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PRESENT POSITION

Director and Consulting Historian, History Heritage & Culture Pty Ltd

PRESENT HONORARY POSITIONS

Honorary Senior Research Fellow
Collaborative Research Centre in Australian History
Federation University Australia

Honorary Research Fellow
Civil Aviation Historical Society

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

BA(Hons), awarded in 1987 by the Australian National University

Doctor of Philosophy, awarded in 1992 by Murdoch University

Certificate in Museum Studies with credit, awarded in 1996 by Edith Cowan University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research and Writing

I have very extensive experience in historical research and writing ranging from short articles published in magazines to academic articles, large scale heritage reports, policy reports and major research and writing publications. This is my major area of activity. Full details of my publications are set out in the following section 'Publications and Presentations'.

University teaching

I have a wide range of teaching experience spanning a broad range of history. This experience ranges from tutoring in courses organised and run by others to organising and teaching my own courses. Full details of my university teaching are set out in the following section 'University Teaching and Tutoring'.

Public history

I have been actively involved in many kinds of publically accessible history. Some include: providing regular weekly or fortnightly history commentary on current events on the ABC's Western Australian metropolitan and regional radio networks from 1993 to 1995, several series of lectures for the Mature Age Learning Association, guest lectures in a number of university courses and for Year 12 history students, talks to groups like Rotary and a large number of conference and seminar presentations. I have been active in volunteer organisations such as the National Trust of Australia in Western Australia and Victoria, the Oral History Association of Australia (WA) and museums.

Oral History

I have carried out a number of interviewing programs for all the commissioned histories I have researched and written. I also undertook a major interviewing project for Westralian Sands Ltd. I was involved in the Oral History Association of Australia (WA Branch) between 1989 and 1999 and was President of the Branch in the period 1996-98. I have prepared oral history policies for the John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library and the State Library of Victoria.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Australian Historical Association

Economic History Society of Australia and New Zealand

International Committee for the History of Technology

Professional Historians Association (Victoria) - Professional Member

Society for the History of Technology

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

Flight in Australia, a concise history of Australian civil aviation in three volumes, Volume 1, Flight in Stability, 1939-1972, BHS Publishing, 2017.

Flight in Australia, a concise history of Australian civil aviation in three volumes, Volume 1, Australia Takes Wing, 1900-1939, BHS Publishing, 2015.

Colonel Haileybury's Little Army - A History of the Haileybury College Cadet Unit 1930-1975, Lavender Hill Multimedia, 2014

Working for All Australians - A Short History of the Australian Taxation Office 1910-2010, Australian Taxation Office, 2010.

The Vital Link: The Transition Years, Main Roads Western Australia 1996-2006, Main Roads Western Australia, 2008.

A Good School, Haileybury's post-war years, The Institute for Public History, Monash University, 2008.

A Colourful Life: A Memoire of Ferencz Schwartz/Fred Agar OAM, The Institute for Public History, Monash University, 2006.

H M Prison Beechworth: the end of an era 1856 - 2004, Corrections Victoria, Department of Justice, Victoria, 2006

Bringing Home the Bacon, A History of the Harris Family's Castlemaine Bacon Company 1905-2005, The Institute for Public History, Monash University, 2005.

Living By Water, A history of Barwon Water and its predecessors, Barwon Region Water Authority, 2005.

Cathedrals of Power, A short history of the power generating infrastructure in Western Australia, 1912-1999, University of Western Australia Press, 2000.

The Vital Link, A History of Main Roads Western Australia 1926-1996, University of Western Australia Press, 1997.

A Permanent Reminder, a history of the RAAF Association Aviation Heritage Museum of Western Australia, RAAF Association Heritage Museum of Western Australia, 1997.

CHAPTERS PUBLISHED IN BOOKS

'Making Culture Out Of The Air, Radio and Television' (with Brian Shoesmith), in *Farewell Cinderella, creating arts and identity in Western Australia*, UWA Press, 2003, pp.203-240.

'A Lesson in efficiency: transport, communications and the community', in Jenny Gregory (ed) *On the Homefront, Western Australia and World War II*, University of Western Australia Press, 1996, pp.164-175.

'Edgar Johnston and the Empire Men - Commonwealth Government control of aviation in Australia during the 1930s', in W David Lewis (ed) *From Airships to Airbus: Pioneers and Operators*, Washington, Smithsonian Institution Press, 1995, pp.261-280.

ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN REFEREED JOURNALS

'Middleton, Rawdon Hume', entry in *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Volume 15, 1940-1980, 2000, p.366.

'Reading and Listening; how radio changed the Dimboola Banner', *Bibliographic Society of Australia and New Zealand Bulletin*, Volume 23, Number 4, Fourth Quarter 1999, pp.249-258.

'Australia, Britain and the Empire Air Mail scheme, 1934-1938', *The Journal of Transport History*, Volume 20, Number 2, September 1999, pp.91-106

'Heritage Places and Technological Systems: A Broader View of Cultural Significance', *Studies in Western Australian History*, Volume 17, 1997, pp.157-170.

'Wireless Waves as Cultural Glue: Tethering the Bush to the City in Western Australia between the Wars', *Studies in Western Australian History*, Vol 15, 1994, pp.92-109.

'Capital - the cause of Australia's first airline accident', *The Journal of Transport History*, Vol 15, No 2, 1994, pp.165-78.

'Hardware, software and wetware: seeing the Royal Australian Air Force during the war in the Pacific as a cybernetic system', *Journal of the Australian War Memorial*, Issue 24, 1993, pp.13-19.

'How Australians Were Made Airminded', *Continuum*, Vol 7 No 1, 1993, pp.183-206.

'Brownell, Raymond James', entry in *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Volume 13, 1940-1980, 1993, pp.282-3.

'Value for money?; civil aviation and defence between the wars', *Journal of the Australian War Memorial*, No 15, 1989, pp.26-33.

ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN NON-REFEREED JOURNALS

'The Right to go Broke; Economic Darwinism Comes to Australia's Airways in the 1990s', *Aviation Heritage, the Journal of the Aviation Historical Society of Australia*, Vol 37 No 1, March 2006.

'The Policy of Profit; the creation of the Two Airline Policy', *Aviation Heritage, the Journal of the Aviation Historical Society of Australia*, Vol 32 No 4, December 2001, pp.143-152.

'The Background to the Empire Air Mail Service', *Aviation Heritage, the Journal of the Aviation Historical Society of Australia*, Vol 32 No 1, March 2001, pp.15-23.

'Some observations on institutional oral history in Australia', *Australian Historical Association Bulletin*, No.88, June 1999, pp.59-65.

'Politics and Civil Aviation; The case study of the creation of the Department of Civil Aviation', *Aviation Heritage, The Journal of the Aviation Historical Society of Australia*, Vol 30 No 3, June 1998, pp.108-112.

'World War II in Australia, Preserving the heritage of a turning point in Australian history', *Trust News*, April 1998, pp.16-19.

'Too Small Too Soon: the rise and decline of Maylands Aerodrome 1923-1963', *Aviation Heritage, The Journal of the Aviation Historical Society of Australia*, Vol 29 No 1, January 1998, pp.7-18.

'Entertaining Duty, a short history of Brigadier Martyn's Air Force', *Logbook, Journal of The Aviation Heritage Museum of Western Australia*, Issue 4, March 1997, pp.6-7.

'From Muscles to Machines; Main Roads Western Australia in the Second World War', *Early Days, Journal and Proceedings of the Royal Western Australian Historical Society*, Vol 11, Part 1, 1995, pp.44-55.

'Western Australia's Failed Airline Companies 1929-1933', *Man and Aerial Machines*, Number 43, 1994, pp.30-33.

'Science, Technology & the Five Bikers of the Apocalypse', *Eidolon*, No 12, 1993, pp.31-37.

'Defence Heritage is Everyone's Heritage', *Trust News*, August 1992, pp.8-9.

'The First Years of the North-West Air Mail Service', *Aviation Heritage*, Vol 17 No 1, 1992, pp.4-14.

'The Foundation Documents of Australian Civil Aviation', *Aviation Historical Society of*

Australia Newsletter, Vol 8 No 1, 1992, pp.6-8.

'The Creation of West Australian Airways: What the Accountant Saw', *Man and Aerial Machines*, No 29, 1992, pp.27-29.

'When Oral History Doesn't Work', *Playback*, Vol 12 No 2, 1992, pp.1-6.

'Technophobia in Terry Dowling's Rynosseross', *Science Fiction*, Vol 11 No 1, 1991, pp.21-24.

'Problems of Defence, Isolation and Development; What Civil Aviation Could do to Help', *Aviation Historical Society of Australia Newsletter*, Vol 6 No 3, 1991, pp.50-55.

'Dark Futures and Black Boxes; some thoughts on science and technology inspired by Swancon XV', *Eidolon*, Vol 1 No 1, 1990, pp.55-64.

'De Pindeo's Visit to Western Australia', *Aviation Historical Society of Australia Newsletter*, Vol 6 No 1, 1990, pp.8-9.

'The Flakintel Section', *Sabretache*, Vol 29, 1988, pp.10-15.

'Jealousy and Death, War and Politics; Reasons for the Creation of the Department of Civil Aviation in November 1938', *The Aviation Institute Journal*, Vol 5 No 1, 1987, pp.11-17.

CONFERENCE PAPERS PUBLISHED IN PROCEEDINGS

'The Postwar Project in Western Australia; a case study in Australian engineering development during the second half of the 20th century', Proceedings of the 11th National Conference on Engineering Heritage, Institution of Engineers, Australia, October 2001, pp.213-222.

'The metropolis on the Swan River; shaped by its roads and bridges', Proceedings of the 9th National Conference on Engineering Heritage, Institution of Engineers, Australia, 1998, pp.57-67.

'Fix Australia- Fix the Roads, An Historical Perspective', Fix Australia - Fix the Roads 1995 Summit Proceedings, Main Roads Western Australia, 1995, pp.29-34.

'Transport Networks: the Working Heart of Industry, the Missing Heart of Heritage', From Sailing Ships to Microchips; Inaugural Industrial Heritage Conference, Institution of Engineers Australia and Heritage Council of Western Australia, 1992, pp.76-79.

'The History of Technology and the Shape of Western Australian History: Nexus at Infrastructure', Proceedings, Barebones Symposium, University of Western Australia, 1992, pp.76-79.

'The Ultimate Imperial Air Service, the Empire Air Mail Scheme'. Tempus Aerianus, Australian Civil Aviation in 1938, Papers given to History '88 by the Department of Aviation Historical Society, Canberra 1988.

CONSULTING REPORTS

Leigh Edmonds, An Oral History, Construction of the North-South Road, Northern Territory by the Country Roads Board, for VicRoads, December 2008

Leigh Edmonds, Corridor of Change - the planning and construction of the Graham Farmer Freeway, 1987-2000, for Main Roads Western Australia, June 2001.

Leigh Edmonds, Developing Administrative Structures and Authorities: an historical survey of government and administration in Victoria, a cultural network background study, for the Historic Places Section, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, June 2001.

Leigh Edmonds, Moving Goods and People, an historic survey of road and rail transport in Victoria, a cultural network background study, for the Historic Places Section, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, March 2001.

Leigh Edmonds, Fiona Bush and David Dolan, Conservation Plan for Cunderdin Airfield, Research Institute for Cultural Heritage, Curtin University of Technology, 1999.

Leigh Edmonds, A short history of power generating infrastructure in Western Australia, 1912-1999, Centre for Western Australian History, March 1999.

Leigh Edmonds (compiler), Large Timber Structures in Western Australia, (5 volumes), Institution of Engineers Australia, prepared for the Australian Heritage Commission and the Heritage Council of Western Australia, 1998.

Leigh Edmonds, Oral History, An Opportunity... Report for the State Library of Victoria - Options and Recommendations for the future of oral history in the State Library of Victoria, July 1998.

Leigh Edmonds and Cathie Clement, with input from RN Alford, F Bush, G Grimwade, K Hunter and LJ Peet, Historic World War II Sites: A methodology and pilot study to develop a type profile, (3 volumes), prepared for the Australian Heritage Commission on behalf of the Australian Council of National Trusts, 1998.

Leigh Edmonds, Oral History Collection Policy, John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library, Curtin University, Centre for Western Australian History, May 1998.

Leigh Edmonds in association with Andrew Gill and Jenny Gregory, Western Australia Police Service Thematic History, Centre for Western Australian History, May 1998.

Leigh Edmonds and Valma Brown, RAAF Association Aviation Heritage Museum of Western Australia, Strategic Plan Towards the Year 2001, June 1996 (revised December 1997).

Oline Richards, Leigh Edmonds, Gaye Naton, Rosemary Rosario and Chris Antill, Conservation Plan, WA Police Reserve, Maylands Peninsula, October 1995.

Leigh Edmonds, Sara Kenderdine, Gaye Naton and Mark Staniforth, Historic Shipwrecks National Research Plan, March 1995.

Leigh Edmonds and Fiona Bush in association with Valma Brown, Martin Gibbs and Jenny Gregory, A Report on a Heritage Strategy for Main Roads (WA), Centre for Western Australian History, December 1994.

Leigh Edmonds, A Place for History in Technical Museums (and some related matters), October 1992.

UNPUBLISHED CONFERENCE SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

‘Australian aviation and society: the feedback loop’, Aviation Cultures Mk.II, University of Sydney, December 2015.

‘Stabilizing a media technology, creating the ‘A Class’ and ‘B Class’ broadcasting systems in Australia, 1928’, WA Media Histories Workshop, June 2008.

‘Flying. Where it came from, where it went and what it means’, Australian Historical Association Conference, Newcastle, July 2004.

‘What the Wright Brothers did and how they did it’, speech delivered at the Centenary of Flight Dinner, Melbourne, December 2003.

‘Prelude to “Airways”’, Norman Brearley develops the environment to support an air transport industry in Western Australia 1919-1920’, Aviation Historical Association of Australia meeting, Melbourne, October 2002.

‘A short history of Transport and Communications’, CHHA Local and Family History Expo 2002, Ballarat, October 2002.

‘The Birth of Qantas and the death of Ansett: two slices of Australian social history’, Australian Historical Association Conference, Brisbane, July 2002.

‘For Whom the Cash Register Rings; the economic and political genesis of Australia’s Two Airline Policy’, Economic History Society of Australia & New Zealand and Australian Association for Maritime History 1999 Conference, December 1999.

‘The Post-war Project: Main Roads and the development of Western Australia’, Engineering

Heritage Panel, Institution of Engineers Australia, March 1999.

'Putting Aviation in Context: Edgar Johnston at the Beginning of Civil Aviation Administration in Australia', Edgar Johnston Memorial Lecture, Melbourne, October 1996.

'Case Studies in Technology Transfer to Australia - providing infrastructure to Western Australia between the wars and aircraft manufacture during World War II', International Committee for the History of Technology Symposium, Budapest, Hungary, August 1996.

'The Three Ages of Civil Engineering', Engineering Heritage Panel, Institution of Engineers Australia, Perth, June 1996.

'Oral History, the Vital Link', Keynote Speech, Oral History Association of Australia (WA) Conference, Bunbury, May 1996.

'The cost of conquering isolation: The economic and cultural cost of motor transport, aviation and wireless in Western Australia in the 1920s', 9th International Conference of Historical Geographers, Perth, July 1995.

'The cultural meaning of Oral History', Oral History Association of Australia (WA) Conference, Perth, May 1995.

'Tying the Past together - Maritime Archaeology and other Studies of the Past', 13th Annual Conference, Australian Institute for Maritime Archaeology, Brisbane, October 1994.

'The Tyranny of Isolation: Let's look again at Blainey's The Tyranny of Distance', Australian Historical Association Conference, Perth, September 1994.

'Co-operation, Comparison and Conflict - Maritime History Meets Aerospace History', New Directions in Maritime History Conference, Australian Association for Maritime History and the International Commission of Maritime History, Fremantle, December 1993.

'The Tyranny of Isolation - the history of transport and communications in Australia', History Faculty Seminar, Auburn University, Alabama USA, October 1993.

'Defence Heritage is Everyone's Heritage', Keynote Speech at the Western Australia Defence Heritage and History Seminar, Perth, March 1993.

'Edgar Johnston and Government Control of Australian Civil Aviation in the 1930s', International Conference on the History of Civil and Commercial Aviation, Luzern, Switzerland, August 1992.

'Creating consumption through the pages of the West Australian during the 1930s: women's business and men's business', Murdoch History Seminar, Perth, November 1991.

'The Tyranny of Isolation, It's Effect on Western Australia's History', 'Into the Nineties: New

Trends in Western Australian History' history conference, Perth, March 1991.

'Using New Tools: Some thoughts about the Manufacture of Aeroplanes in Australia during the Second World War', Military History Conference, Australian War Memorial, Canberra, July 1990.

'Australia's Air War in the Pacific, What We Know About It', Military History Conference, Australian War Memorial, Canberra, July 1989.

'Making a Place to Land; The Commonwealth Government's attitude to providing aerodromes in rural areas from the 1920s to the 1950s', Australian Historical Association Conference, Armidale, August 1987.

CURRENT PROJECTS

A history of Australian civil aviation in the Twentieth Century in three volumes

A history of Australian SF Fandom to 1975.

UNPUBLISHED WORK

Wash Your Hands or Die - The Virus of Advertising in the 1930s

In 1992 and 1993 I worked in collaboration with two colleagues on a book about advertising and consumerism in relation to public conceptions of health and hygiene in the inter-war period. The book was to be illustrated by a large number of newspaper advertisements from the 1920s and 1930s but copyright problems with those illustrations made it impossible to proceed with publication at that time.

Organisation, the Backbone of Victory - the RAAF and the Pacific War

In 1993 I completed a major research project of about 55 000 words regarding the organisation of the RAAF during the Pacific War which I undertook with the assistance of Grants-in-Aid from the Australian War Memorial. Copies were lodged with the Australian War Memorial and I would like to return to the work to make it suitable for publication should the opportunity arise.

H M Prison Bendigo: Victoria's last stone prison 1856 - 2005

This history was written as a companion to the Beechworth Prison history and, although it was completed successfully for Corrections Victoria, it did not proceed to publication after the unit that had commissioned the history was broken up when Bendigo Prison was closed.

CURRENT AND PAST EMPLOYMENT

CURRENT POSITION

Director, History Heritage & Culture Pty Ltd

History Heritage & Culture is a private consulting company which undertakes contract and consulting work which has, in the past few years, concentrated on commissioned histories.

PAST EMPLOYMENT - 1988 to present

The following are my major past appointments from 1988. Also concurrent with most of these positions have been other work including tutoring, lecturing, contract history consulting and heritage activities.

Research Assistant, Australian Dictionary of Biography, Australian National University
1997-98

This position required detailed and systematic research of a wide range of sources in Western Australia to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the Dictionary.

Research Officer, Centre for Western Australian History, Faculty of Arts, University of Western Australia

September 1996 to April 1997

Contracted part time to record the oral history of Westralian Sands Limited.

July 1993 to December 1994

Contracted to write the history of Main Roads Western Australia.

Sessional Lecturer, Faculty of Arts, Edith Cowan University

Co-ordinated and taught the courses 'Oral History', 'Heritage, Conservation and Management' and 'Conflict in Europe 1860-1997' in the years between 1994 and 1998, see below.

Lecturer, Mature Age Learning Association

Gave three series of lectures to this 'University of the Third Age' organisation between 1995 and 1997. They were; 'Transport and communications in Western Australia', 'What do we know about Cultural Heritage' and 'Australia's aviation history'.

Lecturer B (fixed term), School of Humanities, Murdoch University

Co-ordinated and taught the course 'Approaches to History' and taught in the course 'Structure, Thought and Reality', first semester 1993, see below.

Candidate for degree of Doctor of Philosophy, History Program, School of Social Science, Murdoch University with a Murdoch University Studentship.

This appointment ran from April 1988 to January 1992. During this period I undertook numerous university tutoring tasks, see below.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND TUTORING

COURSE CO-ORDINATION

Conflict in Europe 1860-1990 - Edith Cowan University - Sessional Lecturer

This unit was offered to second and third year students. It discussed and analysed some of the most notable themes and issues of modern European history through the major political, social and cultural movements such as Nationalism, Imperialism, Fascism and Communism.

Oral History - Edith Cowan University - Sessional Lecturer

This unit of the Master of Arts (Local History) degree aimed to give students the knowledge and experience necessary to become competent in oral history techniques and practices such as researching, interviewing, transcription, editing, project planning and implementation and ethics.

Heritage, Conservation and Management - Edith Cowan University - Sessional Lecturer

This unit of the Master of Arts (Local History) degree gave a broad understanding of heritage practices, issues and trends. It included material on a wide range of heritage issues ranging from cultural theory and ideas of cultural significance to heritage assessment and interpretation to practical matters such as government and volunteer organisations, legislation and project management.

Approaches to History - Murdoch University - Academic B, Fixed Term, 1993

This was a second and third year course in the School of Humanities at Murdoch University, designed as an undergraduate history methodology course that introduced students to the process of researching and writing through a series of seminars and workshops covering the broad sweep of methodological studies. There was a stream of course lectures covering the course material and a secondary stream of lectures given by other historians about their particular interests and practices.

TUTORING - EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY

Sense of History I

This course introduced first year students to the processes of historical change and debate. It included field work and discussion on such issues as the meaning of history, historical evidence, local history, genealogy, folklore and Western Australian history.

TUTORING - MURDOCH UNIVERSITY

Structure, Thought and Reality

This first year course introduced students to aspects of cultural theory. The issues taught included social construction theory, the culture of consumption, theories of language, feminism, inscription, narrative, ethnicity and orientalism. In addition to the course content I also conducted tutorials in various aspects of learning skills such as reading, researching, writing and giving oral presentations.

Australia and its People

This was an Australian Studies course for first year students in the School of Social Sciences which introduced them to university study through a wide range of disciplines such as earth sciences, politics, sociology, education, ethnicity, class, gender and media studies. There were three hours of tutorials a week; one two-hour session dealing with the course content and a one-hour session teaching various learning skills including study skills, library use, research methods, essay planning and writing and exam preparation.

Introduction to History

This was a first year course which introduced students to the practice of history and a range of historical topics. They included imperialism, colonialism, nationalism, class and gender which were explored through case studies such as the Boer War, Nazism, imperialism, slavery and the white/Aboriginal 'frontier' in Australia.

Australian Social History 1890-1980

This was a second and third year course which used social perspectives to examine processes such as agriculturalism, migration, urbanisation, suburbanisation and industrialisation in Australia.

Australian Environmental History

This was a second and third year course which examined the political, social, ethnic and economic roots of environmental issues. It included such topics as the different land use beliefs and practices of Aboriginal and British cultures, the development of a conservation ethic as well as cultural perceptions of the natural and built environments.

Western Australia From 1829

This was a second and third year course which focussed on the themes of Western Australia through the interpretation of historians. In addition to teaching the history of Western Australia it introduced students to the way in which historians develop different views of what happened and how these views shape perceptions of the past.

Australian popular culture from 1788

This was a second and third year course which looked at the development of popular culture through a range of topics such as theatre, music, sport, cinema, radio and television. It developed ideas including social control and social construction of cultures, hegemony and cultural imperialism.

PAST EMPLOYMENT to 1987

1965 to 1987, Commonwealth Public Service

I was employed in the Commonwealth Public Service from 1965 until 1987. I spent almost all this time in the Department of Civil Aviation and its successors, serving in Airworthiness, Aviation Medicine and Ground Facilities areas as an administrative officer. The following is a brief summary of the positions I held and the duties I performed. I resigned from the Public Service in order to study for my Doctorate and to broaden my horizons and experience.

1987

Acting Clerk Class 9, Group leader, Editorial Sub-section, Aerodrome Standards Section, Airports Division, Department of Aviation/Transport and Communications, Canberra.

In this position I was responsible for editing the Rules and Practices for Aerodromes. I was required to copy-edit text, re-write technical material into plain English and attend meetings to provide 'logic and clarity' input. I also wrote the introductory chapters.

1984-1987

Clerk Class 8, Head, Ministerials Section, Airports Division, Department of Aviation, Canberra

In this position I was responsible for the output of the Airports Division to the Minister for Aviation. This included overseeing all replies to letters to the Minister, routine and special briefing, speech writing, preparing answers to parliamentary questions, drafting press releases and any other miscellaneous requirements. I was also responsible for Ombudsman and Freedom of Information requests to the Division. At times I also acted in the position of the Divisional Executive, Administrative and Staffing Officers, gaining very wide experience in all levels of liaison, finance, personnel arrangements and decision making.

1979-1984

Clerk Class 6, Head, Ministerials Section, Airports Division, Department of Transport/Aviation, Canberra

As above.

1978-1979

Clerk Class 4, Airports Division, Department of Transport, Melbourne

This was a general administrative position, but for much of that time I was employed in writing Provisional Aerodrome Master Plans and assisting other staff in writing them. I wrote the plans for Norfolk Island and Albury aerodromes.

1965-1978

Clerk Class 1 and Clerk Class 2/3, Department of Civil Aviation/Transport, Melbourne

General administrative duties in the Airworthiness, Aviation Medicine and Ground Facilities Divisions of the Department. During this period I was also the Paymaster for several Divisions of the Department of Civil Aviation