

Tom Henderson - Buildings and Property Officer 1957-79

Appointed Technical Officer 1957, then Buildings Officer.
Engineering workshops were his first supervisory project.

- 015 Method of letting contracts. Role of State Government, and of Public Works Department.
Criticism of architectural panels.
- 030 Several master plans, updated from time to time and altered.
Professor Carey's plan for roundabout where under - road tunnel now is. Carey very involved with road plans.
Other master plans and people involved in planning.
- 055 John Scarborough from Melbourne was architect for Hytten Hall, that "red brick white elephant".
Lack of supervision by Architects. Need for re-wiring of lower ground floor
- 090 A successful building within the university: the maintenance workshop!
- 115 False economies in early days.
Need for service tunnel not met. Heating pipes e.g. buried in ground.
2 boilers in engineering building, a teaching building.
Buildings Committee must have made such decisions.
Composition of Committee. Meetings every 2 months, and much too brief when buildings were being put up.
- 150 Lack of overall planning due largely to Public Works.
Department (govt.) policy of sharing work around among various Architects in community. Result: different heating and lighting systems, lock systems in every building: every building treated as separate entity.
- 170 Maintenance "the poor relation".
Present economic stringency means preventative maintenance not adequate.
A couple of Arts Faculty stores.
- 230 Views about academics.
- 250 Story of invitations to dine at High Table at Hytten Hall.
- 265 Michael Mundy (Pres. of Union) the only student he ever crossed swords with.

Criticism of dismissal of Lindsey Brown, S.R.C. Executive Officer.

290 General Staff Association beginnings

Fair bit of opportunities from one or two of senior administrative people
(Cartland?)

Help in drafting considerations from Law School - academics.

Percentage of staff who joined.

330 What was seen as role of General Staff Association.

Primarily salary and conditions e.g. lunch rooms.

No militant confrontations. Affiliations with Health and Research . . .
Association.

President of Council of General Staff Associations for 3 years, when Professor
Wendell Smith was President of FAUSSA.

360 Representation of General Staff Association on various university committees.

370 Non-teaching staff will shortly be represented on University Council.

380 1974-77 served on Council, appointed by the Governor. How this came about.

405 Shock to the Vice-Chancellor. Anecdote! fairly frank.

425 Disillusion with Council. (of Parkinson)

470 Tried on Council to do something about sacking of J.L. Brown.

490 Orr the Ulsterman.

530 Attitudes of Administrative staff to Orr case.

540 Change of attitude on part of one senior administrative person from pro to
anti Orr. (Kearney??)

575 University could be doing more in training technical apprentices, in its
workshop.

Only apprentices now are electrician and cabinet maker, and possibly in
engineering.

625 Could make way for unemployed graduates.

Specific examples!

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Continuation of two-incomes theme. (Waffle)

Reverting to appearance of university at present.

Piece development of area near Sandy Bay Road.

Appointment of Development Officer shortly.

Friendship with Professor Isles.