

The Bobbles



Not "The Wiggles" but "The Bobbles!" (l-r) Home Australia/'Bob Day for Makin' staff Richard Ryan, Paul Madden, Rohan Steffens and Heng Bou.

Message from the Editor

Because I have decided to contest the seat of Makin at the next Federal election, this will be Homefront's last edition. Homefront first appeared in 1987 and since then over 40 editions have been published.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your contributions over the years and for the many comments and notes of appreciation I have received.

I hope you'll forgive me for taking the liberty of using this final edition to say something about what I hope to achieve in politics.

Enclosed is a flyer for a book I have written called 'Nationbuild – the Quest for Self Reliance' which will be out later this year and will be available in all good bookshops! Also enclosed is a copy of my latest contribution to the housing affordability debate which I have called 'Home Truths.' What has happened to housing affordability

in this country is nothing short of scandalous.

Finally, there is a 'Bob Day for MAKIN' support card. If you think I've got what it takes to tackle some of Australia's challenges, I'd love to hear from you. Thank you once again and always remember, "It's not where you start that counts."

Warmest regards



Final thoughts

- (i) Calm seas don't make good sailors.
- (ii) Life is like a grinding wheel - it either wears you down or polishes you up depending on what you're made of.
- (iii) Consider the postage stamp – its usefulness lies in its ability to stick to one thing until it gets to where it has to go.

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TRADE COLLEGE OPENING BOOSTS YOUTH JOBS CAMPAIGN



(l-r) Petrina Jude - BEC Manager, Hon Gary Hardgrave MP - Minister for Vocational & Technical Education, Joanne Armstrong - College Principal, Gordon Warren - NEDA CEO and Bob Day - College Chairman.

"It's not where you start that counts." Such is the philosophy of North East Vocational College chairman, Bob Day.

Starting out in the building industry as a plumber in 1975, Bob is now Managing Director of one of Australia's leading home building companies "There are so many benefits to learning a trade," he

said. "Those who learn a trade gain valuable skills that will last them a lifetime and take them anywhere they choose."

According to Bob, the knowledge gained provides an ideal foundation for advancement in their career of choice. Once established within an industry a vast range of opportunities arise, not simply to apply their trade, but also to move into other areas like sales and marketing, project management, interior design, business administration and housing finance.

"The aim of the College is to provide young people with an opportunity to find their place in the working world and to become all that they are capable of becoming," he said.

Thanks to initial seed funding from HIA, the College was able to secure government, industry and community support.

As a response to a high youth unemployment problem the College will provide opportunities for hundreds of young people each year to gain pre-apprenticeship skills and training in the construction, automotive and metal industries. Special emphasis will also be given to developing business skills.



Building trades are in big demand.



Welding courses will be available



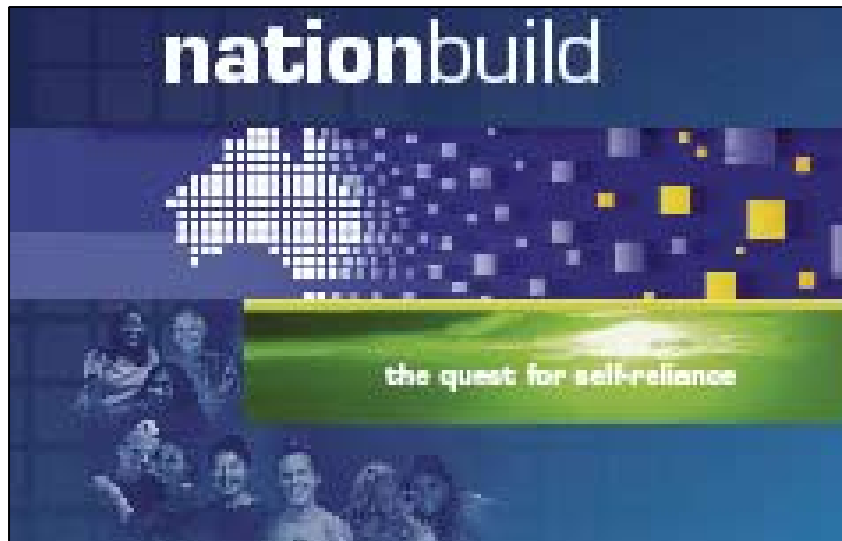
ON THE LEVEL BOB DAY

The story goes of a thirteen year old girl who was about to celebrate her fourteenth birthday. Her parents agreed she could have a big party at home and invite all her friends. The family didn't normally do a lot of entertaining as the girls' mother had badly deformed and scarred hands. Nevertheless, for her only daughter she made an exception. A few days before the party the daughter approached her mother and asked if at the party she would wear gloves so her friends would not be put off by the sight of her badly scarred hands. "Yes, of course," said the mother. Also invited to the party were the girl's cousins and aunt (her mother's sister). At the party the aunt approached the girl and said, "I notice your mum is wearing gloves tonight." "Yes," said the girl, "I didn't want my friends freaking out at the sight of her hands." "Oh, I see," said the aunt. "That was very thoughtful of her. She was always like that, always thinking of others. By the way," the aunt asked, "do you know how your mum came to have such badly scarred hands?" "No," said the girl, "she never talks about it." The aunt replied, "when you were a baby you fell into a fire and your mum pulled you out with her bare hands. Fortunately you were well covered, but your mum had to pull away some white hot logs to get you out." The girl never asked her mum to cover her hands again.

Home Truths

What happened to the Great Australian Dream? When home ownership in Australia is at grave risk of becoming the privilege of the few rather than the expectation of the many, we can expect trouble – socially and economically. With house prices doubling in real terms over the past decade we are in such a position right now.

Australian Christian Lobby Managing Director, Jim Wallace writes a challenging foreword to Bob Day's latest booklet on the subject.



Home Ownership, Tax, Indigenous Affairs, Property Rights, Work, Families, Trade & Commerce, Federalism, Global Impact and Self Reliance. Bob Day has put together a collection of policy ideas in a book

called 'Nationbuild: The Quest for Self-Reliance.' Well known economics professor, author and social commentator Wolfgang Kasper has written a glowing foreword commending Bob's interesting and entertaining new book.



Bob Day for MAKIN

After 11 years as the Federal Member for Makin, Trish Draper has announced she will be retiring at the next election. On speaking of her decision to retire Trish said, "Whilst I am sad to be leaving, I am delighted that Bob Day will be standing for election in my place." Bob said his main focus would continue to be home ownership and youth employment.



'Easy Rider (2)' – Old friend Peter Stannard from Perth (1997).



Local Hero. Table tennis player Tammy Gough with Homestead Contracts Manager Prue Reid and Maintenance Contractor and fellow table tennis player, Ian Millar. Tammy brought her Commonwealth Silver medal in for us all to see (2002).



Dressed to kill! – Collier Girls (back l-r) Melissa Mori, Vickie Sibon, Kirsty Boobyer, Melissa Stocker, Trudie O'Kane and (front l-r) Melissa Figliomeni, Lee-Anne Pettit and Fiona Femia (2002).



Champion 'Green Team' Leader, Leanne Parkinson with Special Guest Awards presenter, HIA Managing Director, Ron Silberberg (2003).



Sheedy's Show – Kevin Sheedy found time to fly to Adelaide and donate his time as guest speaker at the Townsend House (for blind and deaf children) dinner. At the event were (back) Bob Day, Paul Madden, Kevin Sheedy, David Afrin and (front) Marc Colquhoun, Carolyn Colquhoun and Vivian Afrin (2001).



Then Opposition Leader, John Howard and his Shadow Minister for Education, Employment and Training, David Kemp visit Homestead's offices. Selections Consultant, Chris Mears was on hand to answer any questions (1995).



Former Home Building Consultant, Kym Hollow receives his Home Building Consultant Certificate from TV and radio personality, Keith Conlon (1992).



'Thank God for the Salvos' – (l-r) Area Captains Lesley Purdom, Russell Balmer and Gary Wilson with City Chairman Bob Day (1999).



Cape Town, South Africa, 1995: Homestead's Managing Director, Bob Day explores housing opportunities in South Africa. Present were Australia's then Minister for Trade, Senator Bob McMullan (second from right), South Africa's Minister for Housing, Ms Sankie Mthembu-Nkondo and South Africa's Director General of Housing, Mr Billy Cobbett.



'Supplier of the Year, 1992.' - The SA Gas Company represented by John Hounslow



Former Test Leg-Spinner Terry Jenner shows Homestead accountant, Gary Wilson how to spin the ball at one of Mission SA's many fundraising events (1995).



Rebecca Kollias receives her SA Employers Certificate from TV presenter Leigh McClusky (1993).



Sarah Merritt receives her computing certificate from TV personality Gabrielle Clarke (1991).



'Four former Mayors' (l-r) Former Mayor, (the late) John Tilley, who officiated at the opening of Homestead's new Head Office in 1985. Former Mayor, Bill Brassington, former Mayor Lesley Purdom who officiated at the opening of the Construction & Selection Showroom in 1991 and former Mayor, Tom Milton.



Former Home Building Consultant Carol Bolton receives her professional Sales Course Certificate from Jeremy Cordeaux (1994).



"Glamour Girls!" This photo even made it into Adelaide's Advertiser newspaper. (l-r) Helen Ferguson, Raena Shepherdson, Leanne Parkinson and Caroline Benson (2001).



The staff at Huxley Homes can't speak highly enough of kitchen designer/manufacturer Parbury. Seen here are kitchen designers Nathalie Clermont (left) and showroom consultant Vanessa Sahyoun.



Harry's Painting Service is owned by brothers-in-law Michael Barouas and Maki Mamalis. Having been with Homestead for four years they receive high praise for their excellent work and friendly approach.



A & L Windows Account Manager Amanda Pierson has been looking after Newstart Homes for more than two years. Amanda loves life on the Gold Coast and plays polo and netball in her spare time.



Modern Hiring Beam and Lintel Sales of Perth are in their 10th year with Collier Homes. Pictured are (l-r) Tony Martinovich, Gayle Goldsworthy and Anthony Martinovich.



Framing Carpenter Kyle Edwards is one of Ashford Homes most efficient and conscientious tradespeople. Kyle has made a great impression in the eight months he has been with the company.



It is extremely rare for a supplier to be featured twice in Homefront. Which tells you something about the wonderful people at Ceramics International in Perth. (l-r) Vanessa, Tony and Beatrice D'Acunto.



No-one knows how long Gliderol has been supplying garage doors to Homestead Homes. Suffice to say Mel Beencke (left) and Artie Young continue the fine tradition.



Asset Electrical's Works Manager Mark London looks after all Newstart Homes on Brisbane's north side. As with most Queenslanders, Mark loves going fishing in his 4 wheel drive.



"Every room, every home", goes the Clipsal slogan. That's certainly the case with Huxley Homes in Sydney. Special thanks to Showroom Manager Barbara Sprague and Project Housing Manager Brian McMillan.

Home Australia Happenings ...



Executive Consultant! Home Building Consultant of the Year David Amos rises to the top of his profession.



Aloha! The Collier team adopt a Hawaiian theme for their end of year party. (l-r) Martin Corrigan, Kathy Gegoff, Fleur Kay, Edith White, Gary Worrall, Stephanie Gardiner, Sandra Togher and Melissa Mori.



Greg Cornelius at the 'Ashford Homes – Rotary Australia' Celebrations at Berwick.

Easy Rider! Homestead's Laine Sommer and new husband Brendon.



Marion Noack, David Loeser and Matthew Corletto get into the Australia theme at Homestead's end of year bash.



'The Orange and the Green!' Huxley's Tracey Blackmore and Ben Hannigan.



"3 Amigos!" (l-r) Homestead's Site Managers Mike Sarno, Matt Rowan and Robert Weger.



Bush Dunny (2), Homestead's Alison Hyde and Joy Montgomery.



"When Irish Eyes are Smiling!" Perth Design Centre's Dorian Morelli (right) married Irish lass Gail Woolsey in Dublin, Ireland. Collier Homes General Manager Darren Sandford was best man.



Bush Dunny! Aussies Natasha Montgomery, Denise Sarno and Samantha Freundt.



"Life's A Beach!" Collier Homes' Nicole Bisley and Roxanne Cole.



"Howzat!" HBC's (l-r) Sheralyn Stillert, Kevin Blute & Jenifer Singleton.



Home Australia's Executive Director John Smith and his wife Deb at Deb's 40th Birthday party.



Krystle Klear! Huxley Homes Krystle Cassidy.