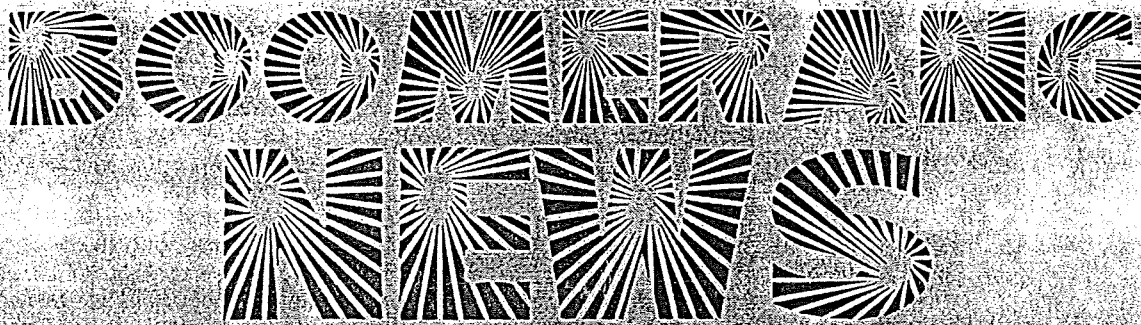


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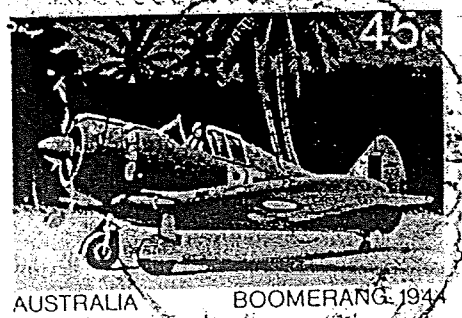
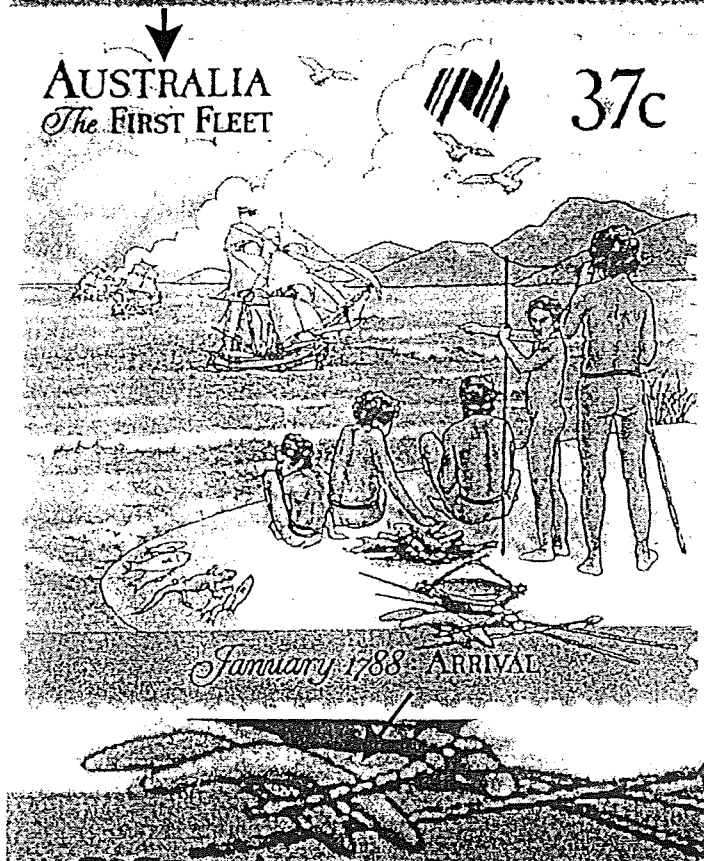


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AUSTRALIAN BOOMERANG STAMPS !!!



Three Australian Stamps with a Boomerang Theme: The First Fleet; Boomerang Trainer Plane (above); Australian Jaycees (below)

50th ANNIVERSARY OF AUSTRALIAN JAYCEES 1983



A Message From Our President

As President of the BAA it concerns me that our sport seems to be gaining more media exposure, has the current World Champion in Rob Croll and yet **IS LOSING MEMBERS RAPIDLY.**

A few members, like David Schummy, Br. Brian Thomas, Gunter Wandtke, Ian Sproul and Dean Hopton, are doing their best to remedy the problems, but they need much more support from the rank and file throwers. Your attendance at gatherings is so vital, plus encouraging.

Brian will be hosting the Nationals at Albury and the Executive has agreed to increase the fees for this tournament to help the BAA stay afloat financially. Following the overseas custom there will be a boomerang auction (see if you have anything to offer) and the funds will also go to the BAA. A night show on Saturday evening is another possible way of raising funds.

Rob Croll has confirmed that the year 2000 World Cup will be held in Melbourne at the Latrobe University in Bundoora. Dates are nearly finalised and we wish Rob and his helpers all the best in this mountainous task of organising this tournament.

N.S.W. throwers recently did a night throw for the National Softball Championships at the Homebush stadium - home of the 2000 Olympics - we hope there are many more boomerangs thrown at this venue prior to and during the Olympics.

A past President of the BAA, Peter Byham, has had a stretch in hospital with pneumonia. I can certainly sympathise with Peter as I also had a stretch on my back with the same dreaded infection. We are glad to see Peter up and about again.

More and more JUNK boomerangs continue to flood the market here. We will be approaching the ABC television show THE INVESTIGATORS who have shown more than a passing interest in this field.

We have a big problem with makers who are promising fellow makers boomerangs, but are not delivering the goods. It is worse when you have paid for something that doesn't arrive..a thrower friend of mine is 2 years overdue!! Naming such people is a last resort we hope we don't have to use. Be fair dinkum, a man of your word.

I wish everyone a wonderful 1998. I hope that our membership numbers increase and that we see some old faces back on the scene as well as new comers to our wonderful sport. I look forward to meeting everybody at the nationals in Albury. **Chou. Bruce Carter.**

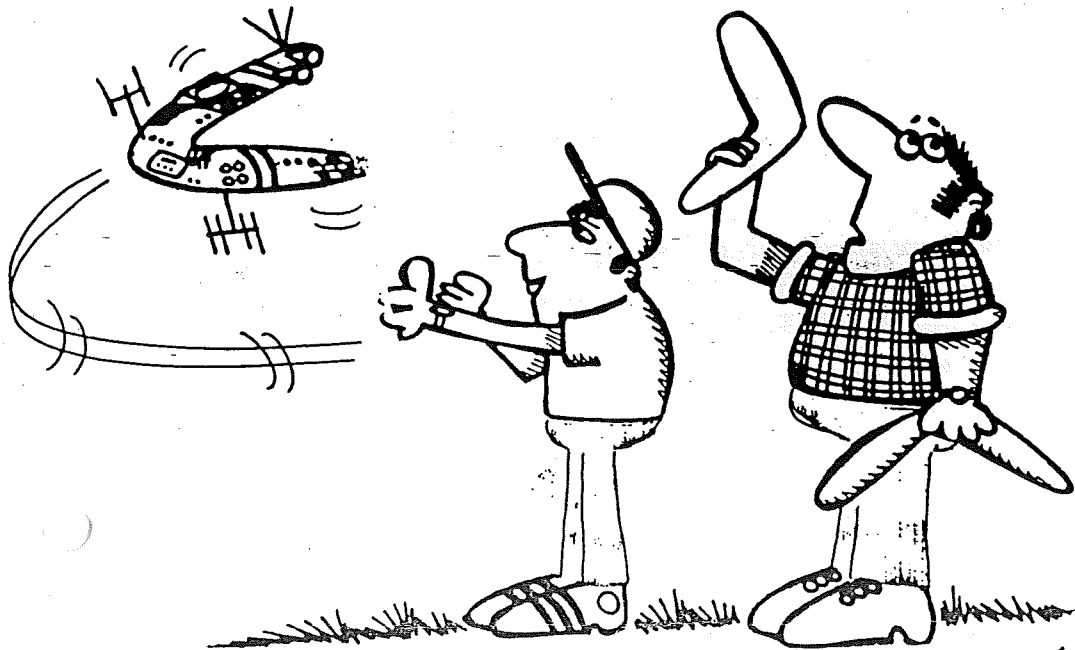
1998 World Cup Championships in USA

The BAA is happy to announce that 2 teams will be competing at these Championships.

Team 1: *David Schummy, Rob Croll, Bruce Carter & John Wilson* at the time of printing. *Bob Burwell, Adam Carroll and Ian Sproul* are all possibilities of being added to this team. A Captain will be announced at the Nationals.

Team 2: *Kevin Moran (Capt), Nick Gottschalk, Craig Carter, Trent Carter, Miles Jorgensen.* Congratulations to all selected. The Carter boys have been showing great MTA form recently with flights up to 55 secs!

Marek Waszkiewicz is discussing the possibility of a North Queensland team also competing. He has five throwers, so depending on finances we might see a Junior team competing. As time is running late, it will depend on the World Cup organisers. We do congratulate Marek for his continued efforts promoting boomerang throwing in the northern parts of Queensland.



"TALK ABOUT HIGH TECHNOLOGY—FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN
BOOMERANGS WITH BUILT-IN COMPUTERS, CALCULATORS
AND COLOUR TV."

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COMING EVENTS

1st March 1998 .. Central Coast Championships at St.Edward's, East Gosford, at 10 a.m. Contact: Br.Thomas 02 9369 0675

29th March 1998 .. Eastern Suburbs Championships at Queens Park,Waverley, at 10 a.m.. Sponsored by *Walter Carter Pty.Ltd.* Contact: Br.Thomas.

26th April 1998 .. Q'ld Regional Meeting throw at 8 Mile Plain, Brisbane, at 8.30 a.m. Contact: Dean Hopton or David Schummy.

2nd & 3rd May 1998 .. 28th Australian National Championships at Xavier High, Fallon St., North Albury. (Program in Bulletin). Contact: Br.Thomas. Sponsored by *Lester & Son.*

7th June 1998 .. Oxley Creek Competition, Brisbane. Contact: Dean Hopton.

September 1998 .. Blacktown Championships at Blacktown Showgrounds at 10 a.m. Sponsor: *Blacktown Council.* Contact: Peter Lewry , 12 Burke St.,Blacktown 2148. Ph:(02) 9622 2927.

15th November 1998 .. 10th Blue Mts.Championships at "Winbourne", Mulgoa Rd., Mulgoa, at 10 a.m. Contact: Br.Thomas.

9th BLUE MOUNTAINS BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at "Winbourne", Mulgoa, on Sunday, 9th November 1997.

This was one of those *magical days* you wait years for..a calm day with a nice cloudy cover overhead! It made it so pleasant for everyone, especially our five newcomers in the Seniors. Two of them are overseas visitors doing courses in English: *Roman Slezak* from Slovakia, and *Masahiro Suzuka* from Japan.

Despite the fact that some of our regular throwers chose not to turn up, we still had a magnificent field of 16 Senior throwers and 10 enthusiastic Juniors, plus quite a few keen spectators. We even had the current World Champion himself (*Rob Croll*) fly up from Melbourne for the occasion. I think he must have been chasing 'brownie points' for the *World Ranking list on the Internet*. The trip was certainly worthwhile, since Rob performed at his very best for us to win three of the competitions. Having a very strong thrower there does lift the efforts of others and brings them on. Rob did seem to have the Same Boomerang comp wrapped up too, when he posted a marvellous 55 to steal the lead from *Gunter Wandtke*, but last thrower up, *Peter Lewry*, showed what could be really done with a *Conrad Stacey Ambidexter*, when he pounded in a dominating and *brilliant 63*. The boomerang was just making 30 m for many throwers.

Mention must be made of the great throwing done by our newcomers. *Jim Thompson* won an Arthur Janetzki medal using a standard Dave Martin rang. Jim's a powerful thrower and should turn in some good MTA times in the future. AJ (Paul Croft in real life) tied with Br.Thomas in Aussie Round on 58 and just lost the throw off. Peter Holmes, just into the Seniors from the Juniors, took out 2nd place in MTA with a great 30.98 secs throw. His throwing of the Ambidexter was also very impressive.

The Juniors was a three way battle between the *Pattersons*, the *Lewrys* and the *Blue Mountain Boys*. It was a case of victory to the **Lewrys!!** Both girls threw themselves into the record books with their scores. They have recorded the highest scores in Australia by Women Under 18. In the *Accuracy Sally* slew them with 30 points (she's a leftie, like Peter). Blue Mts *Scott Raymond* came second with 29, and then followed Sally's sister, *Kellie*, with 19. Sally also won *Nearest the Pin*. In *Aussie Round* the sisters reversed their placings: this time *Kellie* threw 33 for 1st, *Tim Lendrum* 20 for 2nd, and *Sally* 18 for 3rd. This made *Kellie Lewry* the first winner of the new *Perpetual Trophy* donated by **Springwood Holden**. This was presented by the General Manager, *Jim Lendrum*. They have also donated prizes for the first three places in this event for the next 10 years! A big round of applause and thanks to them for helping to

foster junior boomerang throwing in Australia. Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap!!! The **2 minute Endurance** proved a comprehensive victory for the Blue Mountains boys and their coach, *Tony Butz*. *Michael Lendrum* dominated with 11 catches in the time (and no drops!), while second place went to his brother, *Tim*, with 7 catches, and third to *Adam Cavill* with 5 catches. Well done, boys! The hopes of Australian throwing rests with people like you. Stick at it and you could be throwing in the *World Cup* in the near future.

Thanks again to the *Christian Brothers* at Mulgoa for the use of their very beautiful property. Throwers love going there just for the setting. Thanks also to *Peter Lewry* who spent many hours and money in developing a great marking machine. Life should get easier for us now! Thanks also to *Ray Bottrell* for his donation towards the engravings.

At this competition all Seniors received a classy grey T-shirt with *The Sport of Boomerangs* on the left pocket area. It is hoped they will wear these around to promote the idea of the sport.

I do hope *everyone available* makes a big effort to be at the **10th Championships** on November 15th, 1998,.... keep it free!!

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Accuracy</i> | <i>Aussie Rd</i> | <i>Same Boom</i> | <i>MTA</i> | <i>Team</i> |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|
| Eddie Siladi | e23/12th | 36/8th | DNC | DNC | 15/5th |
| Martina Lipsky | 23/e12th | 30/10th | 8/13th | 5.00/10th | 7.1st* ## |
| Roman Slezak | 6/15th | 13/16th | 15/11th | DNC | 9/2nd ## |
| Masahiro Suzuka | 26/e8th | 18/15th | 3/14th | DNC | 15/5th ## |
| Gunter Wandtke | 32/5th | 59/2nd | 50/3rd | 26.34/3rd | 7/1st* |
| Ken Arthur | 2/16th | 26/e11th | 19/9th | 0/e11th | 14/4th |
| Jim Thompson | 35/4th | 42/7th | 12/12th | 14.29/8th | 10/3rd ## |
| Peter Lewry | 24/11th | 33/9th | 63/1st* | 17.07/6th | 7/1st* |
| Rob Croll | 39/1st* | 68/1st* | 55/2nd | 37.17/1st* | 9/2nd |
| Tony Butz | 36**/3rd | 24/13th | 28/7th | 13.93/7th | 10/3rd |
| Br.Brian Thomas | 36**/2nd | 58**/3rd | 37/4th | DNC | 14/4th |
| Shirley Lewry | 7/14th | 22/14th | 2/15th | 0/e11th | 14/4th |
| Peter Holmes | 28/7th | 26/11th | 32/5th | 30.98/2nd | 15/5th |
| AJ Paul Croft | 26/e8th | 58**/4th | 18/10th | 18.84/5th | 9/2nd ## |
| Terry Patterson | 29/6th | 50/5th | 30/6th | 18.78/5th | 15/5th |
| Margaret Patterson | 26/e8th | 47/6th | 24/8th | 0/e11th | 10/3rd |

Nearest the Pin: Peter Lewry 230 mm.

Ladies Champion: Margaret Patterson.

Arthur Janetzki Medals for 10 throw: Margaret Patterson, Terry Patterson, Peter Lewry, Jim Thompson, Gunter Wandtke, Rob Croll, Br.Brian Thomas.

Blue Mountains Junior Results

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| Name | Accuracy | Aussie Round | 2 min Endurance |
|-----------------|----------|--------------|-----------------|
| Wayne Patterson | 6/e8th | 12/6th | 5/4th |
| Scott Raymond | 29/2nd | 14/4th | 4.5/5th |
| Peter Lendrum | 14/5th | 5/9th | 4/6th |
| Michael Lendrum | 16/4th | 9/7th | 11/1st* |
| Megan Patterson | 10/6th | 13/5th | 0/e8th |
| Sally Lewry | 30/1st* | 18/3rd | 0/e8th |
| Mark Patterson | 6/e8th | 0/10th | 0/e8th |
| Kellie Lewry | 19/3rd | 33/1st* | 1/7th |
| Adam Cavill | 4/9th | 6/8th | 5/3rd |
| Tim Lendrum | 7/7th | 20/2nd | 7/2nd |

Nearest the Pin: Sally Lewry.

Junior Champion: Kellie Lewry.

Girls' Champion: Kellie Lewry.



- I said "NO TEST SHOTS !!!"

1998 Seamist Victorian Boomerang Championships

This was another not-so-good throwing day with the wind stopping, gusting and then changing direction! Good scores were not a possibility. Only three events could be held due to commitments to the sponsor to involve beginners in some team events.

Among the highlights was * *Richard Barras* finishing 3rd, his best results for years. * *Andrew Stephens*, celebrating his 13th birthday, finishing 4th in the Senior section (and only half a point behind Craig in the Juniors)..this was his first comp too. *although the two ladies finished close, *Janet Barras* remains undefeated for three years now!

Results

FAST CATCH. 1. Rob Croll 43.46 sec. 2. Miles Jorgensen 48.05 sec.
3. Bruce Carter 49.78 sec.

AUSTRALIAN ROUND. (awful conditions!) 1. Rob Croll 31. 2. Richard Barras 30. 3. Bruce Carter 29. 4. Craig Carter 28. 5. Stev. Dick 26.
6. Janet Barras & Kelvin Stephens 21.

ACCURACY. 1. Richard Barras 22. 2. Andrew Stephens 20. 3. Rob Croll 17. 4. Bruce Carter 15. 5. Kay Carter 12. 6. Stephen Dick & Janet Barras 8.

MTA and Trick Catching were cancelled and a Consecutive Catch was conducted for the ladies and juniors. *Janet Barras* and *Trent Carter* won these.

Over-all Results: 1. Rob Croll 34. 2. Bruce Carter 29. 3. Richard Barras 26. 4. Andrew Stephens 22.5. 5. Craig Carter 22. 6. Steve Dick 21. 7. Miles Jorgensen & Kelvin Stephens 14. 9. Trent Carter 13.5. 10. Janet Barras 12. 11. Kay Carter 11. 12. Tony Eager 10.

Ladies: Janet Barras 5, Kay Carter 4.

Juniors: Craig Carter 12, Andrew Stephens 11.5, Trent Carter 10.5, Tony Eager 6.

Best novice thrower: Andrew Stephens.

In the afternoon fun team events were held. This was Brian Kemp's big come-back after several years in Singapore.

At the conclusion of the tournament the V.T.B.A. had their annual general meeting. President: Rob Croll. Secretary: Bruce Carter. Treasurer: Sadir Kattan. Publicity Officer: Richard Barras. In charge of line marking and child minder: Brian Kemp!

A NIGHT AT THE CIRCUS

WITHOUT THE MARX BROS!

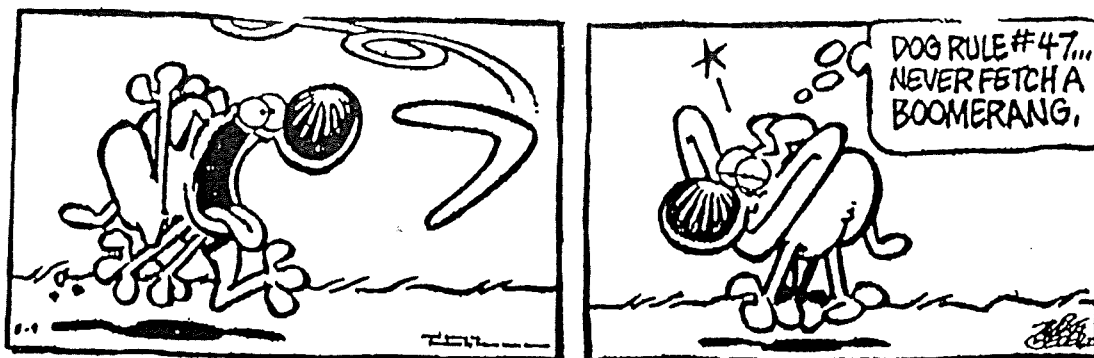
On January 22nd I attended my first circus in 50 years, when some of us went to see the Sunrise Circus in Forster. This is a small group of six performing adults and two children. The only animal used is a horse ridden by one of the performers.

It is a circus built on human skill. Mark Williams, one of the team, does a one hand hand-stand and then proceeds to play "Hello Dolly" on his trumpet with the other hand, while he is upside down! He is also able to do marvellous juggling acts. One is juggling table tennis balls with his mouth. He shoots them twenty feet in the air catching them in his mouth and spitting them upwards again.

The second act of the night was a clown, who charged into the arena and proceeded to throw a boomerang around the tent (being a small big-top he also had to throw it around a few of the supporting poles). He then threw two boomerangs and caught both (these were v-shaped rangs). Then he threw three cross-bladers after each other and caught all three. Finally he threw a couple of rangs, caught the first and then caught the last (a six-blader) on his hat rim...quite impressive.

At half-time I was able to track down the performing clown and have a talk to him. He is Gary Brophy, who was taught to throw six years ago by Roger Perry. His boomerang designs are from Roger. His boomerangs are made of three-ply, and he told me he has broken a few on the poles. The size of the big-top they use depends on the area available to them. This was the small one. He says that in the big one throwing is much easier and he can do five consecutive cross-bladers with catches. Gary mentioned that catching the boomerangs in

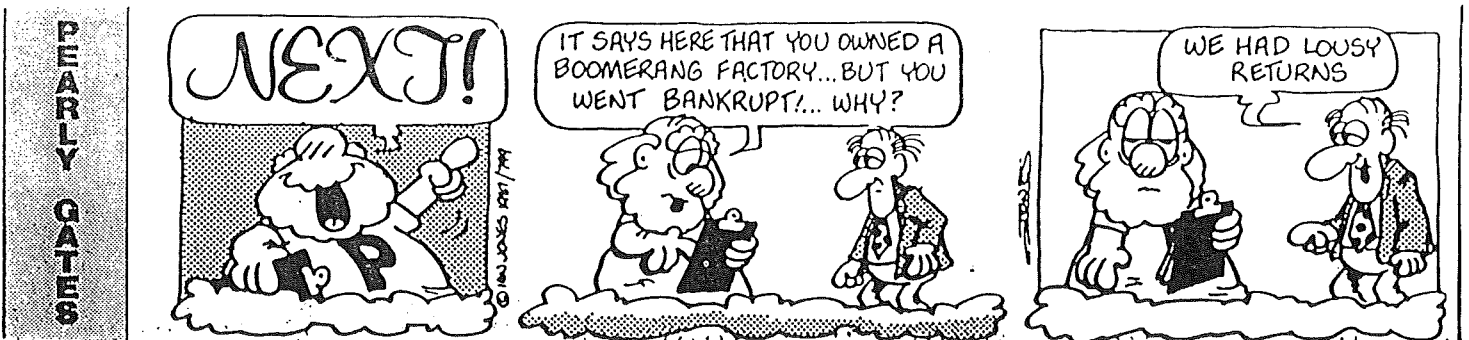
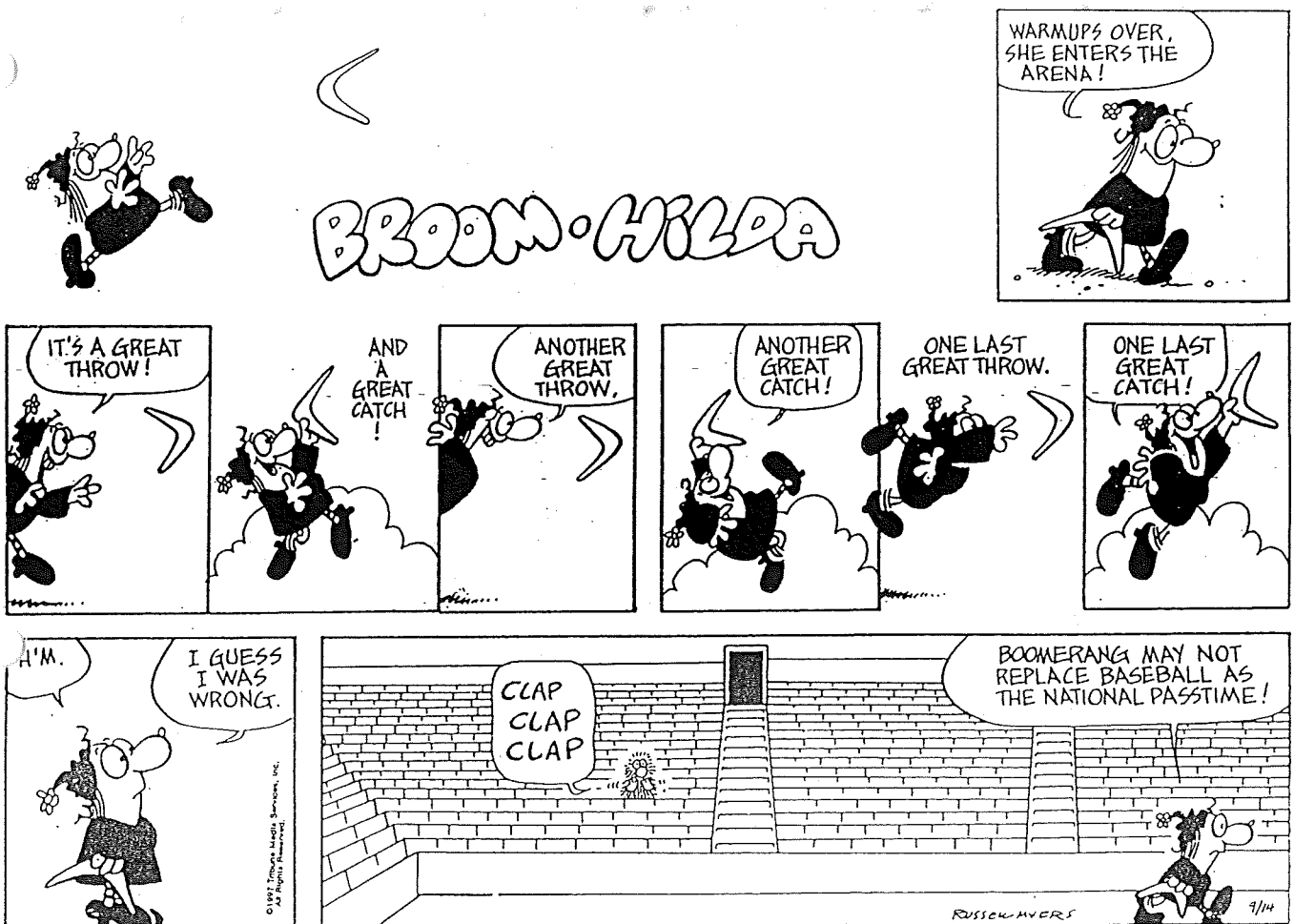
MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



clown shoes can be very difficult at times. He said he used to wear an outfit he could pull apart and then throw away, one by one, and have each piece come back. I did ask if I could see his rangs, but professional care didn't allow it. He had shown them to a young chap once and he proceeded to set himself up in the same game, so Gary is being very careful now.

The Circus, although small, is very professional, and is now off doing a tour of Japan. I hope some of our Japanese throwers get to see him. They are a great advertisement for Australia. If they ever come your way, make sure you go and see them.

Br. Brian M. Thomas, *Australian National Boomerang Coach. 1998.*



THE ESSENTIAL BOOMBAG ACCESSORY SELECTION

Sunglasses

It does not matter where the wind is, you can guarantee the sun will be in your eyes at the catch (even when it is cloudy!)

Sun Tan Lotion

Should we be so lucky to be out booming on a sunny day - protects your skin.

WDI - Wind Direction Indicator

Or Windicator - usually a stick with a ribbon attached (cassette tape is good). In strong winds the stick blows over giving a clear pointer for throw direction.

Electricians Tape

To assist in the addition of weights or wind flaps, or to hold a broken boom together.

Carpet Tape

Double-sided for instant boom weighting - small coins are a very useful stock item.

Carpet Tape

For that extra grip when throwing wet booms or with sweaty hands.

Scissors

For cleanly cutting the above tapes.

Rasp / Knife

For on-field adjustments.

Pen & A3 Paper

For copying the best boom shapes.

Deep Heat / Ibugel / Tubigrip

For that pulled muscle or aching arm.

Stop Watch

To time your extraordinary MTA flights.

BBS Membership Forms

To give to interested spectators.

Unbreakable Basic Boomerang

To let other people try!

A 'Clunker' Boomerang

A rang which looks more like a log than a boomerang, but behaves more like a boomerang than a log in really windy conditions.

Elastoplasts

Enough said!

Instant Rang Repair Kit

Bicarbonate of soda, superglue and the strike side of a box of matches to repair chunks out of boomerangs.

Bar Towel

To dry wet booms.

JAY BUTTERS

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BOOMERANG BEGINNINGS - DAVID WEISS

"How did you get started?" I've had this question put to me more times than I can remember, usually by people who have been watching me throwing in one of London's many parks. I suppose that most of us have similar experiences - first you become aware of being watched, then being cautiously approached, then getting involved in explanations of what a boomerang is, that it's *not* a weapon, not exclusively Australian, etc, etc. Sooner or later comes "How long have you been throwing boomerangs?" and "How did you start?"

Well, I came to boomerangs in a slightly odd way. I spent most of my working life in a government research laboratory, small enough to exist largely unnoticed on the lower floors of our headquarter building just off Whitehall in the centre of London. Our work was principally freshwater fisheries research, and we made most of our own apparatus 'in-house'. This included various wooden structures that were used underwater, so we had stocks of marine ply, usually between ¼ and ½ inch thickness. Come one day in the early 1960s when I had cut up one of the 8x4 foot sheets and noticed that there was a small L-shaped piece left over, perhaps 6x4 inches, the shorter arm much wider than the other. It came into my mind to try to make this piece of wood into a boomerang, and here is the odd thing. Just why I did this is a complete

mystery to me. I had never knowingly seen a boomerang, no one asked me to make a boomerang, I had no idea how to make a boomerang, or that there was anywhere I could get such information. I really have absolutely no idea why I did what I did!

I persevered for quite a long time with that original lop-sided piece of marine ply, gradually turning it into a flying object by carving deep airfoils and reducing its weight by hollowing out the underside. It never actually came back to me but it certainly flew, in a S-shaped orbit which always finished about 20 yards to my left. I had quite a lot of fun (and exercise) with my 'boomerang' until it eventually flew to its final resting place high up in a tree in Richmond Park. I went back several times for rescue attempts, throwing sticks, stones (and other missiles I'd better not mention) but no luck. On another visit months later it had gone, with all the other debris it had joined in the natural

trap formed by the branches, presumably all blown away in a winter storm. I was very sad; but I had been caught by the boomerang magic and over the next few years I made more boomerangs, nearly all from thick ply. These looked more like traditional boomerangs and came back fairly well, though the

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idea of catching them never entered my head - these were *heavy*! Some of them broke when they hit trees, and I had a few nasty moments when one accidentally flew just over the heads of some people strolling in Kensington Gardens. Fortunately they never noticed; perhaps they thought it was just another low-flying pigeon. None of these boomerangs went very far, perhaps about 30 yards. I had the idea that I would only get increased distance by increasing the size and weight (quite wrong, as we all know, don't we?) I also got quite good at tree-climbing, to retrieve boomerangs grabbed by the various tree-gods. Oak trees seem to hold on to boomerangs more tenaciously than any other tree - I soon learned to keep well away from them!

One of my final productions of this phase was a hefty boomerang made of two pieces of ¼ inch ply, glued together so that the grain ran in four directions instead of two, to give increased strength. In order to achieve this the wings had a very obtuse angle, 135° degrees. The wings had equal width of 2½ inches and it measured about 28½ inches tip-to-tip, weight about ¾ pound. Amazingly, this hunk of timber actually flew, and returned near enough to me to give cause for alarm. Catching this one would take more courage than I have ever been prepared to offer, although it would often achieve a surprisingly good

hover. But it didn't go much farther than the others, and throwing it needed a shoulder-wrenching heave. Not really a success.

I might not have got much farther than this on my own. The turning point came quite unexpectedly. One Saturday morning, some years after I had started, I was in bed with a bad cold, casually listening to a local radio station. Suddenly, among some other items on things to do, was an announcement about a boomerang workshop that morning, at the Horniman Museum in south London. I could hardly believe it! My pulse rate shot up and I leapt out of bed and rushed across London to the Museum. The workshop was fully booked but I waited outside and eventually spoke to John Wray, who was running the event, and Dr. Elizabeth Goodhew, who organised such events for the Museum as part of her duties. Contact had been made and I became a regular attendee at the Horniman boomerang workshops, first as a learner and later to help instruct others. At last I had access to information and advice on boomerangs. My first book was Herb Smith's 'Boomerangs; Making and Throwing Them' (1975), now long out of print. I wonder how many others started by acquiring this excellent little primer? Quite a lot, I guess. My boomerangs started to become lighter and go further. Eventually I

even got round to the idea of catching, although I have never been really confident.

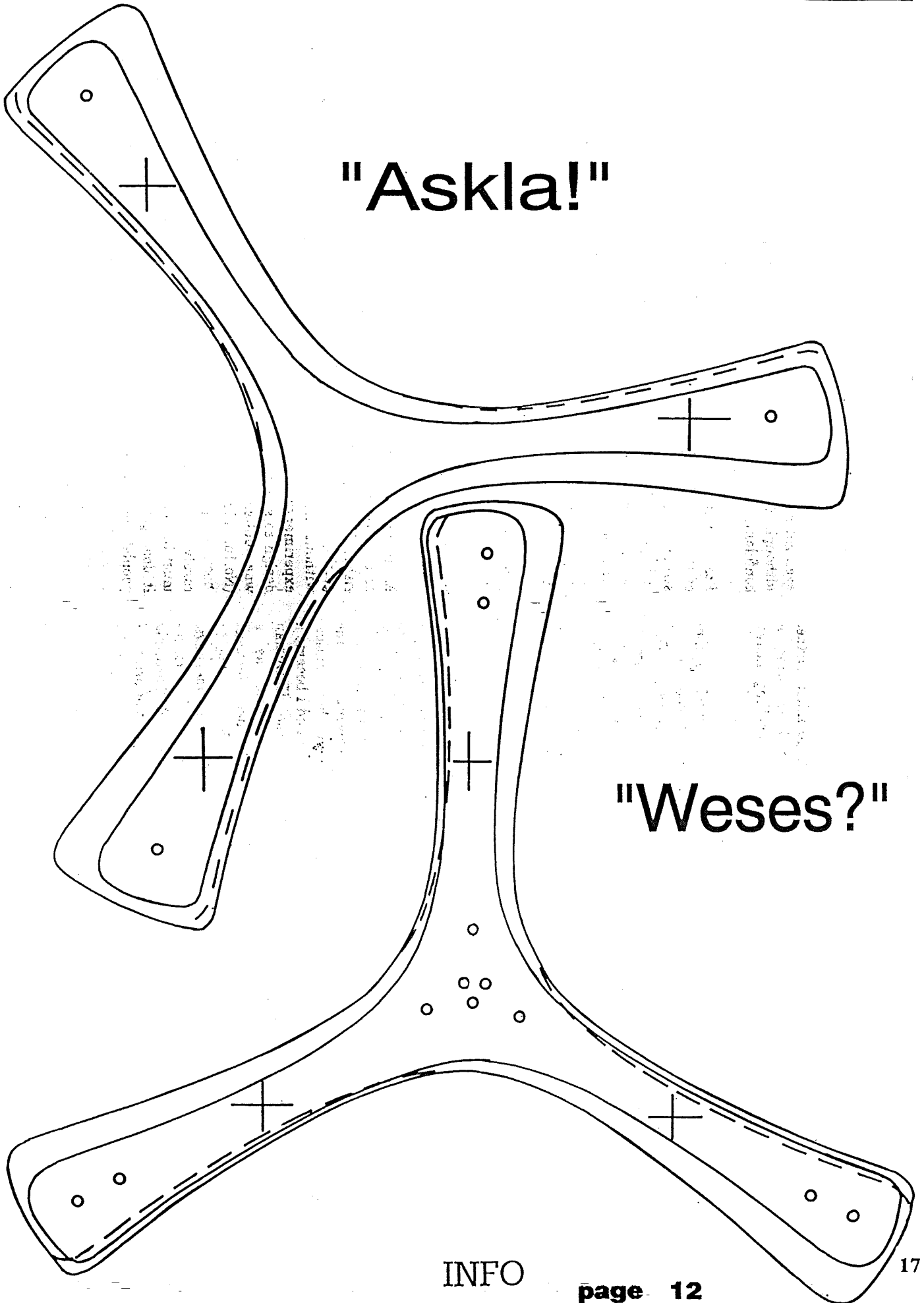
I took my flying ¾lb of ply along to one of the early Horniman meetings but, strangely, no one wanted to throw it. It happened to be one of the occasions when Herb Smith came up from Littlehampton and he was interested to see it, guessing as did most people that it was a throw-stick, not intended to return. After handling it briefly he politely declined an offer to throw it, as he didn't want to risk an injury to his throwing arm. Wise man. (I still have it, so perhaps I'll take it along to a BBS meeting and offer a prize to anyone who throws and catches it!)

My tree-climbing activities had become so time wasting (and sometimes quite risky) that I set about finding a way of getting boomerangs out of trees without leaving the ground. My experiments eventually resulted in a design so successful that a description was published in the BBS Newsletter (No.15, 1983). I always keep my 'boomerang retriever' in the car but rarely have to use it now - I suppose I must have got better at avoiding trees; it does get used sometimes for other people's boomerangs and it's always very satisfying to drop the line over the right branch and bounce it until the boomerang jumps out. The gadget also has other uses - I've used it to shake down fruit and to prune

inaccessible branches on trees in a neighbour's garden.

Some 35 years on and I'm still making and throwing boomerangs. Recently I've been experimenting with polycarbonate ("Lexan", "Makrolon", etc). This material is tremendously tough so I don't have to worry about breakages. I've also started a making throw-stick from 6mm Lexan; haven't got the design right yet but I'll persevere. I had a real Australian throw-stick on loan some 30 years ago and still have a vivid memory of its flight - long, straight and perfectly level with the ground all the way, so I know what can be achieved. Alas, I probably could have bought it, but didn't, so it went back to its owner who wasn't much interested in it. Up to now I have never managed to make a throw-stick that flies anywhere near as well, but I'll keep trying. I take breaks from my throwing activities from time to time (mostly in the winter months, for obvious reasons) but (if I may be allowed a little word-play), I always return to the boomerangs, and I'm hooked by the throw-sticks! Perhaps there really is some magic about them?

DAVID WEISS



BOOMERANGS BLAZE OVER HOMEBUSH SPORTS CENTRE

On Saturday 10th January under darkened lights at the Homebush State Sports Centre, to the sounds of didgeridoos and clapping sticks, members of the NSW Boomerang Throwing Association gave a dazzling display of night throwing to a crowd in excess of 1000 people.

BTA members were invited by Blacktown Municipal Council to perform in the finale of the National Fast Pitch Softball Championships.

The closing ceremony included a colourful segment of gymnastic dancers, a brass band and an Australian indigenous people's dance and music group.

Brian Thomas, Ray Freebody, Ken Arthur, Peter Lewry and Eddie Siladi showed lots of ingenuity with illuminating boomerangs using sparklers, electronic lights and fluorescent inserts. Our thanks to Bruce Carter for the loan of his electronic boomerangs assisting us greatly with design work.

Our teams illuminated display was only eclipsed by a fantastic fireworks display.

If the opportunity arises in the future and further demos are required, we would like to see more members attend to give a better display and take some of the pressure off keeping heaps of boomerangs in the air by a handful of guys.

Eddie Siladi

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1998 NSW STATE BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS

held at Oxford Falls on Sunday, 1st Feb.1998

On a hot sunny day 25 contestants (and a good number of spectators!) turned up for a long day's battle which began at 10 a.m. in mild conditions and then moved on to windy weather by lunch time, very strong during Aussie Round, MTA and Same Boomerang, but simmered down for the Juniors' Endurance at the end of the day at 5 p.m.

Some throwers turned in their best throwing results so far in competition. *Terry Patterson, Tony Butz, Shirley Lewry, Br.Ray Arthur* (on a flying trip from New Guinea for *Ken's 50th wedding anniversary*) and Junior *Adam Cavill* would all have been very pleased with their efforts. While *Kellie Lewry*, in her first comp in the Senior's rank, did not bring off any big scores she threw beautifully and was just beaten by the wind and experience.

An international flavour was given by the presence of Indonesian *Mirna Admodjo* and Japanese *Yusuke Hayamizu* taking part in this truly Aussie sport.

Thanks again to *St.Pius X, Chatswood*, for the use of their lovely grounds, and the help of the groundsman, *John Spencer* (who learnt to throw!). A very big thanks to *Inze Bont* of BONT SKATES for again SPONSORING OUR STATE TITLES. Thanks also to *Betty Easton* for all the book work she did during the competition.

Finally congratulations again to *Gunter Wandtke* on his fine all-round throwing and taking out the 1998 NSW Over-all title.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Accuracy</u> | <u>Fast Catch</u> | <u>Aussie Rd</u> | <u>Same Bm</u> | <u>MTA</u> | <u>Over-all</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Kelth Andersen | 36 / 3rd | 4 cts / 5th | 4 / e12th | 2 / 12th | DNC | 46 / 9th |
| Eddie Siladi | 30 / 5th | 3 cts / 6th | 6 / 11th | DNC | DNC | 51 / 11th |
| Mirna Admodjo | 6 / 16th | DNC | 4 / e12th | DNC | DNC | 74 / 16th |
| Gunter Wandtke | 32 / 4th | 39.00 / 1st | 21 / 4th | 21 / 3rd | 23.16 / 1st | 13 / 1st |
| Yusuke Hayamizu | 21 / e8th | 0 cts / e13th | 0 / e14th | 4 / 11th | DNC | 62.5 / 14th |
| Br.Brian Thomas | 39 / 1st | 42.15 / 2nd | 8 / e8th | 35 / 1st | 0 / e6th | 21 / 3rd |
| Terry Patterson | 39 / 2nd | 53.21 / 4th | 37 / 1st | 9 / 8th | 14.95 / 2nd | 25 / 4th |
| Margaret Patterson | 11 / 15th | 2 cts / 11th | 35 / 2nd | 0 / 13th | 0 / e6th | 49 / 10th |
| Paul Croft (AJ) | 16 / e13th | 1 ct / 12th | 0 / e14th | 5 / 9th | 10.67 / 5th | 55.5 / 12th |
| Tony Butz | 21 / e8th | 47.12 / 3rd | 26 / 3rd | 24 / 2nd | 12.48 / 3rd | 19.5 / 2nd |
| Ken Arthur (76 yrs.) | 20 / e10th | 2 cts / 10th | 12 / 6th | 18 / e4th | DNC | 44.5 / 8th |
| Br.Ray Arthur | 19 / 12th | 3 cts / e8th | 8 / e8th | 18 / e4th | 0 / e6th | 40.5 / e6th |
| Inze Bont (Sponsor) | 20 / e10th | DNC | 7 / 10th | DNC | DNC | 64.5 / 15th |
| Peter Lewry | 24 / 7th | 3cts / 7th | 14 / 5th | 18 / e4th | 11.70 / 4th | 28 / 5th |
| Shirley Lewry | 25 / 6th | 0 cts / e13th | 9 / 7th | 11 / 7th | 0 / e6th | 40.5 / e6th |
| Kellie Lewry (16) | 16 / e13th | 3 cts / e8th | 0 / e14th | 2 / 10th | 0 / e6th | 56 / 13th |

Fred Hollows Perpetual Trophy (Aussie Round): Terry Patterson
 Nearest the Pin: Br.Ray Arthur 440 mm. Janetzki Perpetual Trophy winner.
 Ladies' Champion (Over-all): Shirley Lewry

1998 NSW Champions: Aussie Round: Terry Patterson
 Accuracy: Br.Brian Thomas
 Fast Catch: Gunter Wandtke
 Same Boomerang: Br.Brian Thomas
 MTA: Gunter Wandtke

Over-all Championship: 1st Gunter Wandtke. 2nd Tony Butz. 3rd Br.Brian Thomas.

1998 Junior State Boomerang Titles

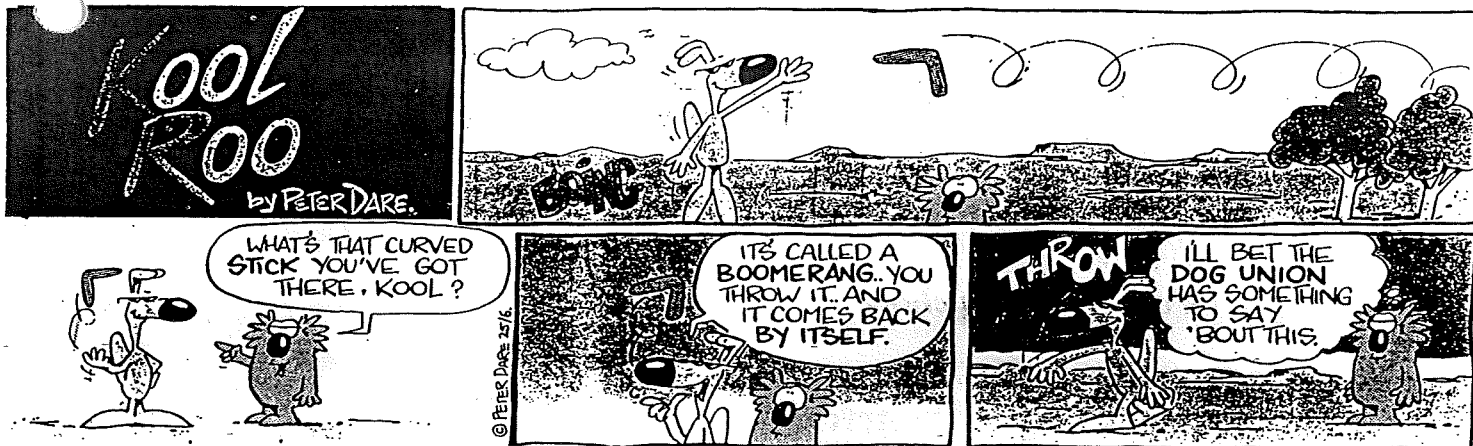
| Name | Accuracy | Aussie Round | 2 min Endurance |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Megan Patterson | 12 pts / 3rd | 14 pts / 3rd | 0 cts / e8th |
| Wayne Patterson | 11 pts / 4th | 19 pts / 2nd | 6 cts / 3rd |
| Mark Patterson | 6 pts / 6th | 0 pts / e6th | 1 ct / e6th |
| Adam Cavill | 15 pts / 1st | 0 pts / e6th | 7 cts / 1st |
| Scott Raymond | 13 pts / 2nd | 10 pts / 5th | 6 cts / 4th |
| Tim Lendrum | 0 pts / e7th | 12 pts / 4th | 4 cts / 5th |
| Michael Lendrum | 8 pts / 5th | 24 pts / 1st | 6 cts / 2nd |
| Peter Lendrum | 0 pts / e7th | 0 pts / e6th | 0 cts / e8th |
| Sally Lewry | 0 pts / e7th | 0 pts / e6th | 1 ct / e6th |

1998 Junior NSW Champions: Aussie Round: Michael Lendrum

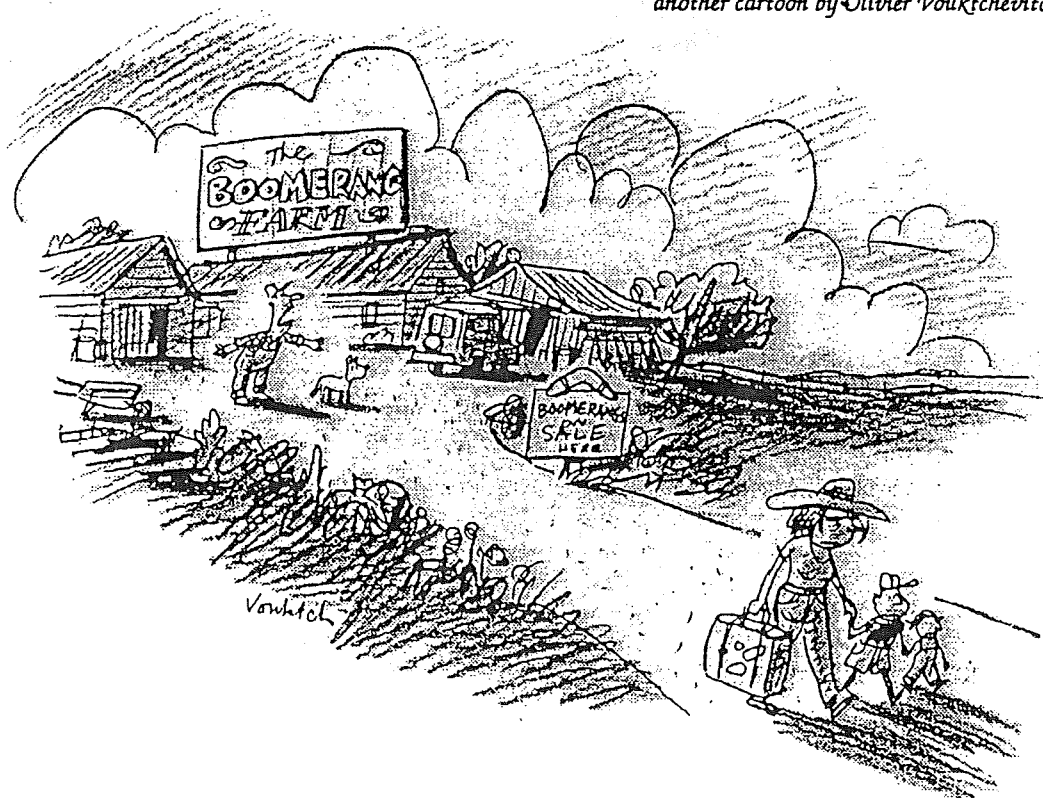
Accuracy: Adam Cavill

Endurance: Adam Cavill

Girls' Champion: Megan Patterson



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LESTER & SON'S
28th AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BOOMERANG
CHAMPIONSHIPS

1998

to be held at **XAVIER HIGH, Fallon Street, North Albury,**

on **Saturday , 2nd May, and Sunday , 3rd May 1998.**

Conducted by the Boomerang Association of Australia

*Sections: Juniors (under 16).
Seniors (16 - 54)
Veterans (55-100)*

EVENTS

*Juniors: Aussie Round
Accuracy
MTA
Fast Catch
Endurance
Consecutive Catching*

*Open (Seniors & Veterans) Aussie Round
Accuracy
MTA
Fast Catch
Same Boomerang
Endurance
Trick Catch*

Veterans' Over-all points taken on first five events.

Seniors' Over-all points taken on all, except for Same Boomerang.

Any Open thrower can enter any of the events.

Starting time: Saturday 10 a.m. till 4.30 p.m.

Annual Meeting & Auction 7.30 p.m. till 9 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Entry fee: \$20 Seniors, \$10 Juniors Family \$30

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