Anna Ambrosy's new lease on life

"We had such a hard time that I decided very early that if I ever learnt English well enough, I would write it all down, write a book."

That's Mrs Anna Ambrosy, a staff member of the Computer Centre at Caulfield campus, talking about her experience as a newly arrived migrant in the early 1950s.

She did learn English well enough and she not only wrote a book but 30 years later it was published. The first edition was snapped up immediately - to the extent that Mrs Ambrosy has only one copy herself and that is on loan to a friend!

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It does not detail her personal life and family hardships, the separation of families, the contract work, the years of backbreaking seven days a week 12 hours a day working to establish themselves in their new country with Paul working during the day, and Mrs Ambrosy working at night so there was always someone at home to look after the children (Peter had been joined by younger brother, Andrew).

It does not detail the heartbreak of Paul, journalist, linguist, musician and tournament tennis player, who chose Australia as their new home because it had great tennis players and he hoped to meet them on the court, but whose tennis career was ended shortly after they arrived when he was hit by osteo-arthritis.

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The terms of reference of the working party investigating the SSAU option are to consider the desirability of the Institute joining the new scheme, paying particular attention to:

- The benefits accruing to staff from such participation.
- The transitional provisions which would apply to existing staff wishing to join SSAU.
- The position of current staff opting not to join SSAU.
- A comparative analysis of the Institute's contingent liability for superannuation costs in respect of participation in existing schemes and SSAU.
- The availability of government commitment to the residual costs of the State Superannuation Scheme should the Institute opt to participate in SSAU.
- Any other matters which may be relevant.

The working party, which hopes to complete its assessment and report back to the Staffing Committee in early October, comprises: Mr J. Campbell - Chairman, member of Finance Committee Mr G. Maynard - Assistant to the Director Mr S. Jamieson - Finance Manager Mr B. Bilham - Administrator, Chisholm Staff Superannuation Scheme, Frankston Campus Manager.

"The first group, from 1947-56, were the pioneers and have had the greatest difficulty assimilating," Mrs Ambrosy says.

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Dr McNider is the State Climatologist for Alabama. This research has been involved in the development by CAMM of wind field models, and particle modelling of the behaviour of pollutants in the atmosphere.

Lectures, 'informal talks' and a seminar on the 'Numerical simulations of flow and plume behaviour near terrain obstacles' on 18 July, have also kept Dr McNider busy during his stay.

Dr Terry Eyrre, a visiting fellow in Tribology, will end his stay at Chisholm during his period with the fellowship.

Dr Eyrre, a Reader in the Materials Technology section of the Engineering Faculty of Brunel University, UK, heads a research and consultancy group in Tribology. The group consists of three academics, two technical and four research investigators, and 12 MSc and PhD students.

During his stay, Dr Eyrre has been working with the Chisholm Tribology Group, participating in industrial consultancy visits with Chisholm staff, in addition to various commitments, including a three day seminar on 'Retail Marketing - The New Direction for Retailing', on 10 July, and a half day seminar on 16 July, 'Making Your Marketing Strategies Work'.

The seminars were sponsored by Shoplifters of Australia International in conjunction with the Marketing Department.

They were aimed at upper and middle management marketing executives concerned with building more profitable marketing channels.

Dr Rosenbloom was also on hand to speak to the Marketing Department's Alumni group, and to staff.

His two books, 'Retail Marketing' and 'Marketing Channels: A Management View', along with other involvements in consultancy to major US firms, have won him widespread acclaim.

Dr Rosenbloom is pictured (second left), with Mr Jock Jeffrey, Managing Director of Shoplifters of Australia, International (far left), Mr Tony Webster, General Manager of Marketing, Myer (right) and Mr Michael Collins, Senior Lecturer in Marketing, DSBS (far right).

Dr Eyrre, 53, left school at the age of 16 to work as an assistant in a metallurgical laboratory.

He completed a BSc and later an MSc on an external part-time basis while in his 20s, and joined the lecturing staff at Brunel University at the age of 35.

His research interest in Tribology grew from there, and aged 41, he completed his PhD.

Dr Eyrre first visited Australia in 1980 when he was keynote speaker at the first Australian Tribology Conference.

Grants

UK Study

Applications are open for the Menzies Scholarship in Law and Medicine.

The scholarships are for Australian post-graduate students to study at universities in the United Kingdom during the academic year commencing October 1985.

They will cover university fees and charges, and contribute significantly towards the cost of books, equipment and living and travel expenses.

Applicants should be between 21 and 25 years of age.

Closing date for applications is 31 August 1984.

French Govt.

The French Government is offering Post-graduate Scholarships to Australian students interested in studying in France during 1985/86.

Closing date for applications is 28 September 1984.

ACBR

Applications are open for the Australian Computer Research Board's Postgraduate Scholarships in computer science and engineering for the 1985 academic year.

The scholarships are worth $5000 per year and are awarded as a supplement to a Commonwealth or university scholarship, with a three year maximum period.

Applicants should be under 25 years of age at 1 January, 1985.

Fellowships

Submissions are being invited by the Department of Education and Youth Affairs from educational institutions and organisations seeking to nominate distinguished overseas scholars and educationalists to visit Australia under the Australian-European Award Program and the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan.
Costar ponders NP enigma

Although a solid force in State and Federal politics for most of this Century, few indepth studies have been done on the National (Country) Party.

This is particularly true of the NP in Victoria, which until now has been done on the National on remedying this situation. Costar is currently working on remedying this situation. He is preparing a book which will focus on the NP in Victoria from about 1930 to the present day.

The Victorian branch of the NP, he says, is 'really a Party of rural Social and Behavioural Studies, no stranger to his subject.

His interest in the NP was sparked initially when he was asked to contribute a chapter on its campaign in the 1979 State election. He is preparing a book, 'Country to National Party: Australian Rural Politics', due for release by publishers Allen and Unwin, in February 1985.


Class excursions and chalkboard diagrams used to be about the closest Costar ever got to computer-controlled machine tools.

But things have changed dramatically since the arrival at the Coolbellup plastics company of the new $100,000 MAZAK vertical CNC machining centre.

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Dr Costar has found the NP 'really most enlightened in their attitude to academic research.' Would any major parties in Australia the NP people are very open about access to their records. They've imposed only the minimum of restrictions on me, in return for a fair and balanced account of the NP in Victoria.' Other apparent contradictions can be found in the National Party's choice of leaders — the Federal President of the Party is a woman, Mrs Shirley McKerrow (highly regarded by all political commentators), Dr Costar says; and the Victorian Parliamentary leader, Mr Peter Ross-Edwards is a solicitor. Both are far from the conservative, farming image of the Party. But a closer look at the history of the NP makes such contrasts seem less remarkable.

In the beginning, Dr Costar explains, it was a 'Party of rural protest' which focused on 'trying to get a better deal for smaller farmers.' In the early days the bigger graziers tended to stay away from it because they found it too radical.' Instead, they looked to the Liberal Party or its predecessors.

The NP has undergone a number of name changes — it is now most frequently known by its acronym, NP. It is a party that is not for the faint hearted, he says. Dr Costar says there are 'still people in the NP who are not automatically anti-Labor, and in the Victorian Party quite often votes with the Labor government, for example, on issues such as the banking hours.'

In his preparation for the book, Dr Costar is currently researching Party documents and records. He submitted at the three day National Party State Conference in Portland in April, and plans to attend the Party's Federal Council in mid-August.

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Since 1952, the NP has had to be content with waiting in the wings — but prior to that, it was leading light in Victorian politics.

In 1935 it won government in its own right, and from 1935 to 1945 the Party had a unbroken run of power as a minority government, at one stage supported by the Labor Party.

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Although widely perceived as extremely right wing, Dr Costar says there's less remarkable.

Chisholm students involved in practical projects will be required to produce an identification card and official letter of introduction from the Institute.

Dr Geo Ambrosy (Students), Mr Phil Irvine, said the move follows a recent incident in which a person claiming to be 'Chisholm student was carrying out door to door surveys. A householder in the Doncaster area asked the student 'Are you a university student' to produce an 'identification card and official letter of introduction from the Institute.'

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Anna's story...

Second group and since many came to Australia sponsored by relatives who often had no more than a vague idea of the country. They may not be broadly 'enough to carry out surveys in future are required to produce a letter of introduction on the official Chisholm letterhead, which includes the name of the person responsible and a brief explanation of the survey, as well as an ID card.

All migrants must be to a greater or lesser extent. 'They can never be 100 percent of their new country because that would mean they had to give up their mother, their father, their youth and so forth, the basis of their personal identity.'

An additional factor is that while cultural assimilation has proceeded well in a majority of cases, structural assimilation is much slower, with migrants experiencing difficulty in penetrating deeply the fabric of Australian society.
Frankston growth nears target

Chisholm is well on the way to achieving its target of 25 percent of student enrolments at Frankston campus by 1987.

The Institute Statistician, Mr Victor Paul, says this year, 19 percent of total enrolments were at Frankston — a rise of nearly a third in 12 months.

It has been hoped the rise would be even higher. However a number of courses at Frankston did not reach full quota.

Total growth in enrolments at Frankston since the amalgamation is nearly 60 percent — from 527 Equivalent Full-time Students at amalgamation to 965 EFTS this year.

Caulfield enrolments have generally remained static during the same period. The Frankston growth has occurred despite quotas imposed from outside on enrolments in the Frankston-based School of Education.

It reflects the increase in the number and variety of courses being offered at Frankston.

Currently, 40 percent of Frankston students are in the School of Education and 60 percent in other Schools — Art and Design, Computing and Information Systems, David Syme Business School and Social and Behavioural Studies.

Art and Design has moved one degree program to Frankston entirely, the Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art — Craft), and there are proposals under discussion for a number of other Frankston-exclusive programs in other Schools.

This is in line with the Institute planning decision to develop Frankston and Caulfield as "distinctive campuses with central co-ordination".

EEO seminar

Equal employment opportunity for people with disabilities was the focus of a recent seminar at Chisholm.

The seminar, held on 18 July, was run jointly by the David Syme Business School's Mrs Joan McPhee and the Chairman of the Council of Handicapped Person's Employment (COPE), Ms Kaye Cole.

The objectives of the program were to:

* Explain the implications for employers of the Victorian legislation on EEO for disabled people.
* Illustrate the outcome of consultation processes on EEO for the disabled.
* Consider the implications of workers' compensation legislation for the employment of disabled workers.
* Hear the views of employers and unions on employing people with disabilities.
* Learn what resources and subsidies are available to assist in employing disabled workers.

Guest speakers included Dr Ian Siggins, Assistant Commissioner for Equal Opportunity, and Mr Ian Baker, a consultant to the State Treasurer, Mr Jolly, and a member of the recent government inquiry into workers' compensation.

Mrs McPhee was also instrumental in presenting a series of seminars in February this year on Employee Relations Management and Emerging Legislation.

The papers covering two of the seminars, Freedom of Information and Occupational Health and Safety, are now on sale.

They are available from Mrs McPhee at $15 plus $1 postage, and cheques should be made out to the Financial Controller, code 0401.

Contact Mrs McPhee for more information, extension 2385 (Caulfield).

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PUBLIC NOTICES

VCSA NOMINATIONS

Nominations are sought now for a VCSA representative on the Job Evaluation Committee. Nomination forms can be obtained from Pam Goble, Ext. 3422 (Caulfield), and nominations will close at 5 pm Friday 17 August 1984.

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The look on Harold Farey's face says it all. The hairy visitor was a 'Gerillagam', organised by School of Art and Design administration staff to help celebrate the Dean's recent birthday.

What's On

MOZART, MUNCH & MORE

MOZART

Sunday, 12 August, 1984: Sunday Concert performed by the Malvern Symphony Orchestra, featuring works of Mozart with leading Melbourne soloists.

Caulfield Campus, 2nd Level, Phillip Law Building. Doors open at 11 am and the concert starts at 11.30 am. A roast lunch which is included in the price of the ticket, is served at intervals.

The concert will finish by 3 pm.

Tickets are $12.

Inquiries: 573 2133.

W.A. Mozart Flute and Harp Concerto in C,K199 Solists: Prudence Davis, Flute, Huw Jones, Harp

W.A. Mozart Symphony No. 41 in C,K551, "Jupiter".

CIT MY MARKET

A market will be held every Wednesday from 11 am to 2 pm in the grounds of Caulfield campus (under cover if wet).

There will be stalls selling a range of items, including groceries, vegetables and craft goods.

Inquiries: 573 2133.

CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, CAULFIELD CAMPUS

Advance Notice of Special Lecture:

'Some Animal Toxins': Dr. Struan Sutherland, Commonwealth Serum Laboratories.

Lecture Theatre, B2.15, 4 - 5 pm Thursday, 9 August.

Dr Sutherland is well known for his work in the development of antitoxins for some of Australia's most venomous creatures. This talk should be of particular interest to chemistry and biology students.

Wine and cheese will be served at the end of the meeting.

J. McKeve, Ext 2108 for further information.

GEORGE JENKINS THEATRE, FRANKSTON CAMPUS

Monterey High School presents the musical "Charlie Brown", 15, 16, 17 August at 7.30 pm. For tickets, ring 786 4144.

Coming Attractions

'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' by Ballam Park Technical School. 15, 16 September.

Australian Dance Theatre September 18

'Pirates of Penzance' by Peninsula Light Operatic Society, 4 - 20 October.

NATURE PLUS

The art of designing with natural materials is the theme for the Floral Art Society of Victoria's exhibition at the Caulfield Arts Centre from 9 - 12 August.

Dried flower arrangements and wall hangings will be on show and for sale.

And from 16 - 26 August, a graphic art exhibition will be held, featuring an architect's sketchbook of world travel by Dr Ernest Focke.

The Gallery, at 441 Inkerman Road, Caulfield is open Monday-Friday, 10 am - 5 pm, and weekends 1pm - 6 pm.

Telephones 524 3277 or 524 3278 for more information.

MULTICULTURAL WEEK

From 6-10 August, the Chisholm Student Union is hosting a Multi-cultural Week as part of its 'Pilot Contact Program'.

Activities will include theatre performances, art and craft exhibitions, ethnic foods, displays and guest speakers from various ethnic groups.

The special performances of 'Neidia', by Australian/Greek playwright, Greg Andreadis, will be staged at the George Jenkins Theatre, Frankston campus, on 6 and 7 August.

Tickets and more information about the performances, and other Multicultural Week activities, are available from the Student Union at both Caulfield and Frankston campuses.

The next GAZETTE on 16 August will be an Open Day special, comprising a comprehensive program of planned Open Day activities on Sunday 19 August.

After that, the GAZETTE will be back to normal, with the next edition scheduled for 30 August. Deadlines for that issue is Tuesday 21 August.