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(Frontispiece) Much of Victoria's countryside was ablaze as the "Ash Wednesday" bushfires of 16 February 1983 swept through many parts of the State.

*Kevin Schreiber, The Age*

(Front endpaper) In the 1940s, a team of six Clydesdales were used to sow wheat with superphosphate through a combine.

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(Back endpaper) In the 1980s, a self propelled header is used for harvesting wheat. The grain is stored in a bin on board and off-loaded into cartage trucks through the auger.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### SYMBOLS

The following symbols mean:

- cr. credit
  - dr. debit
  - n.a. not available
  - n.e.c. not elsewhere classified
  - n.e.i. not elsewhere included
  - n.p. not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable)
  - n.y.a. not yet available
  - p preliminary
  - r figure or series revised since previous edition
  - .. not applicable
  - nil or less than half the final digit shown
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### OTHER FORMS OF USAGE

The following abbreviations are used for the titles of the Australian States and Territories and Australia: N.S.W. (New South Wales), Vic. (Victoria), Qld (Queensland), S.A. (South Australia), W.A. (Western Australia), Tas. (Tasmania), N.T. (Northern Territory), A.C.T. (Australian Capital Territory), and Aust. (Australia).

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## PREFACE

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This 97th edition of the *Victorian Year Book* again seeks to present a comprehensive outline of Victoria by means of appropriate tables and text. The book, in line with those of previous years, examines the main political, economic, social, and demographic aspects of the State, as well as such other information as will help piece together a full picture of the present day community. The many changes which have become evident recently are noted as far as possible in the context of earlier trends by maintaining the continuity of statistical tables and the historical balance between recent and earlier information. Tables are also expanded as appropriate when new Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) collections become available for information. Thus the *Year Book*, through its comprehensive coverage of information, continues its functions as a basic reference work for the State.

The eighth special article in the series on Victoria's Environment and Man, deals with Agricultural Plants in the Victorian Environment. This article constitutes Chapter 1 and its contents are related to Chapter 16—Agricultural industries.

Several new articles have been written by contributors for this edition, including Freedom of Information legislation (Chapter 5), Recent trends in building technology (Chapter 11), Royal Agricultural Society (Chapter 16), Recent banking developments (Chapter 21), Survey of the Handicapped (Chapter 26), the National Companies and Securities Commission (Chapter 28), and the Melbourne Concert Hall (Chapter 29).

It is not possible for *Year Books* because of their complexity to contain the latest statistics available at the time of publication, and thus the statistical tables in the *Year Book* give the latest facts available at the time of preparation. More detailed, and in many cases more up to date statistics of the various topics contained in the *Year Book* are available in other ABS publications.

The preparation of the *Victorian Year Book* has been a complex undertaking and I gratefully acknowledge the valuable assistance and willing co-operation of many persons and institutions in the community and thank them for their contributions. I wish to thank the staff of the Victoria Office of the ABS who have contributed to the production of the *Year Book*. In particular my thanks to the Editor of Publications, Mr H. L. Speagle, M.A., B.Ed., and his editorial staff. I also wish to thank Mr Norman Quaintance, our design consultant, and the Victorian Government Printer and his staff for their interest, skill, and resourcefulness in printing this book.

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I assumed the position of Deputy Commonwealth Statistician in December 1982, following the untimely death of my predecessor, the late I. M. Cowie in August 1982. Mr Cowie joined the Victorian Office of the ABS in 1962 and became Deputy Commonwealth Statistician in 1980. I wish to pay tribute to him both as a person of sincerity and sensitivity as well as a leader who contributed much to the compilation and dissemination of statistics in Victoria.

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#### CHAPTER TWENTY:

##### PUBLIC FINANCE

Australian Taxation Office  
Department of Youth, Sport and  
Recreation  
Land Tax, Probate, and Gift Duties Office  
Liquor Control Commission  
Payroll Tax Office  
Stamp Duties Office  
State Superannuation Board of Victoria  
Tattersall Sweep Consultations

#### CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE:

##### PRIVATE FINANCE

Australia and New Zealand Banking  
Group Ltd  
Commonwealth Banking Corporation  
Corporate Affairs Office  
Hill Samuel Australia Ltd  
Insurance Council of Australia  
Life Insurance Federation of Australia  
Office of the Government Statist and  
Actuary  
Public Trustee Office  
Reserve Bank of Australia  
State Bank  
State Insurance Office  
Stock Exchange of Melbourne  
Trustee Companies Association of  
Australia and New Zealand

#### CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE:

##### TRANSPORT

Australian National Line  
Country Roads Board  
Department of Transport  
Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners  
Ministry of Transport  
Motor Accidents Board  
Port of Melbourne Authority  
Port Phillip Pilot Service  
Portland Harbor Trust  
Public Works Department—Victoria  
Road Safety and Traffic Authority



#### CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR:

##### COMMUNICATIONS

Australian Broadcasting Tribunal  
Australian Postal Commission  
Australian Telecommunications  
Commission  
Postal and Telecommunications  
Department

#### CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE:

##### EDUCATION

Association of Independent Schools  
of Victoria  
Catholic Education Office of Victoria  
Commonwealth Department of Education  
Commonwealth Tertiary Education  
Commission  
Council of Adult Education  
Deakin University  
Department of Education—Victoria  
La Trobe University  
Monash University  
University of Melbourne  
Victorian Institute of Secondary Education  
Victorian Post Secondary Education  
Commission  
Victorian Universities Admissions  
Committee

#### CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX:

##### HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria  
Cancer Institute  
Commonwealth Serum Laboratories  
Commission  
Department of Health  
Department of Veterans' Affairs  
Health Commission of Victoria  
Medical Board of Victoria  
Monash University  
National Health and Medical Research  
Council  
University of Melbourne  
Victorian Bush Nursing Association  
Victorian Medical Postgraduate  
Foundation  
Victorian Nursing Council

#### CHAPTER TWENTY-SEVEN:

##### SOCIAL WELFARE

Australian Red Cross Society  
Department of Veterans' Affairs  
Department of Community Welfare  
Services  
Department of Social Security  
Department of Youth, Sport and  
Recreation  
Health Commission of Victoria—  
Mental Health Division  
Melbourne Legacy  
Melbourne City Council  
Registrar of Friendly Societies

#### CHAPTER TWENTY-EIGHT:

##### JUSTICE AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF LAW

Australian Institute of Criminology  
Children's Court

Commonwealth Legal Aid Council  
Coroner's Court  
County Court  
Crimes Compensation Tribunal  
Crown Solicitor's Office  
Deputy Commissioner of Police (Victoria  
Police)  
Harness Racing Board  
High Court of Australia  
Law Department  
Law Institute of Victoria  
Leo Cussen Institute for Continuing Legal  
Education  
Liquor Control Commission  
Ministry of Consumer Affairs  
Ministry of Police and Emergency Services  
National Companies and Securities  
Commission  
Prothonotary, Supreme Court  
Sheriff, Supreme Court  
Small Claims Tribunal  
Victoria Racing Club  
Victorian Bar Council  
Victorian Law Foundation  
Victorian Legal Aid Commission

#### CHAPTER TWENTY-NINE:

##### THE ARTS, LIBRARIES, AND MEDIA

Australian Broadcasting Commission  
Australian Broadcasting Tribunal  
Australian Suburban Newspapers  
Association  
David Syme & Co. Limited  
Department of Property and Services  
—Victorian Government Information  
Centre  
La Trobe Library  
Library Council of Victoria  
Melbourne City Council  
Ministry for the Arts  
National Gallery of Victoria  
National Trust of Australia (Victoria)  
Public Broadcasting Association  
of Australia  
Regional Galleries Association of Victoria  
Special Broadcasting Service  
State Library of Victoria  
Victorian Arts Centre Trust  
Victorian Country Press Association

#### APPENDIX A:

##### CHRONOLOGY OF IMPORTANT EVENTS, 1982

Department of the Premier and Cabinet

#### APPENDIX D:

##### SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY OF VICTORIA

State Library of Victoria

#### APPENDIX F:

##### VICTORIA'S 150th ANNIVERSARY Department of the Premier and Cabinet

#### APPENDIX G:

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WEDNESDAY" FIRES  
Country Fire Authority  
Forests Commission, Victoria