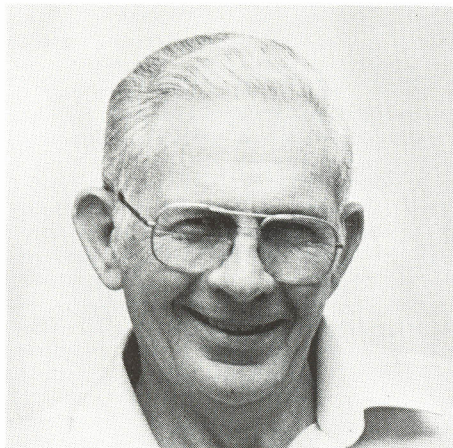


BRIAN SMITH

Superintendent Environmental Services Brian Smith who retired on 10th January joined Sulphide in March 1951 after completing his Diploma in Metallurgy at the South Australian School of Mines.



Brian Smith.

After five years as a Technical Assistant Brian was seconded to Territory Enterprises, at Rum Jungle in the Northern Territory, for about 12 months. Returning to Sulphide in 1957 he joined the Product Investigation Department (or Planning and Technology as it is now known) for a short period before becoming involved in Fertilizer production.

For the 16 years prior to his retirement Brian was deeply involved in our environmental services. During this period Sulphide committed itself to an extensive programme of technical investigation and capital expenditure in an endeavour to meet rising community standards and keep abreast of the ever changing statutes. Brian played a major part in providing the guidelines for future programmes, whilst ensuring the standards of the day were being maintained.

HARRY COOLS

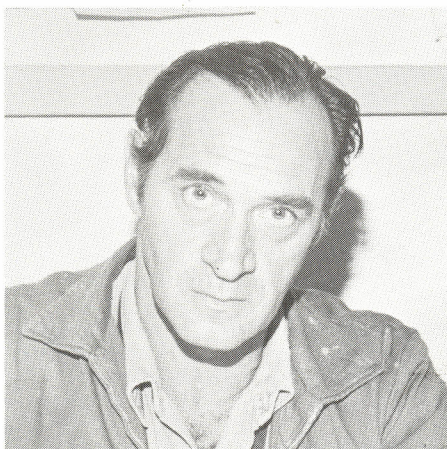
I.S.F. Foreman Harry Cools who retired on 5th March joined Sulphide in March 1964 as Skimmer on the G.O.B. casting. In those days the Sheppard casting machine was at the I.S.F.

After several years as Acting Assistant Foreman Harry became Shift Foreman in January 1974.

Harry was born in Holland and grew up during the German occupation in World War II. Being the oldest in the family of children, and with his father in the Dutch Army in England, he had to leave school at an early age and go to work. The only paying jobs in his home town of Tilburg at that time were in the textile mills, so Harry became a weaver.

Arriving in Australia on 23rd March, 1953 Harry commenced work two days later at B.H.P. where he worked for 11 years before coming to Sulphide.

In May Harry, and his wife, will set off for an extended tour of their homeland and to visit relatives and friends they have not seen for many years. On his return to Australia he is planning to purchase a caravan so that he can keep right on touring.



Harry Cools.

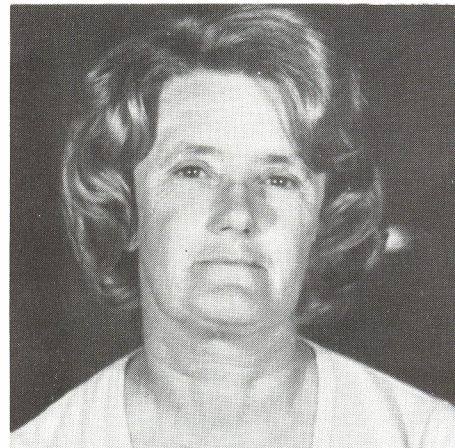
MARJ DALLAS

Senior Filing Clerk Marj Dallas who until her early retirement on 12th February was in charge of the Company's Central Filing System, or Cenfile as it is better known.

Marj joined Sulphide in November 1975 after 2 years with a private contractor and before that 10 years with John Lysaght.

Quite a sportswoman in her younger days Marj was State Champion high jump in school athletics, also representing New South Wales in netball during her time at Hunter Girls High. Later she played 'A' Grade badminton for Y.M.C.A.

Currently Marj is seriously contemplating taking up golf and possibly returning to the badminton scene. However, these will have to wait until her current projects of painting the house and retiling the bathroom have been completed.



Marj Dallas.

On behalf of all at Sulphide we'd like to wish all of the retirees good health and a long and happy retirement.

COME INTO MY SWIMMING POOL SAID THE SPIDER TO THE

People working about the home, gardening, cleaning up, or whatever, are usually on the lookout for spiders, centipedes etc. However, how many inspect their home swimming pool before going for a swim — particularly on a hot day.

It was with some surprise that our General Manager Ben Burrow came upon a male funnel web at the bottom of his swimming pool. Luckily it was on the end of a leaf scoop.

FUNNEL WEB IDENTIFICATION

The Funnel Web is probably the most poisonous spider in Australia and has earned the reputation of being an aggressive foe.

Length:

FEMALE: Up to 1½" or 2" long and of very robust appearance.

MALE: Up to 1" long, much more slender and possessing spurs on the second pair of legs.

Colour:

Black with cephalothorax smooth and glossy. Back part of abdomen and legs densely covered in fine short hairs, somewhat reddish-brown underneath.

The fangs fold underneath but are raised and pushed forward ready to strike when disturbed.

Discussion with people at the Gosford Reptile Park revealed that the funnel web (and possibly other spiders) can remain submerged for "at least 24 hours" with no ill effect. Apparently they have a different respiratory system, to that of human beings, and are able to store oxygen in their bodies.

After being taken out of the water they appear groggy, but allowed to dry out they are very much alive.

So as a warning to home swimming pool users — look before you enter. It may not be a shark, but it could be just as lethal.



Male Funnel Web spider found in Ben Burrow's swimming pool.