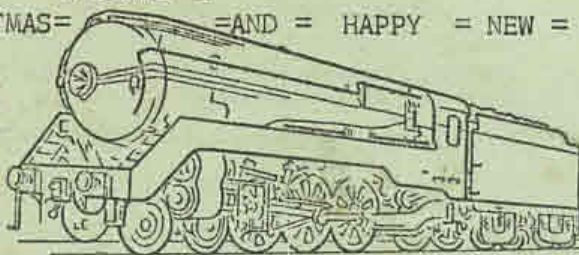


# EVELEIGH WORKSHOPS CENTRAL SHOP COMMITTEE

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## EVELEIGH



## NEWS

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### A YEAR OF CHANGING THOUGHT AND ACTION

We are ending one of the significant years in Australian political and cultural growth, when latent distaste for war and gaoling of resisting youth hardened into action to remove from Government the authors of the Australian chapter in the tragic tale of Vietnam.

Suddenly a pattern emerged in public thinking, linking this waste of national resources and youth to the sell-out to foreign capital, the failure to provide essentials such as efficient transport systems, to act against growing unemployment or curb inflationary pressures. And against this background a growing strike movement forcing wage increases from reluctant employers. The Liberals were doomed by this thinking and the actions of workers and with their defeat went the outmoded thinking which was incapable of solving this generation's problems.

In our short experience of the temporary two-man Labor Government we seem to be stepping out into the world, taking our place in support of policies aimed at promoting peace and maintaining human dignity.

The Liberal Government has gone and the Liberal Party is to be reconstructed closer to the needs and thinking of the people, according to leading members. Action by the people has changed the Australian political scene and it will never again be exactly the same; it is even possible the Australia Party could become Labor's chief opponent in the not far distant future, even if this means absorbing the Liberal Party.

Meanwhile the best base for further progressive activity should be found in the trades union movement.

EVELEIGH R.S.S.A. AND EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

In the spirit of the festive season the Club wishes every employee of these Workshops a Happy Christmas and Merry New Year, and a big thanks to all who have been so generous in their financial support over the past twelve months.

The Club again has the honour of taking a concert party to Yaralla on December 20 and appeals for donations of flowers for the stage and dining tables. These may be left in the Blue Print Store on the morning of the 20th. They will be greatly appreciated.

Presents for eligible kiddies of members should be available when this issue appears and members concerned should contact their delegates about them.

Jack Cox and M. Thomas carried out the monthly visit to Yaralla and distributed usual amenities to Ward 11 patients.

Our Christmas meeting was a great success, not one complaint being heard. Many thanks to our M.C., Pianist and Artists, some of whom can sing, some cannot but their efforts helped make the night.

Sick Parade shows Tom O'Brien, retired, is in hospital, expected home for Christmas. Ted Kemp is out of hospital and was in to see us last Monday. Alf Perry resumed work on Monday after three weeks off. Someone said he suffered a strain from playing pokies at our last meeting night. Good recovery to all.

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MRS ALBERT WARD THANKS US

Mrs Ward expresses her thanks for sympathy and assistance given during Albert Ward's long fatal illness and for condolences on his death.

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XMAS VISITORS TO THE WORKSHOPS

last week included Tom Wood retired from Machine Shop, Sid Goodwin, L.E.S., and Harry Horne, ex Motion Section.

ANNUAL LEAVE JACKPOT LOTTERY

The Shop Committee will be conducting a lottery drawn on Friday, January 12, annual leave break up day.

Prizes will be \$50, \$20, \$15, \$10, \$5.

Each ticket will have two numbers and will cost 40 cents.



BLOOD DONOR OF THE YEAR

They have "Father" "Australian", uncles, sisters and aunts of the Year but so far no Blood Donor of the Year.

There could be only one serious contender for such honour if it were awarded and that would be our Tom Howard of the Large Shop, donor of over 140 gifts of blood.

Tom has been awarded badges which were presented by such notables as Lady Cutler, J. Cahill, and Sydney's Deputy Mayor, M. Shehadie, amongst a long list.

Newspaper cuttings give a history of public recognition of Tom for his magnificent effort and the firm of Waltons, where his wife works, gave her a write up in their house journal, as the wife of such a prodigious blood donor. We'd like the Railways Journal to give Tom some recognition for his sacrifice in the common good.

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CHANGE TO RED PHONE

The Shop Committee phone in the Middle Road, Fitting Shop is to be changed to a Red Phone. This follows numerous complaints. It means phone calls will cost 7c when the changeover is completed.

A.R.U. NEW DELEGATES

The Australian Railways Union has appointed two new Representatives, J. Marsh, Large Erecting Shop and L. Cavalieri, Machine Shop. They have all necessary collecting material for receipt of contributions and all Union membership forms.

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SALARIED PAY DAY DEC. 21

We nearly started a panic in stating, last issue, that the Salaried Staff Xmas pay would be on December 24, that being a Sunday. We did our best to get them double time but finally had to admit it was our error - we meant December 21, Thursday.

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FOR SALE: Wringer washer in excellent condition.

WANTED: Small crash helmet cheap.

Austin 1800 front Bucket Seats and H. D. Holden Premier front Bucket seats.

See Stan Jones for further information about these items.

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CARDIFF FUND - JOIN NOW

Popularly known in these shops as the Cardiff Fund, full title being N.S.W. R & T Employees Sick and Accident Fund, it has served a very useful purpose in financial assistance to those in need. Benefits are:-

£12 a fortnight or £1 a day, whether in receipt of Sick Pay or not. £60 death benefit. Contributions 20c weekly, deducted from pay. No levies.

Refund dividend this year is £4-00.

Now is the time to join as a new member in the new year. Those interested are advised to contact Giff. Levot, 11 Bay.

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CONGRATULATIONS LES

His many mates in the Machine Shop extended their best wishes to Les O'Neill on Tuesday when he attained the age of 21 years.

Our best wishes as well, Les.

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WELCOME BACK to Bob Bottrill of Airbrakes Section after a bout with a nasty tummy ulcer. Look a bit thin on it, Bob, but now ready to build up again.

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DON'T SWEAT IT OUT AGAIN-BE A CREDIT UNION SANTA NEXT XMAS.

BRISBANE BERTHS AVAILABLE

Bob Rhymes, who looks after our annual leave seat booking advises he has two sleeping berths for the 6.40pm to Brisbane on 15.1.73.

These were booked for a fellow employee who changed his mind about going.

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OATLEY A.L.P. XMAS HAMPER

We've been informed the winner of Oatley A.L.P. Xmas Hamper was J. Hiron of the Blacksmiths Shop.

It was drawn on Dec. 11.

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KEN RICHARDS SAYS THANKS

"Many thanks for the very kind words in Eveleigh News sick calls.

"I would appreciate a few lines in next edition to say, "Thanks mates" for the many well wishes expressed during my absence owing to heart trouble.

"Yours sincerely

"Ken Richards."

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EDITOR.....S. Jones.



## EVELEIGH GARDEN CLUB

Merry Christmas gardeners and a highly productive New Year to follow.

Holiday times bring problems but if you have a good neighbour you can forget watering as one of these. Otherwise mulching to minimise evaporation of moisture is a holiday preparation must.

Old manure, leaves, half-rotted compost, even water-soaked paper, placed on soil surface will help conserve moisture but don't let it pack down tight as the soil must have air. Pot plants may be buried to the rim in garden beds in cool yet light and airy positions, under a tree will do; water soil and pot well then mulch.

An interesting way for providing water to plants in pots is illustrated outside our Medical Centre, a large bottle of water suspended over the pots and water seeping down.

Pick all reasonably sized vegetables and fruit and matured flowers. Left on they will quickly send off the plants.

Garden Club subscriptions 20c. fall due on January 1 and Bill Eades, 9 Bay, is anxious to write receipts for same. Help keep good gardening going.

## METAL TRADES INCREASE

The \$3 a week increase to Metal Trades Grades is to be paid this pay and all grades concerned, with exception of 1st to 3rd year Workshops Laborers should receive:-

\$30 back pay plus  
6 increase this pay.

Any time lost thru industrial stoppage or leave without pay is to be deducted from this \$36.

In the case of Workshop Laborers they receive a minimum wage of \$58.15 in 1st year with additional amounts up to 4th year, and these amounts are in excess of their award wage. The amount of this excess being deducted from the present increase. This means W. S. Laborers will receive:

1st year, \$1.15 a week  
2nd year, \$1.65 a week  
3rd year, \$2.15 a week  
4th year, \$3.00 a week.

There will be no tax deducted from back money as it is not possible to do this for machine produced (computerised) pay dockets. Keep this in mind for next tax year.

### LUCKY PAPER NUMBERS

The lucky paper numbers will be decided on the first five major prizes lottery drawn on next Tuesday. If no such lottery is drawn on Tuesday the next following lottery will be the decider, with 5 prizes

The prizes are £2 for each of five numbers the last three figures of which correspond to the last three figures of the five winning numbers in the State Lottery indicated.

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### WEDDING BELLS ANNOUNCED

Boiler Shop Marrieds are doing a dance of welcome for Les Daines who is joining their ranks at the year's end, singing Xmas Carols for the New Year.

Les will be going thru with the ceremony in Tasmania, a land of Hops, Honey and Happy Marriages, to say nothing of apples to follow.

Best wishes for your mutual happiness, Les. As shop steward for the Amalgamated Union you've learned the lesson - unity is strength.

Boiler Shop's traditional clock presentation is to tick away happy hours.

### RAILWAY UNIONS METAL TRADES

Total income from the £1 levy for conduct of the recent campaign on the £3 flow-on was an amount of £4002. Disbursements from this amounted to £2663.31 for payment of wages to men involved in stoppages, plus £12 payment for cheque book. From the balance an amount of £1226.50 has been placed in a trust fund with the Railways Credit Union and an amount of £.19 left in account with Commonwealth Bank. This full balance will be used for future Railway Metal Trades Campaigns.

Every man who contributed his £1 levy is now benefitting to the extent of £3 a week, with very few exceptions. This means £156 a year for one levy of £1. a truly profitable investment. The few who haven't paid their levy should now do so.

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### ACTION ON MACDONALDTOWN HOSTEL

Union action on the proposed demolition of the Macdonaldtown Hostel has obtained a 3 months extension for those men ordered to get out by January 30. This is not good enough, a new up to date hostel is needed for use of employees who are transferred from country centres or come to the City for examinations.



CHEERIO CALLS TO:-

Fred Savill, our Swap Shop organiser, who is suffering a recurrence of heart trouble. Pleased to hear you are up and around now, Fred.

Alf Finnie of the Spring Shop who had a suspicious mole surgically removed. How doing well we hear.

Ron Tognetti of the Blacksmiths off work ill for some time now.

Charlie Leahy of Airbrakes who has been battling a recurring heart condition. Now on the improved list according to reports.

Hughie Thompson, Fitting Shop, now in St. Vincent's Hospital for observation. Hope you'll soon be back Hughie, we can't afford to have Shop Stewards laid up.

Our most sincere best wishes to these and any other sick mates whose names may not be known to us.

And we've just heard that Jack McDonald of the workshops watching staff has been in hospital for an operation for hernia. All the best, Jack.

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£3 FLOW ON TO MISCELLANEOUS GRADES

Overhead Cranedrivers, Stationary Engine Drivers, Fork Lift Drivers, Ground Traverser Drivers, etc are to receive the £3 Metal Trades Increase, retrospective to September 24. Expected to be paid January 3rd pay day.

BILL LINDSAY IMPROVED

Latest about librarian Bill Lindsay is that he has improved considerably. However the treatment has resulted in a return to a slim youthful figure making all the lads envious. Good Luck, Bill!

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"EIGHTEEN FOOTERS" An exciting and visually beautiful study of yachting on Sydney Harbour with special reference to the Australian designed eighteen footer, one of the speediest sailing craft in the world.

"AFRICA - CHANGE AND CHALLENGE" about the peoples of Africa, their conflicts and challenges in changing from primitive to modern way of life.

"ANIMALS OF THE INDIAN JUNGLE" Showing Indian jungle country and representative animals in their native environment.

These three films will be shown on Thursday, January 11, 1973, in the Workshops' Cafeteria.

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 :: Management to convey to all emp- ::  
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 :: forthcoming festive Season and ::  
 :: the New Year. ::  
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UNION PETITION ON HOSTEL

Action through the A.R.U. and A.F.U.L.E., reported on another page, has been followed by circulation of a petition for signature by employees, stressing the following points:-

1. Consultation with unions and members concerned before making changes.
2. Retention and improvement of the canteen.
- 3 Hostel to be retained and improved without additional cost to employees.

BRIGHT BREEZY XMAS CONCERT

The Entertainment Committee is to be complimented on the fast moving entertainment it presented for the Xmas Concert.

The Lawrance-Ford Duo and professional Workshop talent, with compere Johnny Veen kept feet tapping in time.

The Workshops Band capably performed the function of musical introduction.

Congrats to those responsible for the stage setting.

In the preamble to these points it is pointed out closure of the Hostel and Canteen would mean eviction of up to 90 men and would deprive Carriage Works and employees from other Shops of Canteen facilities. In fact there are men in these Loc. Workshops who have breakfast there on their way to work.

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 NORM KING in Spring Shop says his son is giving a T Shirt with every blank surfboard - see Norm.