

MELBOURNE & METROPOLITAN  
TRAMWAYS BOARD.

File No E/S.6.

26th. June, 1922.

Memo. for the Chairman.

I have for some time been anxious to provide some additional assistance for Mr. Lormer in connection with the work on the General Scheme, but have not been able to obtain a suitable man. Amongst the applicants for the position of Architectural Draughtsman, is a young Melbourne University graduate, Mr. D. H. Eakins, who is at present employed on survey work in the country. I have not seen Mr. Eakins, but have made enquiries as to his capabilities. He is highly recommended by Professor Payne, and I propose to offer him £6 per week.

T. P. Strickland

CHIEF ENGINEER.

Swifts Ck.,  
22 June 1922.

The Chief Engineer,  
Melbourne & Metropolitan Tramways Board,  
Melbourne,

Dear Sir,

With regard to your communication dated the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. I am prepared to accept another position at a lower salary than that for the Architectural Draughtsman.

At present I receive £5-15-0 per week.

Unfortunately, I see no present prospect of my being in town within the next few weeks, unless I take a special trip.

This would be both costly and inconvenient, if I should have to return here.

Swifts Ck. where I am situated, is 50 miles from a railway, and 240 from Melbourne.

I hope my inability to see you personally will not prejudice my appointment to a position, which you consider I could fill.

I am,

Yours faithfully,  
D. H. Eakin.

MELBOURNE & METROPOLITAN  
TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Swifts Creek,  
18 May 22.

File No E

The Chief Engineer,  
The Melbourne & Metropolitan Tramways Board,  
19th. June, 1922.

D. H. Eakins, Esq.,  
SWIFTS CREEK.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your application for the position of Architectural Draughtsman, I beg to inform you that another applicant is being appointed to this position. It is understood, however, that you would be prepared to accept another position at a lower salary, and if so I should be glad to know whether you are likely to be in Melbourne within the next few weeks in which <sup>case</sup> I should like you to call and see me.

Yours faithfully,

J. D. Auckland

CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Swifts Creek,  
18 May 22,

The Chief Engineer,  
The Melbourne & Metropolitan Tramways Board,

Sir,

I hereby apply for the position  
of Architectural Draughtsman as  
advertised in the press, on 9<sup>th</sup> May.

I am confident of being able  
to give satisfaction to you if  
appointed.

Particulars required, with  
references, are enclosed.

I remain yours faithfully,  
D. H. Bakeris.

# Application for Architectural Draughtsman.

Name. Cakins, David Hugh.

Age. 24 years in Dec. 1922.

Experience. None in design of Office & factory buildings other than obtained in the course for degree of B.B.E. at Melbourne University.

The degree of B.B.E. was conferred on the applicant in April '22.

The course includes a good Architectural & Reinforced Concrete Training. It is superior in mathematics & heavy work to the general Architectural Training.

The Applicant is a neat draughtsman. Specimens of his work may be seen at the Construction Branch of the Vic. Rlys. - (Plan of Sunshine Station Sunshine to Laverton permanent survey.)

During the last few months he has been on road survey and construction & bridge work in the State of Borneo.

Salary. Required. Would be quite satisfied with £7-0-0 per week but would accept £6-10-0.

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UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

3 rd January 1920

7 March 1921

Mr David Hugh Bakins is just completing his course for the degree of B C E. I have pleasure in stating that I have formed a high opinion of his character and ability. He has originality and has shown that he can apply, practically, his knowledge of Engineering Science

(Signed) Geo Higgins

*Obtained final honours, 2<sup>nd</sup> class, in the March 1921 Final Honour Exam. in Civil Engineering.*

*D.H.C.*

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

7 March 1921

I have pleasure in bearing testimony to the work of Mr D H Eakins who has completed his University Course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Civil Engineering and he has sat for the final Honour Examination which are now on. During his course he has gained Honours in a number of subjects, chief of which is that in Strength & Elasticity of Materials -gaining First class Honours and the Exhibition therein; he also gained 2nd class Honours in Surveying Part I. He has gained practical experience during the long vacation in workshop work, surveying, and on Road Location & survey with the Country Roads Board.

Throughout his course he has been a steady and good worker, giving attention to any work in hand, and I have pleasure in recommending him as one who should make good in any work he undertakes

(Signed) Henry Payne

M Inst, C E, M I Mech E.

Professor of Engineering.

Wesley College

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~~WESLEY COLLEGE~~

Sapere Aude

MELBOURNE

D H Makins was a pupil of Wesley College for 5 Years, 1912-1916. In December 1915 he passed the Junior Public Examination of the Melbourne University and in 1916 the Senior Public and leaving Certificate Examinations, In 1916 he won the Exhibition in Geometry and Trigonometry at the Leaving Honours Exam. He was a boy of good character and principles and possessed of both ability and industry and I can confidently recommend him for any position where a trustworthy man is required.

(Signed) L A Adamson  
Headmaster

10/3/21.

(Signed) V E Dale  
Secretary



COUNTRY ROADS BOARD  
MELBOURNE 28th March 1950

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COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

David Hugh Watkins

Service from 6/1/50 to 26/2/50

Conduct Good

Capacity Engineering Pupil

Reason To resume University Studies  
leaving

Date 26/2/1950

Remarks Mr Watkins gave satisfaction as a draftsman and field  
assistant

(Signed) W C Dale

Secretary

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BOARD OF LAND AND WORKS  
Railway Construction Branch  
Spencer St

MELBOURNE 28th July 1921

Memorandum

Mr. D. H. Makins was employed in this Branch of the Victorian Railway Department from 4/4/21 to 15/7/21 a period of about 3 months.

During that time he was engaged on railway survey work in the field, and acquired useful practical experience in the various operations, including the reduction of results to record form

His work and conduct were at all times good.

(Signed) Maurice E Kernot  
Chief Engineer  
for Railway Construction.

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Queens College

University of Melbourne

Jan 2nd 1931

Mr. David Hugh Bakins has been a resident student of this college for the last four years, during which he has completed his University course in Engineering. He is careful, diligent, and conscientious in his work, and is keen on any thing that he takes in hand. He has shown a fine public spirit in relation to College and University matters, and has never selfishly shrunk from making large sacrifices of time and effort for the general good. He is full of resource and initiative, and his help and advice have often been of value to me in emergencies that have arisen in the College life. He has been popular with his fellow-students, and their estimate of him has been shown by his election to the Presidency of the S.C.U. last year. I part with him from the College with great regret, and I am sure that in whatever situation he may be found he will do credit to himself and his College, and will be more than satisfactory to whosoever has the benefit of his services

(Signed) Edward H Sugden Litt. D.  
Master <sup>of</sup> Queens.