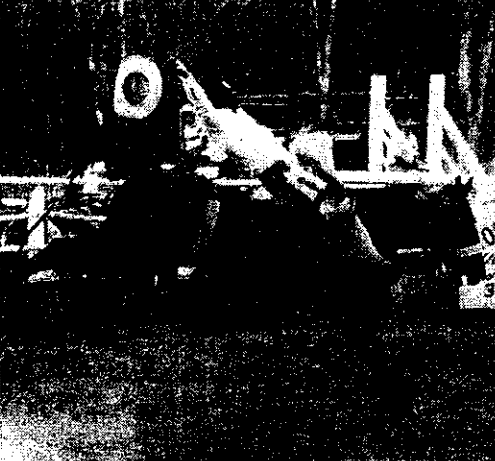




... your left hooves out ...



... and you shake it all about.



The meat in the sandwich . . . a reluctant participant in the pairs roping event.

. . . and proving that one cowgirl is a match for two cowboys home on the range this lass roped herself a steer — and a prize.



Bill Sievers, Moranbah Town Supervisor, turned cook for the day on the Lions food counter.

# at Moranbah Rodeo

## Tomorrow's tradesmen

First year diesel fitter apprentice at Goonyella Mine, Steven Cox, aged seventeen, is not following in his father's footsteps in his trade at the mine.

Steven's father Adrian is an electrical foreman at Peak Downs Mine, but Steven just wasn't interested in this field.

"I'm more interested in working on machinery and this probably comes from mucking about with my motor bike.

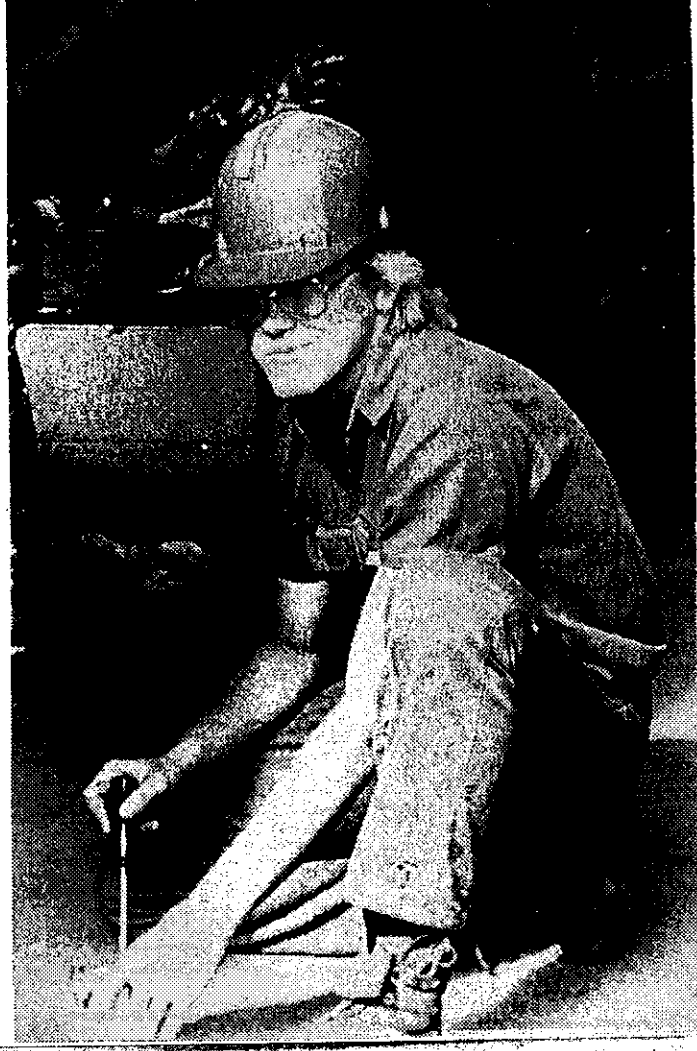
"It's a trail bike and it's a few years old now.

"Since I started working at the mine I haven't ridden it very much. Now that I've started earning there's more chances for socialising," he said.

And some of his weekend time has been taken up with hockey. Steven plays for the Sharks in reserve grade.

He says he is looking forward to his first block release training at the Mackay TAFE College, which he has now started.

During the seven weeks in Mackay he will be staying with other Utah apprentices on the coast for the course.



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## SHARKS TRIO ON TOP

Rave reviews have ushered three coalfields League players on to the representative circuit.

The three — Peak Downs coal sampler Noel Russell, Goonyella Fitter Tom Irelandes and Harrow Creek miner Len Johnson — recently pulled on Central Queensland Rep strips for hard-played matches against Wide Bay and North Queensland squads.

And their on-field performances rated top-marks from regional sportswriters.

## High standard

Now the three are being tipped as place-getters in future Queensland Country teams — a tip based on strong training and playing performances during recent trips to Emerald, Rockhampton, Mackay and Townsville.

Noel, Tom, and Len regularly play for Moranbah Sharks, a team which has hit top form — and a new lease of life — under coach Mick Ries who, off-field, is Bucket Shop Foreman at Goonyella.

Said Ian Taudevin, Peak Downs Paymaster and Sharks Secretary: "This year's Rugby League competition in the district is proving to be of a very high standard and has attracted strong support from the community."



## THE MORANBAH RODEO GROUNDS

by Bill Moss

'Twas somewhere up the country in a land of coal and scrub  
That they formed an institution called the Moranbah Rodeo Club  
They were tall and sturdy miners they came from near and far  
But they didn't give a dam when breasted at the bar  
They would talk of driving dozers or haul paks on the site  
They dread the thought of dogwatch on a dark and stormy night  
But when the days works over and their off-days came around  
They gathered all together at the Moranbah Rodeo Ground.

A job they had it started; a yard they had to build  
So with wire ropes and pipes for parts they went to work at will  
And the Lions came to help them and put a bar on the mound  
So when the job is finished they will pass the jugs around  
Put on another keg by boy a good big one that's right  
For I fear they're will be a dreadful thirst for one and all tonight  
And we can't forget the women who took the stubbies down  
And helped to plant the grasses on the Moranbah Rodeo Ground.

I have spoken of the miners and all the other men  
But we can't forget Utah for the machinery they did lend  
Now the yards are all finished and the Rodeo is here  
So come along you cowboys from stations far and near  
For Moranbah has the horses and the money's really beaut  
So if you have the nerve and skill just climb up on that chute  
Straddle that mighty roan and before the hooter sounds  
He'll send you into orbit from the Moranbah Rodeo Ground.

And don't be disappointed when you're fired out into space  
A woman will be there to meet you — to start another race  
A woman will be there to meet you — to populate the moon  
With bronco busters, bullriders — and your own rodeo soon  
Down here our rodeo is over but we'll be back next year  
And while the cowboys and the miners enjoy a farewell beer  
New mates are welcomed — old friends are found  
One last shout before we go — Here's to the Moranbah Rodeo Ground.

# Junior

## MORANBAH GIRLS BAT UP

In a game traditionally dominated by the boys, two Moranbah girls are making their mark in Central Queensland junior cricket competition.

Caroline Woodward and Jacky Tennent, both 13, play for the Moranbah Wanderers in Saturday morning fixtures against local teams Easts, Renegades and Grosvenor Creek.

According to Tom Veivers, State Director of Coaching, who toured the area recently with the Utah Coaching Plan, Caroline and Jacky have lots of cricketing potential and show plenty of enthusiasm for the game.

Caroline's father, Terry, is an electrician at Peak Downs, and Jacky's father, Ray, is senior industrial chemist at Peak Downs mine.

Pictured: Jacky (centre) and Caroline are given some batting tips by Queensland cricketer Phil Carlson during a recent visit to Moranbah by the Utah Coaching

## The tots are taking over the midfield in Moranbah.

With 200 players on its books, the town's Junior Soccer Association is one of the region's biggest — and fastest-growing — sporting organisations.

Already the Association has hosted junior teams from Mackay, and its young players regularly complete in a local round-robin competition against clubs from Clermont and Blackwater.

The latest clash with the Mackay juniors saw the Moranbah boys give a good account of themselves in a series of games played on the town's main sporting reserve.

With strong local support from parents and retailers the Association believes it has the potential to mould some innovative players in the years to come.

The Vice-president of the Association, Barry Law from the Goonyella warehouse, said that while senior soccer had tended to founder in Moranbah, junior soccer had boomed.

There was a suggestion that many parents saw soccer as a viable alternative to League.

Said Barry: "I'm not a soccer player but I became involved through my youngster. With kids as young as this — say from school age to 13 we've found that mums and dads prefer to see them involved in soccer — even if the kids branch out into League at a later age."