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If it wasn't for Roy Maxted this edition would be a bit thin. I still need all the contributions I can get.

Thanks again to Leanne White for the artwork.

REST IN PEACE

Eric Kusay who will be well known to many members, died at St George on 17th May in his 59th year after a short illness. Much of Eric's work for the Commission involved swinging an axe, carrying a levelling staff or squinting through level or theodolite. He was stationed at locations from Mareeba to St George and from Gin Gin to Longreach. In his last 4 years at St George he was employed as a Technical Officer - Rural Water Supplies and was closely involved in the operation of Artesian Bore Water Areas.

Eric is survived by his wife Marie.

Archie McIntyre died in Sydney in March. Archie was Senior Construction Engineer for several years in the 1950's before transferring to the Main Roads Department. Before joining the Commission Archie worked with Hornibrooks and Thiess Brothers.

Although somewhat acerbic in his memoranda to country staff, he nevertheless fought hard on their behalf in Head Office. He constantly encouraged younger engineers to make greater use of their professional training and their common sense to seek ways of turning out better products at lower costs.

Vince Rutledge passed away in early June aged 74. His last years were a battle with Parkinson's Disease which he fought with courage and dignity.

Vince grew up in the Stanthorpe District. He joined the work force in his early teens and was engaged in road construction throughout the Darling Downs.

He enlisted in the Army and was involved in some of the most bitter fighting of the New Guinea Campaign.

Vince joined the I.W.S.C. in 1956. He was one of a group of mature experienced men, whose value to the Commission was never able to be appropriately recognised or remunerated.

He retired on 1st July 1983 after 27 years of service.

As Wages Clerk for Head Office and the checking officer of all country wages payments, Vince became a by-word in every office of the Commission.

Vince was highly regarded for his approachability and the helpful assistance given to all, and particularly to many young District Clerks. He set high standards for himself. He had a happy and responsible nature and was a gentleman to all who worked with him.

His interest in sport and particularly the "Sport of Kings" was shared with his mates in the office.

Vince also showed us his deep affection and caring for his wife, and his pride in their two sons.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Margaret and to Ross and Paul and their families.

Thanks Col Taggart

Robert Noel Eden died in mid July. His funeral service was on 15th July. An article on Noel was included in our March '93 Newsletter. Noel is survived by his daughter Rosemunde Finlay of Jindalee.

Several older members of the Association will remember **Miss Winnie Hossack** who worked in the Co-ordinator-General's office for many years as an assistant to the COG.

She was secretary to the Artesian Water Investigation Committee - a high level body of departmental heads and academics which included Sir John Kemp COG, J D Story, Professor Bryan and Mr Nimmo. The Committee's report of 1954 represented a landmark in our understanding of the Great Artesian Basin. Her efforts were acknowledged in the Report's Foreword - "Excellent liaison work has been done by Miss A W Hossack, M.Sc., who acted as Secretary to the Committee. A high degree of technical knowledge has been necessary to co-ordinate the determinations of the Committee and its scientific investigations and also in the compilation of this report".

Jack Slade died in June. Jack worked in the motor vehicle workshop at Rocklea for several years. Our sympathy is extended to his family, particularly Bruce who has been a Commission driver for more than 20 years.

REMINISCENCES

An item in the Courier Mail on 29th May reports the first of the financial settlements awarding damages to passengers of the Russian Cruise liner Mikhail Lermontov which sunk off New Zealand's Cook Strait in February 1986.

The article will recall horrifying memories for George and Iris Pearce who were passengers on the ship at the time of its sinking.

Jim Ole is not long back from Townsville where he attended the wedding of his only daughter Catherine.

Jim tells me that **Paul Kerswell** is also at Buckingham Gardens Retirement Home at Alexandra Hills. Many members will remember Paul in various positions in the old Commission and particularly in Records Branch.

QUOTATION

"He wouldn't select a suit in the same bad light he chooses his girlfriends by" Bob Wyvill on Gordon Wilson.

RECUPERATION

We are pleased to hear that **Lorraine Cooper (nee Gray)** is recovering after her illness and is back at golf. Lorraine worked in Head Office before moving to Bundaberg when that office was opened by Dave Wilmott in 1960.

Huon Beal suffered a stroke but is now out of the hospital and is having speech therapy. Huon and Marjory are contemplating a move to a Retirement House.

I had surgery in mid-May and am now well on the way to resuming my regular activities.

Ron Afflick has had a rough trot and after several operations is making progress towards a good recovery.

Harry Horne has undergone bypass surgery and is now recovering well.

REGIONAL NEWS

Bundaberg

Roy Maxted has been particularly busy - so much so that his contribution has had to be shortened. Thanks Roy

George Beran Since retiring in 1988 George and Merle have moved to Innes Park, between Bargara and Elliott Heads. They are involved in bowls and golf, the Bundaberg Symphony Orchestra, Queensland Arts Council, Neighbourhood Watch, State Emergency Service, Meals on Wheels, Australian Seniors, Probus, the Rum City Cat Club and the North Rockhampton Fishing Club. They also find time to visit their children and grandchildren and occasionally George goes deep sea fishing. George would welcome any suggestions as to how he might fill in the rest of his time.

Both keep good health although George visits St Andrews Hospital twice per year for checks on his old complaint.

Dave Dewar left the Commission in 1977 and is kept very busy at the Bundaberg Base Hospital. Kay also works at the hospital. They both keep good health. The school and sporting activities of their four children occupy the remainder of their time.

Win James is a frequent visitor to the Gold Coast where two of his children have business interests. Two other children are in business in the Bundaberg area. Win finds time to enjoy a game of lawn bowls.

John and Germaine Kennedy are both in good health despite a trip to China and Hong Kong. John is busy in his new business "Burnett Windmill Service" and Germaine is a principal tutor at T.A.F.E. College.

Rod and Judy Kingston also holidayed in Hong Kong and caught up with the Kennedys for the final week of their cycling tour of China.

Charity work for church and senior citizens is preventing Rod from playing as much golf as he would like.

Barry Lennon is leading a life of leisure and keeps good health. He has recently returned from an Air Force reunion at Wagga Wagga.

Roy and Iris Maxted Young Roy said he was too young in 1991 to retire so he has been very involved in numerous activities.

At present he has his own Bundaberg Taxi with his son Rodney driving full time and Roy driving part time. He is still in the Construction Supervisory Partnership called "Mayrox" with Max Riley, but does not have much time to get involved. Iris looks after the business office duties. They have travelled the east coast of Australia from The Daintree to Melbourne and are planning a trip to Central Australia.

Roy and Pat McFarlane Since Roy left the Commission he has had his own Concrete Transit Truck, of late he has had numerous operations on his neck and spine and is now only in average health. Pat is enjoying good health and is kept busy with home duties and rugby league activities.

Roy passes on the information that Tony Chmura lives at 3 Hidden Valley Drive, Eatons Hill Qld 4037, Phone (07) 264 3021. He is keeping in reasonable health and is living with his daughter and that Dennis Prince is working at the Bundaberg Port.

Roy and Daph Morrison Honk (as he is affectionately known) and Daph are now living in Bundaberg. Honk enjoys many hours in his garden and spends time visiting his favourite clubs mostly Western Suburbs and R.S.L playing the pokies and in general entertainment. Daph is very involved working for the Endeavour Foundation. Jim Olive from Warwick has been a recent visitor to their Watkins St home.

Honk's old mate Large James (Jim Compton) is now retired and living outside Ayr at Alva Beach.

Adrian and Colleen Muller Since Adrian retired he and Colleen have enjoyed a 3 months overseas trip visiting the United Kingdom and a 3 months tour of Australia in their 1950 Bentley. They are both in good health and often visit their two daughters now living at Sale in Victoria.

Lawrie and Mavis O'Sullivan Lawrie was very involved with Mac's Motors in Bundaberg and is now keeping his hand in by doing some mechanical work on vehicles and restoring old clocks at home (Mavis has no excuse now for being late). Mavis also retired in 1987 having spent many years with the Education Department.

John and Maree Read John left the Commission at Maroon Dam. Since then he has been with the Police Force but now he has retired and enjoys relaxing and catching Big Fish and Big Crabs and looking after a very costly cat. Maree is very involved with caring for Special Needs Children.

Max and Jill Riley "Maxwell Smart" enjoys playing golf frequently, reeling in the Big Ones and gardening. He is also involved in some part time work with Construction Supervision on his own in the "Mayrox" partnership with Roy Maxted. Jill is involved in home duties and she still loves fishing. Often she accompanies her friends in a game of Bingo.

Merv and Edna Scheuber Merv is still deeply involved with horse training, but he still finds time to potter in his garden. He has had some problems with his health lately.

Edna retired from her position as food technician at the Bundaberg Hospital in 1989 to take care of her aged mother, who sadly passed away at Christmas aged 95 years.

Bernie and Dawn Sinnamon When Bernie and Dawn left the Commission they resided in Mundubbera. They later moved to Bundaberg where Bernie is now employed at the Fairymead Sugar Mill. Bernie is very involved with the owning and training of Greyhounds and has been credited with many wins.

Maurice and Val Standen Since Maurie and Val have retired they have been on trips to Lord Howe Island, Atherton Tableland and on many Southern Tours. Maurie enjoys his fishing and is also often seen on the Bowling Green.

John and Fay Steel John and Fay have settled at Burnett Downs. John is still doing lots of fishing, golfing and telling stories. He also helps out the Gooburrum Shire Council when they want the expertise of a good man. When Fay isn't fishing or playing Bingo with her sister Jill Riley she can be found with John tripping round Mackay, Texas or Toowoomba.

George Toone George celebrated his 80th Birthday this year and is still in average to good health. Since his retirement 15 years ago he has made several trips to the United Kingdom taking in South America on one occasion.

At present he is chief housekeeper at 38 River Terrace, Bundaberg and invites old mates to drop in for a chat if they are in Bundy.

He is a regular at his favourite clubs the R.S.L. and Western Suburbs League Clubs. George is still pursuing his idea of voice-controlled cars - an inspiration that first "hit" him at Monduran Dam and one that he is still happy to demonstrate - preferably with somebody else's vehicle.

Eric and Peg Wheeler Both Eric and Peg enjoy good health and have been able to experience overseas trips since Eric retired in 1979, some of the places they have visited are America, United Kingdom and a round Australia trip. They spend a lot of their time visiting family and friends. Eric is a very keen gardener and fisherman.

Des and Betty Wust Since Des left the Commission he and Betty have been busy setting up a family fun farm called "Chilgungiree" which includes camping and recreation at Stockyard Road, Childers. All is going well for them and they are both keeping good health.

REDIRECTIONS

Fellow Boldie but by no means an Oldie, Pat Coe has started a new career in financial planning and investment advice after 13 years engineering with the Commission. Completing a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment, he has recently joined an independent group, Personal Investment Planners and established an office at 25 Chateau Street, Calamvale, Ph 252 0500.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Following the April Annual Meeting the Executive has met on two occasions to put in train a programme for the coming months:

1. Mid-year Dinner on Thursday, 22nd July at the College of Tourism and Hospitality (COTAH) at South Brisbane.
2. Sporting Functions:

Golf at St Lucia Golf Club on Thursday, 26th August
Bowls at Aspley Bowls Club on Tuesday, 31st August
3. Boat/Coach tour on "Adai Princess" launch to Gold Coast with return by coach on Wednesday 20th October. More details are to follow.
4. Christmas Luncheon in late November. Details are to follow

It is urged that your support be given to making these functions successful.

Attendance at the Social Get-together on 10th June by four ladies who worked for the Commission in past years and who have recently joined the Association added to the enjoyment of the function.

Their reminiscences threw another light on the "Good old days". Thanks for the memories.

Thanks also to Roy Maxted for his continuing efforts on behalf of the Bundaberg based members.

Grahame Bertram
PRESIDENT

RETORTS AND RIPOSTES IN SPORT

Olympics

"The only amateurs here are the organisers" an East German official at the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, USA, 1980.

Boxing

"Of course I don't mind the fight starting at three in the morning. Everyone in Glasgow fights at three in the morning". Jim Watts, Scottish boxer.

Cricket

"He has the face of a choirboy, the demeanour of a Civil Servant and the ruthlessness of a rat-catcher" Geoffrey Boycott on Derek Underwood.

Golf

"Hold up a one-iron and walk. Even God can't hit a one-iron" Lee Trevino advising others how to avoid being struck by lightning.

Soccer

"After a particularly dull Cup final at Wembley I was escorting the Queen to her car and I said 'Did you think anyone played well today ma'am?' and she said 'Yes, the band'" Sir Stanley Rous, Football Association Secretary.

Swimming

"It's obvious these Soviet swimmers are determined to do well on American soil" Anita Lonsborough BBC.

Ice Hockey

"I slept like a baby - every two hours I woke up crying" Tom M^cVie, New Jersey Devils coach after a defeat.

Rugby Union

"The relationship between the Welsh and English is based on trust and understanding. They don't trust us and we don't understand them " Dudley Wood, RFU Secretary.

Rugby League

"Oh, Ay, we've got a plan. We've had one all along. It's just the we haven't been able to use t'booger" Maurice Bamford Great Britain Rugby League coach after two thrashings by Australia 1986.

"If Walt Disney had seen this little man's antics there'd have been no Mickey Mouse" Ray French BBC Rugby League commentator on Peter Sterling.

Cheers,
Bernie Credlin
EDITOR

PLEASE NOTE: An updated copy of the Membership list is attached for your information
MEMBERS AND GUESTS AT ASSOCIATION FUNCTIONS ARE URGED TO WEAR NAME TAGS TO MAKE INTERMINGLING EASIER. EVEN A NAME IN BIRO ON A WHITE CARD/LABEL WILL HELP.