Part 10

TRADE, TRANSPORT, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Retail Trade

Census of Retail Establishments

General

Statistics of retail sales have been compiled for the years 1947–48, 1948–49, 1952–53, 1956–57, and 1961–62 from returns supplied by all retail establishments in Australia.

In general terms, these Censuses have covered the trading activities of establishments which normally sell goods at retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks, and yards. Particulars of retail sales obtained from these Censuses are designed principally to cover sales to the final consumer of new and second-hand goods generally used for household and personal purposes. For this reason, sales of building materials, farm and industrial machinery and equipment, earth-moving equipment, &c., have been excluded from this and previous Censuses. For the same reason, and also because of difficulties in obtaining reliable and complete reporting, sales of builders' hardware and supplies, business machines and equipment, grain, feed, fertilizers and agricultural supplies, and tractors have been excluded from the 1961–62 Census. Retail sales of motor vehicles, parts, &c., are included whether for industrial, commercial, farm, or private use.

In order to make a comparison between the 1956–57 and 1961–62 Retail Census results, it has been necessary to revise some figures for 1956–57 published previously to take account of the changes in scope in the 1961–62 Census mentioned above.

The first table of the two Censuses shows the number of establishments selling goods in each of 30 broad commodity groups, the value of these sales, and the value of sales per head of population. The numbers shown for each commodity group represent the total number of Census returns which recorded sales in that particular commodities may not show these sales separately in their returns. Therefore, the particulars of number of establishments which sold goods in each commodity group should not be regarded as more than an approximate indication of the pattern of retail outlets for those commodity groups. In general, this factor would not have a significant effect on particulars of the value of sales for each commodity group.

VICTORIA—CENSUSES OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS : ESTABLISHMENTS AND SALES BY COMMODITY GROUPS*

	NT1		Value	e of Retail	Sales of C	Goods	
Commodity Group†	Establis	er of hments	To	otal		Per Head of Population	
	1956–57	196162	1956–57	1961–62	1956–57	1961-62	
Foodstuffs			\$'0	00	\$	-	
Groceries	8,134	8,819	180,068	232,608	68.6	78.6	
Butchers' Meat	2,589	3,674	100,528	123,854	38.4	41.8	
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	3,683	4,429	100,528 45,726	123,854 56,748	17.4	19.2	
Bread, Cakes and Pastry	6,127	7,725	43,652	54,898	16.6	18.6	
Confectionery, Ice Cream, &c	8,634	10,434	55,806	75,484	21.2	25.6	
Other Types of Food	3,952	5,606	26,850	38,418	10.2	13.0	
Beer, Tobacco, &c	· /			-			
Beer, Wine and Spirits	2,119	2,106	126,992	151,702	48.4	51.2	
Tobacco and Cigarettes	13,450	16,003	58,460	73,170	22.2	24.8	
Clothing, Drapery, &c			-				
Clothing-Men's and Boys' Wear	2,303	2,376	66,872	78,082	25.4	26.4	
Clothing-Women's, Girls' and							
Infants' Wear	3,589	3,502	110,586	126,298	42.2	42.6	
Drapery, Piece Goods, &c	1,796	2,327	41,978	54,310	16.0	18.4	
Footwear—Men's and Boys'	1,509	1,724	12,518	15,774	4.8	5.4	
Footwear—Women's, Girls' and Infants'	1 200	1 452			0.6	40.0	
Hardware [‡] , Electrical Goods, &c.—	1,306	1,453	22,352	31,328	8.6	10.6	
Demontia Handmann 6	2,713	3,247	24 272	39,904	13.0	13.4	
Padios Padiograms	1,262	1,244	34,272 10,046	8,560	3.8	2.8	
T-1	777	1,226			7.6	2·8 9·4	
Musical Instants R.	539	503	19,696 5,536	27,584 5,460	2.2	1.8	
Domastic Defenses	1,160	1,175	14,242	18,828	5.4	6.4	
Other Electrical Goods, &c.	2,142	2,303	20,976	34,058	8.0	11.6	
Furniture and Floor Coverings-	2,172	2,505	20,970	34,038	00	11.0	
Furniture (Including Mattresses)	1.002	1,076	37,782	44,700	14.4	15.0	
Floor Coverings	738	827	18,906	21,452	7.2	7.2	
Other Goods-		027	10,000	21,402	• -		
Chemists' Goods	2.871	3.990	42.562	73,688	16.2	24.8	
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	3,026	3,524	43,002	51,708	16.4	17.4	
Sporting Requisites and Travel	-,	- ,	,	,.			
Goods	1,197	1,275	8,584	11,140	3.2	3.8	
Jewellery, Watches and Clocks	1,254	1,396	15.886	17,576	6.0	6.0	
Other Goods	2,997	3,500	38,554	49,828	14.6	16.8	
Total (Excluding Motor Vehicles,							
&c.)	§	ş	1,202,432	1,517,160	458.0	512.6	
Motor Vehicles, &c.! Motor Vehicles (Including Motor							
Cycles)—							
New	847	852	136,490	171,500	52.0	58.0	
Used	1,068	1,130	74,198	114,990	28.2	38.8	
Motor Parts, Accessories, &c	2,763	3,795	38,890	50,696	14.8	17.2	
Petrol, Oils, &c.	3,536	4,262	70,212	94,046	26.8	31.8	
Total Motor Vehicles	ş	\$ \$	319,790	431,232	121.8	145.8	
GRAND TOTAL	34,754¶	37,268¶	1,522,222	1,948,392	579.8	658.4	

* The figures refer to establishments with total retail sales of \$1000 or more.

[†]Only main commodities descriptive of the particular groupings are shown. For further details see Retail Census Bulletins.

‡ Excludes basic building materials, builders' hardware and supplies (such as tools of trade, paints, &c.).

§ Not available.

|| Excludes tractors, farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, &c.

¶ Total number of individual establishments. Many establishments showed sales in more than one commodity group. Thus the number of establishments selling goods in each commodity group does not add down to the total number of individual establishments.

The second table shows the number of establishments and the value of retail sales for the years 1956–57 and 1961–62, and the value of stocks on hand at 30th June for each of these years. All establishments were classified according to Type of Business. For the purposes of such classification, reference was made to the type of goods sold as indicated by the commodity sales recorded on the Census

returns. In the case of some types of business, the descriptions given by the proprietors were also taken into account. For most types of business the procedures used in 1961–62 followed those used in 1956–57. Four types of business which were included in 1956–57 are not applicable in 1961–62 because of the change in scope. The types of business concerned are Builders' Hardware Stores, Grain and Produce Merchants, Business Machines Stores, and Tractor Dealers. In addition, a separate type of business classification has been included for department stores and figures for 1956–57 have been revised to incorporate this change in classification.

VICTORIA—CENSUSES OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS : ESTABLISHMENTS, SALES, AND STOCKS ACCORDING TO TYPE OF BUSINESS*

Type of Business	Re	Number of Retail Establishments		e of Sales†	Value of Retail Stocks at 30th June‡	
	1956–57	1961-62	1956–57	1961–62	1957	1962
			\$'0	00	\$'0	00
Food Stores, &c						
Grocers	5,244	4,381	213,074 100,240	272,666	24,068 1,046	27,052 986
Butchers	2,242 2,038	2,628 2,135	46,580	122,210 55,272	902	980
Dulana	1,371	1,350	34,032	40.904	768	1.044
Confectioners and Milk Bars	3,129	4,007	63,430	105,352	3,428	5,484
Cafés	693	675	7,084	5,516	422	444
Fishmongers and Poulterers	504	730	7,996	11,386	72	176
Other Food Stores	467	811	12,206	26,424	546	1,038
Hotels, Tobacconists, &c			,			-,
Hotels, Wine Saloons, &c	1,845	1,798	131,796	154,754	4,082	5,062
Tobacconists	377	414	7,492	7,074	722	634
Tobacconists and Hairdressers	1,133	1,125	10,488	6,714	1,018	790
Department Stores, Clothiers, Drapers,						
&c.—	26	47	117.000	101 700	20 49 4	25.606
Department Stores	35	47	117,006	164,796	20,484 44,454	25,606
Clothiers and Drapers Footwear Stores	4,162	4,123	179,234 24,610	196,686 31,638	44,454 8.544	51,376 9,874
Hardware, Electrical Goods, and Furniture Stores, &c.—		616	24,010	51,058	8,344	9,074
Domestic Hardware Stores	997	1.078	18,998	22,846	5.312	6.472
Electrical Goods, &c., Stores	1,057	1,108	55,876	72,988	9,950	14,190
Furniture, &c., Stores	710	739	50,876	54,838	12,554	13,374
Other Goods Stores—						-
Chemists	1,174	1,390	35,572	62,336	6,684	10,484
Newsagents and Booksellers	931	922	38,400	45,292	4,660	5,762
Sports Goods Stores	181 561	234	6,022	7,686	1,506	1,970
Watchmakers and Jewellers	208	528	13,080	12,996	6,398	6,156
Cycle Stores	385	156 437	2,626 4,608	1,956 5,970	562 334	434 534
	1,205	1,259	21,982	27,486	4,744	5,526
Other Types of Business	1,205	1,239	21,902	27,400	4,/44	5,520
Total (Excluding Motor Vehicle Dealers)	31,360	32,893	1,203,308§	1,515,786§	163 260	195,428
Motor Vehicle Dealers-			-			
New Motor Vehicle Dealers, Garages	0.007	2 717	005 040	255 766	07.70/	24.052
and Service Stations	2,887 258	3,717 308	265,040 39,606	355,766 58,696	27,726 4,384	34,052
Maria David I To David	238	350	14,268	18,144	2,804	6,468 2,918
Motor Parts and Tyre Dealers			14,208	10,144	2,004	2,710
Total Motor Vehicle Dealers.						
Garages and Service Stations, &c.	3,394	4,375	318,914¶	432,606¶	34,914	43,438
•						
GRAND TOTAL	34,754	37,268	1,522,222	1,948,392	198,174	238,866

* The figures refer to establishments with total retail sales of \$1,000 or more.

† Total value of all commodities sold by retail.

[‡] Total value of all goods held for retail sale (including stocks of materials for use in repairs to customers' goods and foodstuffs for the provision of meals and refreshments).

§ Figures differ from those contained in the table on page 698 in that they include retail sales of motor vehicles, &c., made by establishments whose main type of business is other than motor vehicles, and exclude retail sales of goods, other than motor vehicles, made by establishments whose main type of business is motor vehicles.

¶ See note § above.

The third table shows a comparison of the number of retail establishments and the value of retail sales in Statistical Divisions in Victoria for the years 1956-57 and 1961-62:—

Statis	tical	Division		No. of Est	ablishments	Value of Retail Sales		
				1956–57	196162	1956–57	1961-62	
-						\$*(000	
Metropolitan Central	•••			21,932 2,797	23,781 3.014	1,027,448	1,339,066 127,130	
North-Central	::			1,010	1,031	28,630	32,582	
Western Wimmera	••	••	••	2,544 941	2,574 927	108,030 32,716	128,888 37,166	
Mallee			••	835	900	35,146	44,370	
Northern North-Eastern	::	••	••	2,159 976	2,241 1,038	79,750 37,080	102,820 46,574	
Gippsland	•••	••	•••	1,560	1,762	72,818	89,796	
Total	••			34,754	37,268	1,522,222	1,948,392	

VICTORIA—CENSUSES OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS : RETAIL SALES IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS*

NOTE.—For boundaries of Statistical Divisions, see map opposite page 120. * Table refers to establishments with total retail sales of \$1,000 or more,

The table which follows shows, for the year 1961–62, the number of retail establishments and the value of retail sales classified according to total retail sales size :---

VICTORIA—CENSUS OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS 1961–62 : SIZE OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS *

	Establi	ishments	Value of 2	Retail Sales	
Total Retail Sales Size,	Number	Percentage in Each Group	\$'000	Percentage in Each Group	
Under \$2,000	997	2·7	1,444	0·1	
\$2,000 and under \$6,000	3,834	10·3	14,676	0·7	
\$6,000 and under \$10,000	3,439	9·2	27,058	1·4	
Under \$10,000	8 ,270	22·2	43,178	2·2	
\$10,000 and under \$20,000	7 , 718	20·7	113,018	5·8	
Under \$20,000	15,988	42·9	156,196	8·0	
\$20,000 and under \$40,000	10,053	27·0	288,380	14·8	
Under \$40,000	26,041	69·9	444,576	22·8	
\$40,000 and under \$100,000	8,062	21·6	482,664	24·8	
Under \$100,000	34,103	91·5	927,240	47.6	
\$100,000 and under \$200,000	1,896	5·1	258,032	13.2	
Under \$200,000	35,999	96·6	1,185,272	60·8	
\$200,000 and under \$500,000	927	2·5	280,100	14·4	
Under \$500,000	36,926	99·1	1,465,372	75·2	
\$500,000 and over	342	0·9	483,020	24·8	
Total	37,268	100.0	1,948,392	100.0	

* Table refers to establishments with total retail sales of \$1,000 or more.

Retail Trade

Traders were also asked to supply details of the number of persons working at the establishment on the last pay day in June, 1962. They were requested to provide separate details of persons working mainly on retail activities and others engaged on wholesaling, manufacturing, &c. Persons who were normally working in the business but were absent through sickness or on holidays were included in the figures. The following table shows the number of males, females, and the total number of persons working mainly on retail activities on the last pay day in June, 1962, classified according to the main type of business and category of employment :—

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF PERSONS WORKING MAINLY ON RETAIL ACTIVITIES ON THE LAST PAY DAY IN JUNE, 1962

		C	Category of I	Employmen	t	
Main Type of Business		Members	Paid	_	Total	
	Owners	of Family	Employees †	Full Time	Part Time	Total
			Males	5		
Food Stores-			{ I			l
Grocers Butchers Fruiterers Bakers Confectioners and Milk	3,223 2,103 2,190 881	320 85 163 63	5,218 5,636 951 2,381	8,038 7,449 2,945 3,180	723 375 359 145	8,761 7,824 3,304 3,325
Bars All Other Food Stores	3,082 1,984	523 135	882 1,521	3,466 3,236	1,021 404	4,487 3,640
Hotels, &c.—						
Hotels, Wine Saloons, &c.	1,314	198	8,064	6,251	3,325	9,576
Department Stores, Clothiers, Drapers, &c Department Stores Clothiers and Drapers Footwear Stores	2 1,560 417	96 22	6,004 4,765 869	5,913 5,572 1,197	93 849 111	6,006 6,421 1,308
Hardware, Electrical Goods, &c						
Domestic Hardware Stores Electrical Goods, Radios	579	46	978	1,372	231	1,603
and Musical Instrument Stores Furniture and Floor	663	40	2,925	3,434	194	3,628
Coverings Stores	404	30	2,244	2,572	106	2,678
Other Goods Stores-						
Newsagents and Book- sellers Chemists Other	766 1,138 3,338	66 24 197	924 1,328 3,259	1,455 1,882 6,052	301 608 742	1,756 2,490 6,794
Total (Excluding Motor Vehicle Dealers, Garages and Service Stations, &c.)	23,644	2,008	47,949	64,014	9,587	73,601
Total Motor Vehicle Dealers, Garages and Service Stations, &c	3,484	299	18,791	20,401	2,173	22,574
Total	27,128	2,307	66,740	84,415	11,760	96,175

For footnotes see end of this table on page 703.

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VICTORIA—NUMBER OF PERSONS WORKING MAINLY ON RETAIL ACTIVITIES ON THE LAST PAY DAY IN JUNE, 1962—continued

		Cate	egory of Emp	oloyment					
Main Type of Business		Members	Paid		Total				
	Owners	of Family	Employees †	Full Time	Part Time	Total			
East Street	Females								
Food Stores— Grocers Butchers Fruiterers Bakers Confectioners and Milk	2,314 420 1,072 708	619 171 477 190	5,478 1,083 2,457 2,262	6,697 1,125 2,347 2,307	1,714 549 1,659 853	8,411 1,674 4,006 3,160			
Bars	3,063 1,181	813 376	3,586 4,103	5,097 3,697	2,365 1,963	7,462 5,660			
Hotels, &c.— Hotels, Wine Saloons, &c.	1,022	342	6,587	5,967	1,984	7,951			
Department Stores, Clothiers, Drapers, &c.— Department Stores Clothiers and Drapers Footwear Stores	2,227 209	297 59	8,393 12,660 1,460	7,357 11,158 1,356	1,036 4,026 372	8,393 15,184 1,728			
Hardware, Electrical Goods, &c.—									
Domestic Hardware Stores Electrical Goods, Radios	345	85	776	895	311	1,206			
and Musical Instrument Stores	193	79	1,419	1,450	241	1,691			
Furniture and Floor Coverings Stores	138	41	970	1,009	140	1,149			
Other Goods Stores— Newsagents and Book- sellers Chemists Other	515 204 1,215	128 99 444	1,694 3,410 2,557	1,865 2,848 3,149	472 865 1,067	2,337 3,713			
	1,215			5,149	1,007	4,216			
Total (Excluding MotorVehicle Dealers, Garages and Service Stations, &c.)	14,826	4,220	58,895	58,324	19,617	77,941			
Total Motor Vehicle Dealers, Garages and Service Stations, &c	811	363	2,819	3,315	678	3,993			
Total	15,637	4,583	61,714	61,639	20,295	81,934			
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Food Stores— Grocers	5 5 27	939	10 404	14 725	2 427	17 170			
Butchers Fruiterers Bakers	5,537 2,523 3,262 1,589	256 640 253	10,696 6,719 3,408 4,643	14,735 8,574 5,292 5,487	2,437 924 2,018 998	17,172 9,498 7,310 6,485			
Confectioners and Milk Bars All Other Food Stores	6,145 3,165	1,336 511	4,468 5,624	8,563 6,933	3,386 2,367	11,949 9,300			
Hotels, &c.— Hotels, Wine Saloons, &c.	2,336	540	14,651	12,218	5,309	17,527			
Department Stores, Clothiers, Drapers, &c.— Department Stores Clothiers and Drapers Footwear Stores	2 3,787 626	393 81	14,397 17,425 2,329	13,270 16,730 2,553	1,129 4,875 483	14,399 21,605 3,036			

For footnotes see end of this table on page 703.

Retail Trade

	Category of Employment							
Main Type of Business		Members	Paid		Total			
	Owners of Family	Employees †	Full Time	Part Time	Total			
Hardware, Electrical Goods, &c.—			Perso	INS				
Domestic Hardware Stores Electrical Goods, Radios	924	131	1,754	2,267	542	2,809		
and Musical Instrument Stores Furniture and Floor	856	119	4,344	4,884	435	5,319		
Coverings Stores	542	71	3,214	3,581	246	3,827		
Other Goods Stores— Newsagents and Book- sellers Chemists Other	1,281 1,342 4,553	194 123 641	2,618 4,738 5,816	3,320 4,730 9,201	773 1,473 1,809	4,093 6,203 11,010		
Total (Excluding MotorVehicle Dealers, Garages and Service Stations, &c.)	38,470	6,228	106,844	122,338	29,204	151,542		
Total Motor Vehicle Dealers, Garages and Service Stations, &c	4,295	662	21,610	23,716	2,851	26,567		
Total	42,765	6,890	128,454	146,054	32,055	178,109		

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF PERSONS WORKING MAINLY ON RETAIL ACTIVITIES ON THE LAST PAY DAY IN JUNE, 1962—continued

* Includes members of owner's family and friends assisting in the business but not receiving a definite wage for their work.

† Includes friends and relatives who are paid a definite wage.

The next table shows, for each State, particulars of the number of retail establishments and the value of retail sales for the year ended 30th June, 1962, together with the value of stocks of goods on hand at 30th June, 1962 :---

AUSTRALIA—CENSUS OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS*: ESTABLISHMENTS, SALES, AND STOCKS, 1961–62

			Va	lue of Retail	Sales	Value of
State		Number of Retail Es- tablishments	Excluding Motor Vehicles, &c.	Motor Vehicles, &c.†	Total	All Retail Stocks at 30th June, 1962
	-			; <u> </u>	000	
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania	 	46,209 37,268 17,065 11,812 8,559 4,270	$2,060,412 \\1,517,160 \\701,642 \\451,564 \\360,304 \\166,060$	623,082 431,232 218,010 143,144 133,854 53,872	2,683,494 1,948,392 919,652 594,708 494,158 219,932	328,128 238,866 114,284 75,406 61,184 30,130
Total		125,183	5,257,142	1,603,194	6,860,336	847,998

* Table refers to establishments with total retail sales of \$1,000 or more. Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

 \dagger Includes new and used motor vehicles, motor parts and accessories, petrol, lubricating oils, tyres, tubes, &c.

Survey of Retail Establishments

During the period between Censuses, estimates of the value of retail sales are made on the basis of returns received from a representative sample of retail establishments. Sample returns are supplied by retail businesses which account for approximately 45 per cent. of all retail sales in Australia. Estimated totals are calculated by methods appropriate to a stratified sample.

The following table shows the value of retail sales of goods in Victoria in each of the commodity groups specified for the years 1959-60 to 1963-64:

Commodity Group	Year Ended 30th June—						
	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964		
Groceries	$211 \cdot 8$ $112 \cdot 2$ $200 \cdot 2$	233 · 8 124 · 0 213 · 0	$232 \cdot 6$ 123 $\cdot 8$ 225 $\cdot 6$	239 · 8 130 · 4 236 · 6	261 · 0 139 · 4 243 · 0		
Total Food and Groceries	524.2	570.8	582.0	606.8	643.4		
Beer, Wine and Spirits ^{††} Clothing and Drapery Footwear Domestic Hardware, China, &c. [‡] Electrical Goods [§] Furniture and Floor Coverings Chemists' Goods Newspapers, Books and Stationery Other Goods [¶]	144.6 254.0 44.8 40.0 99.8 70.6 59.8 48.0 142.0	$ \begin{array}{r} 151 \cdot 8 \\ 261 \cdot 8 \\ 47 \cdot 2 \\ 40 \cdot 0 \\ 94 \cdot 0 \\ 69 \cdot 4 \\ 68 \cdot 6 \\ 48 \cdot 6 \\ 150 \cdot 2 \end{array} $	151.8 258.6 47.0 40.0 94.4 66.2 73.8 51.6 151.8	$ \begin{array}{r} 158 \cdot 2 \\ 268 \cdot 4 \\ 47 \cdot 8 \\ 40 \cdot 6 \\ 96 \cdot 8 \\ 88 \cdot 8 \\ 80 \cdot 4 \\ 51 \cdot 6 \\ 161 \cdot 8 \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} 166 \cdot 0 \\ 290 \cdot 6 \\ 52 \cdot 2 \\ 42 \cdot 8 \\ 104 \cdot 0 \\ 77 \cdot 0 \\ 84 \cdot 6 \\ 59 \cdot 8 \\ 166 \cdot 4 \end{array}$		
Total (Excluding Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.)	1,427.8	1,502.4	1,517.2	1,581 · 2	1,686.8		
Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.¶	464.0	461.2	431.2	523-2	573.0		
GRAND TOTAL	1,891 · 8	1,963.6	1,948 • 4	2,104.4	2,259.8		

VICTORIA—VALUE OF RETAIL SALES*

(\$ Mill.)

* Compiled on the basis comparable with the 1961-62 Retail Census.

† Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, fish, &c., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.

†† Excludes sales made by licensed clubs, canteens, &c.

‡ Excludes basic building materials, builders' hardware and supplies.

§ Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators.

|| Includes tobacco, cigarettes, sporting goods, jewellery, &c.

¶ Excludes tractors, farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, &c.

Oversea and Interstate Trade

Oversea Trade : Legislation and Agreements

General

Of the three components of Victoria's trade, namely, transactions within the State, those with other Australian States, and those with countries outside Australia, the first two are, in practice, free of control or restriction; trade with oversea countries is subject to the customs laws of the Commonwealth Government. By the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, the power to make laws about trade and commerce with other countries was conferred on the Federal Parliament, and by the same Act, the collection and control of customs and excise duties passed to the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on the 1st January, 1901.

The first Commonwealth Customs Tariff was introduced by Resolution on the 8th October, 1901, from which date the uniform duties came into effect throughout Australia. The Tariff Act received assent on the 16th September, 1902. The tariff has been extensively altered since that date, and that at present in operation is the Customs Tariff 1965 (operative as from 1st July, 1965.)

The Australian Customs Tariff has been developed in conformity with the policy of protecting economic and efficient Australian industries, and of granting preferential treatment to imports from certain countries of the Commonwealth of Nations. Some goods, generally those of a luxury nature, are subject to duty for revenue purposes. Customs collections are a major source of revenue, and the protective character of the tariff has an important influence on the Australian economy.

Australia has three classes of tariff : the British Preferential Tariff, the Intermediate Tariff, and the General Tariff.

British Preferential Tariff

British Preferential Rates of duty apply to goods, the produce, or manufacture of the United Kingdom, which comply with the conditions affecting the grant of preference, provided that the intended destination of the goods, when originally shipped from the United Kingdom, was Australia. The British Preferential Tariff has been extended by trade agreements and by tariff legislation to cover all except a small number of commodities imported from Canada, New Zealand, the Territory of Papua and New Guinea. In relation to specified goods, the British Preferential Tariff applies also to specified countries of the Commonwealth of Nations, and to most of the British non-self-governing colonies, protectorates, and trust territories.

Intermediate Tariff

The effective application of the Intermediate Tariff dates from the 1st January, 1937, and results from the conclusion of trade agreements with Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and France. Benefits from this tariff apply to countries with which Australia has trade agreements and to countries which accord Australia reciprocal most-favoured-nation tariff treatment as a result of agreements between those countries and the United Kingdom. The tariff has also been extended to some countries to which Australia has no formal obligation to accord most-favoured-nation treatment.

The countries and the particular tariff items to which the tariff applies are specified by Ministerial order.

General Tariff

The General Tariff applies to all goods other than those to which the British Preferential Tariff, the Intermediate Tariff, or special rates under trade agreements apply.

Primage Duty

In addition to duties imposed by the Customs Tariff 1965, ad valorem duties at various rates are charged on some goods according to the type of goods and their origin. Goods, the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Fiji, Cocos Islands, Christmas Island (Indian Ocean), the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, are exempt from primage duty.

Tariff Board

The Tariff Board is set up under the provisions of the Tariff Board Act to advise the Commonwealth Parliament on the formulation and implementation of tariff policy.

Trade Agreements

Australia has numerous trade agreements with oversea countries, the principal agreements being outlined below:—

Country	Main Features of Agreement
United Kingdom	Dated 1956. Preservation of security for Australian exports in United Kingdom markets. Lowering of obligatory margins of preference which Australia extends to the United Kingdom.
Canada	Dated 1960. Mutual accord of British Preferential Tariff treatment with certain specified exceptions as for 1931 agreement plus concessions granted in 1932 and 1937.
New Zealand	Dated 1933. Mutual accord of British Preferential Tariff treat- ment with certain specified exceptions.
Southern Rhodesia Zambia and Malawi	Dated 1955. Agreement negotiated with the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. Preference for Australian exports (mainly primary produce). British Preferential Tariff treatment on exports to Australia with exclusive special tariff on unmanufactured tobacco. Following the dissolution of the Federation in December, 1963, the agreement has been applied on a provisional basis to each of the three consti- tuent territories—Southern Rhodesia, Zambia, and Malawi.
Malaysia	Dated 1958. Agreement negotiated with the Federation of Malaya. Since formation of Malaysia in September, 1963, agreement applies only to that part of Malaysia formerly comprising the Federation. Records exchange of British Preferential treatment with special protection for Australia's wheat and flour markets in Malayan States, and for Malayan rubber and tin in Australia.
Japan	Dated 1963. Mutual exchange of most-favoured-nation treat- ment. Japan to accord preferential treatment to Australian wool and wheat as well as expanded opportunities for imports into Japan of other Australian primary produce and motor vehicles. Australia to consult Japan on temporary protection cases affecting Japanese products.
Federal Republic of Germany	Dated 1959. Import quotas for Australian products.
Indonesia	Dated 1959. Records desirability of expanding trade between Australia and Indonesia. Gives recognition to importance of flour trade from Australia to Indonesia.

In addition to the above trade agreements, Australia has entered into bilateral trade agreements with South Africa, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Greece and Switzerland. Summaries of the texts of

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these agreements have been given in previous issues of the Victorian Year Book. Simple reciprocal most-favoured-nation trade agreements were concluded with Israel in 1951 and Iceland in 1952.

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (G.A.T.T.)

The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, to which Australia was one of the original contracting parties, is an international trade agreement which has been in operation since 1st January, 1948. There are now 64 contracting parties to the agreement. They comprise most of the world's larger trading nations.

Five series of tariff negotiations have been conducted, as a result of which Australia has obtained tariff concessions on almost all the principal products of which Australia is an actual or potential exporter to the individual countries concerned.

Excise Tariff

The Excise Tariff applies to certain articles which can only be manufactured under licence and subject to certain conditions. The tariff relates to beer, spirits, amylic alcohol and fusel oil, saccharin, liqueurs, flavoured spirituous liquors, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, snuff, coal, certain petroleum, shale, or coal tar distillates, playing cards, cigarette papers, matches, wine (certain types), wireless valves, and canned fruit.

Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations

Import licensing, introduced at the beginning of the Second World War, was relaxed progressively after the war so that by March, 1952, goods from the non-dollar area (except Japan, to which special conditions applied until 1957) were virtually free from import licensing controls. A fall in the price of wool and a large increase in imports in the year 1951-52 so endangered Australia's external financial position that in March, 1952, the import restrictions were again intensified. The war-time regulations were subsequently replaced by regulations made under the *Customs Act* 1901-54.

Between March, 1952, and February, 1960, import restrictions were varied broadly in line with Australia's balance of trade position.

After the changes made in February, 1960, only about 10 per cent. of imports remained subject to control. The remaining restrictions were removed in October, 1962, for all commodities with the exception of a small group which were retained under control for reasons of association with the protection of the Australian industries concerned.

Export Controls

The Customs Act makes provision for the prohibition, either absolutely, or to a certain place, or unless specified conditions obtain, of the exportation from Australia of certain goods. The *Banking Act* 1959 makes provision to ensure that the full proceeds of exports are received, in a manner prescribed, into the Australian banking system.

Australian Trade Missions

Over the last decade, trade missions have become an integral part of the Commonwealth Department of Trade's campaign to develop and expand Australia's export trade.

They have proved successful in creating an awareness, especially in new markets, of Australia as a producer of quality primary and secondary commodities, in establishing Australia as a source of supply, in establishing a basis for long-term business, and in producing valuable export business from "on the spot" trading. Trade missions have been directly responsible for substantial and permanent increases in export earnings.

Since 1954, Australia has sent overseas fifteen major trade missions, four trade ships, seven trade survey missions, and two specialized selling missions. The countries visited include South Africa, East Africa, West Africa, the Rhodesias, Singapore, Malaya, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Thailand, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Japan, British North Borneo, New Guinea, the Solomons, Fiji, New Caledonia, New Zealand, U.S.A., Canada, Arabian Gulf, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Cyprus, Greece, Malta, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, and the West Indies. Some of these countries have been visited more than once.

There are various types of trade missions. The trade survey mission is designed to carry out a survey of a particular area, obtain commercial information, assess the market potential for Australian commodities, and recommend a programme of trade publicity and promotion in the area. This programme may include the organization of a full-scale trade mission to visit the area. A trade survey mission usually comprises five or six members.

The major trade mission usually comprises between 20 and 40 businessmen from all sectors of commerce, agriculture, finance, and industry, together with Department of Trade representatives. The function of major trade missions is first to sell, and secondly to publicize and promote Australia as an exporting nation. The success of these missions depends entirely on the selling and negotiating capacities of the businessmen who participate.

More recently the Department has introduced a new type of specialized trade mission. The approach is to organize a specific industry or group of industries to participate in a planned selling campaign in oversea markets with known sales potential. The group visits the market, exhibits and publicizes its products and negotiates sales. Two specialized selling missions have been organized in recent years.

Victoria's Pattern of Trade, 1964

Oversea Trade : Recorded Value of Imports and Exports

The recorded value of goods imported is the actual money price paid plus any special deduction or the current domestic value of the goods, whichever is the higher, plus all charges ordinarily payable for placing the goods free on board (f.o.b.) at the port of export. When the invoiced value of the imported goods is in a currency other than Australian, the equivalent value in Australian currency is recorded. The telegraphic transfer selling rate for £100 (\$200) Australian on London was stabilized at £125 10s. (\$251) in 1931 and since then it has remained unchanged. The recorded value of exports, if sold before export, is equivalent to the f.o.b. value of the goods. If shipped on consignment, the value recorded is the Australian f.o.b. equivalent of the current price offering for similar goods of Australian origin in the principal markets of the country to which the goods are consigned for sale. With regard to wool shipped on consignment, the f.o.b. equivalent of the current price ruling in Australia approximates sufficiently to the f.o.b. equivalent of the price ultimately received.

Oversea Trade of Victoria

General

Statistics of Australia's oversea trade passing through Victorian ports are compiled from documents obtained under the Customs Act, and are presented in the following series of tables.

The total values of the oversea trade of Victoria for each of the five years 1959–60 to 1963–64 are set out below. Exports do not include the value of stores shipped at Victorian ports on board oversea ships.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE : RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS (\$'000 f.o.b.)

Year Ended				Excess		
30th June	<u> </u>	Imports	Australian Produce	Re-exports	Total	of 1mports
1960 1961 1962 1963 1964	 	678,698 799,944 610,584 780,058 833,847	480,598 472,702 563,432 588,210 736,388	7,542 21,240 10,168 8,670 10,252	488,140 493,942 573,600 596,880 746,640	190,558 306,002 36,984 183,178 87,207

That portion of the value of Australian trade handled at Victorian ports for each of the five years 1959–60 to 1963–64 is shown in the following table :---

VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN TRADE, AND PORTION HANDLED AT VICTORIAN PORTS

Year Ended 30th June—		A	ustralian Trad	e	Proportion of Australian Trade Handled at Victorian Ports			
5011 30	ine—	Imports	Exports	Total	Imports	Exports	Total	
			\$'000 f.o.b			%		
1960		1,852,786	1,875,362	3,728,148	36.6	26.0	31.3	
1961		2,175,154	1,937,686	4,112,840	36.8	25.5	31.5	
1962		1,769,492	2,154,568	3,924,060	34.5	26.6	30.2	
1963		2,162,670	2,151,812	4,314,482	36.1	$27 \cdot 8$	32.0	
1964		2,372,658	2,782,460	5,155,118	35.1	26.8	30.7	

Classification of Oversea Imports and Exports

The following table shows value of imports and exports for the years 1961-62 to 1963-64 grouped in 21 statistical classes :----VICTORIA--CLASSIFICATION OF OVERSEA IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

Classification		Imports			Exports	
	1961–62	1962-63	1963-64	1961–62	1962–63	1963-64
I. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin II. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin	7,098 19,374	7,216 19,992	9,112 22,520	107,818 140,968	131,736 110,366	141,330 169,287
III. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors IV. Tobacco and Preparations	1,262	1,014	1,367	1,138	1,356	1,446
thereof	9,680 234	11,088 420	13,695 772	62 138	190 302	193 328
VI. Animal Substances VII. Vegetable Substances and	4,438	6,328	7,584	239,412	253,730	318,337
Fibres VIII. (a) Yarns and Manufactured	14,932	21,066	24,384	458	602	871
(b) Textiles	21,096 57,180	27,956 63,340	23,929 63,363	2,118 964 342	2,228 1,480	4,789 2,121 550
(c) Apparel IX. Oils, Fats and Waxes X. Pigments, Paints and Var-	7,352 74,440	8,336 86,610	9,414 79,053	21,876	390 24,574	19,134
XI. Rocks, Minerals and Hydro-	4,754	6,566	5,567	706	984	947
carbons	3,766	5,004	5,607	2,042	952	1,336
factures (Except Electrical Appliances and Machinery) (b) Dynamo Electrical	102,598	160,154	166,289	17,122	20,004	26,886
(c) Machines and Machinery	23,078	31,874	39,423	1,734	2,440	4,025
(Except Dynamo Electrical) XIII. (a) Rubber and Rubber Manu-	90,962	117,766	137,214	9,124	11,724	14,037
factures	15,334	19,216	20,193	1,118	1,370	1,960
Manufactures	1,238 5,772	1,596 6,828	2,198 8,105	2,124 314	2,460 274	2,458 307
XV. Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass, &c. XVI. (a) Pulp, Paper and Board	10,270 26,542	12,584 30,826	12,594 29,271	352 794	320 1,110	807 1,279
(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery	11,454	15,626	16,559	1,242	1,360	2,054
XVII. Sporting Material, Toys, Jewellery, &c.	8,532	9,650	10,285	904	832	1,276
XVIII. Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments, &c.	10,694	11,810	14,559	1,980	1,978	2,323
XIX. Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products,						
&c	33,464 44,758	42,468 54,376	46,464 64,207	6,658 12,084	8,032 15,996	9, 3 79 19,164
Total Merchandise	610,302	779,710	833,728	573,592	596,790	746,624
XXI. Gold and Silver; Bronze Specie	282	348	119	8	90	16
Grand Total	610,584	780,058	833,847	573,600	596,880	746,640

(\$'000 f.o.b.)

The percentages which the value of the more important classes bore to the total value of merchandise imported during 1963–64 were as follows :---Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel, 12 per cent.; metal manufactures and machinery, 41 per cent.; oils, fats, and waxes, 9 per cent.; paper, paper manufactures, and stationery, 5 per cent.; chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc., 6 per cent.

Victoria's export trade comprises largely agricultural, dairying, and pastoral products which in 1963–64 amounted to 85 per cent. of merchandise exports. Wool alone accounted for 36 per cent. of total exports, while wheat and flour exports represented a further 13 per cent.

Oversea and Interstate Trade

Recorded Values of Principal Articles Imported

The following table shows the recorded values of the principal articles imported into Victorian ports for the years 1961-62 to 1963-64:

VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEAS

	1					
Article and Unit of Quantity		Quantity			Value	
	1961-62	196 2–6 3	1963-64	196162	1962-63	1963–64
		'000'			\$'000 f.o.b	•
Fish	19,146	19,934	22,804	5,230	5,180	6,562
Coffee, Raw and Kiln Dried lb. Tea ib.	9,844	10,943 24,182	11,831 24,254	2,030 9,516	2,500 9,222	3,483 8,970
Tea Ib. Tobacco, Unmanufactured Ib.	12,591	13,957	17,083	8,768	9.832	12,135
Cotton, Raw lb.	23,924 12,591 9,879	12,603	16.377	2,676	3,294 2,954	4,304
Wool lb. Sisal Fibre cwt.	3,195	5,720 220	5,652 210	1,574 1,372	2,954 2,798	3,408 3,595
Sisal Fibre cwt. Cotton Yarns—No. 50 Count and Finer lb. Sewing Threads lb. Nylon Fibres	151	220	210	1,572	2,750	3,090
and Finer lb.	2,554 1,371	2,033	701	2,062	1,522	554
Sewing Threads lb.	1,371	1,346 2,223	1,241	2,288	2,156 3,684	2,313 3,908
Nylon Fibres lb. Nylon Yarns lb.	1,400 244	4,066	2,295 361	2,568 398	4,986	596
Nylon Lace	244	4,000		1,376	2,054	2,189
Corn and Flour Sacks doz.	735	974	1,158	2,466	2,826	4,993
Cotton Piecegoods-	14.104	19 614	10 526	2,480	3,042	3,019
Grey Unbleached sq. yd. Bleached, Printed, Dyed, or	14,194	18,614	19,526	2,400	5,042	3,019
Coloured sq. yd.	81,649	91,698	66,999	22,940	23,610 3,342	17,817
Carnets and Carneting sa vd.	1,133	1,306	1,191	3,086	3,342	3,039 55,613 3,774
Petroleum, Crudes	1,114,444	1,330,299	1,200,755	50,274 4,246	58,460 4,382	35,613
Petroleum—Enriched Crudes gall.	54,517	57,449	33,460	5,440	6,032	3,703
Mineral Lubricating Oil gall.	15,900	20,401	15,595	4,434	5,698	4,351
Dyes, Including Organic Pig-					2.000	
ment Dyestuffs n.e.i 1b.	1,840	2,643	2,210	2,510	3,906	3,280
Iron and Steel— Bar and Rod cwt.	130	163	186	2,720	3,006	4,408
Plate and Sheet-Plain cwt.	171	654	739	2.428	5,528	6,574
—Tinned cwt.	414	299	55	3,770	2,618	507
Hand Tools				2,200 1,792	2,440 2,368	2,615
Taps and Valves for Gases and Liquids Aircraft				2,830	1.286	2,991 1,507
Almonaft Donto				5,916	10,082	13,464
Motor Vehicles, Chassis,				54.016	00 (1)	00.240
Bodies, and Parts.				54,816 4,778	98,616 5,210	98,349 7,469
Radio and Television Equipment Tractors—Crawler Type				1,610	2.854	6,197
-wheeled Type				5,890 3,570	2,854 7,346	11.022
Tractor Parts				3,570	6,378	9,901
Knitting Machines				2,630 4,166	3,088 6,648	2,773 7,054
Crude Rubber (Including Crepe				4,100	0,040	7,004
and Latex) 1b.	32,686	42,689	42,031	7,796	9,484	8,746
Synthetic Rubber (Including	14.104	16 077	10 120	2 202	1 0 1 0	4 507
Latex) lb. Timber, Undressed— Douglas Fir (Oregon) sup ft	14,124	16,277	18,139	3,282	4,048	4,597
Douglas Fir (Oregon) sup. ft.	23,395	21,539	30,446	1,862	1,920	2,828
Crockery				1,962	2,242	2,320
Plate Glass, Polished and	3,822	7,199	6,288	1,608	2 9 1 9	2,503
Patent	3,822	61	60	4,586	2,818 5,924	6,030
Newsprinting Paper, Not Glazed &c.ton	65	Ž	88	8,938	10,162	12,510
Transparent Cellulose				3,486	4,244	4,134
Books, Magazines, &c Rock Phosphate ton	632	558		7,670 3,440	11,312 3,252	10,655 4,509
Polyethylene (Polythene) Resin lh	8,632	9,567	13,827	2,194	2,188	3,263
Polyamide (Nylon, &c.) Resins 1b. Army, Navy, and Air Force Stores and Equipment	4,681	12,426	14,896	3,084	7,154	7,825
Army, Navy, and Air Force					1.715	2 002
	•••	••		3,250 10,302	1,716 13,566	3,002 14,101
All Other Articles				310,274	381,080	420,387
Total Imports		••		610,584	780,058	833,847
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NOTE.—In the above table, separate details are shown of articles for which the value of imports amounted to more than \$2 mill. in any one of the three years.

Recorded Values of Principal Exports

The following table shows the recorded values of the principal articles exported to oversea countries from Victorian ports during each of the years 1961-62 to 1963-64 :---

VICTORIA-PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED OVERSEAS

Article and Unit of Qua	ntity		Quantity			Value	
Attick and Only of Qua		1961–62	1962-63	1963–64	1961-62	1962-63	1963 -64
Marte Daramed by Cald Be		'000			\$'000 f.o.b.		
Meats Preserved by Cold Pro Beef and Veal		81,085	117,314	122,323	21,290	31,822	33,637
		18,022	27,674	20,877	2,384	5,114	3,658
		76,284	95,057	104,409	11,276	16,502	16,591
Mutton Ib. Rabbits and Hares-Skinned 1b.		14,629	11,509	11,714	3,424	2,938	2,858
Meats, Tinned							
Meat Loaf	1b.	15,126	10,276	14,731	3,382	2,274	3,041
Beef or Veal	lb.	7,919	10,199	11,833	1,744	2,564	2,301
Sausage Casings-Natural	Bundle	1,756	1,659	1,796	2,898	3,322	3,735
Milk—							
	lb.	33,803	52,551	67,659	4,428	6,576	8,887
Dried or in Powdered Forn							
Full Cream	1b.	7,512	9,036	9,867	2,578	2,844	2,755
Skim	1b.	28,192	40,427	30,991	2,084	2,996	2,285
Butter	·· 1b.	121,311	121,145	140,568	34,318	34,714	40,751
Cheese	1b.	25,201	31,561	28,451	5,996	7,432	7,299
Wheat	ton	1,401	845	1,572	72,538	44,572	82,200
Rice	ton	8	10	19	900	1,148	2,644
Oats	ton	150	173	190	6,328	7,180	7,819
White Flour-Plain	cental	3,880	3,714	5,360	11,484	10,328	15,634
Malt	1b.	106,172	111,930	151,712	5,010	5,424	7,258
Fruit, Fresh-Pears	bush.	1,146	723	1,097	3,768	2,370	3,611
Dried-Sultanas	1b.	113,637	104,695	99,657	15,014	13,064	13,413
Canned—Peaches	1b.	34,663	36,594	67,609	4,158	4,328	7,805
-Pears	•• lb.	81,920	72,036	119,416	10,452	8,944	14,512
Hides and Skins-							
Sheep and Lamb Skins wi							
Wool on	·· 1b.	77,182	85,101	83,346	21,440	25,906	33,189
Other	••		••		4,424	5,600	5,383
Wool-							
Greasy	lb.	372,401	363,938	383,921	188,722	194,234	246,854
Washed and Scoured	1b.	21,390	23,540	21,064	12,668	14,328	16,274
Carbonized	lb.	6,779	6,774	5,870	3,728	3,782	4,423
Tallow, Inedible	cwt.	903	1,084	893	5,238	5,272	5,167
Petroleum Oils-							
Diesel Distillate (Incl. Gas		51,880	59,406	20,351	5,442	6,422	2,380
Topped Crude Oil (In							
Residual Oil)	•• gall.	131,346	180,314	152,936	8,126	10,026	9,703
Iron and Steel Scrap	cwt.	976	1,553	2,229	1,694	1,668	2,580
Motor Vehicles and Parts	••				6,866	10,634	13,767
Agricultural Machinery an					1,478	2,428	2,072
Casein	cwt.	221	240	315	3,690	3,938	5,055
All Other Articles	••				84,630	96,186	117,099
Total Exports	••		••		573,600	596,880	746,640

Nore-In the above table, separate details are shown of articles for which the value of exports amounted to more than \$2 mill. in any one of the three years.

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Trade with Countries

The value of trade with oversea countries from 1961-62 to 1963-64 is shown in the following table :—

Country		Imports			Exports	
	1961-62	1962-63	196364	196162	1962–63	1963–64
Commonwealth Countries—						
United Kingdom	194,866	243,576	247,618	122,572	117,290	139,783
Borneo (British)	6,452	2,702	4,213	1,572	1,764	117
Canada	22,326	31,704	33,562	10,468	12,946	13,186
Ceylon	7,472	6,300	6,481	6,308	3,832	5,451
Hong Kong	4,512	5,498	7,275	6,852	9,076	11,08
India	9,568	10,920	10,838	21,732	16,252	13,91
Malaya, Federation of	7,380	9,304	7,966	6,636	9,110	10,40
New Zealand	8,132	11,198	16,495	36,364	39,508	46,85
Pakistan	2,886	4,264	4,367	1,730	5,130	2,453
Singapore	534	788	1,131	8,940	13,274	11,630
Other Commonwealth Countries	12,660	15,854	20,099	18,590	23,132	27,742
Total Commonwealth Countries	276,788	342,108	360,045	241,764	251,314	282,61
Foreign Countries—						
Arabian States-						
Kuwait	15,496	22,500	12,144	890	1,212	1,57
Saudi Arabia	17,300	27,460	16,519	962	1,822	2,11
Qatar	5,036	4,012	10,165	116	172	18
Other Arabian States	4	346	3	60	536	52
Belgium-Luxembourg	5,588	5,000	5,700	10,314	10,542	12,51
China, Republic of (Mainland)	2,476	3,692	5,638	32,750	25,132	51,16
Czechoslovakia	1,998	1,958	1,981	2,906	2,042	3,86
France	8,534	15,170	18,060	37,296	39,762	52,41
Germany, Federal Republic of	43,778	56,052	61,558	17,992	16,974	25,48
Indonesia	7,012	8,008	8,226	2,104	1,488	2,22
Iran	12,954	8,702	8,713	984	1,538	1,55
Italy	9,128	14,662	12,984	32,228	24,354	30,75
Japan	34,404	45,368	53,320	79,614	83,550	106,83
Mexico	862	1,500	1,442	3,790	3,362	3,97
Netherlands	10,332	9,498	8,562	3,312	3,990	4,20
Poland	316	402	614	6,098	3,882	4,09
South Africa, Republic of	4,668	5,248	6,579	7,612	7,828	7.96
Sweden	8,418	10,942	16,225	1,380	1,948	1,68
Switzerland	9,066	10,008	10,478	662	372	31
U.S.S.R	460	464	570	6,092	8,258	34,52
United States of America	112,230	160,554	175,549	44,236	59,642	59,56
Yugoslavia	166	42	119	3,440	7,170	7,41
Other Foreign Countries	23,288	26,014	38,533	36,990	39,900	49,05
Total Foreign Countries	333,514	437,602	473,683	331,828	345,476	464,00
All Countries (Transfers of Bullion and Specie)	282	348	119	8	90	16
Grand Total	610,584	780,058	833,847	573,600	596,880	746,640

VICTORIA—OVERSEA IMPORTS AND EXPORTS : COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN AND CONSIGNMENT

(\$'000 f.o.b.)

The relative importance of various countries as participants in the trade of Victoria is indicated in the following table. Figures given are exclusive of transfers of bullion and specie.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA IMPORTS AND EXPORTS: COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN AND CONSIGNMENT

(Per Cent.)

Country		Imports			Exports			
Country	196162	1962–63	1963 6 4	1961 6 2	196263	1963 -6 4		
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES-	31.93	31.24	29.70	21.37	19.65	18.72		
United Kingdom	1.06	0.35	0.50	0.27	0.30	0.01		
Borneo (British)	3.66	4.06	4.03	1.83	2.17	1.77		
Canada	1.22	0.81	0.78	1.10	0.64	0.73		
Ceylon	0.74	0.71	0.87	1.19	1.52	1.48		
Hong Kong	1.57	1.40	1.30	3.79	2.72	1.86		
India	1.37	1.19	0.96	1.16	1.53	1.39		
Malaya, Federation of	1.33	1.44	1.98	6.34	6.62	6.28		
New Zealand	0.47	0.55	0.52	0.30	0.86	0.33		
Pakistan	0.09	0.10	0.13	1.56	2.22	1.56		
Singapore	2.07	2.03	2.41	3.24	3.88	3.72		
Other Commonwealth Countries	45.35	43.88	43.18	42.15	42.11	37.85		
Total Commonwealth Countries	43-35	43.00	45*10					
Foreign Countries-								
Arabian States-	2.54	2.89	1.46	0.15	0.20	0.21		
Kuwait Saudi Arabia	2.83	3.52	1.98	0.17	0.31	0.28		
	0.82	0.51	1.22	0.02	0.03	0.02		
Qatar Other Arabian States		0.04		0.01	0.09	0.07		
Other Arabian States Belgium-Luxembourg	0.91	0.64	0.68	1.80	1.77	1.68		
China, Republic of (Mainland)	0.41	0.47	0.67	5.71	4.21	6.85		
	0.33	0.25	0.24	0.51	0.34	0.52		
Czechoslovakia France	1.40	1.95	2.17	6.50	6.66	7.02		
Germany, Federal Republic of	7.17	7.19	7.38	3.14	2.85	3.41		
Indonesia	1.15	1.03	0.99	0.36	0.25	0.30		
Iran	2.12	1.12	1.05	0.17	0.26	0.21		
Italy	1.50	1.88	1.56	5.62	4.08	4.12		
Japan	5.63	5.82	6.40	13.88	14.00	14.31		
Mexico	0.14	0.19	0.17	0.66	0.56	0.53		
Netherlands	1.69	1.22	1.03	0.58	0.67	0.56		
Poland	0.05	0.05	0.07	1.06	0.65	0.55		
South Africa, Republic of	0.77	0.67	0.79	1.33	1.31	1.07		
Sweden	1.38	1.40	1.95	0.24	0.33	0.23		
Switzerland	1.48	1.28	1.26	0.12	0.06	0.04		
U.S.S.R	0.08	0.06	0.07	1.06	1.38	4.63		
United States of America	18.41	20.59	21.05	7.71	9.99	7.98		
Yugoslavia	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.60	1.20	0.99		
Other Foreign Countries	3.81	3.34	4.62	6.45	6.69	6.57		
Total Foreign Countries	54.65	56.12	56.82	57.85	57.89	62.15		
Grand Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		

Interstate Trade

The available statistics of trade between Victoria and other Australian States are incomplete and relate mainly to seaborne trade. Although a substantial quantity of freight is carried by road and rail transport between Victoria and neighbouring States, no details of this traffic are available. A small tonnage of freight is carried interstate by air (see page 766).

Interstate Trade by Sea

In relation to quantity, the principal cargoes carried interstate by ship to and from Victorian ports are coal, oils, steel, sugar, and timber. In addition, however, there is a considerable trade in foodstuffs, motor vehicles, and other manufactured goods particularly through the Port of Melbourne.

The following tables show tonnages of the principal commodities of interstate origin or destination handled in the Ports of Melbourne and Geelong respectively during the five years 1960 to 1964. Some cargoes, as indicated, are recorded in tons weight, while others are recorded in units of 40 cubic feet, which measurement is taken as the equivalent of 1 ton.

VICTORIA—PORT OF MELBOURNE : PRINCIPAL INTERSTATE EXPORTS

Commodity and Unit of Quantity	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Ale, Beer and Stout40 c.ft.Fruit, Fresh and Preserved40 c.ft.Groceries	17 18 19 7 16 8 114 22 27 11 168 9 31 21 7 22 6 81 294 898	14 19 22 4 15 11 15 17 15 178 25 117 16 7 12 6 83 393 1,079	11 27 14 6 16 13 93 20 28 248 5 70 23 8 8 5 88 454 1,129	9 33 17 8 19 9 9 113 24 14 6 98 1 114 19 8 1 19 8 1 19 8 1 19 98 1 1142	$ \begin{array}{c} 11\\ 32\\ 16\\ 16\\ 22\\ 5\\ 133\\ 18\\ 12\\ 92\\\\ 36\\ 17\\ 7\\ 4\\ 10\\ 75\\ 532\\ \hline 1,038\\ \end{array} $

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VICTORIA—PORT OF MELBOURNE : PRINCIPAL INTERSTATE IMPORTS

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Comm	odity	and Unit o	f Quantit	y	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Barley Cement Coal Gypsum Iron	 	 	 	ton ton ton ton	34 5 587 121 11	39 8 589 73 13	48 7 495 102 36	16 8 423 121 43	15 1 453 127 42
Molasses Oils				ton	22	20	33	35	31
Fuel Oil Kerosene Motor Spi	 	 Bulk)		40 c.ft. 40 c.ft. 40 c.ft.	212 30 74	138 25 149	70 48 97	253 11 281	229 37 273
Paper and S Pipes, Tubes	tatio	nery		40 c.ft. ton	92 53	78 44	137 43	131 43	131 39
Pyrites Steel Sugar	 	 		ton ton ton	46 264 175	60 295 174	43 306 203	37 237 168	62 216 217
Timber Tourists' Ca	••			40 c.ft. 40 c.ft.	163 61	129 72	136 80	143 79	126 80
Wire All Other	•••		ton or	ton 40 c.ft.	27 278	16 359	6 348	472	696
Tot	al		••		2,255	2,281	2,238	2,505	2,775

VICTORIA—PORT OF GEELONG : PRINCIPAL INTERSTATE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

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Commodity and Unit	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964						
Exports											
Bitumen	ton	*	*		3	27					
Refined Oils	40 c.ft.	813	773	890	803	839					
Scrap Iron	ton	12	11	2	*						
Wheat	ton	7	2	5	2	4					
Wool	ton	3	1	1	1						
General Cargo	ton or 40 c.ft.	1	1	5	5	4					
Total Exports	836	788	903	814	874						
	Імро	RTS	3		I						
Alumina	ton					38					
Cement Clinkers	ton	••	4	47	70	74					
Coal	ton	266	257	205	215	224					
Oils (Various)	40 c.ft.	303	347	216	99	124					
Pig Iron and Steel	ton	16	14	17	64	130					
Sulphate of Ammonia	ton	2	5	5	6	7					
Timber and General Carg	ton or 40 c.ft.	1	*	2	3	1					
Total Imports		588	627	492	457	598					

*Under 500 tons.

Trade of Victoria with Western Australia and Tasmania

Detailed statistics of the interstate trade between Victoria and other States are available only for trade with Western Australia and Tasmania. The principal items of the trade between Victoria and Western Australia during the years 1961–62 to 1963–64 are given in the next table.

In recent years, the value of exports by Victoria to Western Australia has been above \$100 mill. per annum and has represented more than 40 per cent. of the total value of goods imported by that State from all States of the Commonwealth. Apparel, foodstuffs, machinery, and motor vehicles account for more than half of this total.

Exports from Victoria are valued at "landed cost" (i.e., on a c.i.f. basis) at the port of entry. Imports from Western Australia are valued at the f.o.b. equivalent (f.o.r. in the case of the small proportion of goods received by rail) at the port of shipment of the price at which the goods were sold.

INTERSTATE TRADE BETWEEN VICTORIA AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Commodity and Unit of Qu	antity	Qı	antity ('0)0)	Value (\$'000)			
		1961–62	1962-63	1963–64	1961-62	1962-63	196364	
L	XPORTS	TO WEST	TERN AU	STRALIA				
Apparel Builders' Hardware Explosives Foodstuffs Cheese Confectionery Milk Products Other Footwear Machinery Agricultural Tractors and Parts Other Paper and Paper Board, Petroleum Oils and Spirit Piecegoods Plastic Material and Ma ures Radio and T.V. Equipme	ts gall.	··· 2,780 2,712 8,091 ··· ·· 12,280 ···	··· 2,597 3,629 7,978 ··· ··· 9,884 ···	3,870 3,423 7,240 11,985 	12,814 1,626 2,182 986 1,140 2,144 7,122 3,576 5,276 2,668 6,602 2,236 1,494 2,282 1,310 1,440	13,910 1,994 2,418 878 1,506 1,858 7,856 3,976 4,360 2,912 7,086 2,516 1,158 2,254 1,792 1,612	17,114 1,862 1,754 1,298 1,441 1,686 9,714 3,871 5,808 3,439 7,183 2,474 1,243 2,948 2,639 1,512	
Soaps Tobacco and Cigarettes Tyres and Tubes	lb.	2,525	2,632	2,833	1,060 5,752 3,832	1,574 6,266 5,066	1,345 6,891 4,759	
Vehicles and Parts Other Commodities	••				18,556 22,090	33,364 31,172	26,717 33,604	
Total					106,188	135,528	139,305	

Commodity and Unit of Quar	ntitv	Qu	antity ('00	0)	Value (\$'000)		
				1963-64	1961–62	196263	1963-64
Імғ	ORTS	FROM WI	estern A	USTRALL	4		
Asbestos Fibre	cwt.	33	62	32	360	618	393
Foodstuffs-	• • • •						
Confectionery	lb.	675	730	616	218	230	185
Meat	ĺb.	2,486	1,502	897	752	484	346
Vegetables, Fresh	1b.	7,275	4,218	4,338	380	262	184
Other	••			·	300	548	325
Hides and Skins	lb.	1,023	1,616	1,382	252	246	156
Iron and Steel	cwt.	1,003	1,508	1,526	4,282	6,642	6,826
Machines and Machinery (E			-,	, -		, í	
Tractors)					770	904	1,232
Petroleum Oils and Spirits	gall.	66,084	56,702	111,678	6,712	5,670	10,387
	e oz.	196	223	243	174	232	284
Textiles (Except Apparel)					394	534	231
	p. ft.	2,849	3,454	2,620	362	432	336
Tractors and Parts				,	904	1,378	1,510
Wool	1b.	2,100	2,759	8,373	1,130	1,562	5,465
Other Commodities		· · ·	·	···	2,724	2,742	3,611
Total	••				19,714	22,484	31,471

The next table shows the principal items of the trade by sea between Victoria and Tasmania during the years 1961-62 to 1963-64. Exports and imports are both valued on an f.o.b. basis.

INTERSTATE TRADE BY SEA BETWEEN VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

Commodity and Unit of Quantity	Q1	antity ('0	00)	Value (\$'000)		
	1961–62	196263	1963–64	1961–62	1962-63	1963–64
Ex	PORTS TO	TASMAN	AIA			
Alcoholic Beverages		1	ı		1	1
Wines and Spirits gall.	190	133	115	908	856	695
Other Alcoholic Beverages						
gall.	321	337	307	532	560	473
Chemicals (Inc. Fertilizer)	l			2,086	2,204	3,183
Foodstuffs—						
Biscuits				396	630	713
Confectionery 1b.	741	1,103	1,208	444	636	674
Fruit, Fresh bush.	309	158	235	1,174	590	871
Milk, Processed lb.	5,426	5,816	6,572	1,326	1,452	1,399
Sugar ton	7	9	4	1,302	1,620	717
Tea lb.	1,870	1,895	1,994	1,108	1,122	1,166
Other	· · ·	· · ·		4,092	4,602	5,274
Metals, Metal Manufactures and						
Machinery—						
Machinery	1	1		6,378	6,030	6,030
Other		I		11,894	11,954	13,547

Oversea and Interstate Trade

Quantity ('000) Value (\$'000) Commodity and Unit of Quantity 1961-62 1962-63 1963-64 1961-62 1962-63 1963-64 EXPORTS TO TASMANIA—continued Motor Vehicles No. 17 19 21 29,676 | 33,488 36,473 Petroleum and Oils-Motor Spirit gall. 24,192 22,809 3,022 3,106 2,554 . . 26,150 Other 3,776 4,370 4,119 • • • • Paper and Stationery 4,051 3,008 4,052 • • Rubber Manufactures 2,028 2,084 2,443 •• Soap 492 840 1,092 • • •• • • • • Tobacco and Cigarettes 9,454 9,828 9,774 .. • • . . • • 3,211 Wool lb. 3,505 4,553 2,048 2,264 3,001 • • . . Other Commodities .. 10,868 11,966 13,532 • • •• • • •• Total 96,012 104,254 111,781 • • • • . .

INTERSTATE TRADE BY SEA BETWEEN VICTORIA AND TASMANIA continued

IMPORTS FROM TASMANIA

Foodstuffs				I		I		I
Butter	••	cwt.	14	19	18	464	622	586
Fish	••					344	402	307
Fruit—					ĺ			
Fresh	••	bush.	166	44	142	350	88	222
Dried, Preserv	red, &	c. lb.	3,385	3,149	2,010	374	364	235
Hops		1b .	1,649	1,010	668	1,056	676	425
Potatoes		ton	7	2	14	424	78	793
Other *	••					7,924	8,700	10,834
Hides	••	cwt.	13	11	14	198	188	203
Metals and Ores-	-							
Zinc Ingots	••	ton	14	14	15	2,914	3,130	3,182
Other	••	••				4,932	3,920	5,573
Metal Manufactur	es					692	552	704
Motor Vehicles		No.	10	10	11	15,356	16,240	17,015
Timber								
Dressed		sup. ft.	9,020	10,030	11,835	1,924	2,222	2,579
Undressed		sup. ft.	36,012	36,536	44,119	4,708	5,186	6,040
Wool		1b.	2,195	2,114	1,966	954	900	873
Other Commoditie	s†					20,886	23,248	27,666
Total						63,500	66,516	77,237

Includes confectionery—not available for publication.

† Includes calcium carbide, aluminium, hardboard, paper and stationery, and plywood-not available for publication.

Customs and Excise Revenue

The next table contains a classification of gross customs duties collected by the Commonwealth in Victoria in each of the three years 1961–62 to 1963–64. Collections include duty received on account of goods transferred to other States for consumption and exclude duty in respect of goods imported into other States but consumed in Victoria.

VICTORIA—GROSS CUSTOMS DUTIES COLLECTED

(\$'000)

Classification	1961–6 2	1962-63	1963–64
I. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin, &c II. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin ; Non-alcoholic	370	376	483
Beverages, &c	1,756	1,856	2,228
III. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	1,822	1,596	1,736
IV. Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	10,580	11,920	12,383
V. Live Animals			
VI. Animal Substances, not Foodstuffs	4	2	2
VII. Vegetable Substances and Fibres, &c	116	200	192
VIII. (a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	810	1,304	1,387
(b) Textiles	7,498	8,642	9,807
(c) Apparel	2,070	2,422	2,720
IX. Oils, Fats and Waxes-		_,	
Aviation Spirit		60	45
Motor Spirit and Solvents	4,836	4,944	3,234
Aviation Turbine Fuel	44	110	41
Diesel Fuel	116	30	32
Other Oils, Fats and Waxes	1,288	1,412	1,330
X. Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	274	340	318
XI. Rocks, Minerals and Hydro-carbons, &c	46	52	65
XII. (a) Metals and Metal Manufactures-			
Motor Vehicles	5,976	11,738	13,093
Other	3,546	4,954	5,800
(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery, Electrical			
Appliances, &c	2,508	3,890	4,937
(c) Machines and Machinery	7,262	9,192	10,020
XIII. (a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	416	798	986
(b) Leather, Leather Manufactures, &c	200	274	391
XIV. Wood and Wicker	636	838	947
XV. Earthenware, Cement, China, &c	1,728	1,846	1,915
XVI. (a) Pulp, Paper and Board	1,080	1,342	1,197
(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery	676	784	895
	2.294	2,592	2,638
	776	882	1,056
XVIII. Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments, &c.			1,000
XIX. Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, &c	1,258	1,404	1,950
XX. Miscellaneous	3,884	4,544	4,876
Primage and Sundry Duties	1,580	1,778	2,017
Total Gross Customs Duties	65,450	82,122	88,722

Oversea and Interstate Trade

The principal commodities produced in Victoria on which the Commonwealth imposes excise duty are set out in the table below, together with the gross amount of duty collected on account of each item for each of the three years 1961–62 to 1963–64. As with customs duties, collections include duty levied on goods exported to other States for consumption and exclude duty in respect of goods produced in other States, but consumed in Victoria.

VICTORIA—GROSS EXCISE DUTY COLLECTED ON PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

Article and Unit of		y on Which as Collect		Gross Excise Duty Collected			
		1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1961-62 1962-63 1963		
			'000'			\$'000	
Beer Spirits (Potable) Tobacco Cigars and Cigarettes Petrol All Other Articles	gall. proof gall. lb. lb. gall.	68,497 506 3,128 15,393 3 66 ,108	68,800 517 2,950 16,368 398,594	73,112 562 2,682 17,970 452,862	67,354 3,506 5,762 48,868 35,664 4,404	67,652 3,508 5,434 51,980 38,946 4,680	71,894 4,411 4,939 57,063 44,257 5,238
Total					165,558	172,200	187,802

The oversea trade and the gross revenue collected at Victorian ports during the year 1963-64 are shown in the following table :---

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED AT VICTORIAN PORTS, 1963–64

Particulars		Melbourne*	Geelong	Portland	Total		
Oversea Tra	de						
Imports				775,810	57,825	213	833,847
Exports		••		625,697	104,347	16,596	746,640
Т	Total		••	1,401,507	162,172	16,808	1,580,487
Gross Rever	ue						
Customs				87,888	574	261	88,722
Excise				180,982	3,606	3,214	187,802
Т	otal		••	268,869	4,180	3,475	276,524

(\$'000)

* Includes Port of Melbourne, Essendon Airport, and Parcels Post.

AUSTRALIA—VALUE OF OVERSEA TRADE, GROSS CUSTOMS, AND EXCISE DUTY COLLECTED BY STATES, 1963–64

(\$'000)

		-	Excess of	Gross Duty Collected		
State	Imports	Exports	Exports	Customs	Excise	
New South Wales	. 1,035,618	801,114	-234,504	112,974	227,898	
Victoria	. 833,847	746,640		88,722	187,802	
Queensland	. 161,682	545,039	383,357	19,923	67,594	
South Australia	. 179,651	322,159	142,508	16,147	45,378	
Western Australia	101 677	286,714	165,037	10,369	37,839	
Tasmania	25 512	78,318	42,805	3,003	14,951	
Northern Territory .	2,937	2,474	463	520	1,471	
Australian Capita	1	,				
Territory	1 732	2	-1,730	68	10	
Australia	. 2,372,658	2,782,460	409,802	251,727	582,942	
N	own Minus ()			4		

NOTE-Minus (-) sign denotes excess of imports.

Transport

Shipping

Coastal Trade

In the post-war years, and particularly since 1959, significant changes have taken place in the carriage of general cargo by sea around the coast. Although protected from oversea competition by the Commonwealth Navigation Act, the coastal sea trade has been faced in the post war years with keen competition from road and rail transport. This has forced Australian coastal shipowners to revise their trading practices. The entire trade, and its ships, have been radically changed and revitalized to allow shipowners to continue in a business which even today is still an essential means of transportation. The fierce competition, especially from roadhauliers, followed the lifting of limitations on interstate movements of road transport when road hauliers successfully challenged the constitutional validity of restrictions on haulage interstate.

Today, the coastal shipowners are in the third and final phase of their programme to recapture the proportion of the general cargo trade, which for a number of economic and practical reasons can be carried better by sea transport. The first phase in this programme was the introduction of new cargo "packaging". Then followed new cargo handling techniques and equipment, and finally, specially designed and equipped Australian built ships were introduced to match the shore based equipment and methods.

General cargo began to be packed into containers and unit loads which gave economies in handling and loading and discharging times. Company owned terminals were built which were geared to the new concept of cargo "packaging" and stowage on board ships. The first of the specially designed and equipped ships were the vehicular stern-loading ships which carried cargo loaded on road transports at the premises of the shipper for direct delivery to the consignee. The road transports are driven on and off over the stern of the ship, while other types of unit or container cargo are carried on deck. This service was pioneered on the Bass Strait trade between the Port of Melbourne and Northern Tasmanian ports. More recently, a modern 5,000-ton vessel with roll-on, roll-off facilities as well as provision for handling other types of cargo was assigned to the Melbourne-Hobart trade.

Gradually the new ships' equipment and methods were extended and are still being extended between Melbourne and other Australian ports. The Port of Melbourne today has four roll-on roll-off loading terminals, including one for the sea link between King Island in Bass Strait and the mainland.

Other ships introduced were the specially designed and equipped container ships, and a 5,000 ton Australian built container ship has come onto the Melbourne-Fremantle service. The ship using a completely new shipboard system of cargo handling gear, consisting of gantry cranes together with special shore based terminals built to match the ship's handling methods, has introduced an almost revolutionary method of cargo handling in the coastal sea trade. The new ships and handling methods apply principally to the general cargo trade. Meanwhile, sea transport remains unsurpassed in the handling of bulk cargoes, although even in the bulk cargo trade modern specialized ships and handling methods have improved the transportation system.

In other States there is still considerable movement of cargo by sea between ports within the boundaries of a single State. Within Victoria itself, however, there now remains little movement of cargo by sea around its relatively short coastline.

Searoad Service between Victoria and Tasmania

The following table gives details of the searoad service operated by the Australian Coastal Shipping Commission between Victoria and Tasmania :---

Name of Vessel	Passengers	Accompanied Vehicles	Trade Vehicles*	Commercial Units, &c. †	Mail Vans
"Princess of Tas- mania" "Bass Trader" "South Esk" Other A.C.S.C. Vessels	89,235 1,622 	20,054 1,008 	3,431 5,170 132 685	7,485 26,223 8,893 7,232	313 297 .
Total	90,857	21,062	9,418	49,833	610

VICTORIA-TASMANIA : SEAROAD SERVICE, 1963-64

Motor vehicles available for sale.
 Includes container units, trailers, timber packs, &c., as well as powered commercial vehicles.

Vessels Entered and Cleared

The number of vessels entering Victorian ports, the number cleared from those ports, and their total tonnage in each of the five years 1959–60 to 1963–64 were as follows :—

VICTORIA-OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING

Particulars			Year Ended 30th June					
	Particu	nars	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	
Entrances	•••	'000 net tons	3,355 13,277	3,404 14,343	3,545 14,909	3,581 15,183	3,717 16,137	
Clearances		'000 net tons	3,351 13,269	3,412 14,417	3,537 14,872	3,581 15,187	3,681 15,940	

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Shipping with Various Countries

The principal countries having shipping communication with Victoria are set out in the following table. The table does not include the intra-state activities of oversea or interstate vessels.

Voyages and tonnages of vessels arriving from or departing to particular countries are recorded against the country of origin or destination, notwithstanding that the same vessel on the same voyage may carry cargo or passengers to or from Victoria from or to several countries. Thus, vessels calling at New Zealand on voyages to and from the United States of America or Canada are not shown in shipping communication with New Zealand, and likewise, vessels calling at ports *en route* to and from the United Kingdom are credited to the United Kingdom only.

VICTORIA—SHIPPING WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES

('000 Net Tons)

Country		Year 1	Ended 30th	June—	
	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
	v	essels En	TERED	I	I
Commonwealth Countries— Australian States United Kingdom Nauru Borneo (British) Canada India, Pakistan, and Ceylon Singapore, and the Federation of Malaya New Zealand	4,878 1,747 421 241 340 186 237 275	5,080 1,590 324 125 441 193 243 306	5,548 1,513 348 194 378 257 270 452	5,291 1,535 338 53 416 170 286 502	5,735 1,474 385 112 359 155 234 411
Other Commonwealth Countries Total Commonwealth Countries	8,599	392 8,694	535 9,495	495 9,086	624 9,489
FOREIGN COUNTRIES— Arabian States China, Republic of (Mainland) Germany, Federal Republic of Indonesia Iran Italy Japan Netherlands United States of America Other Foreign Countries	1,508 12 386 271 56 247 512 212 526 513	1,326 38 420 297 395 231 766 201 777 704	1,313 77 335 308 364 225 838 189 548 682	1,982 36 367 222 339 221 809 136 652 640	1,600 104 391 269 445 228 1,152 97 789 957
Total Foreign Countries	4,243	5,155	4,879	5,404	6,032
Grand Total	12,842	13,849	14,374	14,490	15,521

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	Year Ended 30th June						
Country	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964		
	Ves	sels Clea	PFD				
Commonwealth Countries-	1						
Australian States	5,892	6,098	5,912	5,803	6,260		
United Kingdom	1,508	1,469	1.630	1,412	1,480		
Manne	205	1,409	1,050	221	305		
Canada	308	290	308	322	261		
India, Pakistan, and Ceylon.	200	192	314	219	276		
Singapore, and the Federation of	200	192	514	219	270		
	289	228	361	544	335		
Malaya New Zealand	354	436	454	379	441		
			454 268	235	271		
Hong Kong	113	131					
Other Commonwealth Countries	167	215	293	301	362		
Total Commonwealth Countries	9,036	9,257	9,735	9,436	9,991		
FOREIGN COUNTRIES— Arabian States China, Republic of (Mainland) Germany, Federal Republic of Indonesia Iran Italy Japan Netherlands Poland United States of America Other Foreign Countries	1,356 27 240 99 134 313 584 58 142 308 436 3,697	1,365 275 276 124 292 388 692 119 65 377 651 4,624	1,324 259 248 170 240 281 593 140 57 437 791 4,540	1,470 217 279 162 377 265 753 180 85 532 709 5,029	1,310 393 337 205 455 273 894 206 63 379 829 5,344		
Total Poleigh Coultries	5,097	-+,024	4,340	5,029			
Grand Total	12,733	13,881	14,275	14,465	15,335		

VICTORIA—SHIPPING WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES—continued ('000 Net Tons)

Nationality of Shipping

The countries of registration of vessels which entered or were cleared at Victorian ports during the years 1962-63 and 1963-64 were as follows :---

VICTORIA-	-NATIC)NAI	JITY	OF	SHIPPING
	('000	Net	Tons)	

	Vessels]	Entered	Vessels Cleared		
Vessels Registered at Ports in-	1962-63 1963-64		1962-63	1963-64	
Commonwealth Countries— Australia United Kingdom New Zealand Hong Kong Other Commonwealth Countries Total Commonwealth Countries	1,806 6,211 178 211 238 8,644	2,116 6,338 198 177 172 9,001	1,804 6,229 177 201 223 8,634	2,087 6,260 198 170 167 8,882	

Trade, Transport, and Communications

			(000						
Vessels Re	gistered	at Ports in	<u> </u>	Vessels	Entered	Vessels	Vessels Cleared		
				1962-63	1963–64	1962–63	19 6 3–64		
Foreign Coun	TRIES-	-							
Denmark				289	328	288	334		
France				132	137	132	138		
Netherlands	•••			723	941	717	942		
Germany, F	ederal	Republic	of	344	416	355	407		
Italy	••			856	789	861	786		
Japan	••			609	530	612	520		
Liberia				660	688	665	671		
Norway		•••		1,348	1,386	1,343	1,367		
Sweden	•••			673	665	666	6 46		
United State	s of A	merica		193	202	195	207		
Panama	••			316	274	314	281		
Other Foreig	gn Cou	intries		396	780	405	759		
Total Fore	eign C	ountries		6,539	7,136	6,553	7,058		
Grand 7	Fotal			15,183	16,137	15,187	15,940		

VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING—continued ('000 Net Tons)

Shipping Entered at Victorian Ports

Particulars of shipping which entered each principal port of Victoria are given in the following table for the years 1962–63 and 1963–64:---

~ ~ ~ ~	Melbourne		Geelong		Portland		
Class of Vessel	196263	1963-64	1962-63	1963-64	1962-63	1963- 6 4	
	·	Number					
Oversea			1				
Direct		293	285	245	288	10	9
Other		1,527	1,616	250	218	84	91
Interstate		1,008	1,043	160	163	4	4
Total		2,828	2,944	655	669	98	104
				1 000'	Net Tons	1	
Oversea			1	I	ł	I	
Direct		1,977	1.357	1,975	2,208	65	38
Other		7.631	8,760	1.288	1.203	451	486
Interstate	••	1,575	1,749	220	318	1	18
Total		11,183	11.866	3,483	3,729	517	542

VICTORIA-VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH PORT

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Cargoes Discharged and Shipped

The following tables show the tonnage of oversea and interstate cargoes discharged and shipped in Victorian ports during 1962–63 and 1963–64, as well as the tonnage of oversea cargoes discharged and shipped during the years 1961–62 to 1963–64 according to the nationalities of the vessels in which the cargoes were carried :—

VICTORIA—CARGOES DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT EACH PORT

Particulars		Melbourne		Geelong		Portland	
Farticulars		1962-63	1963-64	1962-63	1963-64	1962-63	1963–64
DISCHARGED Interstate— Weight Measure		1,689 399	2,107 509	492 24	404 15	73	104 ••
Oversea— Weight Measure	 	3,589 1,255	2,996 1,375	3,575 3	3,697 *	33	3
Shipped Interstate— Weight Measure	 	794 434	583 605	1,073 7	887 3	2 	8
Oversea— Weight Measure	••	1,006 525	1,112 645	1,772 2	2,278 1	139 	157

('000 Tons)

Note—1 ton measurement = 40 cubic feet.

* Less than 500 tons.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA CARGOES DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED ACCORDING TO NATIONALITIES OF VESSELS (2000 Terre)

('000 Tons)

Vacala Basistan d	196	1961–62 1962–63		2-63	1963-64	
Vessels Registered at Ports in→	Dis- charged	Shipped	Dis- charged	Shipped	Dis- charged	Shipped
Commonwealth Countries—	2					
Australia United Kingdom New Zealand Other Commonwealth	3 2,638 59 127	15 1,404 138 122	3 2,794 67 192	26 1,203 129 234	8 2,896 92 117	44 1,291 132 159
Total Commonwealth Countries	2,827	1,679	3,056	1,592	3,113	1,626

	(000 10	15)			
Vessels Registered	1961-62		1962-63		1963-64	
at Ports in—	Dis- charged	Shipped	Dis- charged	Shipped	Dis- charged	Shipped
Foreign Countries—						
Denmark	291	92	127	98	281	87
France	366	10	171	8	180	10
Germany, Federal						
Republic of	146	78	164	171	236	177
Greece	26	302	91	215	96	648
Italy	243	118	836	83	453	8
Japan	116	64	306	78	156	121
Liberia	721	70	1,221	125	1,006	118
Netherlands	279	143	153	181	479	393
Norway	1,121	508	1,357	588	1,217	609
Panama	276	100	458	108	265	41
Sweden	361	95	333	132	484	154
United States of America	45	26	64	28	63	25
Other Foreign	70	48	118	37	42	176
Total Foreign Countries	4,061	1,654	5,399	1,852	4,958	2,567
Grand Total	6,888	3,333	8,455	3,444	8,071	4,193

VICTORIA—OVERSEA CARGOES DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED ACCORDING TO NATIONALITIES OF VESSELS—continued ('000 Tons)

NOTE .-- In this table tons measurement have been added to tons weight.

Port Phillip Sea Pilots

Thirty-four former shipmasters are licensed by the Marine Board of Victoria to perform all pilotage duty within Port Phillip Bay. One is in charge of the Williamstown office as Secretary-Treasurer; the others, in turn, take a week in command of the pilot steamer cruising off Point Lonsdale to put pilots aboard incoming ships or take them off departing vessels.

Thirty-two pilots are rostered for the various pilotage duties: from the Heads to Port Melbourne, Williamstown, and Geelong; between Geelong and Melbourne; in the Yarra River or Victoria Dock; or elsewhere as required. Pilots for inward ships are organized by the Pilot-in-Charge of the steamer; those for departing ships and ships berthing by the Williamstown office staff.

Tide is the pilot's greatest hazard at the Heads. Flowing over an uneven, rocky bottom at a rate of up to 10 knots, it creates a steep and turbulent sea at the narrowest part of the entrance. These strong tides have scoured out a deep gutter round Point Nepean, and the main stream of the tide following this gutter has the effect of setting ships sideways, towards the dangerous reefs bordering Point Nepean.

Inside the Heads is the 12-mile long South Channel for deeploaded ships and the shorter and narrower 8-mile long West Channel for ships under 17 feet draught. From the end of these channels, vessels may proceed either to the Port of Geelong or to the Port of Melbourne.

Transport

Vacancies in the Pilot Service are filled by shipmasters with a pilotage exemption certificate who have traded regularly to the Port. Each pilot must purchase a share in the pilot vessels and other necessary plant. Pilotage dues are set and collected by the Marine Board. Ten per cent. of these are taken out for expenses and contributions to the Pilots Sickness and Superannuation Fund, the balance of 90 per cent. being paid to the pilots for disbursements, crew and staff wages, and for pilots' remuneration.

The following table shows the number of ships (sailing inwards and outwards) piloted through Port Phillip Heads during the years 1955 to 1964 :---

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF SHIPS PILOTED THROUGH PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Year			No. of Ships			No. of Ships	
1955			3,271	1960			3,768
1956			3,042	1961			4,228
1957			3,054	1962			4,177
958			3,311	1963		[4,333
1959			3,593	1964			4,505

Further Reference, 1963

Melbourne Harbor Trust

Administration

The Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners are an independent, autonomous, corporate body operating under the provisions of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Act of 1876, and subsequent amendments and variations. The land and waters of the $10\frac{1}{2}$ square mile port area are vested in the Commissioners who are appointed by the Governor in Council. They comprise a full-time chairman who also is virtually the Port's managing director, and five part-time commissioners who, in accordance with the Act, must be associated with various port activities, i.e., shipping, primary production, imports, exports, and port labour.

The Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners are both the Port Authority and the Conservancy Authority of the Port of Melbourne. The Trust is required to maintain, improve, and develop the Port, and is empowered under the Act to make regulations for the management and financing of the Port subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.

Finance.

The Port of Melbourne is self supporting, and does not receive any financial grants from the State Government. The Trust is financed by the users of the Port, and it derives its income from a number of charges, principally wharfage rates, levied on per ton of cargo landed, and tonnage rates—levied on the gross registered tonnage of ships and the time they spend in port. Other charges cover rent of sheds, hire of port owned cargo handling equipment, general port services, and rental of land reserved for essential long term port development. Expenditure is on port maintenance, reconstruction, modernization, and development and any surplus is put back into port development. In 1964 the Trust had more than $\pounds 24$ mill. at book value invested in port assets. Capital works are financed out of revenue and out of private and public loans which are raised and financed by the Trust itself, and which are guaranteed by the Trust's income from wharfage and tonnage. The Trust is required to pay into the Consolidated Revenue of the State Government approximately one-fifth of its revenue from wharfage and tonnage.

Port Facilities

An outline of the accommodation available is shown below:—

Victoria Dock

This dock is the hub of the Port's oversea import and export trade. Rail trucks bring primary produce right to the ship's side for export. It consists of a 96 acre basin excavated in swamp land. Guaranteed depth of water is 31 ft.

North Side

The 16 berths on the Northern bank of the Yarra are the main centre of interstate cargo trade. No. 1 North Wharf is virtually the head of navigation for ocean going ships, as it is adjacent to the Spencer-street Bridge, and the Port's latest provision for the new style of interstate cargo vessel with modern roll-on roll-off facilities. Depth of water is 28 ft.

South Side

Extending from the City at Spencer-street Bridge, there are 30 berths, including specialized ones for steel, gypsum, and containerized cargoes. Depths are up to 31 ft.

Appleton Dock

This latest and most modern port installation so far, provides five berths, including two for handling bulk coal and phosphate rock. The modern cargo transit sheds are 600 ft. long and 150 ft. wide. Depth of water is 31 ft.

Lower River

Special wharves are located here to service major Victorian industries. These berths handle bulk raw sugar from Queensland, sulphur and petro-chemicals from U.S.A., and oil from the Persian Gulf and the near North. Depth is up to 33 ft.

Williamstown

Century-old piers have been reconstructed here to provide for a modern oil terminal. Depth is up to 39 ft. The Gellibrand Pier is capable of handling tankers of up to 875 ft. in length, and 95,000 tons d.w.

River Entrance

Two roll-on roll-off berths were completed here in 1962 to cater for the Tasmanian trade.

Port Melbourne

This is a four berth passenger terminal and the principal passenger handling area in the Port. It also has a four berth cargo handling pier. Both piers provide rail facilities and depth of water to 37 ft.

Dredging Operations

The Port of Melbourne is the principal sea terminal for Victoria, and with about 90 per cent. of the Port's wharves and berthage accommodation on both banks of the River Yarra, the depth of water in the river plays a major part in the Port Authority's current maintenance and future improvement and development plans.

Throughout the world, ports situated on rivers, are required to undertake dredging programmes to maintain channel depths for the navigation of deep draughted ships, and, in Melbourne, dredging has been a continuing operation since the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners were established in 1877, as both the Port and Conservancy Authority for Melbourne.

At the beginning of settlement in Melbourne in 1835, the Yarra was a narrow waterway with silt bars and treacherous mud banks, making its way through low lying swampland subject to flooding and allowing access to ships with draughts less than 11 ft. In 1843, Melbourne's first Town Clerk petitioned for a survey of the River Yarra "to ascertain the practicability of removing bars that obstructed the passage of vessels of heavy burthen". Following the establishment of the Trust in 1877, plans were formulated for the widening and deepening of the river along its course, and cutting a channel now known as Coode Canal across swampland at Fishermen's Bend and diverting the river from its course. Coode Canal was started in 1880 and completed in 1886 to a length of 2,000 ft., 300 ft. wide, and 25 ft. deep.

Since 1877, the Trust has dredged an average of approximately 1[‡] million barge yards a year from the river. This has included maintenance dredging for removing silt and construction dredging for deepening and widening the navigation channels, both in the river and in the approaches to the Port, in Port Phillip Bay.

Much of the material extracted in 1880 was used to reclaim swampland alongside the Yarra and to provide berthage for ships. The provision of a deepened and clearly defined river channel did much to control the periodic flooding of the area.

The average cost of dredging to the Trust over the years has varied from £3,440 at 15.84d. per barge yard in 1877, to £24,842 at 4.79d. per barge yard in 1905, to £735,823 at 73.23d. per barge yard in 1950. The costs in 1964 were £564,312 at 61.66d. per barge yard.

In addition to the river dredging of 96.5 mill. barge yards, an additional amount of 79.1 mill. barge yards have been dredged from the Bay and out of the combined total 20.6 mill. barge yards have been landed and deposited for reclamation work by the Trust, 6.3 mill. barge yards by the Government, and 0.7 mill. barge yards by other parties—leaving 148.1 mill. barge yards deposited in deep water in Port Phillip Bay.

Further References, 1961–1965

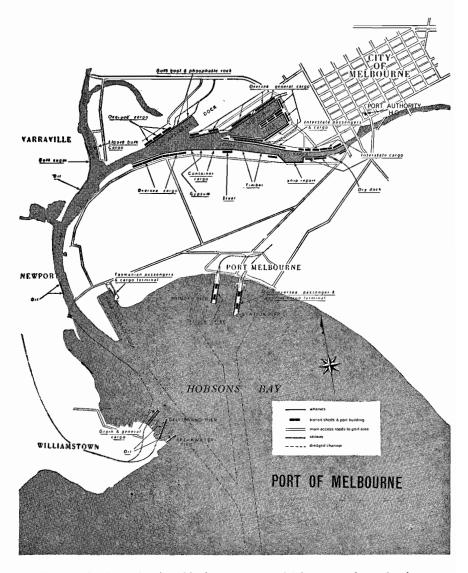


FIGURE 19.-Map showing shipping entrance to Mebourne and port berthage.

The following table shows particulars of the financial operations of the Melbourne Harbor Trust for the years 1960 to 1964:—

VICTORIA—MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST : REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, ETC.

	(/				
Particulars	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Revenue		_			
Whenford and Tennors Dates	4,984	4,608	4,884	5,442	7.145
Dont of Shada	210	190	208	326	637
	304	296	362	428	456
Special Berth Charges					666
Rent of Lands	442	560	610	662	
Crane Fees	1,360	1,296	1,296	1,436	1,613
Other	596	632	598	676	796
Total Revenue	7,896	7,582	7,958	8,970	11,312
Expenditure					
Administration and General Expenses	434	442	474	500	710
Port Operating Expenses	1,590	1,610	1,768	1,916	2,160
Maintenance—	-,,				
Dredging	938	1,308	822	846	1,326
Harbour	64	70	60	90	75
Wharves	482	594	656	494	502
A	58	64	72	78	90
D 1 1 mm m	50	56	46	32	44
Canao Ilandling Equipment	248	250	244	288	304
Cargo Handing Equipment	50	90	44	48	38
Other Properties					1.482
Interest	1,172	1,300	1,384	1,440	
Depreciation and Renewals	1,004	326	882	1,386	1,647
Insurance	278	82	86	160	165
Sinking Fund	362	522	404	458	1,150
Payments to Consolidated Revenue	1,004	930	984	1,100	1,437
Other	10	8	6	20	*
Total Expenditure	7,744	7,652	7,932	8,856	11,132
Net Surplus $(+)$ or Deficit $(-)$	+152	-70	+26	+114	+181
CAPITAL OUTLAY				-	
Land and Property	130	328	100	82	253
Reclamation	30	64	24	56	23
Deepening Waterways	230	132	536	592	154
Wharves and Sheds Construction	1,540	1.244	878	970	1.423
Cargo Handling Equipment	262	150	72	116	294
Approaches Construction	20	52	214	142	361
Floating Plant	180	548	618	152	59
Other Works, &c.	144	180	176	306	253
Total Capital Outlay	2,536	2,698	2,618	2,416	2,821
				-I	

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* Under \$500

Geelong Harbor Trust

The Port of Geelong is under the control of the Geelong Harbor Trust which was constituted under an Act of 1905. The Trust consists of three commissioners appointed by the Governor in Council.

Entrance to the Port is by 15 miles of channel dredged to a depth of 36 feet and a width of 300 feet—progressively being widened to 400 feet. Seventeen berths spread over a distance of approximately

5 miles provide the Port's wharf facilities. Maximum water depths are 32 feet at nine berths and 36 feet at eight berths. Special berths are provided for the handling of steel, coal, grain, phosphatic rock and sulphur, and oil. Coal is discharged from bulk carrying vessels directly to railway trucks. The bulk grain terminal has a 26 mill. bushel storage capacity, and is capable of loading ships at the rate of 1,600 tons per hour. The oil wharf is able to accommodate vessels of the supertanker class carrying up to 30,000 tons of oil. The Harbor Trust cool stores have a storage capacity of 900,000 cubic feet. Adequate open coal storage is available. The port has good clearance facilities, there being direct rail loading at six berths and road clearance at all berths. Pt. Wilson Explosives Pier, owned and operated by the Commonwealth, is within the geographical limits of the Port of Geelong.

During 1965 two new berths came into operation—one at Corio Quay South for general cargo, the other, at Point Henry, for bulk discharge of alumina. A modern dry bulk berth equipped with 4 to $7\frac{1}{2}$ ton kangaroo cranes giving an initial discharge rate of 1,000 tons per hour was commenced during 1965.

The Harbor Trust has floating plant which includes seven tugs, six barges, and one diesel-powered floating crane.

Particulars of the financial operations of the Geelong Harbor Trust for the years 1960 to 1964 are shown in the following table :---

VICTORIA—GEELONG HARBOR TRUST : REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, ETC.

Particulars	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Revenue					
Wharfage, Tonnage, and Specia	al				
De di Deter	. 1,796	1.854	1,996	2,156	2,284
Danta Dara and Lineares	. 32	32	32	36	38
Transford Wenter and Abattains	. 34	34	36	44	50
Other T	120	510	514	596	730
Other	. 430	510	514	590	150
Total Revenue	. 2,300	2,430	2,578	2,832	3,102
EXPENDITURE					
Management Expenses	. 248	240	242	252	272
Maintenance—					
Wharves and Approaches	. 38	46	42	82	70
Uarbour	. 82	82	74	78	78
Electing Dient	12	16	20	10	24
Other	12	12	16	22	22
Interest on Loons	282	278	310	320	344
Sinking Fund	50	56	62	60	72
Denne Testion Dennisten	216	332	378	394	414
Othor	116	448	460	518	618
Other	. 410	440	400	210	010
Total Expenditure	. 1,464	1,510	1,604	1,736	1,914
Net Surplus	. 836	920	974	1,096	1,188

(\$'000)

Particulars	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Capital Outlay (Net)		•			
Floating Plant	56	170	72	178	592
Land and Property	68	112	54	84	104
Deepening Waterways		234	652	636	228
Wharves and Approaches	412	850	364	498	898
Other	28	44	6	34	30
Total Capital Outlay	564	1,410	1,148	1,430	1,852
LOAN INDEBTEDNESS AT 31ST DECEMBER State Government	300	294	234	234	228
Public	5,490	5,300	5,900	5,878	6,958
Total Loan Indebtedness.	5,790	5,594	6,134	6,112	7,186

VICTORIA—GEELONG HARBOR TRUST : REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, ETC.—continued (\$'000)

Portland Harbor Trust

The Port of Portland, about 200 miles west of Melbourne and 300 miles south-east of Adelaide, has been administered by the Portland Harbor Trust Commissioners since 1951. The Port serves an area of about 40,000 square miles in western Victoria and south-east of South Australia.

The harbour, an area of 250 acres of sheltered water, has been developed from a single open sea berth since the inauguration of the Trust. About one-third of the harbour area has been dredged to a depth of 36 feet. It is protected by two breakwaters, one 4,200 feet and the other 3,800 feet in length. These leave an entrance about 800 feet wide between their outer extremities.

At the present stage of development, there are three wharves providing berths for four vessels. Two berths are provided with transit sheds for general cargo, while one is reserved for bulk cargoes. Rail and road access is provided at each of these berths. A new oil tanker berth was brought into commission during 1963, from which petroleum products are pumped to bulk terminals at North Portland.

Completion of the Trust's million bushel bulk grain terminal, and the opening of Portland as a major wool selling centre, are both facets of current development which must result in increased trade and commerce through the port.

In the meantime, the Port Authority is keeping pace with these significant developments by undertaking a further construction programme that will provide additional berthing facilities. To 30th June, 1964, total outlay on fixed assets in existence at that date amounted to $15 \cdot 1$ mill.

During the year 1963-64, shipping using the Port handled 339,136 tons of cargo.

Particulars of the financial operations of the Portland Harbor Trust for the years 1959–60 to 1963–64 are set out in the following table :----

VICTORIA—PORTLAND HARBOR TRUST : REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, ETC.

	(\$'000)				
Particulars	1959–60	196061	1961-62	196263	1963-64
REVENUE					_
Wharfage Rates.	72	74	98	126	130
Tonnage Rates	10	12	16	22	22
Shipping Services	0	12	36	44	42
State Government Grant	206	648	604	498	646
Other	10	28	54	64	86
					·
Total Revenue	494	774	808	754	926
Expenditure					
Administration	24	38	48	64	58
Maintenance	30	44	94	80	60
Shipping Services		16	48	70	74
Depreciation	2	2	14	14	16
Interest on Loans	404	480	512	562	562
Sinking Fund	42	48	44	42	42
Other	. 8	6	4	2	2
Total Expenditure .	516	634	764	834	814
Net Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) .	-22	+140	+44	-80	+112
Fixed Assets at 30th June .	. 11,210	12,878	13,570	14,034	14,332
Loan Indebtedness at 30th June-					
State Government	. 3,210	3,714	4,092	4,092	4,092
Public	0 400	9,250	9,794	10,274	10,952
Total Loan Indebtedness .	. 11,612	12,964	13,886	14,366	15,044
L	ighthouses	. 1964			

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Railways

Geographical Factors

The Victorian transport system, generally, is centred around Melbourne, the capital of the State. The existence of considerable gaps in the Great Dividing Range has allowed the railway system to fan out to the main agricultural and pastoral areas like the spokes of a wheel.

The line to the north-east and Sydney passes through the Kilmore gap; through the Woodend gap goes the northern line to Bendigo and beyond; the Geelong line crosses the basalt plains to the south-west; and to the east, the Gippsland valley (between the Dividing Range and the Strzelecki Ranges) provides a convenient path for the electrified main line handling the vast brown coal resources of the Latrobe Valley.

In the north-western part of the State—the Mallee region—the railway has stimulated development of what was previously regarded as arid, worthless land into prosperous farm lands. It also links the Metropolis with Mildura, centre of the dried fruit industry.

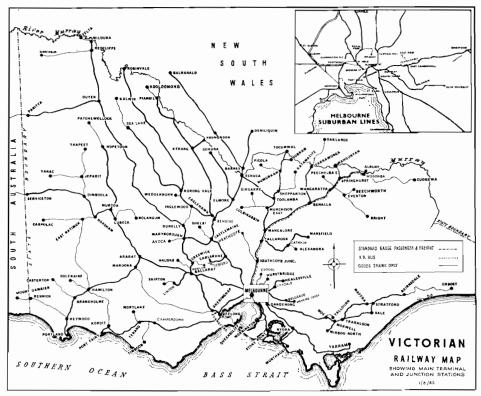


FIGURE 20.

Historical Development

The first proposed railway for Victoria dates back to March, 1839, when Robert Hoddle, Government Surveyor at Port Phillip, marked out a town site at the Beach (Port Melbourne) and planned a line from Melbourne. Seven years later, Geelong residents proposed the construction of a 200-mile line from Geelong to the vicinity of Portland and Hamilton in the Western District. In 1852–53 private railway companies were formed in Victoria and given Government approval to build lines.

Australia's first steam railway was operated between Flinders Street and Sandridge (now Port Melbourne) on 12th September, 1854, and was opened by the Hobson's Bay Railway Company for public traffic the following day. The first Victorian country railway—Melbourne to Geelong—was opened on 25th June, 1857, and private companies' lines were built from Melbourne to Windsor, Brighton Beach, and Hawthorn between 1859 and 1861.

In 1862 Government lines were opened to Ballarat and Bendigo, and two years later, from Bendigo to Echuca. (The Geelong– Melbourne railway had been purchased by the Government in 1860.)

In less than a decade, Victoria saw fulfilled the promise of building the main trunk railways. Through the 1870's, construction proceeded to the south-west from Geelong and to the south-east from Melbourne. In 1870, contracts were let for building the line from Essendon to Wodonga. The north-eastern railway, opened in sections, reached Wodonga in 1873. Nearly ten years elapsed before junction was made with the New South Wales system at Albury on 14th June, 1883. This was the beginning of the break of gauge, which persisted to plague New South Wales and Victoria until 79 years later, when the standard gauge track betwen Melbourne and Albury was opened for traffic in 1962.

Administration and Functions

The Victorian Railways Department was established on 19th March, 1856. It is administered by a Board of three Commissioners, appointed by and responsible to the Government through the Minister of Transport. Each Commissioner gives special attention to particular branches of railway operation. They are also responsible for a number of sections of railway constructed in New South Wales under the Border Railways Agreement. The lines in the Riverina district are extensions of Victorian lines.

Main Locations of Tracks

The main interstate lines are the north-east to Sydney, comprising both broad (5 ft. 3 in.) and standard (4 ft. $8\frac{1}{2}$ in.) gauge tracks to the border city of Albury (190 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles), and the north-western broad gauge line linking Melbourne with Adelaide. The Victorian terminal station on this line is Serviceton (287 miles). The north-east line branches at Mangalore to serve the Goulburn Valley. The northwestern line branches at Ballarat (74 miles) to Maryborough (112 miles), thence to Mildura (351 miles—the State's longest country main line), and at Ararat to Portland, the Western District's new port (251 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles).

The Gippsland line is electrified as far as Traralgon $(97\frac{1}{2} \text{ miles})$, and thence is diesel operated to Bairnsdale (171 miles). The goods service, also diesel operated, is continued through to Orbost (231 miles). Lines branch from Dandenong to Nyora and from there to Wonthaggi (86 miles) and Yarram (136 miles), in South Gippsland.

Other main lines are Melbourne-Bendigo (101 miles-known as the "main line") from where lines branch further north; and Melbourne-Geelong (45 miles), continuing to Warrnambool (166 miles) and to Port Fairy (186 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles).

Main Types of Rolling Stock and Services

Diesel-electric locomotives—the S class (1,800 h.p.) and B class (1,600 h.p.)—haul Victorian Railways fast passenger and freight trains. The L class (2,400 h.p.) electric locomotive hauls passenger and freight trains on the Gippsland line—Victoria's longest electrified track. The T class (950 h.p.) diesel-electric locomotive is mainly a freight train operator, but it also hauls selected passenger trains. Modern multiple-unit saloon type "Harris Trains" are progressively replacing obsolete swing-door compartment type trains on the suburban electric service. Country passenger train services are supplemented by 102 h.p., 153 h.p., and 280 h.p. diesel and 260 h.p. diesel-electric rail-cars.

Shunting is carried out by Y class (650 h.p.) diesel-electric locomotives, W class (650 h.p.) diesel-hydraulic locomotives, and F

class (350 h.p.) diesel-electric locomotives, supplementing a number of low-powered steam locomotives now removed from main line service.

R, J, K, and N class steam locomotives haul some passenger and freight trains.

Most carriages on interstate and many on mainline country trains are of steel construction and air-conditioned; but a number of excursion and corridor compartment-type, non air-conditioned carriages of wooden construction, are also used for country passenger traffic.

Freight wagons are of the fixed wheel and bogie types. They include many types of wagons and vans, up to 50-ton capacity, and a wide variety of specially designed wagons to carry loads ranging up to 170 tons.

Suburban Tracks

Victoria's first section of 5 ft. 3 in. gauge suburban line was built from Flinders Street station to Sandridge (now Port Melbourne) in 1854 for Australia's first train. Construction of other lines was as follows :--Flinders Street to St. Kilda (1857) ; Footscray to Williamstown (1859); Princes Bridge to Hawthorn, Richmond to Brighton Beach (1859-61); Melbourne to Essendon (1860); Essendon to Broadmeadows (1872); South Yarra to Dandenong (1877–1879); Caulfield to Frankston (1881–1882); Hawthorn to Lilvdale (1882); Brighton Beach to Sandringham (1887); North Melbourne to Somerton (1884-1889); Collingwood to Heidelberg (1888); Ringwood to Ferntree Gully, Clifton Hill to Preston (1889); Burnley to Darling and Camberwell to Ashburton (1890); Princes Bridge to Collingwood (1901); Heidelberg to Eltham (1902); Eltham to Waverley Hurstbridge (1912); Darling to Glen (1929-30): Ashburton to Alamein (reconditioned and reopened in 1948); Fawkner to Upfield (reopened in 1959); Ferntree Gully to Belgrave (converted to broad gauge and electrified in 1962); and Lalor to Epping (reopened in 1964).

The line from Essendon to Sandringham was converted from steam to electric traction in 1919, and four years later the electrification of Melbourne suburban railways, as originally planned, was completed. Since then electric traction has been extended to several sections of the outer suburban area. Victoria which was first with the steam train was also first with electric traction in Australia.

Passenger and Goods Traffic, Fares, and Freight Rates

The general conditions under which goods and livestock are carried by rail are published in the Goods Rates Book, and for rating purposes, goods are classified alphabetically into 20 main class rates, whilst special rates are provided for livestock. Relatively low rates are applicable to agricultural produce and concessions are provided for country industries.

Competitive freight contract rates to meet road transport activities operate in the main Victorian country towns, particularly those close to the borders where road competition is intense.

Special rates, under agreement with forwarding agents and manufacturers, provide for the transport of goods in specified wagonloads between the capital cities and also for the carriage of goods in various containers, including Flexi-Vans. The bulk of the passenger revenue is derived from the operation of the suburban electrified service; traffic on this is stable. Following elimination of break of gauge at Albury for passenger trains during April, 1962, a significant gain has been recorded in passenger traffic between Melbourne and Sydney, and interstate passenger business generally has been active. Introduction of air-conditioned carriages on several country lines in recent years has also resulted in improved services.

The ordinary fares are competitive and attractive concessions are available, e.g., to students travelling on vacation, and party travel.

Parcels sent by passenger trains are a large revenue earner.

Standardization of Gauge in Australian Network

The track mileage of the standard gauge line between Melbourne and Albury, including loops, departmental sidings, and dual gauge, but not including private sidings, is $242 \cdot 70$ miles.

Linking of Sydney with Perth, by an all standard gauge route when the existing gaps—Broken Hill to Port Pirie and Kalgoorlie to Perth are filled, will not be to the disadvantage of Victoria. Melbourne consignors have direct access to the Sydney standard gauge line connecting with every station in New South Wales and with Brisbane, and to the broad gauge line to Adelaide, connecting with practically every important centre of population in South Australia. These connexions give direct rail access to about three-quarters of the population of Australia.

The development of bogie exchange at Melbourne and Wodonga has facilitated the interstate railing of Victorian goods and extended the advantages of standard gauge throughout Victoria for many classes of freight. The volume of standard gauge freight is increasing from year to year.

Developmental Programme

The Victorian Railways are pursuing a policy within the limits of of available finance, of modernizing the system by purchasing more diesel-electric locomotives, suburban "Harris Trains", and other rolling stock, and are continuing the programme of track relaying and duplication in suburban and country districts.

The current financial programme covers equipment for automatic signalling between Essendon-Broadmeadows, and between Moe-Morwell; duplication work between Richmond-Burnley, and between Newport South-Rock Loop on the Geelong line; and the development of the Dynon freight terminal to meet the needs of the expanding standard gauge traffic.

Money has been made available also to eliminate more level crossings by grade separation and protect other crossings with flashing light signals and boom barrier installations.

Additional amounts have been allocated for building vehicles for general merchandise and to handle specialized traffic, such as flexi-vans, steel sections, motor cars, and bulk cement.

Under the Railways (Funds) Act 1961, the Victorian Railways Department had been relieved of liability for interest and sinking fund payments on capital invested in the railways, and a "Railway Equalization Account" was set up, to which was to be credited the excess of revenue over operating expenses in any year, while any moneys standing to the credit of this account would be available for the purpose of supplementing railway income in any year in which the income fell short of operating expenses. This legislation operated for three years but by the Railways (Funds) Act 1964, a further amendment, while retaining the Equalization Account, restored the Department's liability for interest, sinking fund payments, and exchange on borrowings from 1st July, 1960.

Further References, 1961-65

The succeeding tables relate to the State railways and road motor services under the control of the Victorian Railways Commissioners. Certain border railways in New South Wales are, by agreement between the Victorian and New South Wales Governments, under the control of the Victorian Railways Commissioners. Particulars of these have been included with those of the State railways being operated within the State. Details of the operations of the road motor services are shown on page 747.

Capital Cost of Railways and Equipment

The capital cost of all lines constructed and in course of construction, and of all works, rolling-stock and equipment of the Railway Department as at 30th June of each of the five years 1960 to 1964 is shown in the following table :-

VICTORIA-TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS, ETC. EOUIPMENT AND ROLLING-STOCK

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		At 30th Ju	ae		Lines Opened	Lines in Process of Construction	Motor Services	Capital Cost*
1960					249,670	1,054	60	251,246
1961					270,032	1,418	40	271,870
1962					291,008	1,948	20	293,264
1963	••				302,402	2,224	14	304,856
1964	••		••	••	312,512	2,478	47	315,172

Nore.—Total capital cost includes cost of electric tramway equipment, &c. At 30th June, 1964, this amounted to \$135,000 * Written down in accordance with *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act* 1936, and allowing for depreciation since 1st July, 1937. Particulars are exclusive of the cost of stores and materials on hand and in course of manufacture.

At 30th June, 1964 the capital cost of the broad gauge rollingstock, after being written down in accordance with the Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act 1936, and allowing for depreciation was 87.5 mill.; of the narrow gauge 0.01 mill.; and of the uniform gauge, \$7.0 mill.

Loan Liability and Interest

The face value of stock and bonds allocated to the Railway Department, as reduced in accordance with the Railway (Finances Adjustment) Act 1936, amounted to \$330.8 mill. at 30th June, 1964. After deducting the value of securities purchased from the National Debt Sinking Fund and cancelled (\$41.1 mill.), the net liability on current loans outstanding at that date was \$289.7 mill.

The total liability of the State for railways construction, &c., as at 30th June, 1964 (which includes the liability referred to in the previous paragraph) was \$392.5 mill. Deduction of securities purchased from the National Debt Sinking Fund and cancelled (\$59.8 mill.) together with cash at credit in the Fund (\$0.4 mill.) reduced the amount outstanding at the end of the year to a net liability of \$332.4 mill.

The Railways (Funds) Act 1961 provided that interest and other charges on moneys borrowed for the purposes of the Railways Act 1958 should not henceforth be included in the accounts of the Victorian Railways, but would be charged against the revenues of the State. However, the Railways (Funds) Act 1964 reimposed on the Railways, with effect from 1st July, 1964, the obligation to pay interest and debt charges on moneys borrowed for the purposes of the Railways Act 1958 on and after 1st July, 1960. The total annual interest payable on the liability of \$332.4 mill. at 30th June, 1964, amounted to \$14.7 mill. at an average rate of \$4.414 per cent. Of this amount, the Victorian Railways are liable for \$2.9 mill. In addition, the State is required to pay a contribution of \$2.7 mill. at a rate of \$4.50 per cent. on cancelled securities.

Additional funds, which amounted to \$49.9 mill. at 30th June, 1964, have been provided for railway construction, equipment, stores, &c., out of Consolidated Revenue, the National Recovery Loan, the Uniform Railway Gauge Trust Fund, and other funds. No interest is charged against railway revenue on these amounts with the exception that interest at 5 per cent. is payable to the Commonwealth on the repayable principal amount outstanding in respect of expenditure on the uniform gauge. (See page 621.)

Railways Staff

The number of officers and employees in the Railways Service (including casual labour and butty-gang workers), and the amount of salaries and wages (including travelling and incidental expenses) paid in each of the five financial years 1959–60 to 1963–64 are shown in the following table :—

				Number o	f Employees at End	of Year	Salaries, Wages,	
Y	ear End	ied 30th June	~	Permanent	Supernumerary and Casual	Total	and Travelling Expenses	
							\$'000	
1960		••		19,587	9,302	28,889	62,228	
1961				17,695	13,319	31,014	65,678	
1962	••	••		17,624	11,356	28,980	68,914	
1963				18,047	11,202	29,249	66,156	
1964	••	••	I	17,848	10,349	28,197	69,087	

VICTORIA-RAILWAYS STAFF : NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC.

Railways Route Mileage

The route mileage of the railways (exclusive of road motor service route mileage) for each of the years 1959–60 to 1963–64 is given in the following table. The opening of the standard gauge line in January,

1962, resulted in an increase in the mileage of lines with two or more tracks as at June, 1962.

It should be noted that the Victorian Railways operate certain services in New South Wales. At 30th June, 1964, the total length of these services was 204 route miles. This distance is included in the Single Track Broad Gauge Section of the table.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS ROUTE MILEAGE (EXCLUDING ROAD MOTOR SERVICES)

Deith	At 30th June-					
Particulars	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	
LINES OPEN FOR TRAFFIC	route miles					
Single Track—Broad Gauge* Narrow Gauge Double Track—Broad Gauge* Narrow Gauge Other Multi-Track—Broad Gauge*	3,877 34 367 † 12	3,878 34 367 † 12	3,756 34 426 † 75	3,756 8 426 75	3,700 9 425 77	
Total Route Mileage	4,290	4,291	4,291	4,265	4,211	

* Broad gauge refers to 5' 3" gauge track up to 1961; thereafter it also includes 4' $8\frac{1}{2}$ " gauge track and dual track.

† More than nil but less than half.

Railways Rolling Stock

The following table provides a description of the various types of rolling stock in service (exclusive of road motor rolling stock) for each of the years 1959-60 to 1963-64:---

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS ROLLING STOCK IN SERVICE (EXCLUDING ROAD MOTOR SERVICES)

	Delling Stack in Service					At 30th June—					
Rolling Stock in S	ervice		1960	1961	1962	1963	1964				
Locomotives-											
Steam			354	307	272	258	246				
Electric	••	••	35	35	35	35	35				
Diesel Electric	• •		87	89	105	105	139				
Other*	••		53	72	79	83	84				
Total	••		529	503	491	481	504				
Passenger Coaches-					-	-					
Electric Suburban			1,047	1,045	1,068	1,080	1,074				
Other†			696	680	649	614	614				
Total			1,743	1,725	1,717	1,694	1,688				
Goods Stock ‡			21,692	21,722	21,667	21,761	21,792				
Service Stock	••	••	1,635	1,739	1,729	1,667	1,660				

Other Locomotives comprise diesel hydraulic locomotives, cranes, rail motor diesel power units, and non-passenger carrying rail tractors.
 † Passenger coaches owned jointly with New South Wales and South Australia have been excluded.
 ‡ All parcels and brake vans are included, and from 1962 onwards, standard gauge stock is included.

Railways Traffic

The traffic of the railways (exclusive of road motor traffic) for each of the years 1959-60 to 1963-64 is shown in the table below :----VICTORIA-RAILWAYS TRAFFIC (EXCLUDING ROAD MOTOR SERVICES)

	1	During Yea	r Ended 30	th June	June				
Traffic	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964				
Traffic Train Mileage—Country '000 Suburban '000 Goods '000	4,587 7,999 5,695	4,471 7,902 5,858	4,720 8,296 5,887	4,829 8,303 6,345	4,835 8,369 6,909				
Total '000	18,282	18,232	18,902	19,477	20,113				
Passenger JourneysCountry '000 Suburban '000	4,635 153,659	4,370 145,558	4,790 147,977	5,140 147,587	5,082 148,313				
Total '000	158,294	149,929	152,768	152,727	153,396				
Goods and Livestock Carried '000 tons	9,687	10,977	10,350	10,841	12,132				

The tonnage of various classes of goods and the total tonnage of livestock carried by the Victorian Railways for each of the years 1959–60 to 1963–64 are shown in the following table :---

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS GOODS AND LIVESTOCK TRAFFIC (Excluding Road Motor Goods Services) ('000 Tons)

Clas	s of Go	ods			Quantity Carried				
				1959-60	196061	1961-62	1962–63	1963-64	
Grain—									
Barley	••	••		165	248	175	177	177	
Wheat				938	1,902	1,902	1,887	2,368	
Other				199	272	289	318	307	
Flour				176	192	179	168	218	
Fruit—									
Fresh				138	119	112	111	109	
Dried				55	55	64	65	67	
Beer				119	121	121	119	124	
Briquettes		••		920	1.676	1.608	1,526	1,586	
Cement	••			475	491	473	468	573	
Coal-	••	••	••	475	471	475	100	515	
Black				290	222	245	205	219	
Brown	••	••	••	1,243	778	422	390	483	
Galvanized Iro	 n	••	••	92	111	116	80	111	
Iron, Steel Ba		ls. &c.,	I In-	92	111	110		111	
prepared	ii Kot	, ,		229	323	206	404	448	
Manures	••	••	••	728	712	200 751	818	951	
	 R-0	••	••	200	203	205	207	195	
Petrol, Benzine	, ac.	••	••		203 106		207 97		
Pulpwood	••	••	••	110		91		83	
Pulp and Pape	r	••	••	133	130	138	141	128	
Timber	••	••	••	261	234	197	234	264	
Wool	· ·	••	••	151	133	134	115	132	
All Other Goo	ds	••	••	2,658	2,657	2,658	3,018	3,277	
Total	Goods			9,280	10,685	10,086	10,548	11,820	
Total	Livesto	ck	••	407	292	264	293	312	
Grand	Total	Goods	and						
	stock			9,687	10,977	10,350	10,841	12,132	

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Railways Revenue and Expenditure

The revenue and expenditure of the Railways Department during each of the five financial years 1959-60 to 1963-64 were as follows :----

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE (\$'000)

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Particulars	Year Ended 30th June					
	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	
Revenue						
Passenger, &c., Business-						
Passenger Fares Parcels, Mails, &c Other	24,312 2,750 92	24,338 2,808 82	25,026 2,810 76	25,104 2,894 80	25,201 3,044 77	
Goods, &c., Business—						
Goods Livestock Miscellaneous	42,318 2,794 648	50,530 1,980 660	48,724 1,848 900	50,470 1,988 628	56,121 1,941 677	
Miscellaneous—						
Dining Car and Refreshment Services	3,028 1,370 800 186 182	3,034 1,416 790 212 224	3,056 1,536 808 200 234	3,004 1,568 828 210 206	2,964 1,588 828 219 219	
Total Revenue	78,480	86,074	85,218	86,980	92,878	
Expenditure						
Working Expenses						
Way and WorksRolling StockTransportationElectrical Engineering BranchStores BranchPensionsServiceServiceGrantsServiceGrants	16,162 22,990 25,200 3,974 1,174 3,940	17,076 24,308 26,034 4,140 1,160 4,254	17,008 23,592 27,564 4,222 1,134 4,516	17,068 24,246 27,958 4,234 1,206 4,658	17,633 26,388 28,857 4,328 1,277 4,797	
Gratuities*		500	1,550	1,520	1,566	
and Replacement Fund Contributions to Railway Accident and Fire Insurance Fund Pay-roll Tax	400 978 1,476	400 966 1,558	400 1,008 1,670	400 1,100 1,586	400 1,163 1,647	
Long Service Leave Other	1,214 1,724	1,116 †1,894	1,246 †2,048	1,010 †2,142	1,236 †2,344	
Total Working Expenses	79,232	83,406	85,958	87,128	91,636	
Net Revenue	752	+2,668	-740	-148	+1,243	

For footnotes see next page.

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Particulars	Year Ended 30th June-					
r at ticulai s	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	
EXPENDITURE—continued Debt Charges— Interest Charges and Expenses [‡] Exchange on Interest Payments	7,272	7,558))]	
and Redemption	348	380	} §	} §	} §	
Sinking Fund	416	422	J	J	J	
Net Result for Year	-8,788	-5,692	•••			
			Per Cent.	-		
Proportion of Working Expenses to Revenue	101.0	96.9	100.9	100-2	98.7	

VICTORIA-RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE-continued (\$'000)

*Commenced during 1960-61 as a result of a Commonwealth industrial award. † Including interest paid to Commonweath under Railways Standardization Agreement, viz., 1961, \$85,770; 1962, \$160,084; 1963, \$216,832; and 1964, \$234,692. ‡ Including Loan Conversion Expenses. § Under provisions of the Railway (Funds) Act 1961, interest and other charges on borrowed moneys were not charged to Railways Accounts.

Revenue for 1963-64 increased by \$5,900,000 compared with 1962-63. Total working expenses increased by \$4,508,000 as compared with the previous year.

Under the provisions of the *Railways* (Funds) Act 1961, an account was created in the Trust Fund and called the "Railway Equalization Account". The Act provided for the annual appropriation out of the Consolidated Revenue and the payment into the Equalization Account of any excess of railway income over railway operating expenses for the preceding year. Moneys standing to the credit of the Account are to be available for the purpose of supplementing railway income in the event of its falling short of railway operating expenses. The amounts paid into the Equalization Account were \$1,840,692 for the year 1960–61, \$7,318 for 1961–62, and \$740,758 for 1963–64. To offset a deficit for the year 1962–63, an amount of \$419,168 was transferred to Railway revenue from the Equalization Account, leaving a balance of \$2,169,601 in the Account The calculation of these amounts was based on at 30th June, 1964. Treasury figures (which on the income side are mainly cash records) and not on net revenue shown in the previous table.

The earnings, expenses charged to railway revenue, and net revenue per average mile of railway worked for each of the five years 1959-60 to 1963-64 were as shown in the following table :-

VICTORIA-RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PER AVERAGE MILE OPEN (EXCLUDING ROAD MOTOR SERVICES)

	Year Ended 30th June-						
Particulars	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964		
Average Number of Miles Open for Traffic Gross Revenue per Average Mile	4,292	4,290	4,291	4,265	4,242		
Open	18,266	20,046	19,842	20,376	21,878		
Open \$	18,226	19,406	19,998	20,398	21,572		

Road Motor Services

The following table gives, for each of the five years 1959–60 to 1963–64, particulars of the operations of the road motor services under the control of the Railways Commissioners :---

VICTORIA—ROAD MOTOR SERVICES (Under the Control of the Railways Commissioners)

Particulars		Year Ended 30th June-								
Particulars		1960	1960 1961 1962		1963	1964				
Car Mileage		371,621	352,661	326,094	321,680	341,304				
Passenger Journeys		1,571,445	1,372,891	1,308,416	1,252,167	1,243,820				
Gross Revenue	\$	84,526	79,730	74,768	73,648	72,800				
Working Expenses	\$	149,348	152,994	146,816	128,262	122,132				
Interest Charges a Exchange	nd \$	426	658	*	*	*				
Capital Expenditur End of Year Depreciation ten Off)		59,638	39,984	20,410	14,452	46 , 96 2				

NOTE.—The apparent discrepancy between the amount of working expenses and revenue was brought about by revenue not having received a proportion of combined rail and road services earnings, while working expenses have been charged with road motor operating cost in full.

* Under provisions of the Railway (Funds) Act 1961, interest and exchange were not charged to Railways Accounts.

Tramway and Omnibus Services

Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board

The Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act provides for a Board consisting of chairman, deputy chairman, and member appointed by the Governor in Council. Subject to the direction of the Minister, the Board controls, manages, operates, and maintains the tramways of the Metropolitan Area, and a fleet of buses plying on routes permitted by the Transport Regulation Board.

As the community grows and the use of private motor vehicles extends, passengers using public transport become fewer and this causes financial strain. Notwithstanding this, the Board has a policy of expansion and in 1961 acquired a privately owned network of buses in the rapidly developing suburbs of Box Hill, Nunawading, Ringwood, Mitcham, Doncaster, Bulleen, and Warrandyte, and extended some other services. Details of the revenue and expenditure of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board for the years 1960-61 to 1963-64 are shown in the following table :---

VICTORIA---MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD : REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, ETC.

	Year Ended 30th June-						
Particulars	1961	1962	1963	1964			
Revenue							
Traffic Receipts	17,766	17,190	16,770	16,474			
Miscellaneous Operating Receipts	134	132	126	166			
Non-operating Receipts	316	324	476	297			
Total Revenue	18,216	17,646	17,372	16,937			
Expenditure							
Traffic Operation Costs	7,868	7,860	7,664	7,819			
Maintenance of Permanent Way	800	798	772	770			
Maintenance of Tramcars	2,252	2,188	2,042	2,055			
Maintenance of Buses	710	822	754	744			
Maintenance of Electrical Equipment of Lines and Sub-stations	382	410	410	433			
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	104	100					
Electric Traction Energy	194	186	246	254			
Fuel Oil for Buses	986 206	964	924 230	908			
Bus Licence and Road Tax Fees	208	228 22	230	213 21			
General Administration and Stores	20	22	22	21			
Department Costs	906	908	904	996			
Pay-roll Tax	296	300	292	297			
Workers Compensation Payments	390	332	318	328			
Depreciation	1,390	886	886	902			
Non-operating Expenses	56	54	54	52			
Provisions							
Long Service Leave	228	240	234	225			
Retiring Gratuities	396	426	412	434			
Accrued Sick Leave	6	12	32	36			
Public Risk Insurance	156	174	206	207			
Interest on Loans	968	974	952	945			
Obsolescence in Stores Stock		10	8	8			
Total Expenditure	18,210	17,794	17,362	17,646			
Net Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	+6	-148	+10	-709			
Capital Outlay	1,216	860	892	1,101			
Loan Indebtedness at 30th June	19,438	19,340	18,324	18,497			

(\$'000)

Particulars relating to the tramway systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown for each of the years 1959–60 to 1963–64 in the following table :---

Year	Ended	Open at June—	Tram	-		a	At 30th	June—
		Milea		Passenger Operatin Journeys Receipts		Operating Expenses	Rolling- Stock	Persons Em- ployed
	miles		°000		\$*000		 No.	
1960	138	4	19,736	177,868	14,676	14,524	783	4,477
1961	138	4	19,296	172,055	15,014	14,722	784	4,691
1962	138	4	18,814	167,250	14,344	14,170	715	4,298
1963	135	4	17,708	162,692	13,860	13,764	712	4,204
1964	134	4	17,575	160,479	13,630	14,011	712	3,968

VICTORIA—MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD : TRAMWAYS

In the next table, the operations of the motor omnibus systems of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown for each of the years 1959–60 to 1963–64 :--

VICTORIA—MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD : MOTOR OMNIBUS SYSTEMS

						At 30th June—		
Year Ended 30th June—	Route Bus Miles Mileage		Passenger Operating Journeys Receipts		Operating Expenses	Rolling- Stock	Persons Em- ployed	
		*000		\$10	000	No.		
1960	58	5,836	31,286	2,812	3,324	210	869	
1961	60	5,926	30,282	2,886	3,432	209	886	
1962*	123	6,993	31,313	2,978	3,570	238	937	
1963	123	7, 341	32,634	3,036	3,544	238	918	
1964	123	7,283	32,426	3,010	3,583	232	869	

• On 2nd July, 1961 the service was extended into Doncaster, Templestowe, and Warrandyte areas.

Trade, Transport, and Communications

The following tables give an analysis of operating receipts, operating expenses, &c., for each of the five years 1959-60 to 1963-64:

VICTORIA—MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD : TRAMWAYS : OPERATING RECEIPTS, OPERATING EXPENSES, &c., PER MILE, &c.

			Оре	rating Rec	eipts	Operatin	g Expenses	Ratio Operating Expenses to Operating Receipts	
	Year Ended 30th June		Amount	Per Vehicle Mile	Per Passenger	Amount Per Vehicle Mile			
			\$*000	cents	cents	\$*000	cents	%	
1960	••	•••	14,676	74•364	8·251	14,524	73.587	98.955	
1961	•••	••	15,014	77 · 809	8.726	14,722	76.296	98.056	
1962		••	14,344	76·239	8 · 576	14,170	75.316	98.790	
1963			13,860	78·272	8.519	13,764	77.731	99.309	
1964	•••		13,630	77 • 551	8.493	14,011	79.721	102 · 799	

VICTORIA—MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD: MOTOR OMNIBUS SYSTEMS: OPERATING RECEIPTS, OPERATING EXPENSES, &c., PER MILE, &c.

			Ope	rating Reco	eipts	Operating	Ratio		
	Year Ended 30th June		Amount	Per Vehicle Mile	Per Passenger Amount		Per Vehicle Mile	Expenses to Operating Receipts	
			\$'000	cents	cents	\$'000	cents	%	
1960	••		2,812	48.195	8.990	3,324	56.945	118.154	
1961	••	••	2,886	48.706	9.532	3,432	57.927	118.932	
1962			2,978	42.590	9.511	3,570	51.045	119.851	
1963	••	•••	3,036	41 • 356	9.303	3,544	48·281	116.743	
1964		••	3,010	41 • 329	9•283	3,583	49•196	119.034	

Metropolitan Private Omnibus Services

A summary of the activities of omnibus systems operated by private enterprise in the Melbourne Metropolitan Area for the year 1963–64 are given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—METROPOLITAN AREA OF MELBOURNE: PRIVATE MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES, 1963–64

Particulars									
Number of Omnibuses at E	nd of Y	(Operating Substitute			686 61			
Omnibus Miles Run		`			('000)	20,584			
Passenger Journeys					('000)	86,333			
Gross Revenue					(\$'000)	6,810			
Value of Omnibuses					(\$'000)	2,096			
Value of Other Designment					(\$'000)	78			
Value of Other Equipment		••							

Tramways in Extra-Metropolitan Cities

The cities, other than the Metropolis, having electric tramway systems are :---Ballarat, with 13.84 miles of lines (2.33 double and 11.51 single track) and Bendigo, with 8.64 miles of lines (2.43 double and 6.21 single track). Both of these systems are operated by the State Electricity Commission of Victoria.

The traffic particulars of these lines for each of the five years 1959-60 to 1963-64 are summarized in the following table :---

VICTORIA—TRAMWAYS IN EXTRA-METROPOLITAN CITIES

Track Double	Open Single	Tram Mileage	Passenger Journeys	Traffic Receipts	Operating Expenses	Rolling Stock	Persons Em- ployed
miles		'000		\$'000		No.	
5	18	848	6,201	200	538	48	187
5	18	844	6,071	202	560	47	185
5	18	841	6,005	196	568	47	185
5	18	839	5,583	210	558	46	183
5	18	840	4,945	244	605	46	191
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Further References, 1961–1963

Motor Vehicles

Registration, Licences, &c.

Every motor car and motor cycle must be registered with the Chief Commissioner of Police if used on Victorian roads. Trailers (when used for the carriage of passengers or goods for hire or in course of trade), fore-cars, and sidecars drawn by or attached to motor cars or motor cycles must also be registered.

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With the exception that driver or rider licence fees were increased to $\pounds 1$ (\$2.00) as from 1st January, 1965, fees payable in respect of the year ended 30th June, 1965, remained unaltered from those obtaining in the previous year. (See Victorian Year Book 1965, page 764.) As from 1st July, 1965, however, amendments were made to most rates of registration.

The following is a brief summary of the annual fees payable in respect of the principal types of registration and for the licensing of drivers and riders as from 1st July, 1965 :---

Type of Registration or Licence	Annual Rate
Motor Cycle (without trailer, &c.)	£1 17s. (\$3.70).
Motor Cycle (with trailer, &c. attached)	£2 15s. (\$5.50).
Motor Car (private use)	5s. 6d.(\$0.55) for each power-weight unit*.
Motor Car (private and business use)	6s. 6d. (\$0.65) for each power-weight unit*.
Trailer (attached to motor car)	£2 4s. (\$4.40) to £8 16s. (\$17.60) each, according to the unladen weight and the type of tyres.
Motor Car (Commercial Passenger Vehicle) operating on a stage omnibus service or a temporary school service licence.	£7 10s. (\$15.00).
Motor Car (used for carrying passengers or goods for hire or in the course of trade).	From 8s. 6d. (\$0.85) to 19s. 6d. (\$1.95) for each power-weight unit* according to the unladen weight and the type of tyres.
Motor Car (constructed for the carriage of goods owned by primary producers and used solely in connexion with their business).	From 3s. (\$0.30) to 11s. (\$1.10) for each power-weight unit* according to the number of wheels and the type of tyres. (When more than one motor car is so owned, the rate shall apply to one motor car only.)
Mobile Crane, self-propelled (used otherwise than for lifting and towing vehicles).	£12 4s. 6d. (\$24.45) (Unless a lower fee would otherwise have been payable.)
Driver or Rider Licence	£1 (\$2.00) (An additional fee of £1 (\$2.00) is payable by all applicants for new licences.)
Instructors' Licences	£10 (\$20.00) issued for a period of three years.

* The number of power-weight units is that number which is equal to the sum of the horsepower and the weight in hundredweights of a motor car unladen and ready for use.

Note.—The minimum annual fee for the registration of any motor vehicle other than a motor cycle is $\pounds 5$ 10s. (\$11.00).

The following table shows the number of motor vehicles on the register by type at the end of each of the years 1955, 1962 (census years), 1963 and 1964. Particulars of Commonwealth-owned vehicles with the exception of Defence Service vehicles are included. Tractor-type vehicles, plant, and trailers are excluded.

VICTORIA-MOTOR	VEHICLES	ON	THE	REGISTER
ACCO	RDING TO	TYP	Έ	

т	ype of Ve	hicle		At 31st December					
		_		1955	1962	1963	1964		
Cars* Station Wage Utilities Panel Vans Trucks† Omnibuses	 ons 	 	 	422,543 5,690 75,721 19,913 70,362 2,580	611,496 69,528 94,470 31,328 79,482 3,409	645,366 89,552 95,211 32,096 82,214 3,603	676,890 112,437 94,558 33,129 85,661 3,815		
Total (Ex	ccluding	Motor (Cycles)	596,809	889,713	948,042	1,006,490		
Motor Cycles	s§			26,406	15,802	14,518	13,051		
GRAND	Fotal		(623,215	905,515	962,560	1,019,541		

* Includes ambulances and hearses.

† Includes trucks and truck-type vehicles, but excludes tractors, plant, and trailers.

§ Includes motor-scooters.

The following table shows, for each of the years 1959-60 to 1963-64, the number of drivers' and other licences issued, and the total revenue received at the Motor Registration Branch of the Police Department :---

VICTORIA—DRIVERS' ETC., LICENCES IN FORCE AND REVENUE RECEIVED

Particulars	At 30th June-								
	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964				
Drivers' and Riders'	Licences in Force								
Licences	967,952	1,032,431	1,079,751	1,112,750	1,162,448				
Dealers' Licences	1,328	1,342	1,263	1,262	1,354				
	Revenue								
Total Revenue Received during Year Ended 30th June \$'000	22,098	22,538	23,334	25,176	27,433				

The following tables, giving new vehicle registrations by types and makes of vehicles, include details of Commonwealth-owned vehicles (other than those of the defence services), and are based on the year ended 31st December. They are not comparable with the previous table.

VICTORIA—REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES ACCORDING TO TYPE

(Includes Commonwealth-owned Vehicles Other than Those of the Defence Services)

	Motor Vehicles (Excluding Motor Cycles)								
Year	Motor Station Cars * Wagons	Station Wagons	Utilities	Panel Vans	Trucks	Omni- buses	Total	Cycles §	
1960	60,557	14,817	6,637	3,975	5,421	262	91,669	1,986	
1961	40,907	13,031	5,217	2,782	3,950	191	66,078	903	
1962	55,628	17,578	5,677	3,269	4,123	284	86,559	712	
1963	62,911	20,807	6,525	3,436	5,279	321	99,279	640	
1964	68,083	23,418	6,747	4,179	6,311	371	109,109	864	

* Includes ambulances and hearses.

† Includes trucks and truck-type vehicles, but excludes tractors, plant, and trailers.

§ Includes motor-scooters.

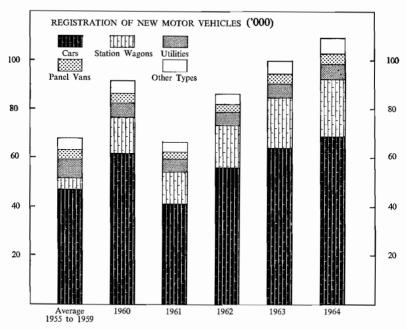


FIGURE 21.—Graph showing new motor vehicle registrations, 1955 to 1964.

VICTORIA—REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS ACCORDING TO MAKE

(Includes Commonwealth-owned	Vehicles	Other	than	Those	of the
Defence	Services)				

		1	Motor Cars		Station Wagons		
Make		1962	1963	1964	1962	1963	1964
Austin		1,351	931	615	673	577	304
Chevrolet	••	540	716	675	3	2	17
Chrysler	••	2,180	3,689	5,620		225	2,443
Datsun		72	180	536	92	123	176
Fiat	••	504	428	373	34	33	42
Ford	••	10,911	10,739	10,665	5,328	4,255	3,296
Hillman	•••	1,506	1,159	2,003	252	265	203
Holden	••	19,595	23,139	22,453	10,371	13,859	14,835
Humber	••	525	1,081	917	2	3	1
Mercedes Benz	••	394	412	390	•••	,	••
Morris	••	6,894	7,970	9,051	56	3	
Nissan	••	1	220	177		29	125
Rambler	••	82	264	341	33	57	55
Simca	••	491	571	352	395	312	166
Studebaker	••	433	625	490	46	62	37
Toyota			106	917		32	387
Triumph	••	364	295	355	•• _	,	
Vauxhall	••	1,678	1,814	2,057	5	6	48
Volkswagen	• •	4,819	5,316	7,305	81	605	1,063
Wolseley	••	999	1,276	876	·		
Other	••	2,289	1,980	1,915	206	359	220
Total	••	55,628	62,911	68,083	17,578	20,807	23,418

VICTORIA—REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN MOTOR CARS, STATION WAGONS, AND MOTOR CYCLES ACCORDING TO MAKE

(Includes Commonwealth-owned Vehicles Other than Those of the Defence Services)

		19	63		1964			
Make	Utilities	Panel Vans	Other*	Total	Utilities	Panel Vans	Other*	Total
Austin Bedford Commer Datsun Dodge Ford Holden International International Morris Toyota Volkswagen Other	3 8 3 195 153 1,322 3,550 374 367 49 95 150 256	2 88 267 17 14 599 1,558 62 269 3 541 16	388 2,142 228 9 362 623 1,182 72 43 34 515	393 2,238 498 221 529 2,544 5,108 1,618 369 390 141 725 787	 14 280 157 1,384 3,645 265 314 4 320 137 225	3 130 268 55 28 569 1,615 77 726 7 643 58	381 2,276 390 3 546 738 1,344 3 81 185 45 690	384 2,420 660 338 731 2,691 5,260 1,686 317 811 512 825 973
Total	6,525	3,436	5,600	15,561	6,747	4,179	6,682	17,608

* Other vehicles include trucks, omnibuses, milk tankers, petrol tankers, &c. C.3200/65.-25

Transport Regulation Board

General

The Transport Regulation Board is a government authority charged with the task of regulating the operation of road transport in Victoria (see page 698 of the Victorian Year Book 1961). The Board derives its authority from the *Transport Regulation Act* 1958, and the *Commercial Goods Vehicles Act* 1958.

Any person operating a vehicle for hire or reward, or in the course of any trade, must, in addition to registering the vehicle as a commercial vehicle, have it licensed by the Transport Regulation Board. Licences issued by the Board are designed to meet the requirements of road transport needs. They may be grouped into two broad categories :—

- (1) Those licences issued at the discretion of the Board; and
- (2) those licences issued "as of right".

All licences issued to owners of commercial passenger vehicles are issued at the discretion of the Board; the bulk of licences issued to owners of commercial goods vehicles are issued "as of right". The holder of a discretionary licence must operate the vehicle in a manner set down in the conditions of licence. These conditions of licence are set by the Board. The holder of an "as of right" licence must also operate under the terms of his licence but here the terms of licence are written into the legislation.

In December, 1963, the Commercial Goods Vehicles Act was amended to :—

- (1) Enable a decentralized industry approved as such by the Minister of State Development to obtain an "As of Right" licence for the carriage of own goods and materials throughout the State of Victoria, and
- (2) require the Board in considering an application for a discretionary licence to authorize the movement of goods for an industry located beyond a 50 miles radius from Melbourne, to take into account the relative costs and convenience of the available forms of transport and the disadvantage suffered or likely to be suffered by that industry because of its location.

There was an increase in the number of licences issued for commercial goods vehicles during the year; of the 4,204 additional commercial goods vehicle licences, 3,695 were issued "as of right".

Cost of omnibus operations have increased during the year, primarily on account of increases in wages. Generally, fares remained unaltered.

The number of permits—temporary authority to operate vehicles outside conditions of licence—issued during the year was 136,622. This was 7,834 more than in the previous year.

Motor Boats

The Board was appointed, under the *Motor Boating Act* 1961, as the registration authority for motor boats, and up to the 30th June, 1964, 24,461 boats were registered.

Registration fees collected by the Board are paid, less cost of collection, to the Tourist Development Authority for use "in the provision of facilities for motor boating in Victorian waters".

Tow Trucks

The Commercial Goods Vehicles (Tow Trucks) Act became effective as from 1st January, 1962. Regulations came into force from 1st June, 1962.

Up to 30th June, 1964, there were 734 tow trucks specially licensed. During the year, 553 applications were recorded from tow truck drivers wishing to be issued with driving certificates. A number of these were refused because the Board did not consider the applicants "fit and proper" persons within the meaning of the Transport Consolidated Regulation.

The following table shows the number of passenger vehicle licences and the discretionary goods vehicle licences current at the end of each year, the number of goods vehicle licences issued "as of right", and brief details of the financial activities of the Transport Regulation Board during the years 1959–60 to 1963–64 :—

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Particulars		Year E	nded 30th	June	
	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Temporary Licences—		i	No.	1	I
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	114	, 114	161	172	. 192
Commercial Goods Vehicles	786	1,025	2,621	1,187	1,224
Permanent "Discretionary" Licences-		,			
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	5,622	5,773	5,797	5,832	5,871
Commercial Goods Vehicles Licences Issued "As of Right"	5,861	7,005	7,226	8,044	8,516
To operate for hire or reward within 25 miles of					
the G.P.O. or P.O.—					
Melbourne	12,176	12,607	12,772	13,140	13,466
Ballarat	12,170	12,007	12,002	10,140	10,100
Bendigo	1,456	1.465	1.439	1,527	1,594
Geelong					,
Within 20 miles of place of business of the					
owner; generally outside the radius of 25					
miles from the G.P.O. or P.O. Melbourne,	7,991	7,879	7,259	7,066	7,171
Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong Primary Producers (vehicles over 2 tons					
capacity)	14,359	15,131	15,428	15,857	16,680
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by butter	14,559	15,151	15,428	15,057	10,000
and cheese factories	759	811	824	915	787
Commercial Goods Vehicles authorized to carry	155	011	024	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	107
goods in connexion with the owner's business					l
(50 miles radius-vehicles up to 80 cwt.					
capacity)	35,690	37,370	38,499	40,756	42,108
Commercial Goods Vehicles being used as- Carriers of all "Third Schedule " goods	_	-	-	-	-
Carriers of all "Third Schedule" goods					
Racehorse Floats	0.007	0.000	0.100	0.000	10.055
Broducts .	8,397	8,882	8,139	9,930	10,857
Commercial Travellers' Cars					
Commercial Goods Vehicles operated by					
authorized decentralized industries					223*
Additional Licences to Commercial Goods					
Vehicles to carry passengers	87	85	79	72	64
Total Licences Issued	93,298	98,147	100,244	104,498	108,753
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VICTORIA—TRANSPORT REGULATION BOARD : LICENCES ISSUED: SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

For footnote see next page.

VICTORIA-TRANSPORT	REGULATION	BOARD:	LICENCES	ISSUED:
SUMMARY OF	FINANCIAL OP:	ERATIONS-	-continued	

	Year Ended 30th June-					
Particulars	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	
		,	\$*000			
Financial Transactions Revenue Expenditure (including payments to local	1,342	1,438	1,444	1,542	1,680	
authorities for road maintenance, comfort stations, and bus shelters)	1,170	1,276	1,302	1,296	1,390	
Balance	172	162	142	246	290	
Road charges collected and transferred direct to Country Roads Board	4,238	4,510	4,526	4,924	5,630	
paid to Tourist Fund			88†	110	134	

* Amendment to Commercial Goods Vehicles Act, December, 1963. † Registration of motor boats commenced January, 1962.

Traffic Commission

General

The Traffic Commission was constituted by the provisions of the Road Traffic Act 1958 and consists of three members-one member nominated by the Police Department, one by the Country Roads Board, and one by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.

The function of the Commission is to advise the Governor in Council on any matter for the improvement of traffic conditions and control of traffic, and to make such inquiries as it thinks fit on that behalf.

The Commission draws up the Road Traffic Regulations and recommends them to the Governor in Council. These Regulations not only prescribe rules to be observed by persons using roads, but also require highway authorities to obtain the Commission's approval before erecting major traffic control items such as traffic signals, stop signs, &c.

The Commission advises municipal councils of the standards required for traffic control items and on matters relating to the control The principal traffic control items in use in Victoria as at of traffic. 30th November, 1964 were :--

- 301 stop-go traffic signals at intersections;
- 207 pedestrian-operated stop-go signals not controlling an intersection ;
- 301 pedestrian crossings; and

1.099 school crossings.

Accident Analyses

The Commission carries out detailed analyses of information recorded on accident report forms made out by the Police Department.

During 1964, analyses of information about the wearing of seat belts showed that of the drivers who had seat belts available, 64 per cent. were wearing them when they were involved in an accident, and that if a driver were wearing a seat belt when he was involved in an accident, his chance of being injured at all was reduced by 30 per cent. in built-up areas and by 22 per cent. in open country areas. Use of a seat belt reduced by 60 per cent. a driver's likelihood of being killed if he were involved in an accident.

Accident Reporting by Traffic Commission, 1963, 1964 **Road Traffic Legislation, 1965**

Road Traffic Accidents

The following tables include particulars of all road traffic accidents reported by the Victoria Police which satisfied the following conditions :—

- (1) That the accident occurred on any road, street, lane, thoroughfare, footpath or place open to or used by the public by right or custom, at the time of the accident;
- (2) that it involved—
 - (i) any road vehicle which, at the time of the accident, was in motion; or
 - (ii) any animal which, at the time of the accident, was in motion and was being used for the purpose of transportation or travel; or
 - (iii) any train passing over a level crossing for the time being open to the public; and
- (3) that the accident resulted in :---
 - (i) death of any person within a period of 30 days after the accident; or
 - (ii) bodily injury to any person to an extent requiring surgical or medical treatment.

The tables do not include figures of accidents on railway lines (except at level crossings), or on private property. For these and other reasons, the total number of deaths shown in these tables is not comparable with those shown on page 162.

VICTORIA—ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES : NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED

Ye	Year Ended 30th June		'ear Ended 30th June-		ne— Accidents Persons Involving Killed		Persons Injured				
	Metropolitan Area										
1960			••	8,035	313	10,166					
1961				8,024	367	10,461					
1962	•••			7,646	398	9,972					
1963				8,180	397	10,763					
1964	••	•••		8,790	422	11,676					
				Remainder of \$	State						
1960	••		••	4,232	385	6,429					
1961				4,116	406	6,296					
1962				3,993	420	6,102					
1963				4,150	406	6,386					
1964				4,277	416	6,725					
				Victoria							
1960		••	••	12,267	698	16,595					
1961		••		12,140	773	16,757					
1962		••		11,639	818	16,074					
1963		• •		12,330	803	17,149					
1964	••	••		13,067	838	18,401					

Note: The boundary of the Metropolitan Area was redefined and enlarged from 1st January, 1961.

The table which follows provides a description of types of road users killed or injured in road traffic accidents occurring during the years 1961-62 to 1963-64:—

1961–62		1963	2-63	1963-64		
Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	
240	2,411	246	2,478	270	2,617	
283	5,416	279	6,060	279	6,590	
16	569	19	527	12	437	
237	6,494	212	6,898	217	7,561	
38	1,111	42	1,115	56	1,101	
4	73	5	71	4	95	
818	16,074	803	17,149	838	18,401	
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VICTORIA—ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES : DESCRIPTION OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED

Particulars of victims of road traffic accidents during the years 1961-62 to 1963-64 are shown according to age in the following table :----

VICTORIA—ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES: AGE OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED

Age Group (Yea	rs)	1961	-62	1962	2–63	1963-64		
	/	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	
Under 5		30	596	27	605	31	644	
5 and under 7		6	402	11	408	17	428	
7 and under 17		59	2,205	59	2,264	76	2,412	
17 and under 21		92	2,596	95	2,882	95	3,460	
21 and under 30		162	3,312	110	3,698	123	3,905	
30 and under 40		119	2,370	97	2,465	112	2,458	
40 and under 50		77	1,763	106	1,865	97	1,914	
50 and under 60		87	1,295	94	1,394	103	1,493	
60 and over		174	1,321	197	1,326	177	1,396	
Not Stated		12	214	7	242	7	291	
Total		818	16,074	803	17,149	838	18,401	

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Australian Road Safety Council

In 1947–48, the Australian Transport Advisory Council (consisting of each of the State Transport Ministers together with Commonwealth Ministers with direct interests in transport matters) established the Australian Road Safety Council as one of its Committees. The function of the Australian Road Safety Council is to advise the Australian Transport Advisory Council and promote road safety within the broad policies decided upon by the latter.

The Australian Road Safety Council is administered by the Commonwealth Department of Shipping and Transport and has a staff of officers from that Department headed by an Executive Director. Each State has a representative on the Council.

The objectives of the Australian Road Safety Council are :---

- (1) To conduct a continuous programme of public education aimed at improving the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and practices of all classes of road users;
- (2) to encourage a better understanding and observance of State and Commonwealth traffic laws by road users;
- (3) to stimulate greater public interest, support, and active participation in road accident prevention;
- (4) to co-ordinate, in a balanced programme, the Commonwealth and State public education campaigns and to integrate, with these campaigns, the support accorded by non-governmental bodies and the general public;
- (5) to collect, collate, publish, and distribute educational and informative data regarding road accidents; and
- (6) to advise on specific road safety matters referred to it by the Australian Transport Advisory Council.

The Commonwealth Government finances the Australian Road Safety Council by means of an annual grant of \$300,000. In turn, the Australian Road Safety Council allocates \$100,000 to the States, of which Victoria, in 1963–64, received a grant of \$20,000. This grant was made to the National Safety Council of Australia (Victorian Road Safety Division).

The Victorian Road Safety Division also receives a State Government subsidy of \$16,000 for the purpose of promoting road safety in the State of Victoria. The Australian Road Safety Council and the Victorian Road Safety Division co-operate in a programme of State wide campaigns directed at specific objectives, of which the 1964 seat belt campaign and the mid-year pedestrian campaign are typical examples.

Civil Aviation

Control of Aviation

The Victorian State Air Navigation Act 1958 prescribes that control of aviation within the State shall be vested in the Commonwealth. The Air Navigation Act and Regulations in Victoria are consequently administered by the Department of Civil Aviation through its Regional Director in Melbourne. The functions performed by the Department include the following :---

- (1) The registration and marking of aircraft;
- (2) the determination and enforcement of airworthiness requirements for aircraft and the issue of certificates of airworthiness, certificates of type approval, and supervision of aircraft design;
- (3) the licensing of pilots, navigators, aircraft radio operators, flight engineers, and aircraft maintenance engineers;
- (4) the licensing of airline, aerial work, and charter operators and supervision of their activities;
- (5) the provision and maintenance of aeronautical communications, navigation aids, aerodromes, and landing grounds;
- (6) the establishment and operation of Air Traffic Control, Aeronautical Information, and Search and Rescue Services; and
- (7) the investigation of aircraft accidents, incidents, and defects.

Aerodromes

Victoria is served by Commonwealth Government owned aerodromes at Melbourne (Essendon and Moorabbin), Avalon, Bacchus Marsh, Benalla, Echuca, Hamilton, Mallacoota, Mangalore, and Sale, and by licensed aerodromes at Ararat, Ballarat, Bairnsdale, Corryong, Horsham, Kerang, Latrobe Valley, Mildura, Nhill, Shepparton, Swan Hill, Warracknabeal, Warrnambool, and Yarram.

Construction of a new \$32 mill. airport for Melbourne to accommodate international and domestic aircraft is under way at Tullamarine. An aerodrome under construction by the shire authority at Portland to serve local needs is scheduled for completion in 1965.

All the licensed aerodromes, except the Latrobe Valley aerodrome, are licensed to the local government authority. Under the Aerodrome Local Ownership Plan assistance is given to local authorities to maintain licensed aerodromes, on \$1 for \$1 basis. Similarly, assistance is given the Local Authority to develop aerodromes which are or will be served by a regular public transport service. Local authorities which have received developmental assistance include Corryong, Horsham, Mildura, Portland, and Warrnambool. The assistance authorized by the Commonwealth to Victorian local authorities for aerodrome works in the year ending 30th June, 1965, amounts to \$151,108 for development and \$24,400 for maintenance works.

In addition to these main aerodromes, there are hundreds of authorized landing grounds which serve the needs of the growing numbers of light aircraft users throughout the State.

Private Operations

In this category, aircraft are used for the personal purposes of the owner. The extent of this activity within the State may be gauged from the fact that there are 145 aircraft registered in the private category and approximately 1,353 licensed private aeroplane pilots in Victoria.

Aerial Work Operations

Aerial survey, spotting, agricultural operations, advertising, flying training, aerial ambulance operations, and flying for government purposes are examples of the operations included in this category. In terms of hours flown, the most significant operations are agricultural (see page 764) and flying training. In 1964, 46,200 hours were flown by training organizations in Victoria. In the interests of encouraging flying for defence and commercial purposes, training organizations receive financial assistance from the Commonwealth. They receive direct assistance in the form of subsidy payments and provision of facilities and indirect assistance through the Australian Flying Scholarship Scheme under which, in 1964–65, 37 Victorian resident pilots commenced flying training.

Charter Operations

These consist of flights for the carriage of passengers or cargo for hire or reward, but which may not be notified to the general public as being operated between fixed terminals or to fixed schedules, or for the carriage of passengers or cargo between fixed terminals to fixed schedules in circumstances in which the accommodation in the aircraft is not available to members of the public. During the 1950's most charter operations were conducted in single engine aircraft, but there is now an increasing use of the modern small twin engine "executive" aircraft. There are now 47 Victorian based operators licensed to conduct charter operations and flying hours have increased, over a five-year period, from 1,825 in 1959 to 18,000 in 1964.

Regular Public Transport

The airline services are the most familiar type of commercial operation. In this category, aircraft are flown on regular services for public, passenger, or freight transport in accordance with fixed schedules. A network of regular interstate services is operated from Melbourne Airport by the two major Australian airlines. Intra-state services within Victoria are, however, limited to one airline.

The most significant change in regular public transport operations in recent years was brought about by the introduction of the Boeing 727 to domestic operations in November, 1964. Passenger movements which represent the total number of passengers embarking on and disembarking from regular public transport services are given below for 1964 for each Victorian aerodrome to which a regular public transport service operates :—

Airport	Passenger Movements	Airport	Passenger Movements	
Melbourne— Domestic International Bairnsdale Corryong Hamilton Kerang	1,496,507 37,929 1,725 5,821 7,002 323	Mallacoota Mildura Nhill Sale Swan Hill Warracknabeal Warrnambool	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	309 14,921 847 779 1,069 1,241 5,567

VICTORIA—PASSENGER MOVEMENTS, 1964

Melbourne Airport continues to be unique in having the only regular public transport helicopter service between a capital city airport and the city area.

Gliding Clubs

Gliding is carried out in the main by clubs which operate at Berwick, Benalla, Beaufort, Mildura, and Geelong. A Commonwealth subsidy is granted to clubs through the Gliding Federation of Australia.

Air Traffic Control

Control of air traffic is maintained by the Department of Civil Aviation through its Air Traffic Control organization. This embraces the closely co-ordinated sections of Operational Control which concerns each individual flight; Airport Control which applies to all movements on or within 20 miles of an aerodrome; and Area Control which controls aircraft along the main air routes, particularly to ensure safe separation. In conjunction with Air Traffic Control, the Department maintains a wide range of Air Navigation Aids and a comprehensive Search and Rescue Organization. This is described in detail on pages 773–775 of the 1965 Victorian Year Book.

Aircraft Parts and Materials

There are about 70 organizations in Victoria which have been approved by the Department of Civil Aviation to distribute aircraft parts, materials and fuel.

Aerial Agricultural Operations

Aerial agriculture has grown rapidly in recent years and has now become a major industry. Measures have been introduced to eliminate unsuitable types of aircraft, to apply sensible limits to the hours flown on these operations, and to educate operators and pilots in the hazards of the work. As a result, there has been a remarkable improvement in the safety record for agricultural operations.

Spraying techniques were first attempted in Victoria in 1929 when aircraft of the Royal Australian Air Force were used to dust calcium arsenate over a pine forest near Ballarat. This chemical was used in an endeavour to control the ravages of the Lesser Moth.

The discovery of D.D.T. in 1941 opened up the possibility of combating malaria-carrying mosquitoes in the Pacific and other battle areas and led to the development of aircraft equipment suited to spraying solutions of this formula from the air. In consequence, at the end of the war pilots with knowledge of aerial spraying techniques were seeking employment at the same time as aircraft of war-time origin became available for disposal on the domestic market. By 1956, the annual acreage sprayed or dusted from the air in Victoria amounted to 190,000 acres.

In the post-war era the cheapest and most readily available aircraft adaptable for aerial agriculture was the De Havilland "Tiger Moth" (DH82) aircraft. Initially it formed the mainstay of the industry but, since 1956, when Tiger Moths operated in excess of 90 per cent. of the total agricultural hours, their contribution has fallen to the extent that, in 1963, DH82 operations represented only 7 per cent. of total agricultural aircraft operations in Victoria. The Tiger Moth aircraft was, by modern standards, inefficient. It afforded poor forward visibility, was difficult to manoeuvre on the ground, and relatively uncomfortable to fly. It carried a maximum payload of some 4 cwt., whereas modern agricultural single engine aircraft carry loads ranging from 8 to 22 cwt. and incorporate specialized design features directed towards improved safety and efficiency in agricultural operations. Although pilot technique which has been subject to intensive development from 1956 onwards has undoubtedly contributed to greater productivity, it is clear that the capacity of the modern type of aircraft has been a primary factor in the rapid growth of the industry.

In 1961 the Department of Civil Aviation introduced, for the first time, a special category of agricultural pilot rating which required applicants to pass both theoretical and practical flying and other examinations relevant to their proposed activities. These examinations cover the field care and maintenance of aircraft, aircraft performance, landing ground requirements, load limitations, load distribution, coverage rates, emergency procedures and weather, health and medical requirements.

Today, the acceptance of aircraft in the performance of agricultural work is well established in this State and the progress being made is reflected in the following Victorian statistics for the period 1960–1964 :---

Particulars	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964 (Pre- liminary)
Superphosphate ('000 acres)	458	624	585	817	1,232
Seed Sown ('000 acres)	5	2	77	19	148
Insecticides, Herbicides ('000 acres)	177	242	198	291	359
Other Treatment ('000 acres)	59	63	68	63	75
Total Area ('000 acres)	699	931	928	1,190	1,814
Aircraft Hours Flown	8,140	9,500	7,240	10,400	12,490

VICTORIA—AERIAL AGRICULTURE

Civil Aviation Statistics

The following table shows particulars for 1964 of regular interstate and intrastate air services terminating in Victoria :---

VICTORIA—REGULAR	INTERSTATE	AND INTRA	ASTATE AIR
SERVICES TERM	MINATING IN	VICTORIA,	1964

	Par	ticulars			Interstate	Intrastate	Total
Miles Flown Paying Passenger Passenger Miles Freight—	 ers	··· ··		'000 '000 '000	19,802·2 1,653·2 688,391·5	323 · 7 21 · 8 3,788 · 6	20,125 · 9 1,675 · 0 692,180 · 1
Short Tons Ton Miles Mail Short Tons	 	::	::	'oöö	36,950 · 7 15,313 · 8 3,866 · 0	46·2 7·8 17·5	36,996•9 15,321•6 3,883•5
Ton Miles				'000	1,888.9	2.7	1,891.6

The first of the following tables deals with aircraft registered and licences issued by the Department of Civil Aviation in Victoria, and the second with details of Melbourne Airport activities :---

Particulars	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Registered Aircraft Owners Registered Aircraft Student Pilot Licences Private Pilot Licences Commercial Pilot Licences Airline Pilot Licences Aircraft Maintenance Engineers Licences	109 330 582 608 190 305 645	124 279 679 693 195 314 648	149 307 852 757 187 341 681	210 387 1,005 866 214 591 651	238 395 1,500 1,210 266 506 662

VICTORIA—CIVIL AVIATION

MELBOURNE AIRPORT

Particulars	1961	1962	1963	1964
Domestic Aircraft Movements	37,599	36,354	39,928	46,918
Domestic Passengers Embarked	571,063	584,471	632,768	743,352
Domestic Passengers Disembarked	574,661	589,395	644,669	753,155
International Aircraft Movements	896	834	844	1,085
Passengers Arriving/Departing Overseas	21,661	23,045	28,831	37,929

History of Civil Aviation, 1962

Classification of Flying Activities, 1964

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Communications

Communications

Posts, Telegraphs, Telephones, Radio, and Television

General

Postal, telegraphic, and telephone services are under the control of the Postmaster-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. The Postmaster-General also makes available transmitting and other technical facilities to the national broadcasting and television services. The general supervision of broadcasting stations and television stations, however, is vested in the Australian Broadcasting Control Board under the *Broadcasting and Television Act* 1942–56, while, under the same Act, the Australian Broadcasting Commission controls the activities of the National Broadcasting Service and the National Television Service.

The Postmaster-General's Department employs, in Victoria, a staff of about 29,000 persons who provide, operate, and maintain its speedy and intricate systems of communications. Post Office facilities are available throughout Victoria at 328 official and 1,846 non-official post offices. In addition to normal postal services, many of these offices transact business on behalf of the Commonwealth Savings Bank and several Commonwealth Government Departments.

History of Post Office in Victoria, 1961

Postal, Mail, and Transport Services

During 1964-65, \$396,000 was spent on new postal equipment to mechanize the Melbourne Mail Exchange and to meet an anticipated traffic in Victoria of 777 million postal articles. In addition, some six million telegrams were handled during the year, and \$380,000 was allotted for the installation of new equipment that will ensure the rapid transit of this traffic.

During 1964, new post offices were opened at Mornington, Carlton South, Boronia, Camberwell, Numurkah, Swan Hill, Wedderburn, and Drouin. Others were in course of construction at Glenroy and Chadstone.

Over a ten year period to the 30th June, 1964, the incidence of postal traffic handled in the Mail Exchange Branch, Melbourne, increased from 451.5 mill. to 798.4 mill. items, representing an increase of 76.8 per cent. The letter class component of traffic increased by 73.7 per cent., parcels by 33.7 per cent., other classes of postal articles by 104.2 per cent., whilst the number of registered articles decreased slightly. However, the number of staff employed increased by only 36.7 per cent.

In January, 1964, "Telepost"—a new type of unstaffed, selfservice Post Office providing continuous postal facilities 24 hours a day, became available for use by the general public. Situated on the ground floor of Royal Mail House, Bourke Street, Melbourne, "Telepost" is a combination of public telephone booths, automatic vending machines that dispense stamps and postal stationery, coin change machines, and a triple aperture letter receiver for city, suburban, and oversea mail. (See Photographic Section) The Departmental mail transport operations involve the management of a fleet of 356 vehicles and a staff of 360. Other transport activities include the operation of a car pool, the movement of bulk equipment, stores and cable, and poles by semi-trailer or truck to locations throughout the State.

The conveyance of mail under contract by non-departmental means represents a significant aspect of Transport Branch responsibilities. There are 1,161 of these services currently operating in Victoria, at a cost of \$1,232,000 per annum, involving a total travel of nearly 12 million miles each year.

Telecommunication Services

Two divisions of the Postmaster-General's Department are responsible for telecommunication services : the Engineering Division provides and maintains the technical facilities for telephone and telegraph services and for the national radio and television networks, and the Telecommunications Division operates the telephone and telegraph services, allots frequencies, monitors transmissions, and issues licences for privately operated radio services.

Further Reference, 1962

Telephone Services

Subscriber Trunk Dialling Facilities

The S.T.D. (Subscriber Trunk Dialling) facility enables subscribers to dial trunk calls without the assistance of an operator. The charge is measured on the actual duration of the conversation, and not on the three minute minimum charge that applies to calls connected manually. It is envisaged that, by 1976, 66 per cent. of trunk calls in Australia will be dialled by subscribers. During 1964, provision of S.T.D. from provincial centres to Melbourne was extended and further progress was made towards the introduction of the facility for city subscribers. A network of "broadband" bearer systems—both coaxial cable and radio—capable of carrying very large groups of trunk circuits is being developed. Equipment now being installed will enable some Melbourne subscribers to dial direct to subscribers at Bacchus Marsh, Ballarat, Bendigo, Dromana, Geelong, Mornington Zone, Morwell, Wangaratta, and Warragul.

New Crossbar Network

The eventual aim of the Post Office is to provide nation-wide dialling facilities for all telephone subscribers. With this plan in view, a new system of automatic switching known as Crossbar Switching, designed to facilitate the development of this project was brought into service in Melbourne in May, 1964 with the opening of a network of exchanges employing the new system.

Prior to the introduction of this method of switching, the standard equipment was the "step-by-step" system, whereby the desired connection was established one stage at a time, as each digit was dialled. The crossbar system delays the switching process until it has enough dialled information to determine the optimum route to the called exchange, and then rapidly sets up the whole call. The name "crossbar" is derived from the automatic selector switches, whose arrangement of vertical armatures and horizontal selecting bars present a lattice effect.

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Crossbar equipment is modern in design and has many technical advantages, including greater reliability and ease of integration with modern switching systems in both local and trunk networks. Considerable economic savings in expensive underground cables are attained, because of the ability of this equipment to select the shortest route to a called exchange. Crossbar equipment has been adopted as the standard installation in automatic exchanges in Australia, and, by the end of 1964, eighteen exchanges had been so equipped in Victoria. The new crossbar network operates in conjunction with the step-by-step network of exchanges which has built up over a period of some forty years. Within ten years, the two telephone networks will be of equal size and will continue working side by side.

New Equipment

Electronic equipment used to derive additional telephone channels from one pair of wires has traditionally been provided in "packaged" 3, 4, or 12 channel units called "carrier systems". More recently equipment has become available which allows channels to be added singly up to a maximum of 10. These systems, known as rural carrier systems, provide channels of excellent quality at less than the cost of new wires and find great application in the remote regions. They require little space and can operate from the commercial power mains or from home lighting systems. Over 80 channels of this equipment are being added annually to the communication network.

Other Developments

During 1964-65 \$34.3 mill. was spent on new telephone services. This included plans to connect 90,000 new telephone services, and provide 1,100 new trunkline channels. The programme added an estimated 560,000 single wire miles of cable and wire to the Victorian network, which handled about 670 mill. telephone calls during the year.

New automatic exchanges were installed at Bairnsdale, Langwarrin, Horsham, and Monbulk, and small rural exchanges in fifteen country centres. In the Metropolitan Area, large telephone exchange installations were completed in several suburbs, and considerable extensions were made to the capacity of some existing exchanges.

There was a net increase of 32,811 in the number of telephone services connected, to bring the total number of services in Victoria to 601,714 as at 30th June, 1964. The number of telephone services connected during the year totalled 84,422, while those cancelled amounted to 51,611. A total of 12,127 applications were held waiting exchange lines to become available, but by October, 1964 this number was reduced to 7,418.

Public Telex Calls

A telex call service became available to members of the public during March, 1964, on a trial basis. As a result of this facility members of the public who do not subscribe to a teleprinter service can hire a machine at the Chief Telegraph Office for a specific call.

Radio Communications

Civil radio communication stations are licensed and controlled by the Radio Branch of the Telecommunications Division; there was a total of 14,948 in Victoria at the end of 30th June, 1964. Technical standards for equipment design and performance have been set and these are rigidly enforced by regular inspection, by monitoring, and by frequent transmission checks.

The Australian Post Office, as a member of the International Telecommunications Union, observes and checks all radio transmissions received in Australia. During 1964, 23,521 frequency checks were made, and the results of these observations forwarded to the International Frequency Registration Board in Geneva, Switzerland.

Complaints by broadcast listeners and television viewers of interference to reception are also investigated, and these totalled 2,579 during 1964. Inspectors of the Radio Branch, acting on behalf of the Department of Shipping and Transport, inspected the radio installations aboard 258 vessels in the ports of Melbourne and Geelong during 1964.

Melbourne-Sydney Coaxial Cable, 1964

Television

The transmitter at Baranduda (A.M.A.V.1. Albury), was completed and operated late in 1964.

Victorian National Television Network, 1965

Post Office Statistics

Revenue and Expenditure

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Postmaster-General's Department in Victoria for each of the years 1959–60 to 1963–64 are contained in the following table :---

VICTORIA—POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT : REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

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Particulars	Year Ended 30th June-					
	1960	1961	1962	1963†	1964†	
Revenue Postage Money Order Commission Poundage on Postal Notes Private Boxes and Bags Miscellaneous*	22,280 588 126 1,960	24,850 602 132 38	25,324 598 134 34	26,050 628 138 144	27,838 654 144 221	
Total Postal	24,954	25,622	26,090	26,960	28,857	
Telegraph Telephone	3,376 42,222	3,662 48,338	3,812 49,960	3,574 52,706	3,900 58,735	
Total Revenue	70,552	77,622	79,862	83,240	91,492	
EXPENDITURE Salaries and Contingencies— Salaries and Payments in the Nature of Salary Administrative Expenses	26,158 3,002 1,302 1,816 21,946 890 32	26,196 3,308 1,348 1,862 22,434 1,016 34	27,390 3,424 1,206 1,962 23,350 1,050 36	27,762 3,440 888 1,994 19,280 1,150 §	29,302 4,135 936 2,098 20,499 1,539 §	
New Works— Telegraphs, Telephones, and Wireless New Buildings, &c Total Expenditure	21,208 2,306 78,660	21,498 2,618 80,314	23,706 2,944 85,068	31,524 2,808 88,846	34,273 3,371 96,153	

* In respect of the years 1960-61 to 1963-64, amounts formerly classified as Miscellaneous revenue have been allocated to Telegraph and Telephone revenue.

†As from 1962-63, certain items of Victorian Post Office revenue have been credited to Central Office.

§ Now included with Administrative Expenses.

Activities

The number of post offices and telephone offices and the number of persons employed by the Postmaster-General's Department in each of the five years 1959–60 to 1963–64 were as follows :—

VICTORIA—POST OFFICES, TELEPHONE OFFICES, PERSONS EMPLOYED

			Persons Employed						
At 30th June—	No. of Post Offices	No. of Telephone Offices	Permanent	Temporary and Exempt	Semi- and Non-Official Postmasters and Staffs	Mail Contractors	Other*	Total	
1960 1961 1962 1963 1964	2,257 2,235 2,219 2,197 2,174	184 174 167 159 141	15,806 15,721 16,154 16,405 16,462	7,701 8,182 8,148 8,121 8,467	2,524 2,510 2,495 2,545 2,489	1,164 1,142 1,071 1,097 1,096	708 719 727 723 705	27,903 28,274 28,595 28,891 29,219	

* Includes telephone office-keepers and part-time employees.

Particulars relating to the number of letters, &c., posted and received within Victoria during the years 1959–60 to 1963–64 were as follows :—

VICTORIA-LETTERS, ETC., POSTED AND RECEIVED

Year Ended 30th June		Letters, Postcards, etc.	Registered Articles (Except Parcels)	Newspapers and Packets	Parcels (Including Those Registered)	
	Р	OSTED FOR DELIVI	ERY WITHIN THE C	Commonwealth	I	
19 60 1961 1962 1963 1964	··· ·· ·· ·· ·· ··	442,606 481,099 489,436 519,132 555,636	3,238 3,111 2,953 2,961 2,498	74,609 70,721 74,364 78,411 84,536	4,473 4,416 4,486 4,773 4,789	
	DISPATCHED	to and Received	FROM PLACES BE	YOND THE COMM	ONWEALTH	
1960 1961 1962 1963 1964	··· ·· ·· ·· ·· ··	31,220 35,387 40,530 56,794 62,816	421 484 787 932 982	13,081 13,098 12,743 13,415 14,379	453 442 441 448 477	
		TOTAL	Posted and Re	CEIVED		
196 0 1961 1962 1963 1964	·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ··	473,826 516,486 529,966 575,926 618,452	3,659 3,595 3,740 3,893 3,480	87,690 83,819 87,107 91,826 98,915	4,926 4,858 4,927 5,221 5,266	

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The following table shows the total number and value of money orders and postal notes issued and paid in each of the five years 1959-60 to 1963-64:

			Money	Orders		Postal Notes				
	Year Ended 30th June—		Issued		Paid		Issued		Paid	
		No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	
		'000 '	\$'000	·000	\$'000	'000'	\$'000	'000'	\$'000	
1960 1961 1962 1963 1964	 	2,537 2,445 *2,526 †2,829 †2,943	42,116 45,838 47,420 82,430 89,614	2,514 2,519 *2,622 †2,721 †2,800	42,264 46,200 47,762 82,324 90,068	4,523 4,016 3,959 4,145 4,029	4,442 4,022 3,998 4,218 4,167	5,917 5,467 5,443 5,730 5,589	5,426 5,082 4,948 5,282 5,256	

VICTORIA-MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES

Estimated.

† Includes official money orders.

Of the money orders issued in 1963–64, 2,823,004 for \$88,830,246 were payable in the Commonwealth of Australia and 120,115 for \$783,492 in other countries. The orders paid included 2,758,370 for \$89,492,562 issued in the Commonwealth, and 41,544 for \$574,942 in other countries.

Telecommunications

The following table gives particulars relating to the telegraph business during each of the five years 1959-60 to 1963-64 :---

	Particulars					Year Ended 30th June-						
					1960	1961	1962	1963	1964			
Number of Telegr Telegraph Offic	aph O es)	ffices (Incl	luding Ra	ilway 	2,303	2,294	2,268	2,261	2,228			
Telegrams— Within the Cor							²000	•				
Paid and Co Ordinary Lettergra Radiogra Meteorol	, Urge ims ims	ent, and I		ed 	4,093 13 6 140	3,834 10 6 147	3,851 9 6 160	3,783 11 5 164	3,976 7 6 167			
Unpaid Teles	grams	Dispatche	-d-									
Service					145	137	129	123	123			
Total	••				4,397	4,134	4,155	4,086	4,279			
Beyond the Co	mmon	wealth-										
Dispatched Received*	::	::	::	::	499 428	488 430	48 8 424	475 400	557 427			
Total	••			[927	918	912	875	984			
Total pate	Num hed a	ber of T nd Receiv	elegrams	Dis- 	5,324	5,052	5,067	4,961	5,263			

VICTORIA-TELEGRAPH BUSINESS

* Estimated.

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Information relating to the telephone service is given below for the years 1959-60 to 1963-64 :---

Particulars		Year Ended 30th June—					
	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964		
Telephone Exchanges Public Telephones Services in Operation Instruments Connected Instruments per 1,000 of Population	6,052 469,750 677,468	1,764 6,306 508,567 707,937 238 · 9	1,744 6,498 536,229 728,704 243 • 9	1,723 6,829 568,946 772,565 252 · 8	1,680 7,121 601,714 819,037 261 • 9		

VICTORIA—TELEPHONE SERVICES

The number of radio communication stations authorized in Victoria at 30th June in each of the years 1961 to 1964 is shown in the following table. Figures relate to radio communication (radio-telegraph and radio-telephone) stations only.

VICTORIA—RADIO COMMUNICATION STATIONS AUTHORIZED

	At 30th June—					
Class of Station	1961	1962	1963	1964		
Transmitting and Receiving— Fixed Stations*— Aeronautical Services with Other Countries Other	6 14 153	6 13 179	6 13 186	4 13 221		
	155	175	100	221		
Land Stations†— Aeronautical Base Stations—	8	19	27	16		
Land Mobile Services Harbour Mobile Services Coast‡ Special Experimental	752 16 11 60	860 17 14 95	947 17 14 114	1,061 18 14 135		
Mobile Stations§— Aeronautical Land Mobile Services Harbour Mobile Services Ships Amateur Stations	6,913 110 1,307	185 8,096 115 283 1,351	229 9,658 120 328 1,414	274 11,049 142 370 1,454		
Total Transmitting and Receiving	9,350	11,233	13,073	14,771		
Receiving Only— Fixed Stations* Mobile Stations§	191 34	173 43	178 43	177		
Total Receiving Only	225	216	221	177		
Grand Total	9,575	11,449	13,294	14,948		

• Stations established at fixed locations for communication with other stations similarly established.

† Stations established at fixed locations for communication with mobile stations.

‡ Land stations for communication with ocean going vessels.

§ Equipment installed in motor vehicles and harbour vessels.

Broadcast and Television Licences in Force

The number of stations licensed for broadcasting and television, and the number of holders of Broadcast Listeners' and Television Viewers' Licences in Victoria at the end of each of the years 1959-60 to 1963-64 are shown below :----

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION LICENCES IN FORCE

	At 30th June-							
Class of Licence		1960	1961	1962	1963	1964		
Broadcasting Stations*		20	20	20	20	20		
Television Stations [†]		2	2	6	6	6		
Broadcast Listeners		606,587	589,437	585,752	607,036	622,663		
Television Viewers		353,091	401,395	460,558	530,256	581,286		
Amateur		1,258	1,307	1,351	1,414	1,454		

* Exclusive of eight broadcasting stations (including three shortwave), operated by the National Broadcasting Service.

† Exclusive of five television stations operated by the National Television Service.

Overseas Telecommunications Commission

General

The Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia) is the authority responsible for Australia's external telecommunication services by cable and radio.

The Commission was established in August, 1946, under the Overseas Telecommunications Act. This Act implemented, in Australia, a recommendation of the 1945 Commonwealth Telecommunications Conference for national ownership of the external telecommunication services of the British Commonwealth countries concerned and for establishment of a representative advisory board, the Commonwealth Telecommunications Board, to co-ordinate their development.

The Commission provides telegraph, telex, phototelegraph and, in conjunction with the Postmaster-General's Department, telephone services with oversea countries and Australian territories. Leased one and two-way circuits are also provided for large commercial users. In addition, it operates the Australian coastal radio services for communication with ships at sea in Australian waters and high frequency radio services in communication with ships in any part of the world. The Commission's coastal radio stations also provide certain services to a number of remote stations within Australia and its territories.

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Communications

To meet Australia's increasing demand for oversea communication channels, and because of limitations to performance and capacity inherent in current forms of telegraph cables and high frequency radio systems, the Commission is at present engaged, in partnership with the oversea telecommunications authorities of Britain, Canada, and New Zealand, in constructing and laying a large capacity co-axial submarine cable across the Pacific Ocean connecting Australia, New Zealand, and Canada via Suva and Hawaii.

This project stems from the Pacific Cable Conference held in Sydney, in 1959, at which representatives of Britain, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand met to discuss and make recommendations on the feasibility of such a cable, and to formulate a financial and construction programme.

Following agreement of the four governments concerned in the plan, work was commenced in August, 1960, and the first section, the trans-Tasman link between Sydney and Auckland, was opened on 9th July, 1962; on 3rd December, 1962, the Auckland–Suva section was opened. When completed in December, 1963, the cable formed part of the projected British Commonwealth round-the-world large capacity cable scheme in which a complementary cable between Britain and Canada was officially opened by Her Majesty the Queen late in 1961.

Services

Foremost among new services introduced by the Commission is the international telex service which provides direct teleprinter communication between the offices of subscribers to Australia's internal telex service and the offices of telex subscribers in more than 40 oversea countries. Oversea telex calls in 1963–64 totalled 1,079,202 paid minutes, as compared with 819,858 paid minutes in the previous year, an increase of 32 per cent.

During 1963-64 the number of words transmitted by oversea telegraph services totalled over 81 million.

Radiotelephone calls exchanged between subscribers in the Australian Post Office internal network and oversea subscribers totalled 1,375,615 paid minutes in 1963–64, an increase of 59 per cent. as compared with the previous year.

A total of 6,341 phototelegrams was handled during 1963-64.

The following tables give statistics of Australia's oversea radiotelephone services, and oversea cable and radio telegraph services over a five-year period. Statistics of services with the Australian Territories are not included.

AUSTRALIA—OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMIS-SION : OVERSEA RADIOTELEPHONE SERVICES : NUMBER OF PAID MINUTES

		Year Ended 31st March—					
Particulars			1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
British Commonwealth From Australia	Count	tries—	160	174	176	260	431
To Australia	••		156	190	198	338	557
Total	••		316	364	374	598	988
Non-British Countries From Australia To Australia	;	 	101 86	107 104	110 122	131 135	184 204
Total	••		187	211	232	266	387
All Countries— From Australia To Australia	•••		261 242	281 294	286 320	391 473	615 761
Total	••		503	575	606	864	1,376

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AUSTRALIA-OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMIS-SION: INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAPH SERVICES (CABLE AND RADIO): NUMBER OF WORDS TRANSMITTED

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		Year Ended 31st March-					
Particulars			1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
British Commonwealth	n Coun	tries					
From Australia To Australia	 	•••	22,314 28,617	24,231 29,735	22,099 30,106	25,588 26,723	23,978 27,039
Total			50,931	53,966	52,205	52,311	51,016
Non-British Countries From Australia To Australia	 	•••	13,453 10,375	13,767 11,352	13,403 11,288	14,789 12,844	16,191 13,830
Total	••		23,828	25,119	24,691	27,633	30,021
All Countries— From Australia To Australia	 	•••	35,767 38,992	37,998 41,087	35,502 41,394	40,377 39,567	40,168 40,869
Total		•••	74,759	79,085	7 6, 896	79,944	81,037

Further References, 1962 Commonwealth Year Book, 1946