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MR. J. W. SCHULZ

## Introduction . . .

It is with pleasure I introduce the L.V. News to personnel in the Latrobe Valley Region.

This publication has been launched with the intention of providing a valuable avenue of communication within the Region.

Each issue will bring you news of development, production achievements, personal pars, safety, retirements, social jottings, sporting feats and many other interesting items.

The success of the Newsletter is dependent on the enthusiasm of all personnel, and your contributions to the correspondents listed on Page 4 will ensure that this paper is a winner.

J. W. SCHULZ,

General Superintendent

## SAFETY AWARD

On the 2nd November, the General Superintendent, Latrobe Valley, Mr. J. W. Schulz, presented the Safety Shield known as "The 12 Months' Lost Time Accident-Free Award" to the Morwell Electrical Construction Group for having achieved 12 months' lost time accident-free up to September, 1964, and congratulated the group on a very fine achievement.

Mr. J. McCrea, Electrical Con-

struction Foreman, accepted the award on behalf of the group.

This shield was previously held by the Morwell Stores Group.

Later each member of the Electrical Construction Group received a "Pilsner" goblet, being one of the personal types of awards available through the National Safety Council.

Pictured below is Mr. McCrea with members of his section.



## BLOOD DONORS

During the past four years employees of the Morwell Works Area have played a vital part in helping the Victorian Branch of the Red Cross maintain its Blood Bank supplies.

The Red Cross Mobile Unit visits the area twice a year and enjoys excellent attendances. In September this year 239 pints of blood were collected in two days, a record for the Victorian Mobile Unit.

In addition to the Red Cross visits, the Yallourn Hospital calls at the Main Administrative Office on the second Tuesday of each month, but more donors are required for these visits as the demands on its Blood Bank are steadily increasing.

To be a donor requires little effort, but the satisfaction gained from helping the community is considerable.

Enroll now by phoning the Amenities Officer on 2209.

# THE START OF IT ALL

On the 10th December, 1918, the Electricity Commissioners Bill was introduced to the Victorian Parliament and subsequently passed by both Houses.

The purpose of the Act was to form a Commission for the co-ordination and concentration of all electrical undertakings in the State.

In those days Victoria was dependent on imported coal for its industry and electricity generation.

Because of shipping strikes and high freight charges the Commissioners recommended that a coal mining and electrical undertaking be set up in the vicinity of Morwell, where vast brown coal deposits were known to exist.

The recommendation was adopted by Parliament and the first sod was turned at the Yallourn Power Station site in February, 1921, by

Sir John Monash, the first full-time Chairman of the State Electricity Commission.

At this time the undertaking was known as the 'Morwell Project'. To avoid confusion the township of Morwell, 5 miles away, and the township which was to grow near the Power Station site, a distinctive name was sought. The result was a happy combination of two aboriginal words—YALLEEN (meaning brown), and LOURN (meaning fire)—and Yallourn had its name.

Preliminary work on the site consisted of the building of levee banks and other flood prevention works. At the same time the final surveying of the transmission line route to Melbourne was carried out.

By 1922, the overburden was being stripped by steam shovels, the steam for which was provided by the burning of brown coal. The Power Station and Briquette Factory were beginning to take shape and steel transmission towers began to appear.

In June, 1924, power generated from Yallourn brown coal began to flow over the transmission line to Melbourne. The State system of electricity supply was an established fact.

## Brothers' Long Record

THE HANNON BROTHERS HAVE PRETTY GOOD SERVICE RECORDS WITH THE S.E.C. IN THE VALLEY. BOTH STARTED STRAIGHT FROM SCHOOL AT THE AGE OF FOURTEEN.



Ron (above) started as a lad laborer in the Open Cut at Yallourn in 1924. The following year he was apprenticed and he became a fitter in 1931. In 1941 he was promoted to leading hand fitter with Coal Production Maintenance. Ron is now Mechanical Maintenance Supervisor, Coal Division, Morwell.



Simon (above) began as an office boy in 1928 at a salary of £1 per week. After war service he became Senior Stores Clerk, Yallourn, in 1946. In 1957 he was appointed Stores Accounting Officer, Yallourn. Simon is now Assistant Accounts Officer.

## HAZELWOOD FACTS

The huge concrete stacks are 450 feet high. The Boiler House is 200 feet high.

The concrete Bunker can hold 30,000 tons of coal. Each boiler will burn 300 tons of coal per hour.

The artificial lake holds 7,000 million gallons of water.

The main conveyor from the Morwell Open Cut is nearly two miles long and at full capacity will carry coal at the rate of 2,200 tons an hour.

Incidentally, Cliff Cleverley (pictured right), the man who took the photograph of Simon Hannon, remembers them both starting. Cliff began at Yallourn as a messenger boy in 1924 at 15/- per week. He is now a photographer.

# What is it For?

Many people are intrigued as to the function of the 'silver' pipeline which is seen to the east of the Princes Highway as one drives from Hernes Oak to Morwell.

This 30in. diameter pipeline, which is to provide water for emergency fire service in the Yallourn Open Cut, connects a high level reservoir in the Haunted Hills to the spray lines in the Open Cut.

The pipeline can work in reverse. Water from the pond at the bottom of the Open Cut can be pumped back to the reservoir where it can be stored until required, but normally the dam will be filled by rain falling on the slopes of a gully in the Haunted Hills.

The reservoir is about half a mile from the highway and is south of a new cutting for the Princes Highway near Hernes Oak. It is a picturesque spot set in a natural gully, heavily covered with gum trees and native shrubs.

Why not take the family to have a look at this ideal picnic spot? You can drive across the dam which is constructed of earth fill with rock on the upstream side.

The dam has a capacity of 71,000,000 gallons.



## ★ HEAR TELL

Jim Coffey is starring at the ten-pin game. Jim's recipe for success is simply—a good eye and a steady hand.

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Arch Porter is the lunch-time putting champ at Morwell—has Neil Marwick buying his daily paper for him.

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Reg Thomas prefers bowls to golf. Reason: No hills to climb.

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Lindsay Wilkinson's chest was twice normal size following his son Les' winning of the best and fairest award in the Morwell under 17 Football League.

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Jim Willis had a terrific time in Tokyo during the "Games". Returned home a much wiser man. Jim travelled on the same boat as Dick Hurley.

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Bruce Hutchinson and Ken Woff are having some mighty tussles on the squash courts. We hear Ken is leading.

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Col Coutts and Tom Kennedy are still hauling in the big ones—so they tell Billy Gandy.

## JUPITER PLUVIUS

Rainfall this year has been above average. To date over 36 inches of rain have fallen with one month yet to go.

This is already four inches above the yearly average.

1952 proved the wettest year on record with nearly 50 inches of rain, while in 1887, 1900, 1946 and 1956 we recorded in excess of 40 inches.

The driest year on record was 1908 when only 19 inches of rain fell in the district.



## Social Club's Corner

The various Social Clubs in the region are busily engaged in organising Christmas Social Evenings and Kiddies' Picnics.

Committee members of these clubs do a fine job and readily appreciate the interest shown by all members.

Clubs that have news of forthcoming functions are invited to use this column for advertising.

## Do You Know?

That currently in the "Valley" the S.E.C. has: At Morwell and Yallourn over 7,400 personnel. At Hazelwood Power Station nearly 200 generation personnel. At Hazelwood Power Station 40 construction personnel.

A capital investment of £158,637,000 (excl. Hazelwood).

At Yallourn Power Station, 16 turbo generators with a total capacity of 621 mega-watts.

At Morwell Power Station 5 turbo generators with a total capacity of 170 mega-watts.

A Power Station being constructed at Hazelwood with 6 turbo generators giving a total capacity there of 1,200 mega-watts.

At Morwell a Briquetting Plant capable of producing 1,300,000 tons of briquettes annually.

At Yallourn a Briquetting Plant capable of producing 600,000 tons of briquettes annually.

An open cut at Yallourn that has yielded over 220,000,000 tons of coal since 1924.

An open cut at Morwell that has yielded over 16,000,000 tons of coal since 1955.

# 1,900,000 TONS OF BRIQUETTES

For the 1963-64 financial year nearly 1,900,000 tons of briquettes were produced from Morwell and Yallourn factories and distributed as follows: —

188,500 tons were sent by conveyor to the Gas & Fuel Corporation for use in their gasification process.

5,040 motor truck loads of briquettes in bulk, totalling 41,300 tons, left Morwell for customers spread throughout Gippsland.

Depots at Yallourn and Morwell sold 50,000 tons direct to fuel merchants. Included in this figure were 500,000 bags from Morwell and 9,000 packages from Yallourn. The number of packages of briquettes from Yallourn exceeded 1½ million—equivalent to 17,000 tons. The largest part of briquette production was despatched in Victorian Railway trucks.

From Yallourn 545,000 tons were despatched in 33,886 trucks.

From Morwell 1,061,000 tons were despatched in 66,434 trucks.

On an average there were four trains from Morwell and two from Yallourn each day. Each of these trains averaged 900 tons of briquettes loaded into 56 trucks.

Interstate sales increased by 49 per cent. over 1962-63. Sales:—

N.S.W. ....	5,033 tons
A.C.T. ....	2,175 tons
S.A. ....	3,790 tons
Tas. & King Is. ....	921 tons

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Listed below are your local correspondents. Contact them if you have anything that you consider worthy of publication.

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Stores .....	C. Coutts	3270	G. Parsons	2319
Gen. Servs. ....	F. Barfoot	3382	B. Carrie	2295
Survey .....	D. Guthrie	3327	B. Hansford	2348
Drawing Off./Municipal ....	P. Handby	3228	K. Williams	2388
			J. Walton	2212
<b>BRIQUETTING—</b>				
Briq. Prod. ....	A. Campigli	3196	H. Butt	2539
Fuel Supply .....	C. Hower	3313	I. McArthur	2256
<b>POWER—</b>				
	D. O'Neill	3437	T. Lee	2330
<b>COAL PRODUCTION—</b>				
	E. Dimos	3301	A. D. Dart	2583
<b>ELECTRICAL—</b>				
	L. Willaton	3169	R. Stephens	2169
<b>ADMINISTRATION—</b>				
	N. Marwick	3425	J. Willis	2351
<b>PERSONNEL—</b>				
	I. Morden	3398	R. Bridle	2738
<b>ACCOUNTING—</b>				
	D. Hall	3519	B. Callinan	2359
<b>HAZELWOOD—</b>				
Construction .....	J. Penney	5118		
Generation .....	C. McFarland	5186		

## HOUSING IN THE VALLEY

Although the Commission has its own housing estates at Yallourn, Yallourn North and Newborough, many S.E.C. men are housed in Housing Commission areas at Morwell and Moe.

At Moe, 700 houses of a total of 1,521, are occupied by S.E.C. families. In Morwell, the figure is 930 out of 1972.

Many people prefer to purchase their homes rather than to pay rent, and the "deposit-subsidy" scheme has helped 537 employees to become home owners in the Valley.

## New Features

Future issues of L.V. NEWS will have two new features—a "Happy Events" column and a "Readers' Service" column.



If you have just become a proud poppa or you are getting married or engaged, let your correspondent know and he will see that it gets into print.



If you want to buy, sell, swap or trade your car, your house or your wife—tell your correspondent!