

**Extracts from THE HIGHWAYMAN**  
**[Excuse a few pieces missing; I didn't keep entire issues.]**  
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**Retirements**

**NOEL MOLONEY**

If a prize was awarded for le Monsieur Most Paternal, Noel Moloney would have no trouble in collecting same.

Exchanging the pen for the good life on Friday, February 27, after 47 years' service Noel's praises were sung most explicitly in the Recreation Room by the most senior officers.

Commencing as a junior in the far-off days of 1928, Noel, by sheer tenacity and application, worked his way up to such elevated portfolios as Senior Examiner of Claims, Paymaster, Senior Inspector of Accountants and Group Accountant which was the position he held on retirement.

His most memorable characteristics, namely his untiring efforts on behalf of others, his diligence and unflappable approach were the theme of the farewell gathering.

From all accounts Dorrigo is no place to spend the winter yet such was Noel's fate for two years running with only a tent to call his castle.

Not content with this the contemporary authorities decreed he endure a similar experience at Cooma. But such is the calibre of the man that he bore these hardships and privations willingly and stoically.

The tenants of the Department's many dwellings will certainly miss him as it was Noel's stamp signature that gave the green light with regard to these properties.

After many years as a notable cricketer, Noel, in later life, became Auditor for the Department's cricket and football clubs and for 13 years was the Auditor for the Recreation Club. Bruce Oldfield mentioned that due to Noel's efforts, the cricket team won the Public Service Competition in 1967.

At the conclusion of the function Noel was presented with a wallet of notes by Ted Cooper, who chaired the meeting.

An evening function held at the Masonic Club on February 27 recalled the old days when Noel was presented with the S.W.D. Certificate - Spent Winters at Dorrigo.

Reluctantly and before due time, the Department and the Club bid farewell to a thoroughly Christian and exemplary man, Noel Moloney.

**GEORGE STIDWELL**

Pancake Tuesday, March 2, was chosen by George Stidwell to relinquish his services with the Department that had provided his joie-de-vivre since 1929.

Like Noel Moloney he commenced as a junior in the pre-Departmental days and from there began the long hike to his final position as Supply Officer.

During the intervening years, George saw country service at Bateman's Bay, Cobargo and Broken Hill and in 1966 became Tollmaster on the Sydney Harbour Bridge; Personnel Officer from late 1969; Industrial Officer in 1974 and finally Supply Officer since August, 1975.

Turning back the years we recall that George was a staunch hockey player for the Western Suburbs and many a player hobbled home nursing a bruised shin or ankle from a Stidwellian-executed swing and it was a sorry day for the team when such a "Babe Ruth equivalent" put away his sticks.

In addition to his Departmental and sporting activities, George fought for God, King and Country as a member of the RAAF - 1942 to 1945.

Shunning an official farewell, George was, nevertheless, given an unofficial "official" au revoir in conjunction with Noel Moloney at the Masonic Club on Friday evening, February 27. He was presented with a picture of his own choosing and a wallet of notes.

Our best wishes are extended to George and Mrs. Stidwell for the years ahead.

## AUDIT SECTION

**Perhaps** this contribution (which some keen historian might observe to be the first ever) should be headed "obituary".

By the time this literary masterpiece is released to the public the number one trouble shooting (causing) Section in The Castle will have undergone a massive change in personnel from which it will no doubt take a long time to recover. So a record of the present establishment is being filed for posterity.

Starting with "Big Mac" and ending with "Little Evon" a formidable team has been established to search out and eradicate the villains of "The Organisation".

We have Allan, Ernie, Col and Maurie snooping around the field as well as Doug, Clem, Jim and Ron snooping around everywhere. Keith assists Big Mac in ensuring that everyone snoops in the right place at the right time.

Kel churns out great reams of figures, which would probably bamboozle the head actuary at AMP.

The real trouble shooter is Peter who shoots anything - trouble or not. His sidekicks Lloyd (Idi Amin), John (International Traveller) and Peter (George) oversee a balanced??? team of David (Daggers), Pat (Spud), Barry (Barney), Lindsay (Banger), Ian (Milton), John (JJ), Glen (Sex Rat) and Brian (Tex).

Another John fits in somewhere as well as Warwick and Evon. Ron Vokes is holding one corner of the fort since yet another John was forced - by pressure of work of course - to take six months' leave.

No section is complete without a hen coop and in that respect we are most fortunate to have Cheryl, Sue and Helen.

But as always good things come to an end.

Other Sections/Offices require the special talents of members of this unique organisation within "The Organisation".

Before you could sharpen your purple pencil the following transfers were announced.

Ernie Moore - to Engineer-in-Chief's.

Allan Conna - to Relief Staff.

Clem Cawley - to Relief Staff.

Peter Bruce - to Ledgers & Statistics.

Lloyd Newman - to Lithgow DO.

John Torpey - to Relief Staff.

David Calvert to Funds.

Peter Innes - to North Metrop.

Evon Thomas - to Wollongong.,

No doubt after an intensive initiation programme Bill Legge, Bob McDowell, Bob Mitchell, Erie Powell, Roger Attenborough, Peter Doyle-Jones, Russell Ings and Joan Bruneau will be able to prevent themselves from smiling when going about their "brotherly" duties and so qualify as full members of the snoop team.

So there it is Mr Editor-perhaps in another ten or twenty years when someone again realises that things have been too quiet for too long in the Audit Section and decides to shake the place up another literary "expert" might add another chapter to the history of the organisation within "The Organisation".

### **THE CORRESPONDENCE COLD!**

Have you seen the Snowy, with its ice and snow?

Have you seen the hoarfrost? Felt the blizzard blow?

Have you seen the snow fall? Snow drifts 'mong the trees?

Have you thrown a snow ball? Felt your fingers freeze?

If you'd like the feeling, of being in the snow

Here's a thought to cheer you-it isn't far to go.

Just travel to the third floor, of sprawling three-o-nine,

Go through to Correspondence, and see the noses shine.

For a certain man there, who has this known vice

Turns the heat controls down, till it feels like ice.

The snow men in the section, are frozen to their chair,

They'd find it had to concentrate e'en if Eskimo Nell was there.

They only whistle "Frosty", and sing old "Jingle Bells"

And if they turn the dials up, someone always tells.

Of course there're those who're warm enough, One has hair of red

Another stokes the fire up, and smoke comes out his head.

It's really hard to run around, and write politic prose

Especially when you're shivering, and parts of you are froze.

The girls who do the typing, wear slacks and furs so warm,

To save themselves from going stiff, in this man made storm.

They're glad that there's 'lectricity to motivate the keys

It's hard to make the fingers flash, in the daily freeze.

The staff here then invite you, to visit us this "season"

We've had no luck in getting warm, our man can see no reason.

And so we plan to build of ice, an igloo most appealing

As for the man - We all agree, It is - No sense, no feeling.

### **BELLAMBI WORKS OFFICE**

After a long absence we once again grace the pages of this illustrious publication. Having read past editions, it is obvious that country offices are not pulling their weight in contributing so we thought we might kick off the revival (other offices please note).

Despite the increasing burden of traffic on the roads, the landslips, the industrial relations and the difficult conditions under which the staff work - sometimes the papers are late or the sugar and milk runs out or the radiators aren't hot enough - we still find time to work.

The staff at present (220476) reads:

Bob Daley - Works Engineer - replaces Terry Loadsman who went as far as Bourke to get away. Bob is settling in well and starting to investigate tunnel sites.

Brian Bailey - 1st Assistant - still on the health kick but not attracting many converts from the fish, chips and beer brigade. Brian has had some recent success with his yacht and looks a strong chance as a gold medal prospect for the next Vegetarians Olympics.

John Townsend - 2nd Assistant - commonly known as "Ticktock" has a very full social calendar and is generally regarded as the "kulture" expert of the office.

Ross Dearden - 3rd Assistant - is the office fitness fanatic and frequently runs large distances for small amounts.

Dave Allen - Cost Clerk - proudly keeps his charts up to date but we think it is merely an excuse to get a close up of the calendar there. George Karindjias "the Golden Greek" directs and co-ordinates the wages section in between predicting winners - last week he almost got a fourth place.

Steve Watson (ex Waterfall Works Office) is our Accident Co-ordination Expert or, in other terms, fixes the Workers Comp. Steve's wife recently presented him with their first (a son) and he's still telling everyone how big it is (?).

Steve Moane also assists in wages in between periods of trying to grow a beard and fix the Vee-dub.

Dave McKenny is known as the Employee Relations Officer - he carries out timechecks and looks after the Retirement Fund.

Doug Jarrett is the V/R and Transfer Sheet consultant and he also fits in a busy social calendar.

Graham Tobin is a new recruit from Wollongong DO and is confidently re-organising our filing system, cost card system and anything else he can latch onto before we can stop him.

Eric Hendley "first you see the mo - now you don't" (marvellous what a threat from your wife will do) controls the stores operation and recently acquired an XL Charger ???

Peter Green is busy coping with being Eric's offsider and doing Stage 11 of Accounting Procedures - he still can't work out which is the worst.

Paul Cambridge handles the accidents, claims, returns, cheques and the typists - when he can catch them.

Mark Boslern keeps tabs on the DMR plant and the local accounts and also the number of days to his marriage - never seen a bloke so keen.

Bob Hall has the hired plant well under control (we think). It's only a rumour that Bob had to buy a new car because an irate contractor who was accidentally paid B rate instead of A rate ran a D.7 over his old car.

Gary Copas, who looks after the quantity haulage, is combining skindiving and waterskiing as his recreational pursuits but from what we hear from interested spectators sometimes gets them mixed up.

Phil Ostwald keeps the hourly truckies happy. At least they haven't dropped any rocks on his car this week or was it pay week?

The operations side (at least that's what they claim) is handled by Lyn Frame, Norma Bailie [REST MISSING]

**RECORDS RECORD ATTEMPT**

*-BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT*

The atmosphere was heavy with cigarette smoke and liniment as a large crowd, estimated by regular Stage Door patrons to be between 20 and 30, gathered to watch the sporting promotion of the decade.

An attempt by Battling Ray to break the long standing Records Junior Push Up Record probably the best show in Sydney since Stiffy and Moe trod the boards at the old Tiv.

The audience was a mixture society ranging from office girls who were there to admire the male body beautiful to the punting needy and greedy who attended solely to gain a quick return for their quid.

The challenger who has developed a Muhammed Ali reputation was not his usual confident self as he was led into the arena by his large entourage of handlers.

Sources close to Ray's camp said that his nervousness was caused by a big section punter who told the heir that if he broke the record he would be found at the bottom of the lift well.

As our battling contender warmed up by doing a brisk circuit of callisthenics the crowd was evenly divided as to the outcome with even money take your pick the popular bet.

The crowd hushed as Ray steadied himself, took up his position on the floor and commenced his Herculean task towards fame and fortune, or would it be back to the barrow?

Ray commenced his attempt in classic style at a steady medium pace. He reached thirty in easy fashion but was distracted by a section of the crowd who started to count again.

The referee then decreed that the event was null and void and declared all bets off.

The challenger then gave an exhibition of push ups but was obviously unnerved by the crowd's bias and faltered at forty nine.

In an interview after the event, Hungry Harold (Ray's Manager and Mentor) said that after a short spell he thought he would set his boy for the Ground Floor to 8th Floor and Return Dash Record of 1 minute and 10 seconds, which is currently held by Athletic Andy of the Weight of Loads Section.

In a separate interview Battling Ray said that after a hard and long career of flexing the bicep he thought that he was ready for stud duties.

## **MRS & RC ANNUAL BALL**

**The Roundhouse, University of NSW,**

**Kensington**

**Saturday, July 10**

**9 p.m. to 2 a.m.**

**Two Bands**

Tickets now available at \$7.00 each including supper. Liquor supplied on premises.

**To book:** Contact Mrs. Debbie McDonald (H.O. Ext 431), Mrs. Helen Scarr (H.O. Ext 548) or your section representative.

August, 1976

## **RECORDS SECTION**

After four years' continuous service in Records Section, I find I must break by pledge of silence and in tone with recent political events, leak to the public through the pages of this journal half truths, distorted fact, and outright lies which will in all probability ruin the public and private lives of many officers attached to this section.

First of all a warm welcome to the new Records Controller - Bob Bennett, who replaced long term leader Don Fairbairn. Bob to his credit is an ardent supporter of the Newtown Blue Bags. His assistant is ever popular John Thomas, who is better known to the racing fraternity as "JT".

John has recently been having a lunch time swim and sauna at the City Tatts in an all out effort in his fight against old father time.

Doug "Father" Anson is a punter of some repute. Father's system is to wait for the release of the Wentworth Park Barman's special which he disregards and then quinnellas the rest of the field. His other vices are a few grogs after work and raising a family of six, probably explains his lean and hungry look.

November 11, 1975 was the day of infamy for Greg Moore and Joe Pithers, the section's left-of-centre members. Despite their active support at all the big rallies in Hyde Park and the "Dom" the cause was lost. However, what memories shall remain of fiery debates, threats of physical violence and the occasional letter, whose unknown sender risked use of his fingers when he enclosed the lethal contents of a rubber band entwined slide-on.

Bill Prior is the section expert on flora, fauna and big game safaris. Bill conducts regular bushcraft seminars which enlighten the city dwellers. A modern day Frank "Bring 'em Back Alive" Buck?

Karl Grueber is a golfer who is continually beating the handicapper at his club. Inside sources claim that Karl deducts one stroke in every four shots.

Harold Cliff gargantuan in stature has embarked on a lose weight campaign. He now has a low calorie soft drink with his morning tea of two rissoles and a bag of chips. Could this mean a serious attempt to wrest the "Manly Ferry Sprint Championship" from the firm grip of our one legged champ - John Seymour.

Whilst on sport, have you heard of Ray "Barrow Boy" Goulding who is shortly again to attempt to break the Records Junior Push Up Record. The target -only one hundred and thirteen.

Who are the Siamese Twins? None other than that Dynamic Duo Jenny "Batman" Stevens and Robyn Barton. What was the duo doing recently in Belmore Park at the witching hour? Could they have been witness to a midnight concert staged by two of the section's warblers Wayne Anderson and Kevin Wright?

Pam "Babs" Smith our tennis champ, has shown a recent decline in form which coincides with a similar form slide of a well known Main Roads cricketer. Coincidence?

Finally four questions of extreme importance:

Why is Keryn Tinker considering purchasing a 'Hope Chest'?

Why was Dave Eller recently suffering from eye strain?

Who was the Junior Clerk who was not invited to his farewell function at the Stage Door?

Was Bill Clarke involved in an attempt to borrow Arab money to update Long Term Storage?

By the time this article is published, I will have departed the section with two suit cases of telex messages and assorted reports which will be released to the Murdoch Press if any libel suits are issued against me in regard to the above article.

Signed, Abdul Tehrath

**October, 1976**

**JOHN IRELAND**

The recent resignation of John Ireland caused raising of eyebrows in many quarters.

John had been with us for 16-11 years in which time he qualified as an accountant and impressed all with his high standard efficiency.

We associate John mainly with his untiring efforts for the club of which he became Secretary in 1969. During his sojourn in this capacity he assisted to introduce the popular annual event at Rosehill where families of Club members are entertained each Christmas.

Another project he assisted with was the provision of the holiday accommodation at Narooma, which has been the venue for several members on vacation over the Years and also the coveted Sportsman of the Year award.

John has now taken up duties with the Prince of Wales Hospital where he is employed in a highly responsible position.

Good luck and best wishes John.

### **DON JONES**

Flying a new flag but still on the same premises is Don Jones who left us after just over a quarter century of service.

Don is now boss-cocky of the local Credit Union and is therefore, with us but not of us. Though he was duty bound to accept orders from the Chief Accountant up to Friday 20th August, the possibility cannot be overlooked that he can now reject a loan application from the same person on and from 23rd August - so past bosses tread carefully.

Commencing as a junior in 1950, Don saw service in several metropolitan sections until his final position in Ledgers and Statistics where he most probably obtained the fiscal skills necessary for his present occupation.

A farewell presentation was made to Don on 20th August.

### **SYLVIA MAY**

Tears of regret were shed in the Printer's Section and, indeed, throughout the Department when Sylvia May left us in July.

Though a member for a relatively short period -approximately 6 years, Sylvia impressed all by her quiet efficiency, sound common sense and always pleasant manner.

Whenever an urgent job arose, Sylvia remained unflappable and could always be relied upon to have the material printed with a minimum of delay.

Sylvia was presented with a purse in which was deposited \$100 plus some perfume contributed by her many admirers. Judging by the photo, Sylvia's last day was liquidally enjoyable.

Best wishes Sylvia.