

# depth

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For the Australian  
New Zealand staff  
of Hewlett-Packard



# New Faces.

**SANDRA McCANN** was born in Montgomery in Wales, and afterwards spent most of her life in England until the age of 21 when she travelled to Zambia and spent fifteen months there. From that point, Sandy travelled around Southern Africa for a time before returning to England and consequently coming to Australia where she and a friend worked in Darwin before coming to Perth.

Sandy is quite settled in now as Secretary in the Perth office.

**PETER QUAIFF** joined us as Consumer Calculator Field Engineer in Queensland office in July, previously he worked for Watson Victor.

Peter, married with two children, a boy and a girl, is currently undertaking a course in Bachelor of Business Management at the Q.I.T. and this takes most of his spare time.

When not studying, Peter enjoys photography and building scale models (current projects a B52, a 1914 Fire Engine and a Cutty Sark).

Following a long period without a permanent Storeman, we are happy to welcome **ERROL DONKIN** to our staff in the Sydney office.

In his spare time, Errol sings with a Quartet, "The Freeways", that he founded thirteen years ago. Errol assures us he is happy in his job but we have yet to hear him burst into song while unpacking instruments!

Also new on the Sydney office scene is **ROGER KANE**, who commenced in August as Instrument Group Staff Engineer, just after his arrival in Australia from England.

**IAN LITTLE** joins Melbourne HP Computer Systems Group after some 19 years experience in systems analysis and operations. His most recent position has been with A.C.I. Computer Services. This commercial experience will be valuable in supporting the HP 3000-II and 2000 series.

Ian lives in Wantirna, is married and has two daughters and one son. His hobbies are his family and house maintenance.

Ian and his family were lucky enough to spend time touring the South Island of New Zealand getting all refreshed before starting with HP.

**KEN BENTON** joined HP in August as a technician in the Melbourne Calculator service group.

Ken came to HP from Caulfield Institute of Technology where he completed the Certificate of Technology (Electronics).

His hobbies are drinking, music, electronics and fishing. Ken is married with one wife – Susan, and no children but for the canary.

The Bentons are presently flatting in Balwyn while saving for the "Great Australian Dream" – a tent of their own.

Since the last issue of "Depth", Canberra has added a new Customer Engineer, he is **ATHOL BARKER**, who joined us at the end of August. Athol previously worked with Honeywell.

He and his wife Noela have two daughters – Kelly and baby Theresa. With the advent of Athol, who is a true-blue, we now have five Australians and five staff members born elsewhere – two Scots, two English and one American, thank you Athol for evening up the score.

Athol is a keen carpenter in his spare time, we assume he will be taking Christmas orders any time now.



*Athol Barker*

The new face you may have seen in Melbourne Service is **MARNIE CLARKE**, our Service Co-ordinator.

Marnie is married and still on her honeymoon or so she says. She lives in Croydon with her husband and two Burmese cats. Her hobbies are lying on the beach and knitting.

The dents in the filing cabinets come from Marnie's car but all in all she loves her job.

**KEVIN NEAL**, the new member of our Computer Systems service group joined us in September. Prior to joining us, Kevin worked for nine years with Brian Marsh who is also a member of our Computer Systems service group.

Kevin is married and lives at Eltham. His wife Karen is a Legal Stenographer. Kevin's hobby is "Old Timey Song Raising".



*Marnie Clarke*

*Kevin Neal*



# New Faces (cont'd)

In October, **COLIN TAUEBER** joined the HP Melbourne Communications Group, bringing a little touch of local flavour to the group as the only Australian in it.

He was born in Melbourne and has been married 12 years, fathering two sons and two daughters (aged 5-11).

Colin's career has been varied; spending nine years in the Australian Navy (in communications), living two years in Singapore and doing a one year tour of duty in Vietnam in 1969.

A year ago, Colin decided to fulfil a lifetime dream. He bought a dairy farm in Northern Victoria, and became his own boss – milking eighty-five cows a day, and loving it. Unfortunately due to the present economic situation in Victoria, he now finds himself back in the 9 to 5 routine farm up for sale.

Team is still there, and perhaps one day pushing cows around, instead of

joined HP as Instrument Service Melbourne on 9th August.

to joining us, he spent nine years in the R.A.A.F. on Kangaroo Island, South Australia as an Electronics Technician.

ried with two children, Kirsten and Nathan. renovating his recently purchased home.



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*John Schmidt*

**EWISON**, Secretary to the Medical/ group in Melbourne joined HP on 6th

Sep.

Prior to joining HP she was on a working holiday in England where she met her husband Les.

They returned to Australia after their marriage travelling by road in a VAN

Helen's final comment was: "She is really enjoying her work very much in the Medical/Analytical group and thinks the people she works with are just great."

A recent addition to the Melbourne Parts Group is **CHRISTINE MacPHERSON**. Christine was born in England but after 14 years in Australia has made her home in Kilsyth. She is married with two children; there is also her dog, rabbit and horse, Neddy, which is one of her main hobbies apart from crocheting, house decorating and supplying all with her famous recipes.

She is an asset to the Parts Department and so is her sense of humour.



*Helen Hewison*

*Chris MacPherson*

## The HP "Culture Corner" ?

### CRITICS CORNER

(Or Ping Pong & Sing Song at HP)

Every day at one o'clock,  
The workers down their tools.  
And then its on with dance and song  
They play by Rafferty's rules.

Some call it skill, and others class . . .  
Some hang their heads with shame.  
No matter how the points are lost  
No-one will bear the blame.

The Peanut Gallery adds its thoughts  
Distracting those who play.  
Sometimes they bring guffaws and snorts  
Those quips that make the day.

And every day as time draws near,  
Those individuals suffer . . .  
Embarrassment and frightful fear  
Of being the two o'clock duffer!

(Dedicated to Hans Neilson).

# Applying HP Gear Office Pot-Pourri

On 28th November the first major Swimming Carnival for Southern N.S.W. was held at the Philip Pool, A.C.T. Several Olympic representatives participated. As in the past two years, the results were processed by a 9830 calculator with a 9866.

Previously many people were engaged in scorekeeping; with over thirty competitors in some events, it used to be a hassle to determine the eight finalists and also to see who had qualified for Country, State or National Championships. A simple sort routine achieves this and then the results are processed for them all to see within a few minutes of the last heat being completed. Previously publication of results was very time consuming.

At the Castrol International Car Rally held in early 1976, the results were processed by a 9830 installed in Channel 7 T.V. Studios. All penalties for all stages for each competitor were stored for checking. Results to date, or at any stage, were available at a few seconds' notice. This greatly assisted the organisers and media representatives.

The media announcers were commenting throughout the coverage of the rally "isn't it marvellous to have our HP computer working for us!"

In March 1977, the World Archery Championships will take place at Canberra. It is currently envisaged that the targets will be positioned by HP D.M.I. Once again the results will be produced by a 9830.

Two second year University students in Adelaide have organised "The Programming Students Interactive" to encourage as many secondary students as possible to use desk top computers interactively.

The meetings held monthly, are free and open to all secondary school students.

The equipment used at these meetings is loaned from HP.

The objects of supporting this group are many and varied. The gains are good demo programs and feedback on use of new equipment and routines.

The long term benefit is that HP becomes known to a large number of people entering into the work force. These people have a working knowledge of HP systems and HP personnel are known to these people.

P.S.I. has been in existence for three years and it is hoped to continue the meetings after its organisers finish their studies in 1977.

A new application for a multi discipline order has been accepted from a firm in Adelaide. The application is GEO MAGNETIC SURVEYS and the sensors are mounted in a landrover in one instance and in a light aircraft in another.

The system consists of a 9825 calculator with three interfaces connecting the measuring instruments.

On order are two such systems and it appears that another six systems could be ordered when the first is proven.

## Office Pot-Pourri

There was confusion in the Perth office last week when the hot water system plumbing expired and managed to drench the office.

Our correspondent wrote her copy for "Depth" sitting on the concrete floor, amidst milling plumbers, carpet men and insurance assessors; waiting for the carpet to dry out.

The prime damage was a two weeks' supply of chocolate biscuits.

**John Bieske** has spent so much time away from the Melbourne office over the last couple of months that when he does show his face he is challenged for identification.

HP Melbourne's **Don Simmons'** house is famous! Not to mention his wife Lynn believe the house was shown five times by Don and Lynn once. The show? "The

A new introduction for FY77 is the CPD NEWSLETTER. This is circulated amongst all CPD staff and is intended as a means of improving communications within the group. If anyone has information that they made known to the CPD group, this new ideal vehicle for the purpose. All information forwarded to Mavis Bromage of MAHCC.

**BRIAN SMITH** is now an official member of the Instrument Group – and possibly the happiest (perhaps that should be loudest) who manages to brighten the dullest of days. Welcome aboard Brian.



*Brian is handed over to the Instruments Group by Bill and Ted.*

# Barbecues, Picnics & Dinners.

## MELBOURNE

### **SERVICE/PARTS DEPARTMENT B-B-Q END FY76**

One very obvious point of this b-b-q brought out was the staying power of HP Personnel – or maybe it's just that everyone is more "tummy" conscious than weather conscious!

The day that this massive feast was to take place was fine, warm and sunny, except between the hours of 12.45 to 2 pm when it produced the best Anti-B-B-Q weather one could wish for. This situation initiated a last minute change of venue and a late scramble to organize

... as superb. Again Ray Hartley organized the supply, and as we devoured over 70 steaks, ... and 10 lb of hamburgers – (you pigs), it was ... well accepted by all.

... of the meat was also to the highest standard, ... some people who have missed their life's ... – thanks Danny, Rob, Bruce, Ray and Linas.

... ife we're on the subject of passing on appreciation, a special mention to Shiela Hanson who prepared and ... the salad etc. and helped in cleaning up.

... as in store next year? Girls jumping out of ... mas Cakes? – Not quite but we do have a couple ... ideas up our sleeve!



**Service & Parts Departments' barbecue (Brrr!!)**

## SYDNEY

Apart from a rather boisterous night at the "Mexican Kitchen", the least said about it the better, several HP employees and their spouses went to see the Reg Livermore show "Wonderwomen". Comments on the show were varied, but all agreed it was an experience.

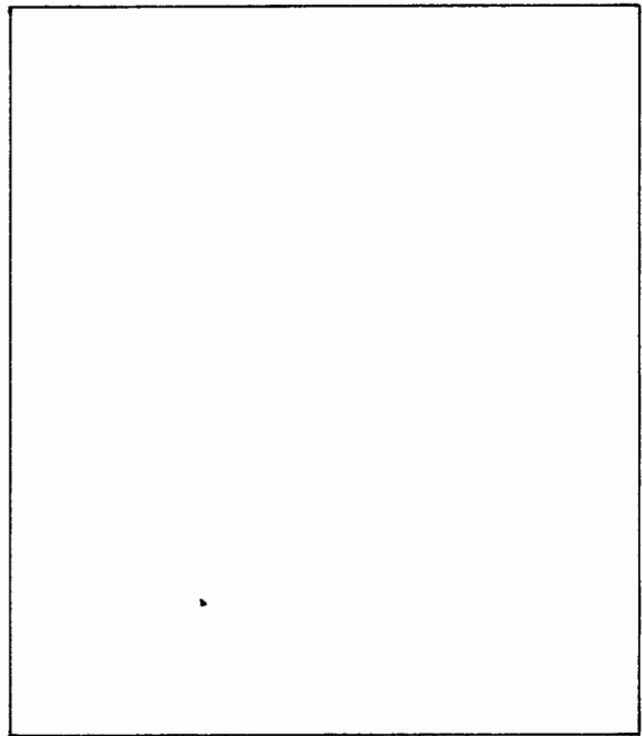
At the time of writing this, plans are well underway for the Sydney 3rd Annual Picnic – this year to be held at Paradise Gardens at Cattai, on Sunday 12th December. Hopefully, total fire bans currently in force following the bad bushfires last weekend, will be lifted – or, at least, won't apply to a portagas barbecue!

## CANBERRA

Canberra office Staff Christmas Celebration was held this year at the Golden Wok Restaurant on Saturday, 4th December.

Staff Members and their respective spouses had a very enjoyable Chinese evening together – the food was good, the wine was good, and the company was good.

The photograph submitted to "Depth", taken towards the end of the evening, was completely blank. A fair comment on the situation at that hour of the evening, thinks the Canberra writer.



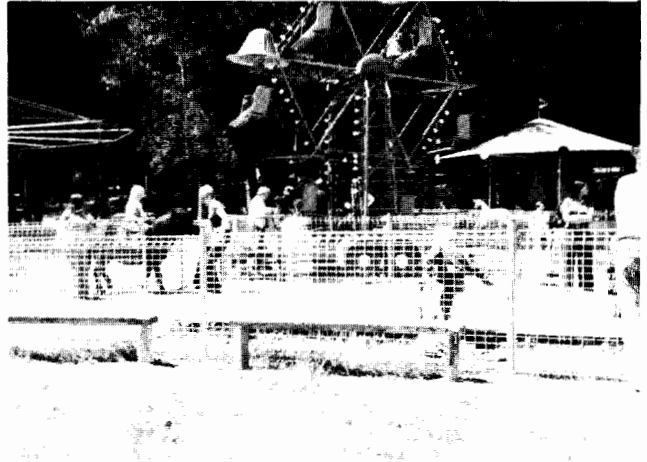
*Canberra's photo*

## MELBOURNE

The Melbourne employees enjoyed once again a day at Peninsula Gardens and the HP Annual Picnic. Thanks to Carol Streames, Sara Ross and those who helped them to make the day a success.



*Lazing in the sun.*



*Lots of fun for the !*



*Co-operation is essential to success.*



*Barbecuing got top management handling.....*



*Hey! That's supposed to be for the kids to ride!*



*Getting down to it!!*

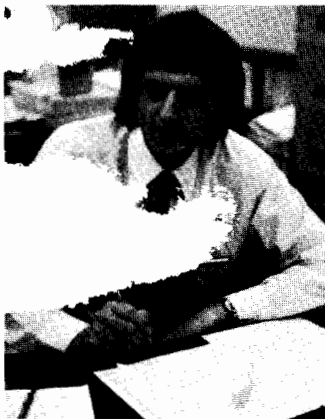
# Travellers To and From HPAustralia.

Recently we had a visit from **Dick Lubinski** of our Loveland Division. Dick is our voltmeter/multimeter specialist and he presented two very interesting and well attended seminars at two of our Universities.

More recently we enjoyed a visit from **Don Rowe** (our ICON man) who kept all nerves at bay and managed to keep pace with our Engineers who seemed to change places every few hours.

**STAN KARPOWICZ** visited the U.S.A. from 21st August to 12th September as a reward for winning a PD competition for the highest value of demonstration equipment sold during the year.

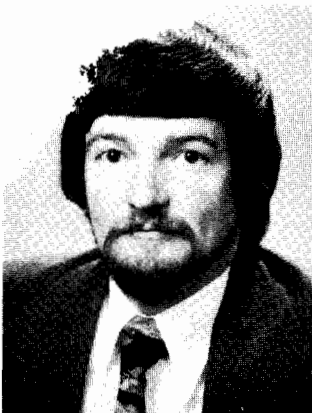
He visited in and around San Francisco, Palo Alto, Loveland, Estes Park and Dallas. He had the opportunity of attending product training, a field course and viewing the operation of a power office and also to observe F.E.'s on visits to customers.



**Stan Karpowicz**

**TERY WILDE** will be leaving for a short time in San Francisco.

Port Collins Division activity has had a great deal of success in the past few months.



**Terry Wilde**

# HP Miscellany.

## MELBOURNE HP FITNESS PROGRAM

During September/October a group of dedicated fitness fanatics decided that it was time to do something towards shedding their winter spare tyre so a lunch time run was organized.

The course for the run was directly outside our building in Joseph Street in the vacant land where the proposed freeway will be sited. The course length was approximately 2.4 km (1.5 miles) over walking tracks, creek crossings, hill climbs and cow paddocks.

Maximum attendance to date has been thirteen staff, including Sue, Kirsten and Laurel.

Unfortunately Christmas commitments and visitors have caused a temporary cancellation of the run, but we expect to renew the program early in the New Year, and any other staff are welcome to join.

Comments from those who regularly attended were that the exercise was well worthwhile and that they felt better both mentally and physically for it.

# Mysterious Garb Seen in Melbourne



**No! Danny Hills (Melbourne Parts Store) has NOT taken Holy Orders! What DID happen, Danny?**

# Engagements.

**NEIL MOSELEY**, APD Service Technician, Melbourne has announced his engagement to Gillian Helmut. Neil and Gillian will be married on 28th August at St. Marks Church, Forest Hill.

Gillian is a dental nurse which no doubt indicates that their marriage should have no teething problems.

The engagement of **JAN EMMETT**, Data Processing Clerk, Melbourne to Jim Byers was announced on 26th September. They plan to "tie the knot" on January 29th.

**CAROL STREAMES**, Personnel Secretary, Melbourne will officially become engaged on December 26th to Neil Sims.

Carol and Neil will marry on 19th February and Carol will retire from full-time employment.

# Marriages.

**GREG CONDELL**, Calculator Service Group, Brisbane was married in August as planned and appears to be content with the way of life.

# Births.

**Mark and Ruth Dilli** are the proud parents of a beautiful baby boy, Stephen. We've decided he looks like Mark, but it doesn't seem to have detracted from the baby's charm - he's quite the star visitor to Canberra office.

Congratulations to Mark and Ruth - and we've acquired a new member for the HP Canberra Company Picnic football team - we expect Stephen to be in top form by Canberra Day, 1977.

Congratulations to **Tim O'Sullivan**, Calculator Field Engineer in the Sydney office and his wife on the birth of their daughter in August.

**George and Gillian Listopad** had a daughter on 9th September, and baby Christine is sure to be looked after by her two brothers Andrew and Steven. George is Instrument Staff Engineer in Melbourne Office.

Congratulations also to **Matt Wallace**, APD Service Group Leader, Melbourne and his wife **Terry** on the birth of their son Peter John who arrived on 11th September. Peter is their second child, they already have a daughter, Sandra.

**Mike and Diane Woodhams** are also proud parents of a baby boy - Paul Michael - born on 11th December. Paul is their first child and weighed in at 8 lb 4 ozs. Another Chess champion for Australia?

**Paul McQuarrie**, Medical Field Engineer in our Sydney office and his wife **Jeanette** had a baby girl, Alison on 13th December. An HP Fetal Monitor was used throughout the birth. One way of arranging a demo!

# "HP" really means "Helping People"

Following the success and interest generated by the **CHRISTMAS TREE** at Melbourne last year, it was decided in talks with the various product and discipline managers, that this year CPD/APD would erect another Christmas Tree at HP Melbourne.

It was suggested by a number of people, that in the true Christmas spirit, all Hewlett-Packard personnel would donate if they so desired, presents for not so fortunate children.



As a result, in December 21st a Christmas tree was erected in the canteen and a large brightly coloured Christmas card was placed next to the tree for people to contribute presents to be distributed to worthy charitable organisations.

So far, the response has been very pleasing and we thank the personnel at HP for their generosity.

# Olympic

**MIKE WOODHAMS**, Medical Field Engineer, participated in the 22nd Chess Olympiad which was held in Hajfa, Israel in November.

The event attracted forty eight men and three women's.

Australia sent a team of five men and five women. The men finished in 11th place behind U.S.S.R., England; a creditable performance considering the isolation of Australia and the fact that many of the European teams are composed of full-time professionals.

Mike scored 60% for the Australian team and received a medal for his efforts.

**STOP PRESS!!** Mike has just found out he is equal **FIRST** in the Australian Chess Championships, which were held over an eleven week period in Melbourne.





# From The Managing Director.



*Having completed FY76, I believe that we can all be proud of the fact that H... so well in view of the economical situation within the country during the period.*

*Not too many are aware of the fact that overall Australia had a 16% growth and if we exclude the two weak spots in our performance, that is APD and L... growth compared with FY75 was more like 27 or 28% which indicates... was done in spite of the circumstances surrounding us. In addition, most p... a good deal in maintaining expenses at appropriate levels.*

*Whilst the Intercontinental region did not perform quite as well in total for FY76... planned, we are particularly fortunate that the U.S. domestic sales regions had an... good year and the Corporation's profitability over the last quarter, brought about by... sales regions activity, contributed a good deal to the profit sharing results... participated in recently.*

*Most of you are aware that there have been some rather major changes made... organizational structure during recent weeks which we expect will produce a much m... effective marketing organization for FY77 and out even further.*

*Whilst the Australian economy is still somewhat of a puzzle, it is believed that we... opportunity to ensure that we do equal or better our order level commitments for F... .*

*May I wish every success to all for FY77.*

*John Warmington*

J. WARMINGTON

# A Merry Christmas to all.