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19.1 COPY DEADLINE AND WEBSITE ADDRESS

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Current Developments: Metro (19.2-30), and Provincial (19.31-38);
Items related to Newspaper History (19.39-48); Recently Published Books and Articles (19.49-
50); and Chronology, 1900-1909 (19.51).

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS: METRO

19.2 NEWS CORPORATION LOSES \$12 BILLION

The News Corporation Ltd confirmed on 14 August that its operating loss for the year had grown to \$12 billion. This came despite a 15 per cent increase to \$3.5 billion in underlying earnings for the year. Total net losses from its 42.6 per cent interest in the US company Gemstar TV Guide and from other items amounted to \$13.2 billion for the year (*Australian*, 15 August 2002, p.19).

19.3 CANBERRA TIMES ABOLISHES TWO POSITIONS: HULL, MACKLIN GO

One month into his job as Rural Press Ltd's general manager, regional, Canberra and southern, Lloyd Whish-Wilson abolished two positions so as to make the holders redundant. The positions were deputy editor and associate editor of the *Canberra Times*. The holders were Crispin Hull, 51, and Robert Macklin, 61. Hull had worked at the *Canberra Times* since joining as a cadet in 1972. He is a former editor and had been deputy editor since 1995 after choosing to relinquish the editorship. Macklin had been with the Times for 12 years. The letters to the editor column was flooded with readers bemoaning their departure. More accustomed to country towns, Rural Press Ltd had misjudged the Canberra culture. The house organ, *Rural Press News*, mentions the reshuffle that occurred after Hull and Macklin departed, but not the departure of the pair (*Canberra Times*, 16 July 2002, p.2, 20 July 2002, p.2, and Jack Waterford's "Addendum" column, Panorama, p.20, and letters to the editor, 17, 18 and 19 July 2002; *Australian*, media liftout, 18 July 2002, "The Diary", p.2, and 1 August 2002, Errol Simper's column [a fairly accurate summation of the whole affair] p.6; and *Rural Press News*, August 2002, p.14).

19.4 GRATTAN BACK AT THE AGE

The leading political commentator Michelle Grattan has returned to the *Melbourne Age* – for which she was chief political correspondent for 17 years before becoming the editor of the

Canberra Times, 1993-95. More recently, she has had stints with the *Australian Financial Review* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* (*Australian*, Media liftout, 15 August 2002, p.2, and 13 June 2002, pp.4-5).

19.5 CHRONOLOGY OF RECENT EVENTS

23 July 2002	Death: Bronwyn Donaghy , in Sydney aged 53; journalist and author; wrote for <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> , <i>Australia's Parents</i> magazine and <i>New Woman</i> ; also wrote a long-standing column, under pen-name of Frances Storm, for <i>Sydney's Child</i> and <i>Melbourne's Child</i> ; author of several books, including <i>Anna's Story</i> , about a 15-year-old Sydney girl who died after taking an ecstasy tablet at a rave party (<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> , 7 August 2002, p.32).
28 July 2002	Death: Edmund Rouse , in Launceston, Tasmania, at age 76; disgraced former chair of ENT (Examiner Northern Television), which owned Launceston's daily <i>Examiner</i> and local TV station TNT9; he married into the Rolph family which owned the <i>Examiner</i> ; he was jailed for three years in 1990 for attempting to bribe Labor MP Jim Cox with \$110,000 to keep the Gray Liberal Government in power after the May 1989 election (<i>Australian</i> , 30 July 2002, p.5, and 13 August 2002, p.14, obit.).
28 July 2002	Death: Alf Brown , in Melbourne aged 88; chief football writer for the <i>Melbourne Herald</i> for more than 30 years until the late 1970s; regarded as the most influential and respected Australia Rules football writer of his time; covered more than 1,000 games; renowned for his exclusive news stories and his extensive and insightful Friday night match previews (<i>Herald Sun</i> , 29 July 2002, and 1 August 2002, p.69; and see 19.26 below).
29 July 2002	<i>WOW</i> (or <i>What's On Weekly</i>), the first magazine to challenge <i>TV Week</i> in more than 20 years, hits the news stands in Australia (see 19.23).
2 August 2002	Death: Charles Barclay Chappel , aged 85 in Gunnedah, New South Wales; itinerant country newspaper proprietor and printer of the old school; started and/or ran papers in Peak Hill, Brewarrina, Dorrigo, Canowindra, Ingleburn, Mareeba (<i>Namoi Valley Independent</i> , 6 August 2002, p.7).
5 August 2002	Death: Peter Costigan , in Melbourne, aged 67; long and successful journalistic career with the <i>Melbourne Herald</i> including serving as its Washington correspondent, 1966-76, which included the Watergate era and Nixon's resignation; became the <i>Herald's</i> chief political correspondent in Canberra during late 1970s and early 1980s; served as president of Canberra Press Gallery and as member of the Australian Press Council; elected to Melbourne City Council as independent in March 1999 and within days was unexpectedly chosen as Lord Mayor; served until June 2001 (<i>Australian</i> , 6 August 2002, p.3, and 7 August 2002, p.9, obit.; <i>Age</i> , 6 August 2002, p.6; <i>Herald Sun</i> , 6 August 2002, p.66)
August 2002	Death: Frank O'Neill , in Sydney aged 80; war hero; worked for Packer's <i>Daily</i> and <i>Sunday Telegraphs</i> and Murdoch's <i>Daily</i> and <i>Sunday Mirrors</i> , and had several stints in News Ltd's London bureau, covering events such as the Great Train Robbery and the Profumo affair; in 1962, as the instigation of <i>Daily Mirror</i> editor Zel Rabin, he rode across the continent to re-enact John McDouall Stuart's great exploration expedition of 100 years earlier (<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> , 14 August 2002, p.36; <i>Australian</i> , Media liftout, 8 August 2002, p.6).
14 August 2002	Death: Neal Travis , in New York aged 62; born in Otago, New Zealand; began as a tea boy with the <i>Evening Star</i> , Dunedin, in 1956; joined the <i>Sydney Sun</i> in 1958 before going to the <i>South Pacific Post</i> , Port Moresby; the <i>Daily Mirror</i> , Sydney, appointed him as its New York correspondent in 1966; returned to Sydney in 1968 to edit the <i>Mirror</i> , and later became editor-in-chief of the <i>Sunday Mirror</i> and the <i>Australian</i> ; later wrote a gossip column for the <i>New York Post</i> during Rupert Murdoch's periods of ownership (<i>Australian</i> , 16 August 2002, p.11).
August 2002	Death: Alan Newman , aged 78 in Perth; joined <i>West Australian</i> as telegraph printer in 1949; became sporting journalist; chief Australian Rules football writer, 1952-57; deputy sports editor, 1957-71; associate sports editor, 1971-79; resigned October 1981 to join <i>Western Mail</i> (<i>West Australian</i> , 21 August 2002, p. 107).
24 August 2002	Death: Alastair McLeod , in Kabul, Afghanistan, aged 41; New Zealand-born freelance journalist who had been reporting for the <i>Australian</i> was killed in a car crash; had reported from conflict zones as diverse as Angola, Mozambique, Kosovo, West Papua and East Timor for NZ's TV3, Channel 4, Radio New Zealand, London's <i>Sunday Times</i> and most recently for the <i>Australian</i> (<i>Australian</i> , 26 August 2002, pp.3, 9; and <i>PANPA Bulletin</i> , September 2002, pp.40-41, 43).

19.6 CIRCULATION FIGURES CHANGE LITTLE

The Audit Bureau of Circulation figures for Australia's capital-city daily newspapers for the first six months of this year reveal nothing dramatic, yet there were some bright spots for some titles. The *Sydney Morning Herald's* Monday-to-Friday sales have increased by 3.17 per cent and the *Sunday Herald Sun*, Melbourne, has lifted its sales by 3.73 per cent (*Australian*, 9 August 2002, p.20, and Media liftout, 15 August 2002, p.9). See 19.36 for regional dailies' circulation figures.

Newspaper	Six months to 30/6/2002	Six months to 30/6/2001	Change %*
<i>Australian</i> (M-F)	130,497	132,145	- 1.25
<i>Australian</i> (Sat.)	297,540	304,923	- 2.42
<i>Australian Financial Review</i> (M-F)	89,274	92,500	- 3.49
<i>AFR Weekend Edition</i> (Sat.)	90,980	92,000	- 1.11
<i>Daily Telegraph</i> , Sydney (M-F)	406,220	410,896	- 1.14
<i>Daily Telegraph</i> , Sydney (Sat.)	335,438	338,620	- 0.94
<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> (M-F)	229,000	221,973	+ 3.17
<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> (Weekend)	400,000	396,112	+ 0.98
<i>Sun-Herald</i>	559,725	560,776	- 0.19
<i>Sunday Telegraph</i>	727,036	719,493	+ 1.05
<i>Herald Sun</i> (M-F)	548,764	544,938	+ 0.70
<i>Herald Sun</i> (Sat.)	515,598	511,199	+ 0.86
<i>Age</i> (M-F)	197,700	195,727	+ 1.01
<i>Age</i> (Sat.)	318,900	326,010	- 2.18
<i>Sunday Herald Sun</i>	570,647	550,144	+ 3.73
<i>Sunday Age</i>	199,350	199,008	+ 0.17
<i>Courier-Mail</i> (M-F)	215,371	214,241	+ 0.53
<i>Courier-Mail</i> (Sat.)	343,323	343,226	+ 0.03
<i>Sunday Mail</i> (Qld)	601,851	590,423	+ 1.94
<i>Advertiser</i> , Adelaide (M-F)	203,582	201,813	+ 0.88
<i>Advertiser</i> , Adelaide (Sat.)	280,490	276,720	+ 1.36
<i>Sunday Mail</i> (SA)	345,407	345,686	- 0.08
<i>West Australian</i> , Perth (M-F)	207,793	211,370	- 1.69
<i>West Australian</i> , Perth (Sat.)	385,871	385,000	+ 0.23
<i>Sunday Times</i> (WA)	346,041	340,170	+ 1.73
<i>Mercury</i> , Hobart (M-F)	49,895	50,223	- 0.65
<i>Mercury</i> , Hobart (Sat.)	65,308	65,097	+ 0.32
<i>Sunday Tasmanian</i>	58,425	58,325	- 0.14
<i>Sunday Examiner</i> (Tas.)	42,012	40,988	+ 2.50
<i>Canberra Times</i> (M-F)	38,694	38,938	- 0.63
<i>Canberra Times</i> (Sat.)	72,080	72,198	- 0.16
<i>Canberra Sunday Times</i>	39,075	38,931	+ 0.37
<i>Northern Territory News</i> (M-F)	22,152	22,425	- 1.22
<i>Northern Territory News</i> (Sat.)	31,774	31,354	+ 1.34
<i>Sunday Territorian</i>	27,084	25,197	+ 7.49

19.7 READERSHIP FIGURES

The latest readership figures for Australian newspapers and magazines have been published amidst continuing queries about the methodology that Roy Morgan Research uses (see *Australian*, Media liftout, 29 August 2002, p.12; *Australian Financial Review*, 26 August 2002, p.41).

19.8 NEW SECTIONS AND REDESIGNS

The *Courier-Mail*, Brisbane, introduced on Monday, 12 August 2002, a new two-page daily section called "Today". It sets out to be a "definitive daily guide to what's on, what's new and who's who". The topics listed under the "Today" banner are: trends, lifestyle, fashion, music, art, opera, dance, shopping". Its design makes much of the rest of the paper look dowdy. The section represents possibly the first distinctive stamp that new editor David Fagan has placed on the paper.

The *Sunday Canberra Times* was redesigned on 18 August. The main change was that the magazine was made a stapled separate section on higher quality paper.

The *Australian* introduced a new section, entitled "Worldwide", on Monday, 16 September. The first section covered five broadsheet pages and included "reports from the best network of award-winning correspondents of any Australian newspaper" and "material from the world's most prestigious publications".

19.9 FAIRFAX AND FAIRFAX

Depends which paper you read: On 16 September 2002, the *Australian* (pp.1, 27) reported that John Fairfax and Rural Press Ltd were investigating a \$3 billion merger that could deliver boardroom control of the upmarket publishing group back to the Fairfax family. One scenario considered as part of an all-scrip deal could result in Rural Press chairman John B. Fairfax becoming chairman of the merged group. On 17 September the *Sydney Morning Herald* (p.22) reported: "John Fairfax and Rural Press yesterday rejected speculation they were on the brink of a \$3 billion merger." In a statement to the Australian Stock Exchange, John Fairfax said the report was "in error".

19.10 ANHG IN 2003

Because the editor of this newsletter has been granted study leave to research and write Australian newspaper history during 2003, expressions of interest are invited from ANHG people who may be interested in editing the newsletter in 2003.

19.11 PEOPLE (1): SHANAHAN WINS JAPAN AWARD

Dennis Shanahan, the *Australian's* political editor, has been awarded the Japan Award for Journalism by the Japanese Embassy and the National Press Club. The award, sponsored by the Japanese Government, is designed to promote deeper understanding of modern Japan among Australian journalists (*Australian*, 1 August 2002, p.2).

19.12 PEOPLE (2): GAVIN SOUTER AND THE HERALD

Gavin Souter, author of *Company of Heralds* and *Heralds & Angels*, no longer receives a free copy of the *Sydney Morning Herald*. The complimentary copy he had received since retiring in 1987, after 40 years of service, has been discontinued by publisher and editor-in-chief Alan Revell. It's part of a cost-cutting scheme that affects all Fairfax retirees (*Australian*, Media liftout, 1 August 2002, p.2, "The Diary").

19.13 PEOPLE (3): DOYEN OF FOOTBALL WRITERS

From Melbourne, **Robert Coleman** writes on the death of Alf Brown (see 19.5): "Doyen" is a vastly over-used word, but it is no exaggeration when applied to Alf Brown's standing among

football writers. If, as it is often said, football is a religion in Melbourne, then Alf in his day was the archbishop. His influence on the sport was huge. He was far ahead of the field of football writers. He broke stories, his commentaries were widely read and his network of contacts unsurpassed. In the days before television, and with minimal radio coverage, thousands relied on the afternoon *Herald* and *Sporting Globe* for kick-for-kick coverage of the games.

It was an education to sit beside Alf in the press box at a VFL grand final, as I sometimes did to write the colour story. He would be wearing headphones to dictate copy to a typist. As the game progressed, the dictation obviously got behind, so that eventually he would be mentally absorbing what was currently happening on the field while describing what had happened fifteen minutes earlier. In those days, the paper would be on the streets with pages of description while the players were still under the shower. We did the same sort of thing, of course, with big court cases and events such as the Melbourne Cup. How times have changed. Today, we don't even have an evening edition on Saturdays!

It's true that Alf could be a bit cantankerous, although I never found him so. Before his football days, he was a very good general reporter. He was at one time, I believe, a political roundsman (the federal offices were all in Melbourne then) and I know he covered the sensational Pyjama Girl inquest in 1944. In his later years, he had eye trouble and was a familiar sight around the office wearing an eyeshade and complaining about the fluorescent lighting.

19.14 PEOPLE (4): CAMERON FORBES RETIRES

Cameron Forbes has retired after reporting for the *Australian* for nine years and working in journalism for 45 years. He began his career in 1958 at the *Morning Bulletin*, Rockhampton, in the days when George Westacott was editor. Forbes joined the *Age*, Melbourne, in 1966 and covered politics in Canberra, wrote leaders, worked as foreign editor and as a foreign correspondent covering Europe and Asia (*Australian*, Media liftout, 18 July 29002, p.9).

19.15 THE FORMER MELBOURNE HERALD SITE

A \$200 million glass tower will be built above the former Herald and Weekly Times building in Flinders Street, Melbourne. The newspaper group vacated the building in the mid-1990s. About two-thirds of the old building will be retained for heritage reasons (*Age*, 6 August 2002, p.4).

19.16 PUBLISHERS PLEAD GUILTY

Two newspaper groups have pleaded guilty to contempt of court for publishing a suppressed image of a killer in the bodies-in-the-barrel case. The *Australian* and the *Age* admitted breaching a suppression order imposed by South Australian Supreme Court judge Brian Martin after publishing the image of James Spyridon Vlassakis. The *Herald Sun* pleaded not guilty to contempt and will argue that the order was invalid because it breached requirements of natural justice and therefore could not be enforced. The case has been adjourned to a date to be fixed (*Weekend Australian*, 17-18 August 2002, p.12).

19.17 CLARIFICATION AND CORRECTION

The *Australian*, on 8 August 2002, p.2, published the following clarification: "A report headlined 'Murdoch queried Rich prediction' on Page 4 of the *Australian* yesterday said News Limited chief operating officer Peter Macourt discussed One.Tel's cash position with News Limited chairman Lachlan Murdoch four months before the telco collapsed. Mr

Macourt says the discussion referred to in the article concerned the telco's European operations, not the parent company's cash position."

On 30 August 2002, p.2, the *Australian* found the need to correct a report about Mr Macourt. "The *Australian's* Media section yesterday incorrectly suggested that Mr Peter Macourt was a former director of INL and a former chief operating officer of News Limited. In fact, Mr Macourt remains in those positions while also being appointed chairman of Sky TV." A correction also appeared in the Media liftout of 5 September, p.9.

19.18 WAN PROFIT DECLINES

West Australian Newspapers, publisher of the daily *West Australian*, Perth, and a string of regional newspapers, reported a 23 per cent decline in annual profit: "a solid result in a difficult environment". Total revenue fell 9.6 per cent to \$297.3 million. Advertising volumes fell 8.2 per cent. Net profit was \$51.2 million (*Australian*, 9 August 2002, p.22).

19.19 AUSTRALIAN PRESS COUNCIL REVISES OBJECTS

The Australian Press Council, established in 1976, has revised the objects clause in its Constitution. It did so as a result of a planning day. Details are in *Australian Press Council News*, Vol 14, No 3, August 2002, pp.1-2, 16. The Council expected to publish a new edition of its Information Booklet, incorporating the changes, as soon as possible.

19.20 FAIRFAX PROFIT FALLS BY 58 PER CENT

The net profit of John Fairfax Holdings fell 58 per cent from \$128.1 million last year to \$53.7 million this year. The contract of chief executive Fred Hilmer has been renewed on a one-year rolling basis. Fairfax blamed the poor result on the worst advertising downturn in more than a decade. Group sales fell 9.4 per cent to \$1.2 billion (*Sydney Morning Herald* and *Australian Financial Review*, 10 September 2002, p. 17 and p.15, respectively).

Jane Schulze reported (*Australian*, 12 September 2002, p.19) that John Fairfax expects only a marginal lift in advertising volumes across its major metropolitan newspapers in 2003, according to documents inadvertently released on its website and quickly withdrawn. The documents reveal Fairfax expect total classified volumes for the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *Sun-Herald*, *Australian Financial Review* and *Age* would grow by 0.55 per cent in 2003 (from 11.46 million centimetres in 2002).

19.21 SEPTEMBER 11 FIRST ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EDITIONS

Australian capital-city newspapers ran special editions, sometimes over several days, to mark the first anniversary of the "September 11" terrorist attacks on America. Examples: the *Weekend Australian*, 7-8 September 2002, 16 broadsheet pages; the *Australian*, 11 September 2002, 24 tabloid pages; the *Sunday Mail* and *Courier-Mail*, and the *Sunday Telegraph* and *Daily Telegraph*, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 September, eight broadsheet pages each day; the *Sydney Morning Herald*, 11 September, 12 broadsheet pages; the *Age*, 11 September, 16 broadsheet pages. On 11 September the *Age* published a special afternoon edition.

19.22 MEDIA INDUSTRY RECOVERY IN 2003

Australia's media industry will emerge in 2003 from the worst advertising slump in a decade, according to a comprehensive sector report released on 3 September. The Pricewaterhouse-Coopers report also warns the greatest challenge Australia's media organisations face is operating under an increasingly onerous and outdated regulatory regime in desperate need of overhaul (*Courier-Mail*, 4 September 2002, p.27). But a different slant has come from

broking firms Merrill Lynch, CSFB and Macquarie Equities. They have slashed their advertising growth forecasts, assuming “another year of advertising paralysis” (*Sydney Morning Herald*, 17 September 2002, p.22).

19.23 MAGAZINES (1) WOW: THE BATTLE ON THE TV FRONT

The magazine that has become the first challenger for *TV Week* in 20 years emerged on the news stands across Australia on 29 July. Its title is *What's On Weekly*, but it wants to be known by its acronym, *WOW*. Kerry Stokes' Pacific Publications has launched *WOW* with a \$2.75 cover price, 20c cheaper than the Packer group's *TV Week* and 95c below Time Warner's *Who Weekly*. *TV Week*'s circulation was 265,024 in the final half of last year, about 590,000 fewer than its peak in 1984. *TV* magazine inserts in Sunday newspapers had a collective circulation of nearly 3.3 million at the end of last year (see *Australian Financial Review*, 29 July 2002, p.47; and *Australian*, 22 July 2002, p.3, 12 July 2002, p.19, and 5 July 2002, pp.3 and 19; and 19.50.6 below). The previous challenger to *TV Week* was the *TV Times*.

19.24 MAGAZINES (2): MELBOURNE TITLE TO BE LAUNCHED

Former Fairfax and News Ltd executives Steve Harris and John Allan have launched a Melbourne-based magazine company, Viamedia. The first title in its stable will be the glossy *Melbourne Magazine*. Harris was formerly publisher and editor-in-chief of the *Age* and Allan was publisher of Fairfax's general magazines. The magazine, to be launched in October, is said to be the first devoted to one Australian city (*Australian*, 29 July 2002, p.3).

19.25 MAGAZINES (3): NEW IDEA AT 100

New Idea magazine is celebrating its centenary. Launched in 1902 for women, it was “devoted exclusively to their needs and problems”. Sally Jackson traced some important events in the first 100 years of the magazine in an article, “A new idea that changes with the times”, in the *Australian*, Media liftout, 1 August 2002, p.7.

19.26 MAGAZINES (4): PERTH TITLE IS FIVE YEARS OLD

David Hogan launched *Scoop* magazine in Perth in September 1997, using a concept similar to London's *Time Out* and taking its cue from a huge range of fashion and lifestyle magazines. It is distinctive, however, because of its combination of high-quality artwork, glossy pages, an events calendar, restaurant and accommodation guides, and its distribution system.

Scoop has only 1,000 paid subscribers (at \$35.95 a year) and sells just 6,000 of its 22,000 print run at almost \$10 each in newsagencies. The rest of each edition is distributed free to upmarket hotels, private hospitals, beauticians, hairdressers, cafés and restaurants (*Australian*, Media liftout, 8 August 2002, p.10).

19.27 MAGAZINES (5): AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S MONEY

A magazine claiming to be Australia's first comprehensive personal finance publication written especially for women was launched in August. Called *Australian Women's Money*, it emerges from the HWW publishing house and will appear quarterly. Others in the stable are *Your Mortgage* and *Home Buyers' Guide* (*Australian*, Media liftout, 22 August 2002, p.3).

19.28 MAGAZINES (6): READER'S DIGEST REVAMP IN AUSTRALIA

The *Reader's Digest* is out to make its presence more evident on newsstands in Australia. This month it has an A4-sized cookbook glued to its back and a new title on its front: *Australian Reader's Digest*. The stock is whiter and glossier. The revamp, described as the biggest since the magazine began selling in Australia 56 years ago, has been initiated by new managing director Paul Heath who has a marketing, not a publishing, background. Reader response to the Australian changes will be watched with interest by the Reader's Digest parent company (*Australian*, 28 August 2002, p.3, and *Media Liftout*, 29 August 2002, p.3).

19.29 MAGAZINES (7): IPMG TO PUBLISH VOGUE

Conde Nast, the US publishing house known for its glossy magazines, has shut its Australian operation. It has licensed production of its seven local glossies, including *Vogue*, to IPMG (the Independent Print Media Group), owned by Sydney's Hannan family, owners of Eastern Suburbs Newspapers (*Weekend Australian*, 7-8 September 2002, p.2; *Australian*, *Media liftout*, 12 September 2002, p.11).

19.30 MAGAZINES (8): ABC SPORT MONTHLY

ABC Sport Monthly will hit the newsagencies on 1 November, according to Stephen Brook in the *Australian's* *Media liftout* (12 September 2002, p.3). Publisher Jim Clarke promises a radically different sports magazine – one that boasts fine writing and no match reports and no “babes in bikinis”.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS: PROVINCIAL

19.31 APN AND RURAL PRESS LTD: MERGER MOOTED

APN News & Media Ltd recorded a 63 per cent jump in half-year net earnings to \$36 million, aided by a contribution from New Zealand publisher Wilson & Horton. The regional media group expects to meet its forecasts for calendar 2002 only if there is an upturn in advertising in the fourth quarter (*Australian* and *Courier-Mail*, 21 August 2002, p.25 and p.27 respectively).

Rural Press Ltd signalled a year of expansion and a possible merger after a record annual result and spectacular increase in its dividend yield. Its net profit jumped from \$24.9 million to \$53.7 million. Market watchers expect Rural Press to merge with APN News & Media and then to launch a joint bid for John Fairfax Holdings (*Australian*, 30 August 2002, p.21).

19.32 APN REPLACES ILL CHIEF EXECUTIVE

An ill John Sanders has been replaced, at his own request, as chief executive of APN News & Media Ltd after only one month in office. He replaced Vincent Crowley (see 17.41 and 18.28) whose departure for Ireland was reported in the *Australian Financial Review*, 29 July 2002, p.46. Sanders, aged 44, moved to Australia in February to be groomed for his role, but he was on sick leave during July. Brendan Hopkins, chief of the UK operations of Independent News & Media plc (APN's parent company), will replace Sanders (*Australian* and *Courier-Mail*, 2 August 2002, p.20 and p.31, respectively). APN owns 10 regional dailies in Queensland and four in northern New South Wales. At the end of 2001 APN acquired its New Zealand sister company, Wilson & Horton (see 15.30). Sanders was then the chief executive of Wilson & Horton. See also *PANPA Bulletin*, September 2002, p.79.

19.33 FEDERAL COURT CLEARS RURAL PRESS OF MISCONDUCT

The Full Federal Court has overruled the judgment by a single Federal Court judge last year that Rural Press Ltd misused its market power when it discouraged a competitor that was

encroaching on the circulation of one of its papers in South Australia. The Full Court did not agree that Rural Press and its SA subsidiary, Bridge Printing, were parties to an arrangement that had the effect of substantially lessening competition in a Murray Bridge newspaper market. Despite this, the Full Court held that the original penalties ordered were appropriate for RPL's breach of section 45 of the Trade Practices Act. The company was fined \$600,000 and its regional publishing general manager, then Ian Law, and its state manager, Trevor McAuliffe, were ordered to pay \$70,000 for being knowingly concerned in the contravention of the Act (*PANPA Bulletin*, August 2002, p.6; see also 12.11 and 14.24). The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission decided to seek special leave to appeal to the High Court over the Full Federal Court's ruling (*PANPA Bulletin*, September 2002, p.39).

19.34 MILLSTREAM TIMES AND CLERMONT RAG

The Tamworth-based Barry Blair, a frequent contributor of ANHG items in the past, is touring the back blocks of Queensland and sends your editor packages of newspapers from various towns. A recent mailing included a free quarterfold, the *Millstream Times*, published at Ravenshoe, Queensland, and circulating in "Atherton, Croydon, Einasleigh, Forsayth, Georgetown, Herberton, Innisfail, Innot Hot Springs, Irvinebank, Kairi, Karumba, Malanda, Millaa Millaa, Mt Garnet, Mt Surprise, Normanton, Ravenshoe, Tarzali, Tolga, Yungaburra, Wondecla & the Web". The issue received was Vol 11, No 30, dated 2 August 2002. The *Times* is owned, operated and published by Bernie and Jenny Grech "independent of any other shareholders or investors". Email: the millie@iig.com.au

Another mailing included the *Clermont Rag Community Newsletter*, Vol 20, No. 26, dated 5 July 2002. Reading like a community noticeboard delivered to your letterbox, it is sponsored by Belyando Shire Council and Clermont District Progress Association.

19.35 EDITORS FOR TOOWOOMBA AND LISMORE

Two APN dailies have advertised for editors: the *Chronicle*, Toowoomba, Queensland, and the *Northern Star*, Lismore, NSW. At Toowoomba, the vacancy has arisen because of "an external promotion" for Mitchell Murphy who held the post of editor and circulation director for only a year (see 14.13 and 15.37). At Lismore, Dean Gould had been an award-winning editor. The positions were advertised in the *Australian's* Media liftout on 29 August, p.8. Both advertisements emphasised the need to lift newspaper sales. The *Chronicle* wants an editor who "further develop the committee editorial team, to live and breathe the goal of lifting paper sales". The *Star* wants an editor with excellent news sense, a willingness to get involved in the key day-to-day news judgments and, "most importantly, a track record of growing circulation".

19.36 GOLD COAST BULLETIN CONTINUES CIRCULATION RISE

The *Gold Coast Bulletin* continues to be one of the best-performing regional daily newspapers, as the Audit Bureau of Circulation figures for the January-June 2002 period show. The *Bulletin's* average daily sales jumped by 2,552 compared with the corresponding period in 2001. Dailies in the following centres recorded increases (of more than three figures): Albury, Dubbo, Maitland, Newcastle, Geelong, Shepparton, Bundaberg, Gladstone, Gold Coast, Gympie, Ipswich, Maroochydore, Maryborough, Townsville. Decreases (of more than three figures) were recorded in the following centres: Broken Hill, Lismore, Wagga Wagga, Wollongong, Bendigo, Mildura, Warrnambool, Mount Isa, Toowoomba and Kalgoorlie.

Three regional dailies, each of them from Queensland, listed separate Monday-Friday and Saturday breakdowns, as well as an overall average. For Saturday sales, the *Gold Coast Bulletin* recorded 79,537, the *Cairns Post* 42,974, and the *Townsville Bulletin* 38,347.

Compare these three papers on a Saturday basis and a Monday-Friday basis with three so-called metropolitan dailies, the *Canberra Times*, the Hobart *Mercury* and the *Northern Territory News*, Darwin, and the following is the result:

Saturday: (1), Gold Coast; (2) Canberra; (3) Hobart; (4) Cairns; (5) Townsville; (6) Darwin.

Monday-Friday: (1) Gold Coast; (2) Hobart; (3) Canberra; (4) Townsville; (5) Cairns; (6) Darwin.

During January-June the daily audit of the *Daily Advertiser*, Wagga Wagga, dropped back from a six-day to a five-day one because it introduced the *Weekend Advertiser* as its Saturday title. The first audit figures for the *Weekend Advertiser*, which sells for \$1.40, were 16,535. Averaged out over six days, the *Advertisers* lost 1,278 sales a day (8.22 per cent) compared with the same audit period last year (see below*). This was the biggest percentage fall of any regional daily.

Newspaper	Six months to 30/6/2002	Six months to 30/6/2001	Change %*
Border Mail, Albury-Wodonga (NSW)	27,690	26,382	+ 4.96
<i>Western Advocate</i> , Bathurst	4,397	4,403	Static
<i>Barrier Daily Truth</i> , Broken Hill	6,317	6,447	- 2.10
<i>Daily Liberal</i> , Dubbo	5,730	5,625	+ 1.87
<i>Daily Examiner</i> , Grafton	5,645	5,855	- 3.59
<i>Northern Star</i> , Lismore	16,374	16,725	- 2.10
<i>Maitland Mercury</i>	4,708	4,585	+ 2.68
<i>Newcastle Herald</i>	53,456	53,000+	+ 0.86
<i>Central Western Daily</i> , Orange	5,371	5,312	+ 1.11
<i>Northern Daily Leader</i> , Tamworth	8,666	8,654	Static
<i>Daily News</i> , Tweed Heads	5,571	5,598	Static
<i>Daily Advertiser</i> , Wagga Wagga	13,801 (five days)	15,535 (six days)	- 8.22*
<i>Illawarra Mercury</i> , Wollongong	30,531	32,332	- 5.57
Ballarat Courier (Victoria)	20,381	20,367	Static
<i>Bendigo Advertiser</i>	14,304	14,440	- 0.94
<i>Geelong Advertiser</i>	28,691	27,716	+ 3.55
<i>Sunraysia Daily</i> , Mildura	7,611	7,713	- 1.32
<i>Shepparton News</i>	10,725	10,159	+ 5.57
<i>Warrambool Standard</i>	12,855	13,045	- 1.46
Bundaberg News-Mail (Qld)	11,406	11,094	+ 2.81
<i>Cairns Post</i>	29,176	29,021	+ 0.53
<i>Gladstone Observer</i>	7,725	7,595	+ 1.71
<i>Gold Coast Bulletin</i>	47,873	45,321	+ 5.63
<i>Gympie Times</i>	5,295	5,175	+ 2.31
<i>Queensland Times</i> , Ipswich	12,835	12,565	+ 2.15
<i>Daily Mercury</i> , Mackay	15,193	15,155	Static
<i>Sunshine Coast Daily</i> , Maroochydore	22,302	21,763	+ 2.48
<i>Fraser Coast Chronicle</i> , Maryborough-Hervey Bay	9,139	8,932	+ 2.32
<i>North-West Star</i> , Mount Isa	3,557	3,691	- 3.63
<i>Morning Bulletin</i> , Rockhampton	18,757	18,782	Static
<i>Toowoomba Chronicle</i>	26,858	27,085	- 0.84
<i>Townsville Bulletin</i>	28,469	28,163	+ 1.09
Kalgoorlie Miner (WA)	6,055	6,415	- 5.61
Advocate, Burnie (Tas.)	24,831	24,921	- 0.36
<i>Examiner</i> , Launceston	35,850	35,842	Static

19.37 THE CHRONICLE SAYS GOODBYE TO MARGARET AFTER 125 YEARS

The Toowoomba *Chronicle*, Queensland, has had a presence in Margaret Street, one of the two major streets in the city's CBD, since September 1877. Its headquarters were on the southern side of Margaret Street until 21 November 1928 when it moved to the northern side (to No. 191). In 1979 when it shifted to Ruthven Street and changed to offset printing, the *Chronicle's* former site, in Margaret Street, was redeveloped as The Chronicle Arcade and the newspaper maintained an accounts office there. That office will be closed on 27 September, nine days after the 125th anniversary of the original shift to Margaret Street (from Ruthven Street). [Warren Murray, journalist, *The Chronicle*, Toowoomba, telephone call to ANHG editor, 11 September 2002, and ANHG editor's own research notes.]

19.38 RESPONSIBILITY IS TO READERS, SAYS SA COUNTRY EDITOR

Rosemary Cock, editor of the *Yorke Peninsula Country Times*, Kadina, South Australia, profiled in *PANPA Bulletin* (September 2002, p.55), says: "Reporters [on] a country newspaper like ours have the added challenge of reporting accurately and with balance, the good and bad, knowing they can't hide behind the anonymity of their metro/city counterparts. Finding the balance of keeping your contacts without them expecting preferential press treatment can be tricky, but our ultimate responsibility is to our readers."

ITEMS RELATED TO NEWSPAPER HISTORY

19.39 VALE: A COUNTRY NEWSPAPER OWNER OF THE OLD SCHOOL

The death is recorded in 19.5 of Charles Barclay Chappel, a jack-of-all-trades country newspaper proprietor of the old school. Chappel scored one and a half lines in my *Country Conscience: A History of the New South Wales Provincial Press, 1841-1995* (2000). Ron McLean, the editor of the *Namoi Valley Independent*, Gunnedah, lent him a copy of the book and, out of the blue, Chappel wrote to me on 1 February 2002 – a five-page typed letter bursting with fascinating detail about his life in country papers. I telephoned him and we talked for half an hour. He wrote again on 22 February, a three-page letter packed with more fascinating detail.

A story was demanding to be written. At my invitation Chappel filled in a biographical form and sent it back to me in late March along with another page of detail. I wrote an article on him for *PANPA Bulletin* and I sent him drafts at two stages and each time they came back with corrections and amendments inserted as on an old galley proof. He kept adding (after he'd remembered them) details of his athletic prowess as a young man. He rang me at the end of June to comment on my final draft and remarked, "It reads like an obituary." His last letter to me, on 1 July, began: "A final flutter." He enclosed half a dozen photocopies of articles and letters he had sent to ABC-TV's *Media Watch* about an issue he took up with the Australian Press Council. At my request the *Namoi Valley Independent* took a photograph of Chappel and it appeared with my article in *PANPA Bulletin* in July – and also with the obituary that the paper itself ran on 6 August. He regularly drove to Sydney and made one more trip in early July. His car caught fire and burnt out. "He was," as a son said in his eulogy, "a bit upset as he lost a walking stick."

19.40 THE GERMAN PRESS IN AUSTRALIA

From **Tom Darragh** in Melbourne on 17 July 2002: By an amazing coincidence I broke off at lunch time from correcting a translation I have done of a long article from *Der Kosmopolit* to read the latest newsletter whilst eating lunch and found the note (18.44) about German newspapers. All the Victorian German newspapers that have survived are held by the State Library of Victoria and are on film. *Der K.* was the second German newspaper published in

Melbourne. Unfortunately no copies of the first – which may have had only had a few issues – survive. The State Library of South Australia has filmed all the German newspapers published in Adelaide and Tanunda that survive. Unfortunately very few from the earliest times. I suspect the Queensland German newspapers may also be on film but have never had cause to consult them. The earliest periodical to be published in German in Melbourne was *Der Pilger* in Victoria, published in 1853 (six issues survive) by Pastor Goethe.

19.41 NEWSPAPER MUSIC, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

More on newspaper music from **John Russell** in Canberra (see 17.44 and 18.51): In Adelaide on 21 November 1862 a specimen issue of the *Adelaide Musical Herald and Journal of Literature*, appeared. It began regular publication on 2 January 1863, appearing fortnightly. Its price was sixpence or 2 shillings per quarter. Publication continued until June 19, 1863.

Special music type was expressly imported from England to print the words and music of items that appeared in every issue. In the first regular issue is a note that it was intended to have published the “Song of Australia” but as the Gawler Institute still had copies of the original printing on hand, it was not thought advisable to allow it to appear in the Musical Herald. On page 3 of the same issue appears: “We have received a piece of music titled ‘A Song of Australia’ and can recommend it as a very fair production, both with regard to the words and music. The words are by Dr. Nott and the music by C.W. Draeger.” In the second issue is the music for “The Herald Polka” by H. Pounsett but unfortunately little more has been discovered about this publication (Parsons, p. 65).

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19.42 EPRINT ARCHIVES CREATED

The *Australian Newspaper History Group Newsletter* is one of the early publications to become part of an archive of ePrints being created at the University of Queensland (UQ). **Belinda Weaver** tells the story: UQ is creating an archive of ePrints to be housed on the university Web server. The archive is still being developed and so is not yet publicly accessible. The term ‘ePrint’ is used to describe any electronically published research paper. An ePrint archive may contain pre-prints (academic writings available for comment that have not been peer-reviewed) or post-prints (peer-reviewed published journal articles or conference papers), or both.

Why create an archive? Many stakeholders feel the current system of scholarly communication is unsatisfactory. In this system, universities produce primary research, much of which goes on to be published in peer-reviewed journals from academic publishers. Academics basically give away their research to those publishers. Peer review is done by other academics, also unpaid. The journal publisher then sells back the research, often at very high cost, to libraries, universities and other research institutions.

Since this system was (and still is) necessary for academic tenure, grant-seeking and promotion, it was not greatly questioned until the growth of the Internet and the opportunities it provided for wider and faster dissemination of research at very low costs made a new system possible. Accordingly, initiatives to free the research literature began to spring up.

In any case, ePrint archives have provided new tools for creating online collections of scholarly work. They

- enable the dissemination of research among peers

- provide opportunities for review and commentary on deposited work
- protect contributors' intellectual property by housing and date-stamping contributions
- guarantee the ongoing availability of electronic research material
- increase the visibility of the work of both individual academics and their institutions.

The Australian Group of Eight member universities plan to set up their own institution-based archives, all of which will be loosely linked. The UQ ePrint Archive will showcase pre-prints and working papers that might not otherwise be easily available electronically, or at all. It will provide a central collection point for published work as well, copyright permitting. All past issues of the *ANHG Newsletter* have been uploaded to the archive and will be maintained there. As future issues are published, they will be added.

– **Belinda Weaver**, UQ ePrint Archive Co-ordinator; b.weaver@library.uq.edu.au (5 August, 2002).

19.43 COLLECTING QUEENSLAND WORDS

Voices of Queensland is the latest regional offering from the Australian National Dictionary (AND) Centre at the ANU. The book records 500 words of significance to Queensland with their origins, meanings, and illustrative quotations taken from the centre's database of Australian English. Regional newspapers have been a major source for the words, which come from different aspects of Queensland life: politics and society, tourism, the outback, lifestyle, work, relations with the south. The inclusion policy was deliberately broad: words that originate in Queensland, words that are used more frequently there than elsewhere, and words that need no explanation locally but are not self-evident outside the state.

Australian Style (Vol 98, No 2, Dec 2001) says the project followed two other regional glossaries, for Western Australia and Tasmania. All three grew out of the regional reading program begun at the centre in 1987. The program targeted one type of source material, the regional newspaper, as the best potential source of regionalisms. "At their best, local papers identify with community concerns and occupations, and speak with an informality likely to produce genuine local terms."

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19.45 ENTIRE ARCHIVES DIGITISED

The *New York Times* is (the Media liftout of the *Australian*, 8 August 2002, p.3, reports) the first newspaper to digitise its entire archives as part of electronic publisher ProQuest's Historical Newspapers Project. Every news article, editorial, photograph, cartoon and advertisement ever published is included in the four terabytes of data that make up the archive file. Future ProQuest plans are to digitise the archives of the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Washington Post*. The *New York Times* began publication on 18 September 1851 as the *New York Daily Times*.

19.46 BURN WHILE YOU WRITE

Australian poet and bush balladist, Banjo Paterson, was impressed by Thomas Brisbane, who, as editor-in-chief of Hearst's string of American newspapers, had a wonderful knack of condensing everything into half a column and putting his points simply and effectively. When Brisbane published some hints to journalists, he said, "Avoid dullness and flatness. You must burn while you write." (Source: *Song of the Pen: A.B. 'Banjo' Paterson's Complete Works 1901-1941*. Sydney: Lansdowne, 1983, p.524)

19.47 DEATH OF GLEN INNES INDEXER

ANHG records the death of Archibald William (Bill) Cameron, OAM, MA, on 15 July 2002 in Glen Innes, New South Wales. Bill Cameron devoted more than 25 years of his life to indexing the *Glen Innes Examiner* on a card system that provides, through the Glen Innes and District Historical Society, a magnificent resource for family and other historians. He was an enormous help to your editor when he was writing his history of the NSW provincial press. Cameron contributed significantly to Glen Innes and district history through writing five books. His research was meticulous. Tim Hughes, a freelance journalist based in northern NSW, wrote the obituary that the *Australian* published on 21 August 2002, p.14. The *Glen Innes Examiner* published a eulogy on 10 August 2002. Cameron wrote a weekly historical column for that paper and was so far ahead in his contributions that the paper still had 17 columns to publish when he died.

19.48 SPECIAL OFFER

Advertisement: Between now and Christmas you can obtain copies of Rod Kirkpatrick's *Country Conscience: A History of the New South Wales Provincial Press, 1841-1995* (2000) for \$40, including postage. (Usual price is \$55, incl. p&p.)

Send cheque to: Rod Kirkpatrick, 13 Sumac Street, Middle Park, Qld, 4074. It contains 50 tables, 75 pictures and about 250,000 words in its 496 pages.

19.49 RECENTLY PUBLISHED (1): BOOK

DAVID SYME: THE QUIET REVOLUTIONARY by Don Veitch, published by the David Syme Foundation, 2001. ISBN 1-876207-05-1, \$55, 356 pages. A polemical review of David Syme's history and views in the light of current economic theories.

19.50 RECENTLY PUBLISHED (2): ARTICLES

19.50.1 O'REILLY'S AUSTRALIAN AMBITIONS by Damon Kitney, *Australian Financial Review*, 22 July 2002, pp.1, 44 (with associated articles, p.45). Sir Anthony O'Reilly, the 66-year-old Irish media baron who also controls APN in Australia and Wilson & Horton in New Zealand, discusses his hopes of buying either the Fairfax newspaper empire or the Rural Press Ltd regional chain. See also *Australian Financial Review*, 29 July 2002, p.46, for Kitney's report on Vincent Crowley's departure from APN.

19.50.2 THE FAIRFAX, MURDOCH AND PACKER DYNASTIES IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY AUSTRALIA by Bridget Griffen-Foley, *Media History*, 8 (1), June 2002, pp.89-102. A discussion of the changing impact of three news-media dynasties during the twentieth century.

19.50.3 THE REAL SEACHANGE by Liz Johnston, *The Walkley Magazine*, Issue 17, Winter 2002, p.11. Former metro journalist who helped produce the quarterly *Straddie Island News* (SIN to the locals) on Stradbroke Island, Moreton Bay, reflects on what is "news" and why, and the importance of accountability to your readers.

19.50.4 LOSING THE CITY BLINKERS by Linda Doherty, *The Walkley Magazine*, Issue 17, Winter 2002, p.10. A reporter who has worked on both regional and metro publications reflects on the attitudes city journalists take to the land called RARA (rural and regional Australia).

19.50.5 WHEN DIALOGUE'S A DOWNER FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER by Alan Ramsey, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 3-4 August 2002, p.33. What the *Age's* editor-in-chief said in Washington to upset Foreign Minister Alexander Downer and why the *Age* is hoping it won't need a political favour soon.

19.50.6 A NEW IDEA THAT CHANGES WITH THE TIMES by Sally Jackson, *Australian*, Media liftout, 1 August 2002, p.7. A short history of *New Idea* magazine, celebrating its centenary this year.

19.50.7 WHAT'S ON? A FIGHT AT LAST by Sally Jackson, *Australian*, Media liftout, 8 August 2002, pp.4-5. The battle lines are drawn in a new magazine war, this time on the television front.

19.50.8 PUBLISH AND BE DAMNED by Garry Linnell, *Good Weekend*, 3 August 2002, pp.18-22. He's embarrassed Natasha, outed Cheryl and taken a swipe at Eddie, but just how fair and factual is Stephen Mayne's Crikey.com?

19.50.9 MEDIA AN ACCESSORY BEFORE AND AFTER THE FACT by Angela Shanahan, *Australian*, 20 August 2002, p.11. The euthanasia lobby has found an ally in the media in its fight for the right to death.

19.50.10 OBITUARY: C.J. LLOYD by Bridget Griffen-Foley, *Australian Historical Society Bulletin*, No 94, June 2002, pp.22-27. Extensive, well-researched obituary on Clement John Lloyd, journalist, political staffer, academic and author (see 16.3).

19.50.11 THE PERILS OF LEXICOGRAPHY by Judith Robertson, *Ozwords*, 9 (1), June 2002, pp.1-2. Discussion of the origins of the word "croaker, noun [1910s+], a newspaper".

19.50.12 IT'S MORE THAN JUST A PR STUNT by Martin Chulov, *Australian*, Media liftout, 22 August 2002, pp.4-5. An examination of threats that old-style independent journalism faces from the spin sector, and of perceived dangers of mixing the teaching of journalism and public relations at universities.

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1903, 4 April	First issue of <i>Sunday Sun</i> , Sydney
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