

The "Bring home the BACON" essay had a chequered history. It was circulated amongst the staff of the computer section, who emphasised with the main character.

The full title was

"Societal Impact of Portable Computer Terminals

OR

Bring Home the Bacon" and it was published after almost a year's delay in the Australian Telecommunication Research journal
Volume 12, Number 1, 1978

There is quite a story behind the final publication.

There had been a call for papers, and each section was in effect given a quota in words like,

"Nobody on your staff has given us a paper for almost a year"

"No! They are too busy getting papers into mainline international journals like Electronics Letters"

"But you must support the local journal as well"

"OK; how about the BACON paper"

"You must be joking"

"The computer people find it amusing"

Anyway, Harry S. Wragge held great influence and ruled it out.

Month after month passed with fewer and fewer papers coming in.

Each time Garth Jenkinson, (Executive Editor) on the papers committee would say,

"There is always Gavan's BACON paper"

Finally Garth wore them down, and Harry said,

"Only if I can place an editorial in front of it"

"Fine" said Gavan.

So Harry wrote "Challenge...", Page 2

So that's the story behind Volume 12, Number 1, ATR 1978

Garth did a brilliant job and got a cartoonist to sprinkle several sketches through the paper.

Oh, how we laughed. (It certainly surprised Albert)

BUT; during the open days at the new Clayton labs, I was forbidden to hand out reprints.

Graham Jenkins thought it mocked their work.

"We'll be watching you!" said the organisers.

Roll up; roll up; get your copy of the banned paper.