached to head Office Records Section. He saw service in the Northern Territory,