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----- COMING EVENTS -----

October 3rd. & 4th. - Local Albury Championships and GENERAL MEETING.

November 7th. Darlington Point - World Championships.

July 19th. Sydney Comp. Beauchamp Park, Chatwood.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ALBURY 7-8th MARCH, 1981

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE WEEKEND'S ACTIVITIES

At the Australian National Championships in Albury, we not only had perfect throwing weather (believed to have been organised by Bro. Thomas!) but also a huge aerial spectatorship. There were some rumours around that there was an air show on in Albury about a kilometre away, but we know that it was actually half Australia coming to watch our National Championships.

During the accuracy events on Saturday, while throwers were endeavouring to land their boomerangs closest to the pin, three parachutists were also attempting to land in the same circles, but fortunately were blown into a paddock some distance away. It was during this time that BAA Secretary, Morris Maxwell (Who said he has nothing but matrimony on his mind?!) was heard to comment:

"The next thrower is a well-known celebrant ...er, celebrity." and which was followed by:

Morris: "Who's after me?"

Tony: "You mean, apart from Catherine?!"

Yes, folks, there was a good spirit amongst competitors.

In the Junior Championships, Michael Ovington and Michael Spokes were tied on 34 points each in round one, with Jannine Knight only 2 points behind them. But Michael O. was able to get 2 points for range on every throw in round 2 to snatch the title. Michael S. and Jannine followed with 2nd and 3rd places respectively, and creditable performances were turned in by Sharryn Knight, Brian Taylor and Teresa Mills.

A bit of bad luck for Bob Burwell (Slacks Creek, Qld.) in the Smallest Boomerang Comp. While adjusting the dihedral of his "latest littlest" it snapped and put Bob out before he was even in. Bro. Thomas (Sydney, NSW) took the title with his little, but Bob came back with a vengeance later in the day in the Long-Distance Comp., not only to take the title, but to set a new official world long distance record of 107m. Bob's practice throw went well over this distance, but being a practice throw was not measured officially. (Some members may recall the 1977 Nationals when Bob's practice throw went right over the fence of the grounds and back to him for a catch (!) but he failed to qualify on his five official throws. Poetic justice, this year!) Our congratulations to Bob for a magnificent effort and achievement. He said on receiving the trophy, "I've been chasing this one for twelve years". (We assume he meant the trophy, not the boomerang!).

Tony Butz (Sydney, NSW) took the Biggest Boomerang title only just qualifying on the fourth throw, with a beast measuring (by BAA formula) 2229 mm. Rumour has it that Bunny Read (Wycheproof, Vic.) has an eight-footer organised to take on all comers next year. (Maybe Albury will think the air show is on again!)

No doubt about it, the General Championships were close and exciting, in both the preliminary rounds as well as in the finals, with some of the best performances we have ever seen at the ANCs. Barrie Forsyth (Whyalla, S.A.) set a high standard as first thrower, using a left-handed hook that easily made 40-50 m each throw and returned with exceptional accuracy and a catch nearly every time. As other throwers followed, a graphic commentary by Morris Maxwell, Alan Thompson and Trevor Williams added interest to the event, and stood to put Rex Mossop and Norman May out of a job if the media ever got hold of it. Superb throwing and catching by Bunny Read gave him 58 points to threaten Barrie's 59 in round one, while Brother Brian Thomas also challenged the early lead with 56 points, as USAF aircraft (obviously spy planes for the U.S challenge in November!) vied for the attention of spectators.

Space does not permit a detailed commentary on the performance of the 19 competitors in the General Comp., but some things must not go unmentioned. Veteran thrower, Les Janetzki (Albury, NSW) brought spontaneous applause from all competitors for his magnificent results in both accuracy and catching (Would that we could do half as well when we're 80!). Bob Burwell was throwing up to 60m on every throw in the General Comp. (obviously practising for the Long-Distance event) but was catching the returns outside the high-scoring accuracy circles. Our only Aboriginal competitor, Andrew Travis (Melbourne, Vic.) easily made 30m, and nearly 40m, with his Janetzki "Skippy" boomerang, throwing for very accurate returns and easy catching every time - a great effort from the 1980 Junior titleholder. In fact, a variety of weapons were seen during this event: Alan Thompson used a Wycheproof Standard Hook, Rick Haywood his own "V" shape, and others that that will be mentioned later.

Meanwhile, back at the Comp., Dennis Maxwell (making a great comeback (!)) was busy with his Admiral's Hat scoring exceptionally well to take the lead in round one with 62 points as second-last thrower. Sharryn Knight, last to throw, was suffering all weekend from an extremely sore eye that must have slowed down her performance, but she battled against it to score extremely well.

In round 2, Barrie Forsyth maintained his high standard (despite being buzzed by two bi-planes that seemed intent on shooting his stick down) to score 56 points and a total of 115 for 10 throws. (This really put the pressure on, as the current Australian record for an ANC General Comp. is Bob Burwell's 131 points). Bunny Read, with his own Wycheproof Competition Hook, followed up with 115 points also, as the crowd went wild - both of them! An exciting neck-and-neck race was on. Meanwhile, Dale Buggins (Everywhere, Aust.) flashed past in his red, white and blue flag disguised as a motorbike. Morris

Maxwell (Melbourne, Vic.) kept up the pressure, taking 6:4:4 on his first throw, and 4:4:4 on his second, using a Janetzki "Greyhound", to score a total of 96.

Garry Durrant (Sydney, NSW) using his unique Norm Durrant "extended hairpin" shape came on next, followed by George Tunstall (Wycheproof, Vic.) who had earlier won the novel Double Simultaneous Throwing accuracy event, but who could not quite keep up this performance for the General Comp. Rick Haywood (winner of the novice's trophy at last year's Sydney Championships) threw next but started badly to give a reduced score, despite scoring 8 for accuracy on each of his last three throws.

Then came Chris Henzgen (Melbourne, Vic.) renowned aerial acrobat (it was rumoured he fell out of the Chinook helicopter that buzzed the oval a few times!) armed with knee pads (protection against low-flying bi-planes) and his "Wounded Gull". Throwing the latter very low (in order to score 2 extra points for killing a range steward) he easily made 40m every time, and scored well on accuracy by making sure his feet stayed in the inner circles, even if his knees landed in an outer one. Gaining maximum points (8:4:4) on his last throw, Chris hit 93 points for his total.

Trevor Williams, using an "Earth Mark I" and showing a 100% improvement since Moomba, did extremely well for his second competition. Arthur and Les Janetzki (Albury, NSW) had a mixed day. It just wasn't Arthur's day, but Les was able to score a magnificent 83 points, as a Tiger Moth flew overhead in salute. (Rumour had it that Ralph Sinclair was arriving by parachute, but this proved not to be so). Bob Burwell did a lot better in his second round, with the improved accuracy and huge range that we have come to expect from his own Burwell boomerangs. His 8:4:4 on his third throw helped to give Bob a score of 60 for round two, the highest in that round and second only to Dennis Maxwell's first-round 62 in the whole comp.

The excitement had not ended! After the second round, members were asked for an interpretation of the rules on the number of competitors for the finals: the 3 highest scores or the 3 highest scorers? The former was agreed to be the correct interpretation, so the finals consisted of: Barrie Forsyth, Bunny Read and Dennis Maxwell, all tied on 115 points(!); and Bro. Brian Thomas (109) and Bob Burwell (98). But the final went to the man who had pushed himself out to the front all the way in each round, and an emotional Dennis Maxwell received his trophy and the title of Australian Boomerang Throwing Champion for 1981. One of the founders of the BAA, it was good to see Dennis take this title after so many years of both competition and service to the sport.

On-the-line Consecutive Catching was introduced for the first time in the Nationals, following its successful inception at the 1980 Sydney Championships. A rather gusty little 3-5 km/h wind appeared for this event, so it was just as well the new method was used, so as not to disadvantage any individual due to his order in throwing. From the initial 20 throwers, 8 were left after round 4. None were eliminated in the next round

but in round 6, Bunny Read set a new "juggling" record, tossing his boomerang about from hand to hand for several seconds before slipping sideways to drop it and be eliminated. In the same round, Andrew Travis caught his only 3cm above the ground between his hands and knees. Rounds 7 & 8 saw no eliminations so in round 9 a brown hawk appeared and chased everyone's boomerangs until it either got tired of it or was scared off by the Chinook helicopter's appearance once more. The last 3 throwers were Br. Thomas, Dennis Maxwell and Chris Henzgen; and it was Chris who stayed in (while everyone else had lunch, fed the chooks and took a snooze) to get very sunburnt and score 116 consecutive catches.

This was the first time that the ANCs had been held on two consecutive days and, judging by comments from members, it won't be the last. What a change to be able to have not only the events without a mad rush and fading light, but also an Annual General Meeting with plenty of time to air opinions by everyone. Indeed, the fact that so much productive discussion took place is a good reason in itself for considering a two-day ANC for future years. A relaxing barbecue and films of last year's comps and the new Bleeperang were also enjoyed by those present.

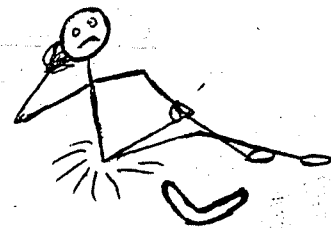
Special thanks must go to:
Ken Ovington for organising the whole show from the Albury end;
The Mayor of Albury for presenting the trophies;
BHP Australia for donating the trophies valued at \$ 250;
Albury & District Police-Citizens Boys' Club for the use of their facilities and for the great barbecue that helped everyone relax on the Saturday evening;
Morris Maxwell, our tireless secretary; and
All competitors and helpers, especially Bob Burwell and Barrie Forsyth who travelled long distances to take part.

Tony Butz

There was a young man called Maxwell,
who threw boomerangs but couldn't catch well.

He tried it once more,
but fell on the floor.

Now his bottom you might say isn't that well.



- NATIONAL CHAMPION - DAZZLING DENNIS

- 1981 -

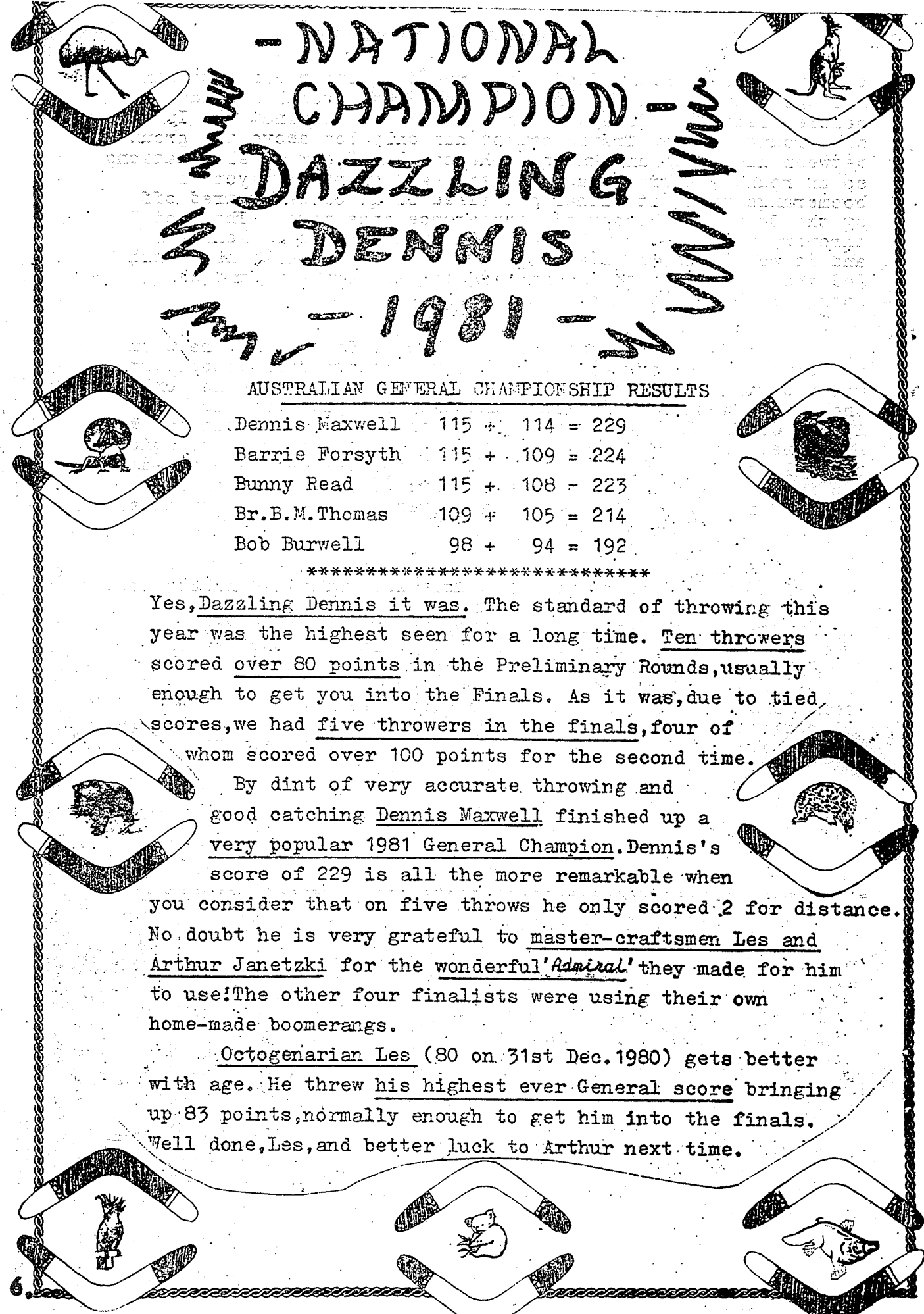
AUSTRALIAN GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

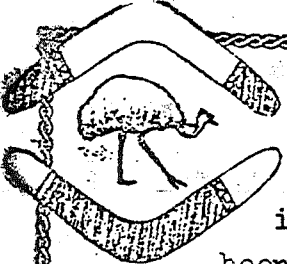
Dennis Maxwell	115 + 114 = 229
Barrie Forsyth	115 + 109 = 224
Bunny Read	115 + 108 = 223
Br.B.M.Thomas	109 + 105 = 214
Bob Burwell	98 + 94 = 192

Yes, Dazzling Dennis it was. The standard of throwing this year was the highest seen for a long time. Ten throwers scored over 80 points in the Preliminary Rounds, usually enough to get you into the Finals. As it was, due to tied scores, we had five throwers in the finals, four of whom scored over 100 points for the second time.

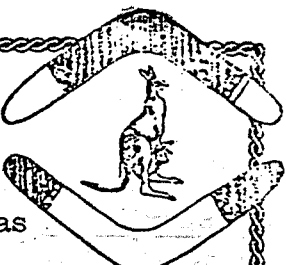
By dint of very accurate throwing and good catching Dennis Maxwell finished up a very popular 1981 General Champion. Dennis's score of 229 is all the more remarkable when you consider that on five throws he only scored 2 for distance. No doubt he is very grateful to master-craftsmen Les and Arthur Janetzki for the wonderful 'Admiral' they made for him to use! The other four finalists were using their own home-made boomerangs.

Octogenarian Les (80 on 31st Dec. 1980) gets better with age. He threw his highest ever General score bringing up 83 points, normally enough to get him into the finals. Well done, Les, and better luck to Arthur next time.

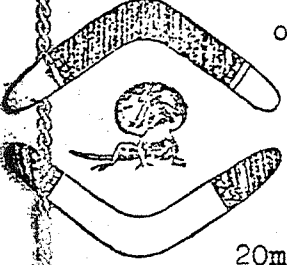




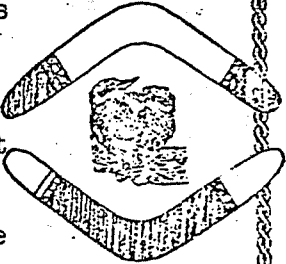
I now wish to give you a quote from Magazine 14, page 5, that will be of special interest to author Jeff Lewry since the day he has been waiting for has finally arrived.



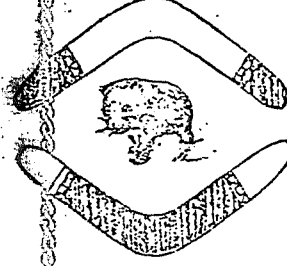
"An interesting sidelight here is that while Joe didn't get 40m. range on several throws, he did take 19 catches out of 20 throws, all inside 20m. circle (in fact only 3 were outside the scoring circles).



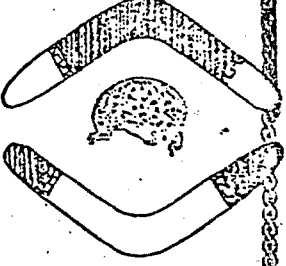
That's the best yet and very close to taking out the trophy plus \$20 which I offered years ago for the first 20 catches out of 20 throws inside 20m. during a General Championship. (This offer still stands, so everyone should practise catching ready for future competitions)"



It never rains but it pours, Jeff. Three throwers all achieved this. The first to do so was Br. Thomas, because of his throwing position in the finals. Next was Bunny Read, and finally Dennis Maxwell.



We were disappointed that one-time champ Joe was unable to take part in the Championships due to an injury from an accident. We all hope he will be back in the throwing circles before too long. We'd love to see Jeff there too!

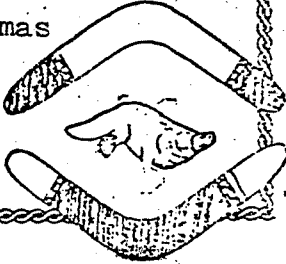
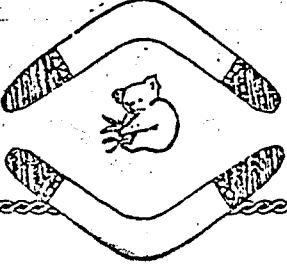
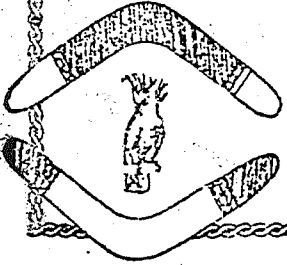


The catching standard was exceptionally high. Of the 180 competitive Preliminary throws 142 were caught. .79%

It was even higher in the Finals, where you might expect nerves to get to throwers. Of the 50 throws 47 were caught, which is 94%.

Did you notice that girls outnumbered the boys in the Junior section? A sign of the times??

Br. Brian Thomas



GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS: 1981.

<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Prel.Score</u>	<u>Finals</u>	<u>Catches</u>	<u>Into acc.circles</u>
Barrie Worsyth	115	109	10	8 throws
Bunny Read	115	108	10	8 throws
Morris Maxwell	96		8	7 throws
Garry Durrant	58		6	6 throws
George Tunstall	70		9	4 throws
Rick Haywood	73		7	5 throws
Chris Henzgen	93		10	4 throws
Trevor Williams	40		7	3 throws
Chris Westall	82		10	5 throws
Arthur Janetzki	20		1	3 throws
Les Janetzki	83		8	7 throws
Br.Thomas	109	105	10	7 throws
Tony Putz	73		7	6 throws
Bob Eurwell	98	94	9	6 throws
Andrew Travis	88		10	8 throws
Allan Thompson	23		3	4 throws
Dennis Maxwell	115	114	10	8 throws
Sharryn Knight	53		7	3 throws

Dennis's 8 scoring throws were:5,5,5,5,4,6,3,6. (acc.pts.only)

Juniors

Teresa Mills	41		3	7 throws
Michael Ovington	85	24	8	8 throws
Erian Taylor	52		5	3 throws
Michael Spokes	63	25	5	7 throws
Janrine Knight	59	14	8	6 throws
Sharryn Knight	58		7	5 throws

Michael's 8 scoring throws were:4,2,6,4,6,8,5,4.(acc.pts.only)

A special thanks and tribute to organiser Ken Ovington, who did a marvellous job. The ground and facilities were perfect... so was the weather!

NEW OFFICIAL WORLD RECORD

***** BOB BURWELL, QUEENSLAND *****

***** 107 metres *****

In the final event of the 1981 ANC we witnessed a scene we had been waiting years to see: Bob Burwell in full flight with one of his distance boomerangs...and we only just saw it, as it skimmed out low over the field into the far distance to pass over the measuring line at 107 metres, carry on even further to the left of that, and then turn and head with unerring accuracy right back over the spot from which it was thrown, amid wild applause and cheering from the other astounded throwers.... and a wide grinning Bob! "It's what I've been waiting years to do," said a very delighted Bob. "It's not so much for myself, but for the BAA, that I've wanted to throw over the 100 metre mark at an official competition to prove that we can do it."

Bob has had only one chance each year, at the ANC, since he can't afford to get to the other comps, and previously he has been hampered by Albury's dead calm conditions. But not this time. A gentle 3 to 5 km.p.h. breeze allowed him the perfect throws. Bob's health and strength have been very poor the last eighteen months (he missed last year's comps), so this is truly a great comeback. Australia and the BAA proudly salutes you, Bob! Well done, Champ!



116
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ALBURY: 1981: MARCH 8th.

For the first time at the ANC the new system for Consecutive Catching was used: i.e.

all throwers stood in a line and threw after each other, dropping out when they missed a catch. The standard was excellent, and after 10 consecutive catches six throwers were still battling it out, among them two of the younger brigade in Andrew Travis and Sharon Knight, both from Melbourne.

By 20 throws the field was narrowed down to two: Chris Henzgen and Br. Thomas. Br. Thomas's next throw only just made it back into the circles and dropped below his grasping hands to put him out of the comp.

All attention then focussed on the acrobatic Chris, who was sporting his new knee guards for the occasion. Simple catches don't seem to be part of Chris's catching repertoire, much to the delight of the audience! The big question all were asking was: Can he break Bunny's record 146 catches this time? At Albury in October last year he got mighty close..144.

There were "oos" and "ahs" as he pulled in very tricky catches. The hundred came up, and all could see the record going. Then a simple slight change of breeze floated his spinning Gull away from him on his 117th throw...and it was all over. But what a great effort. Well done, Chris, and heartiest congratulations from all members of the BAA.

Chris used one of his own creations..a Wounded Gull, which was a Silver Gull that broke off a week before. Isn't it amazing how great discoveries are made!!

INTERESTING FACTS AT THE A.N.C. 1981.

- ** In the Preliminary Rounds 7 throwers all caught their 10 throws.
- ** All 20 throws were caught inside the 20m. area by three throwers: Br. Thomas, Bunny Read and champion Dennis Maxwell.
- ** Only 3 throwers scored the maximum points for a throw (16): Bob Burwell on his 8th throw, Br. Thomas on his 5th throw, & Chris Henzgen's 10th.
- ** Rick Haywood (in his first ANC), getting 30 metres, brought his last three throws back to the 8 circle!!
- ** Andrew Travis, our sole aboriginal thrower, took all 10 catches, scored 88 points, and was only getting 2 for distance...a great effort. Last year he won the Junior Section. Andrew has a very smooth throwing style. He did well in the Consecutive Catching and Distance Throwing showing that he has a great future in the sport.
- ** Chris Henzgen's squatting catching style reminds us very much of that great thrower Carol Lewry. Although I can't remember Carol having knee guards on!
- ** George Tunstall from Wycheproof won our novelty event easily..throwing two boomerangs together for an accuracy score..called the Double Barrel Event!

If there is one work to describe my trip, it would have to be "DISASTER". Some were bigger than others, and not all related to my pitiful performance in boomerang throwing.

It started with having to sit up all the way down in straight backed hard vinyl seats, and finished by being told at 10 p.m. on Sunday night, that there were no trains till at least Tuesday night.

Unsympathetic winds were my undoing in three of the contests.

First there was the accuracy contest, and although I hit the front with a very poor 15 or 16 points, I was soon overtaken by the Sydney siders.

Tony Butz came to my rescue for the dual accuracy throw. He lent me a stick that matched one of mine perfectly. During a quick warm up practice the two were flying so well and accurately that I felt I had this contest trophy in the bag. My hopes were soon dashed when I was called to the contest circle and up sprang the wind. I knew as soon as I faced into the wind that I had about as much chance of scoring as I would with ratshot on a rifle range.

Sunday morning and the call came for largest and smallest boomerangs. I gave up taking big boomerangs to Albury after I won that contest in 1976. The small sticks are much easier to cope with on the long trip. I pulled out my new challenge to my own record. The new size was about 53 - 54 mm. across the tips. I had had lots of success during practice both before I went to Albury and before the contest down there. During the warm up I was adjusting the trim of the wings which is very important with small sticks. A slight bit of positive dihedral was required and "SNAP". About 10 mm. snapped off one wing. Disheartened I put both my small sticks away as it was no challenge to me to compete with a boomerang I already held the record with.

For the catching contest I had prepared a small stick that would just do 20 m. in calm winds and was almost impossible to miss on a catch. Up sprang the wind and I couldn't get it to qualify on distance. A change of sticks saw my undoing after about five throws.

For "GENERAL COMPETITION" I used a new style stick. The one I was using was very good and the wind was just right, but this time it was a combination of poor throwing and too many dropped catches that put me into fifth place.

During the presentations I was in the unusual situation of not having to step forward to collect a trophy. I even left my bag open under the trophy table and still nothing fell my way.

The call now was for long distance throwers and I anxiously felt for the wind. Would the wind that blew and caused my undoing, now drop and again upset my chance of a trophy and a possible total world record. During practice in Queensland I had cracked 120 m., so I knew I had a chance if the wind was right.

"Who's first?" called Morris.

As the wind was right I stepped forward and with gusto said "I'll go first".

"Qualifying distance is 70 m.", they called.

On my sighter throw the conduit contingent had to move back 30 m.

Not every throw qualified, but the call from the far end for those that did qualify was 107 m. At the news of this the others in the contest called it quits. They returned to the throwing line only when told that there was a trophy for second place.

At this point in time I headed for a tap to remoisten my mouth, then came out to relax pleased in the thought that after five years I had at last proved to the B.A.A. that I did have the ability to do what was accredited to me by the G.B.R. thus adhering to the family adage "PUT UP, OR SHUT UP".

Then sweet success turned sour, and even caused me a little shame, and great frustration later in the night. This came about when I was told by experienced members who were in a position to see, that my qualifying throws went 10 - 15 m. further than the distance given to me. It appears that the distance measured was

measured where the throw crossed the conduit contingent line, and not the peak distance. This would have given me a total world record, and the B.A.A. ten times more publicity.

While accepting gracious hospitality of Les and Arthur, there were numerous calls from the media. Somebody had told them I had set a new world distance record, and they started out by congratulating me on getting the world record back for Australia. Their enthusiasm was noticeably dampened when they questioned me about the G.B.R. distance and I then had to explain to them that it was a B.A.A. competition world record and the G.B.R. record was not broken by me. This was still held by America, but was not thrown under competition rules.

Getting home was now my next challenge. After Les and Arthur dropped me at the railway station I rang the wife to let them know how I was. This call took all but one 20¢ piece. When I went to book my luggage in I was told "No trains till at least Tuesday night, mate".

Twenty cents was just enough to let my wife know that there were no trains and she could expect me when she sees me.

As my suitcase was very heavy, I thought I would book it through passengers luggage. I said to the railway man, "Can I book my case through to take a load off my hands as I have no idea how I am going to get back to Brisbane".

"No way", came the reply. "If you aren't travelling by train, you can't book passengers luggage."

I showed him my ticket but he said he had heard me say I was travelling some other way and I could not book my suitcase passengers luggage. He would only accept it when I said I would pay freight on it at Brisbane.

Back to the Garrison I went and one bright spot at last, the proprietor let me have credit so as I would have cash on hand for travel expenses.

Seven o'clock, Monday morning, I was on the road with a sign saying SYDNEY NO TRAINS, but it was no lifts either. Eight o'clock, Monday morning, I gave up and went into town to see a travel agent. At 8-15 a.m., T.A.A. opened. I asked if there were any seats available and how much to Brisbane. Plenty of seats at \$123.00, however, \$80.00 was all I had left. This was planned for present buying for the family when I was in Sydney.

"Can I get credit?", I asked.

"No way", was the reply.

I mentioned I had a \$53.00 rail ticket in my pocket if that was any good.

"Yes, go to the railway and cash it in".

At 8-30 a.m., at the railway, "No we can't cash that while members are in dispute. You can cash it at SYDNEY CENTRAL though".

Next I caught a taxi to the airport to catch the 9.00 a.m. T.A.A. flight. At 8.40 a.m.; two counters at the airport, one EAST WEST, one T.A.A. Fifteen people were lined up on EAST WEST and nobody behind the counter at T.A.A.

After waiting my turn as there was only one person behind EAST WEST counter, I said I wanted a ticket on the T.A.A. flight.

"The T.A.A. people have just gone back to town, you will have to go there for a ticket."

Out to a phone I went and rang T.A.A. The T.A.A. representative then kindly said "Oh, it's not a T.A.A. flight at 9.00 a.m., it's EAST WEST."

Back inside I went at 8.55 a.m. only to see a line of 20 people waiting. Back to town I went to the tourist centre to ask about other flights or buses. "All flights are booked out, but a coach that left at 8.00 a.m. from Melbourne is due in at 3.20 p.m. and may have a seat."

"How much?", I asked.

"\$83.60", they said.

My \$80.00 had shrunk by \$5.00 from taxis so again I was short. Then I remembered I had \$7.00 in my suitcase for my brother. Coupled with some change I paid the fare and had 18¢ left.

I now had to sweat it out till 3.20 p.m. to see if a seat was available. At 10.00 a.m. I went to the bank and withdrew enough for meals on the way home. I only took that much out, because that's all there was.

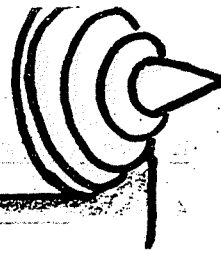
By 11.00 a.m. the penny dropped that 8.00 a.m. to 3.20 p.m. was a long time for a coach to come from Melbourne (unless it was a COBB & CO. with a hayburner up front). Back to the tourist centre to check the arrival time.

"Yes, it certainly arrives here at 3.20 p.m., but it left Melbourne at 10.30 a.m., not 8.00 a.m."

So, I still had to sweat it out.

At 3.20 p.m., LUCK at last was with me a seat was available and 27½ hours later and \$60.00 poorer, I was at last back HOME.

ANNUAL MEETING



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1981

Held at the Police and Citizens Boys Club, Albury, during the evening of Saturday the 7th March, 1981.

Vice President, Br. Brian Thomas welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Present were: T. Butz, G. Tunstall, M. Knight, A. Travis, P. Maxwell, D. Maxwell, S. Knight, J. Knight, C. Parkman, M. Maxwell, B. Thomas, G. Durrant, C. Henzgen, R. Haywood, A. Thompson, K. Ovington, A. Janetzki, L. Janetzki, R. Burwell, B. Forsyth, T. Williams, B. Read, C. Westall.
2. Apologies: President Jack Byham could not attend due to ill health but did make the effort to drive from Cobram earlier during the afternoon to convey his apologies. Other apologies were from: D. MacLennan, H. Read, R. Croll, R. Dobell, C. & R. Anderson, R. Sinclair.
3. Minutes of last AGM: Read and confirmed. Moved to accept. K. Ovington, Seconded G. Durrant - Carried.
4. Business arising from minutes:
 - (a) After some discussion regarding the altered date of this year's National function, it was decided that any alterations to future AGM decisions should not take place without the involvement of all members.
 - (b) Moved by C. Henzgen, that arrangements should be made for the postal classification of the Bulletin to become "Category B". Secretary reported that necessary arrangements were already underway.
 - (c) Br. Thomas reported on developments with a group of American throwers. The latest news being that a group paying their own way may be able to make a trip to Australia about mid-November this year.

As the group's time will be limited to about 10 days and definite confirmation would take some time, Br. Thomas recommended that any events involving the U.S./Australian groups should be scheduled independently of any existing competitions. Also, that one event should take place in each of the two major centres of population (Sydney and Melbourne) and that as Albury is en-route between the two, that a third event take place there.

Moved by K. Ovington, that a sub-committee be formed consisting of the five most senior Executive members to organise the proposed tour.
Seconded C. Henzgen - Carried.Moved by D. Maxwell, that the meeting recommend the tour to take place during the 3rd and 4th weeks of November.
Seconded B. Read - Carried.

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting 1981....cont'd.

4. Business arising from minutes:

- (d) Moved by M. Maxwell, that any challenge match function from another country be for some definite trophy and that this be called "Australia's Boomerang Cup".

Seconded C. Henzgen - Carried.

Moved by A. Thompson, that the Executive be responsible for making arrangements necessary to acquire a trophy suitable for the above.

Seconded T. Butz - Carried.

Moved by B. Forsyth, that any International contest to be based solely on the Australian General competition using B.A.A. basic competition rules.

Seconded T. Williams - Carried.

Moved by R. Haywood, that the "Boomerang Cup" never actually leaves Australia.

Seconded C. Henzgen - Carried.

5. Alterations to Constitution: According to section 8 of the Constitution, "Any proposed alteration of the Constitution shall be notified in writing to the Secretary at least 28 days prior to the AGM".

The only written proposal received was in the form of a note in the minutes of last year's meeting, which was; "To limit the tenure of office for all office bearers to a period of three years commencing 12/4/80 with the exception of the positions of Regional Supervisors."

Put forward for ratification at this meeting - Carried.

6. Election of Office Bearers: In accordance with section 4 (e) of the Constitution, all members of the Executive stand for re-election at each AGM. Also, according to section 4 (f), any nomination for a new exec member must be made in writing at least a month before the AGM.

Current Executive is:

President	Jack Byham
Vice Presidents	Br. Brian Thomas, Robert Schroeder
Treasurer	Ralph Sinclair
Secretary	Morris Maxwell
Membership Secretary	Robert Croll
Editor	Dennis Maxwell
Regional Supervisors	Barrie Forsyth, Bill Knight, Jeff Lewry, Duncan MacLennan, Ken Mazzarol.

Nominated for election at last year's meeting for ratification at this meeting, stands Bernard (Bunny) Read for the position of Vice President.

Approved by the Executive during the year for positions as Regional Supervisors, stand Tony Butz, Chris Henzgen and Bob Burwell.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 1981....cont'd.

6. Election of Office Bearers:
Cliff Anderson is nominated for the position of Treasurer, seconded by M. Maxwell; seconded R. Sinclair.

Alan Thompson is nominated for the position of Membership Secretary, by R. Croll; seconded M. Maxwell.

All nominations were accepted.

7. Treasurer's Report: On behalf of Ralph Sinclair, Dennis Maxwell spoke with reference to the circulated statement.

Ledger balance as at first of January 1980 was \$605:28.

Income for the year from subscriptions, sales, competitions and bank interest was \$689:76.

Expenses for the year included: stationery, boomerang stock, trophies, insurance, postage, publicity and sundries. These amounted to \$978:99.

Ledger balance as at first of January 1981 was \$316:05.

G. Durrant recorded a note of disapproval that actual value of stock in hand was not recorded.

Moved by D. Maxwell; seconded G. Tunstall, that the report be accepted - Carried.

8. Membership Fees: In accordance with the Constitution the Executive made its recommendation regarding subscriptions for ratification at this meeting.

Exec recommendation was that all fees keep their current value for the year February 1982 - February 1983.

Moved by K. Ovington that this be accepted.

Seconded C. Henzgen - Carried.

Alan Thompson suggested that Bulletin subscribers be given some sort of membership status. Approval of the meeting was given that he follow this up with an appropriate name for such membership.

GENERAL BUSINESS

9. Minimum notice for competitions:
Moved by M. Maxwell, that a By-Lay be introduced being No. 3, to be worded - "For a competitive function to have Championship status, the date and venue of same must be received in writing by the Secretary no later than 24 weeks before the said date and a note of same included in the following Bulletin or Bulletins as appropriate."

Seconded G. Durrant - Carried.

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting 1981....cont'd.

10. Recognition of records:

Moved by M. Maxwell, that a By-Law be introduced being No. 4, to be worded - "For any achievement to be recognised as an official record, it must occur during a Championship function and be witnessed by approved Judges as appropriate. And to become effective after 1/1/82.

Moved by Br. Thomas, that an official letter be sent to the Guinness Book of Records and Ben Ruhe of Washington, with reference to items 9 and 10 above.

Seconded A. Thompson - Carried.

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12. Agenda item included in Business arising.

13. Fixture of events for 1982:

Morris Maxwell recorded a request for all organisers to finalise dates and venues for 1982 events, before October of this year.

Moved by C. Henzgen, that the National function be held from now on, on the first weekend of April each year, or the second weekend if Easter occurs on the first.

Seconded M. Maxwell - Carried.

14. Coaching accreditation scheme:

Br. Thomas spoke on the possibility of registering members with appropriate experience as coaches, using an accreditation scheme used by some other sports.

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15. State level bodies of the Association.
Moved Tony Butz, that this AGM approves the establishing of a N.S.W. state association to be called the "Boomerang Throwing Association of N.S.W."
Seconded G. Durrant - Carried.

Moved C. Henzgen, that approval be given for similar bodies (to above) to be formed in all states when appropriate and practical.

Seconded A. Thompson - Carried.

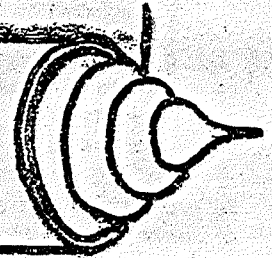
G. Durrant recorded a note that State bodies should send an appropriate notice to BAA Secretary at least 21 days prior to date of initial meeting.

Further General Discussion

- A sample of engraved name tags for approval.
- Possibility of a night-flying competition.
- Regional report by Barrie Forsyth.
- Production of future Bulletins and new Editor.

Meeting Closed

**NEXT ANNUAL MEETING -
3 RD. OF APRIL 1982. AT ALBURY**



Note from Secretary - For smoother running of next year's meeting, members are requested to submit any proposals or topics for discussion as soon as practical. If received soon enough, these could be included in Bulletins preceding the meeting and thus save a lot of discussion time at the meeting. Items not previously notified may be severely limited in meeting time allocation.

JANETZKI'S SECRET VICE REVEALED!!!

After this year's meeting, Br. Thomas ran some film taken at last year's local Albury competition. Highlights of this included the dynamic Ken Ovington in action, his son Michael collecting an arm-full of trophies, Chris Henzgen with his favourite Gundawarra boomerang before and after it hit the fence, Morris Maxwell's most accurate? return and many other amusing action shots.

However, a great revelation was made when filming Les Janetzki throwing an indoor model in his and Arthur's workshop. After the action shots, a sweep of the birthplace of all Janetzki masterpieces revealed that their boomerangs are not entirely hand made!

They use an engineers vice!!!



ARE YOU IN THE RED?

This year at the National Championships nearly everyone present paid their membership subscriptions up to the 1st of February, 1982. Thank you all for your support. Everyone who is a financial member should have received a member's card before this issue of the Bulletin.

Many of you have not had a chance to pay for this year's membership. So now I am asking everyone who did not get a member's card to send their membership fees by the 1st of May, 1981, please. This is the time limit laid down in sections 3(b) and 6(a) of the B.A.A. Constitution.

Advantages of membership are:

1. The right to vote at B.A.A. meetings.
2. The right to stand for election to the Executive of the B.A.A.
3. The right to enter B.A.A. organised championships and competitions on payment of the standard entrant's fee. Non-members may be required to either pay a higher amount or join up on the spot. You will need to show your member's card to enter any B.A.A. organised championship or competition after the 1st January, 1982.
4. Receipt of The Boomerang Bulletin for news of activities in Australia and overseas.
5. A member's card you can show proudly to relatives, friends and anyone interested in boomerangs.
6. One more name on our list of members. A longer list will help persuade government and private organisations that boomerang activities are worth supporting, promoting and sponsoring.

If you think you have paid for membership this year and did not receive a member's card, please get in touch with me via our Secretary, P.O. Box 245, Lilydale, Vic. 3140. I may possibly have overlooked your file card while preparing a better system of recording members subscriptions.

There are several kinds of membership:

Senior Member	\$5 per year. Open to anyone.
Junior Member	\$3 per year. Open to anyone under 16 years of age on 1st February that year.
Family Membership	\$7 per year for any number of people at the same address. (What a bargain!!)
Sustaining Member	\$20 minimum donation per year. Open to any member. The B.A.A. would appreciate this extra support. The fact that you are a sustaining member will be recorded on your members card and in Bulletins.
Life Member	\$100 once only payment. (Another bargain!!)
Honorary Life Member	This is an honour conferred by the B.A.A. No membership fees are charged.

There will be more new developments in membership over the next year, so watch this column. Right now, I'm looking forward to recording lots and lots of membership cards very soon.

Alan Thompson, Member Secretary B.A.A.



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VICE PRESIDENT, Bunny Read, Wycheproof Vic. (054) 937 612
TREASURER, Cliff Anderson, Melbourne
SECRETARY, Morris Maxwell, Melbourne (03) 739 1627
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, Alan Thompson, Melbourne

REGIONAL SUPERVISORS:- (in order of regional postcodes)

Duncan MacLennan (02) 357 1142	158 William Street, Kings Cross. NSW.	2011
Tony Butz (02) 95 4445	23 Alexander Avenue, Willoughby. NSW.	2068
Jeff Lewry (060) 20 3240	P.O. Bowna. NSW.	2644
Chris Henzgen (03) 383 4444	P.O. Box 2, Fairfield. Vic.	3078
Bill Knight (03) 277 1791	13 Yarrinup Avenue, Chadstone. Vic.	3148
Robert Burwell (07) 209 8433	12 Pintu Drive, Tanah Merah. Q'ld.	4128
Barrie Forsyth (086) 457 674	75 Norrie Avenue, Whyalla Norrie. S.A.	5608
Ken Mazzarol	52 Cleveland Street, Dianella. W.A.	6062

HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERS

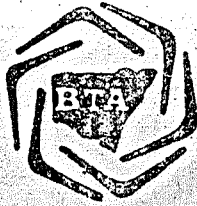
Messrs: R. A. & D. A. Scott, Engineers, of Mentone. Vic.
Mr. H. Neeson. Melbourne.

LIFE MEMBERS

Mr. Jack Byham, President.
Mr. Robert Croll, Organiser of the Waverley Boomerang Club.

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Bunny and Heather Read of Wycheproof Boomerangs, Vic.
Alan Thompson, Melbourne.



BOOMERANG-THROWING ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W.

ATTENTION N.S.W. MEMBERS

At this year's AGM in Albury, approval was given by members to establish the Boomerang-Throwing Association of N.S.W., mainly to enable NSW members to qualify for State Govt. grants (given annually to State Sporting Associations). Accordingly, our task now is to elect a NSW Association executive consisting of, at least, a president, secretary and treasurer. We are thus calling for nominations to fill these positions and request interested NSW members (who must be financial members of the BAA, and resident in NSW) to submit the relevant details, either on the form attached or on a copy of same. Candidates must be prepared to meet monthly.

Please ensure that nominations arrive at the address on the form by May 30th, 1981. No nominations will be received after this date. When all nominations have been received, a postal ballot will be conducted of NSW members to elect the NSW Association Executive.

We hope that the formation of the State Association will enable us to qualify for different grants to NSW members for 1982 and beyond, including financial assistance for travel to championship events. Your co-operation is sought to make ourselves a recognised State Sporting Association, as we hope it will also enable BAA members in Victoria and other states to follow suit once we have established the precedent with the NSW Govt.

Tony Butz

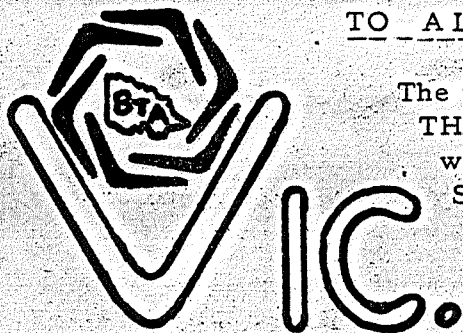
Acting Secretary
Boomerang-Throwing
Association of NSW

(P.S. Your comments on the above NSW symbol are also invited)

REGIONAL ROUNDUP

For future Bulletins, we would like to publicise what has been happening in each of the different Regions. Therefore:

- 1) Would ALL members please send details of any demonstrations, social functions, get-togethers, developments, contests or any other Boomerang news to your Regional Supervisor.
- 2) Would all Regional Supervisors please send in a report from this information and your own news to reach the Bulletin editor by the end of January, April, July and October, to ensure inclusion in the following months' Bulletins.



TO ALL GARDEN STATE MEMBERS:-

The inaugural meeting of the BOOMERANG THROWING ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA will be held at Flinders Park, opposite the Swan St. Bridge, Melbourne. On Sunday the 14th. of June 1981. Commencing at 2 pm.

If you have any suggestions for the meeting or would like to have a copy of the agenda beforehand, please contact Bill or Margaret Knight on 277-1791.

All interested people are also invited to attend a BYO (everything) barbeque to be held at the electric barbeques provided on the Yarra Bank over Swan St. Bridge and to the left, from the Park. The Barbeque will run from Noon till 2 pm.



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Chris Henzgen, P.O. Box 2, Fairfield, Vic. 3078.



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To the Secretary:-

I, _____ (Please print)
(Mr. Mrs. Miss) (Given name/s) (Surname)

of, _____ (Please print address)

_____ (Post code)

Telephone No. A.H. _____ B.H. _____

Occupation _____

(If student, name of school etc. please)

Date of birth ___/___/19___ (If under 16 years of age)

hereby apply for Senior/ Junior/ Family membership to the Boomerang Association of Australia, and enclose my annual fee of

\$ _____

Signed _____ Date ___/___/19___

Note: See page 22 for explanation of membership grades.

If applying for Family membership please attach list of all names.

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