

ACTION MOVING AHEAD

ACTION is one of six contenders selected by Sydney's State Transit Authority (STA) to compete for refurbishing contracts worth in excess of a million dollars.

ACTION has an impressive reputation for its refurbishing work, and is particularly renowned for innovation. At the central workshop the refurbishment program has been in operation for about three years. Ninety-five buses will have been refurbished by the end of the year, representing great savings for the ACT.

During an inspection of the refurbishment the Minister for Urban Services, Terry Connolly, said the results "reflect the high standard of work and professionalism we have come to expect from the workshop."

"The refurbishment includes innovative ideas from the shopfloor and should compete extremely well in the tender process," he said.

"Winning all or some of the contracts will obviously benefit ACTION's budget, will bring in business for sub-contractors as well as benefiting the whole region."

ACTION's Richard Kulacz - Australia's Best Driver

ACTION's Richard Kulacz won the 1992 National Bus Roadeo, held in Adelaide recently.

This is the second year in a row Richard has taken out the coveted award. As the competition only began in 1991, this means Richard is the only driver to have ever won the Nationals.

Staff Development Officer, John Greenwood, travelled with the

ACTION team to Adelaide. His full report and more photos of the Nationals and the ACTION Roadeo appear on pages 6 to 10.

The General Manager of STA SA, John Brown (centre), reluctantly watches as MAN representative from Switzerland, Count Ferdinand Von Merbeltd, presents ACTION's Richard Kulacz with the National Roadeo shield.



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TRANS SAVINGS

TRANSACTION EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

The Transaction editorial committee is seeking ideas and suggestions from all staff about what you would like to see in your staff magazine.

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BOUQUETS



The Manager
 ACTION Bus Co., Kingston

Dear Sir

Having just spent 5 days in Canberra without a car, my friend Mrs Smith and myself would like to compliment the bus drivers and staff at the City Information Centre for their kindness, courtesy and helpfulness on the many buses we travelled. They certainly made our sightseeing more enjoyable and easier. Thanks ACTION Bus staff.

Yours faithfully
 Mavis Wilson

Hall Primary

Dear Alec Young

On behalf of all children in year 2 at Hall Primary School I would like to thank you for talking about buses.

from Tegan Linacre

The Personnel Manager
 ACTION Buses

Dear Sir

My family and I recently spent a week in Canberra, they on holidays and myself on business. During this time, we all had occasion to use public transport on a daily basis and would like to take this opportunity to commend your drivers and staff for at all times being courteous, helpful and friendly. We were offered assistance without having to ask, and your discounted, prepurchased ticket options were explained concisely.

Hall Primary

Dear John Anderson

On behalf of all the children in year 2 at Hall Primary School I would like to thank you for sharing the things that you told us about buses.

from Hugh Gulliver

Bernie Gunther
 ACTION

Dear Bernie

Advance Bank Floriade 1992

On behalf of Advance Bank Floriade and Byrne Donohoe and Waters, I would

The timetables were easy to understand and the buses arrived on time.

As a result, my family had the confidence to travel to places which would otherwise have been inaccessible, and were greatly impressed and appreciative of the assistance provided, particularly on routes 352 and 370 from Kingston to the City. To this I add my own thanks and hope these comments can be passed to the appropriate parties.

Yours faithfully
 A.M. Gossan

like to extend our sincere thanks for your contribution to Canberra's Spring Festival.

Floriade 1992 was once again enjoyed by large numbers of tourists and Canberra residents. Your involvement was an essential part in creating such a successful event.

Please pass on our thanks to all involved in ACTION. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Best wishes

Helen Ridout-Allen
 Floriade Site Manager

With 1992 fast coming to an end and with many of us planning for Christmas and the New Year, it is time to reflect on the achievements of the past year and the challenge of the next.

This year has seen many achievements by ACTION, for example Tuggeranong receiving full services, the introduction of RAN, the introduction of the Commuter Express Services, extensions to the Park 'n' Ride facilities, the trial bus for the proposed tendering for the STA bus refurbishment contract and the trial of Diesohol in conjunction with the Commonwealth Government.

FROM THE GM

The New Year will bring more challenges for ACTION, with the first regular services for Gungahlin expected early in the New Year and \$10 million savings within ACTION's budget over the next three years. I am sure that everyone associated with ACTION will

take the opportunity to contribute to the New Year's success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your assistance in 1992. Each and everyone of us make a difference to the success of ACTION and your efforts are appreciated.

My best wishes to you and your families for a happy, healthy and safe Christmas and New Year. I look forward to working with you again in 1993.

Mike Wadsworth
General Manager

BIKE 'N' BUS

Cyclists now have their own version of Park 'n' Ride — Bike 'n' Bus.

The new program enables bicycle riders to hire lockers near the City, Woden or Belconnen Bus Interchanges and continue their journey with ACTION's commuter express services. Initially four lockers, which can be hired for about a dollar a week, have been installed at each of the interchanges. The Department of Urban Services will install more if demand warrants them.

Launching Bike 'n' Bus, the Minister for Urban Services, Terry Connolly, said it and Park 'n' Ride are part of the Government's Transport Strategy. "One of the aims of the strategy is to reduce Canberra's dependence on cars by offering other, attractive, journey to work alternatives."

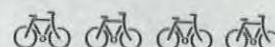


Minister for Urban Services, Terry Connolly, with the new way of keeping your bike safe while you ride the buses.

Pedal Power ACT Secretary, Gordon Cheyne, strongly supported the introduction of the cycle lockers at the interchanges, saying, "The lockers fill an important place in the transport system by offering commuters a dual mode commuting option.

"Dual mode commuting is environmentally friendly and will make a positive contribution to the reduction of greenhouse gases," he said.

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These bicycle lockers are for ACTION Bus patrons use

For rental information please contact telephone No 207-5147



SHELTER PAINTING COMPETITION

The 1992 Montone ACTION Bus Shelter Painting Competition has set a new standard for community art.

At the award ceremony at the Albert Hall all involved in the competition, including competition judge Ken Thornton

of the Australian National Gallery, agreed that the overall standard of the 31 works this year was greater than in any previous year.

Gilmore Primary School took out the major prize of Best Overall Entry with 'Serpents

Kingdom' which is based on Aboriginal themes. Montone Paints and Wallpaper Manager, Brian Rooney, presented the young artists with a cheque for \$1000.00. The school also receives \$300.00 in ACTION bus travel.



Gaudeamus won the group entry for 'The Tree of Life' featured in the shelter on Melrose Drive, Lyons.

Students and young artists from Gilmore Primary School display their \$1000.00 cheque they received from Montone Paints and Wallpaper Manager, Brian Rooney, and \$300.00 in bus travel presented by the Minister for Urban Services, Terry Connolly.



REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

Best entry for a Primary School went to Turner Primary for its mural, 'Under the Sea'.



Gilmore Primary School won the 1992 Montone ACTION Bus Shelter Painting Competition Best Overall prize for its stunning 'Serpents Kingdom' outside the school:



Hawker College took the first prize in the Secondary School category, and Gaudeamus won the group entry for 'The Tree of Life'.

Certificates of Merit were presented to Calwell

Primary, Forrest Primary, Calwell High School and the Australian National Capital Decorative Artists.

Montone Paints and Wallpaper Manager, Brian Rooney, with the Australian National Gallery bus which was parked outside the Albert Hall during the presentation ceremony. The bus displayed a special thank you to Montone.



OVERSEAS TRAVEL/ STUDY

Three months overseas travel! Air fares paid! A living allowance! A fee allowance! And an open door welcome!! All this can be yours as a 1994 Churchill Fellow.

The average Churchill Fellowship is worth about \$13,000.

To date more than 1600 Australian residents, including Environment and Conservation Garden Adviser, David Young, have taken the opportunity and brought back knowledge and skills for the enrichment of Australian society.

Churchill Fellowships are available to all Australians regardless of academic or other qualifications.

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The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust
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Applications close on 28 February 1993

For further information or interview contact:

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The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust
(06) 247 8333

ACTION Staff Development Officer, John Greenwood, gives a complete roundup of the 1992 National and ACTION Roadeos.

NATIONAL BUS ROADEO - WE DID IT AGAIN

Richard and Jane Kulacz, Brian and Debbie Meizer and myself flew to Adelaide on 13 Adelaide to represent ACTION in the 1992 National Bus Roadeo. Brian had only flown once before but he was soon calmed down by comments like "You're a bit green around the gills", "that wasn't a rough descent — wait for the real rough landing" and being handed a paper bag.

Bus 690 — the all over MACK bus also travelled to the National's with the ACTION MACK Supporter's Team on board. Scheduled departure time was 7am but WHO SLEPT IN????. The bus encountered one minor mechanical problem which was rectified in the Mile End Depot workshop. This is contrary to the rumour which

Brian Meizer, Jane and Richard Kulacz, and Debbie Meizer at the Roadeo Dinner.



circulated throughout ACTION that it had a major problem and only got to Mildura. STA SA knew that a MACK bus was again coming over to Adelaide but they expected a MACK bus in livery colours (like last year). However they all got a shock when THE MACK bus arrived. It caused a little concern seeing that Count Ferdinand Von Merbeltd, one of the MAN chiefs from Switzerland, and major sponsor of the National Roadeo was attending.

ACTION again recognised the assistance and sponsorship for our Roadeo and the National Roadeo provided by MACK.

Cities represented in the National Roadeo were Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra and Hobart. The Melbourne team were unable to attend due to the financial situation and the new government in Victoria.

The Roadeo course was very, very, very tight but not impossible. After the first round a Hobart entrant, Kirk Sturt, was four points ahead of the champ. Richard's second round was devastating and produced the best show of the competition with only 39 penalty points incurred. The tension remained till the very end of the competition because Kirk, who had done so well in the first round, was last to compete.

A spirit of friendly cooperation and rivalry existed the whole weekend with some old associations being renewed and extended, new contacts and networks being established. During the free time great steps were achieved in fostering Irish/Australian relationships and

Scores (penalty points) for the top three operators were:

	1st round	2nd round	Total Score
Richard Kulacz	51	39	90
ACTION			
Kirk Sturt	47	69	116
Hobart			
Ray Luckett	63	55	118
Adelaide			

many souvenirs were acquired. The local liquids were all sampled and everyone left their compulsory donation to the SA economy.

The General Manager of STA SA, John Brown, was certain his representative would win and was a little unhappy to have to return the shield to Richard (and ACTION) during the presentation ceremony at the Roadeo dinner.

I believe that negotiations have commenced regarding employment

prospects and good shifts with other authorities. Poaching of staff may have to be outlawed within the National Roadeo rules.

STA SA are to be congratulated for their great organisation and hospitality.

Next year's National Roadeo will again be held in Adelaide, but it is expected to move to another authority in 1994.

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The National Roadeo finalists.

Back: Bob Godbehere (Brisbane), Ron Kavanagh (Hobart), Kirk Sturt (Hobart), Richard Kulacz (ACTION).

Front: Ray Luckett (Adelaide), Noel Chambers (Adelaide), Brian Meizer (ACTION).



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The MACK bus which caused quite a sensation in Adelaide.

ACTION Bus Roadeo in 1991 was very basic and a learning experience for the committee and everyone involved. For the 1992 competition the committee included ideas learnt from last year's National Roadeo and extended the competition to ensure that it was bigger and better than 1991. Many hours of hard work, both physically and mentally, were expended by the committee.

Having access to the Sutton Road Driver Training complex allowed the competition to be enlarged in numbers



ACTION — MACK BUS ROADEO

and in the types of obstacles and assessable elements able to be included in the competition.

ACTION is indebted to several organisations and businesses for their support and sponsorship:

MACK Trucks (Aust) generously donated \$15,000 and jackets for finalists in the Operator competition.

AMPOL — \$200 plus caps and T shirts for the judges etc.

Beaurepaire Tyre Service \$500 and caps.

Electric Shadows

Goodyear

Murray's City Interchange Newsagency \$250.

The date was chosen as it coincided with the 2nd National Transport Training Conference which commenced in Queanbeyan that evening. Many conference delegates attended our roadeo and were impressed with the concept and professionalism displayed by the finalists and organisers.

In light of the closeness of scores in the heats of the circuit for the Roadeo

A sharp right hand turn caused problems for many of the drivers competing in the ACTION Roadeo.

was purposely designed very tight. I am certain that all finalists will agree.

During the lunch break the Non Operators attempted a novelty skills event. The judges for this were Richard Kulacz and John Bohle, the 1991 first and second placegetters. Each entrant was required to burst five balloons with their front left tyre. After the first round we had a tie for first so those two had another attempt. The ultimate winner was Darryl Peckham from Belconnen Workshops. The award for demonstrating a very consistent round and missing every balloon goes to John Fisher from Head Office — you have 12 months to practice John!

Spectators were invited to participate in a balloon throwing competition but the balloons were water filled. One spectator who is experienced in this type of activity, Jane Kulacz, did not participate — maybe she was waiting for Adelaide again. The kids, both young and old, had some fun and nobody got really wet but it would not have mattered as the skies opened up shortly after and everyone got a little ??? wet.

The Belconnen Depot Golf Club operated the food and drink stand and had an enjoyable day in addition to selling all the food.

A VC should go to all the judges and other helpers for carrying on and providing meritorious service despite the rain during the afternoon competition.

An ACT Roadlaw and bicycle awareness quiz was conducted for any children present and the family of one of the Operator finalists, Peter Hartley, monopolised this with Andrew winning the 7-10 age group and Petrina winning the 11-14 group.

To all the people who assisted on the day or behind the scenes prior to and after the Roadeo our thanks.

Richard Kulacz's rewards for the competition were:

MACK Shield and cup
\$500 Beaurepaire products
\$100 AMPOL petrol



John Kearney, John Anderson, Matt Dillon and Dave Allen measure the driver's ability to pull up the right distance from the curb during the ACTION Roadeo.



Richard Kulacz receives the ACTION Roadeo shield from the Minister for Urban Services, Terry Connolly.

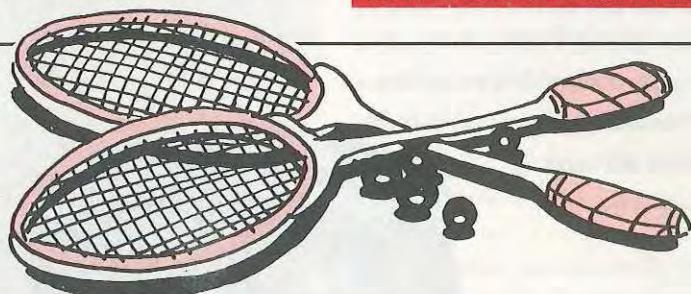
Dave Allen checks that competitor Peter Hartley is ready to go.



ACTION's Deputy General Manager, Mike Castle, presents Deane's Max Carey, with the Private Operators' Shield at the ACTION Roadeo.



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ACTION SQUASH

If you're interested in social squash then Lindsay McMurdo (Rosters, 207 8105) is the person to contact. Lindsay is organising squash for anyone wanting an occasional game.

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SCORES & RESULTS

Operator Competition

Richard Kulacz	Woden	2039	1st
Brian Meizer	Woden	2007	2nd
John Bohle	Belconnen	2007	3rd
Peter Hartley	Woden	2004	
Paris Pangalos	Tuggeranong	1994	
Shelton Newman	Woden	1992	
Nigel Stokes	Tuggeranong	1987	
Paul Brogan	Belconnen	1972	
Dennis Kugler	Belconnen	1960	
Douglas Phillips	Tuggeranong	1960	
Rodney McDonald	Belconnen	1937	
Mark Adamson	Tuggeranong	1853	

Non Operator Competition

Craig Kelly	Tuggeranong Workshops	1929	1st
Paul Harrison	Tuggeranong Bus Station	1912	2nd
Terry Godfrey	Tuggeranong Workshops	1885	3rd
Darryl Peckham	Belconnen Workshop	1874	
John Fisher	Head Office	1802	
Steven Riley	Tuggeranong Workshop	1747	
Novelty Skills event was won by Darryl Peckham.			
Private Operators' Competition			
Max Carey	Deanes	2012	1st
Peter Higgs	Deanes	1962	
Brett Lever	Levers	1953	
Steve Mukojid	Levers	1941	

MOBILE WATCH - ON THE MOVE

Drivers can now take direct action when they see something suspicious during their travels.

ACTION is part of the newly launched Mobile Watch, a crime prevention initiative designed to bring together outside agencies to assist in the detection and reporting of crime in the ACT.

It brings together the mobility and the observational ability of other organisations who regularly drive on Canberra streets and provides an effective information support network to assist the fight against crime in Canberra.

Mobile Watch participants include The Real Estate Institute of the ACT, ACTION, ACTEW and NRMA road service, which is sponsoring the program.

A logo has been designed and special stickers produced which will be displayed on the vehicles of the organisations involved.

Getting the message across! The Australian Federal Police all-over bus has proved a useful information tool.



RETIRED ACT TRANSPORT EMPLOYEES' CLUB

To keep present ACTION employees in touch with their past colleagues Transaction includes excerpts from the Retired ACT Transport Employees' Club's newsletter, written by Club President, Eddie Carnall OAM, and occasional photographs of the Club's members doing what they do best — enjoying themselves!

A number of our workmates have been or still are in the sick bay.

Keith Gladwin is on the improve list although still a little sore after his op.



Arthur McIntosh, unbeknown to us, was in hospital and also had an operation. Arthur told me he is improving slowly and that it will be quite a while before he is properly better.



Norrie Perrin is beginning to get out and about and is well on the way to recovery.



Called in and spent some time with Lyle Hopkins last week and so pleased I did. Lyle would like to see some of his old mates. Call in (11 McColl Street, Ainslie) and tell him Eddie sent you.



Better still! Let your conscience be your guide. Let's get some of the old comradeship back which was evident years ago and visit our sick friends. Makes you feel better.



Also paid Ted Bruce and Ross Kite a visit. They are both in Calvary Hospital.



Harry Kimber, who worked in the Furniture Removal section for a number of years, has also been very sick.



Ron Ware is back in Canberra after his by-pass and Harry Oldfield is also looking well after his spell in hospital.



Our old friend Charlie Mobberley is ill in Sydney Hospital.



Good news for Geoff Phelps way up in Bundaberg. John Anderson informs me that Sid Watson has had a run of good luck recently. Three wins at Harold Park and one at Canberra. Saving up the proceeds for when next you are down.



In the Old Regal...

Saturday 24 October, saw Dick Redman, Max O'Reilly, Ossie Suffolk and myself at the Belconnen Community Festival. We had the old Regal bus on display once again and some old photos about the early life of ACTION.

The old bus creates a tremendous amount of interest with both young and old with many of the oldies wishing it was still in service.

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\$100.00

What can I say about Sunday, 25 October, spent at Don and Mavis O'Reilly's Garden. Our hosts went out of their way to make sure that the open day was a great success. They donated the day's takings of \$100.00 to our club.

The Retirees are saddened by the loss of the use of the Institute Rooms at Kingston. It will be necessary to find another venue for meetings, euchre afternoons, etc.

If any of the members know of a room which is centrally located and doesn't have steps to climb will they please contact Ed Carnall on 247 8096 or June Redman on 249 1893.

Seniors:	Largest Brown Trout	3lb	Phil White
	Largest Rainbow Trout	2lb 11 oz	David Lindley
	Mystery	1lb 8oz	Geoff Dillion (Rainbow)
Juniors	only one caught		
	Sheryl	1lb 5 oz	Atlantic Salmon
Weather — Rain	29.10.92 — 1.11.92		
Name	Fish Species	Weight	
Geoff Dillion	Brown Trout	2lb 8oz	
Geoff Dillion	Rainbow Trout	1lb 8oz	
Geoff Dillion	Brown Trout	1lb 4 oz	
J. Furlan	Brown Trout	2lb 2oz	
P. Humble	Brown Trout	2lb 14oz	
Sheryl (Junior)	Atlantic Salmon	1lb 5oz	
David Lindley	Rainbow Trout	2lb 11oz	
Brownie (Trevor)	Brown Trout	2lb 6oz	
Phil White	Brown Trout	3lb	
Bundy	Rainbow Trout	2lb 8oz	
Paul Pearson	Brown Trout	very, very small	
P. Humble	Brown Trout	2lb 9oz	

Gone Fishing

The Gone Fishing Gang from Woden and Tuggeranong came up with some impressive catches at Jindabyne.

Brian Short from Woden has been quietly in the news lately. They tell me Shorty has been doing his best, setting the example by diligently starting his regular run an hour early. Only trouble is he was not able to finish one hour early. Good service on the 201 eh Brian. Twice in one hour!

Shelton Newman
Woden

ACTION for Quality is once again holding a fun run/walk.

The event will be a six kilometre course starting and finishing at the Canberra Yacht Club, Lotus Bay, Yarralumla.

Monies raised will go to the ACT Eden Monaro Cancer Society. These people assist the parents of children with cancer.

So come on, get fit and help raise money for a good cause. The event will be held on the first weekend of the Canberra Festival, Sunday, 7 March, in conjunction with the Great Raft Race.

Further information — contact Lindsay McMurdo, Rosters.



City To Surf

After months of training, the big day finally arrived. The City To Surf is the biggest fun run in Australia — over 14 kilometres of gruelling hills and bends winding from the centre of Sydney to the beach at Bondi.

Col Thomas, Ted Hall, Laurie Robinson, Lyndsay Moneghetti ... sorry, McMurdo, and Brian McGlynn were ACTION's reps. They joined the more than 33,000 other runners doing the course from Hyde Park to Double Bay, Rose Bay, over Heartbreak Hill to Vaucluse, Dover Heights and finally Bondi.

Saturday night was spent discussing run tactics at various watering holes and taking in liquid refreshments at the Hotel Bondi.

Everyone put in a great effort! Times were: Brian — 59.26; Col — 63.46; Ted — 65.22; Laurie — 72.58; Lyndsay — 98.44.

With all the hype an event like this brings it has been reported that a former regular runner and now a professional workaholic at Tuggeranong Depot came out of retirement to contest The Canberra Times Fun Run (Just stick to Route 333 Dave!).

Next year we hope to get a major

increase in numbers. Wives are most welcome, in fact, encouraged to come along. So get in your running shoe order to Santa and start training with the ACTION runners for this great weekend. See Col, Lyndsay or myself for more info.

Brian McGlynn

ACTION's representatives in the 1992 City To Surf — Col Thomas, Laurie Robinson, Lyndsay McMurdo, Edward Hall and Brian McGlynn

