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YALLOURN BROWN COAL DE

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THE YALLOURN OPEN CUT
nearly three square miles in
area at grass level, and over
eight miles round its perimeter

The excavation is large enough
to contain most of the city of
Melbourne with only a few buil-
dings and church spires protruding
above ground level

The coal
50 and
verbal
only

Coal winning at Yallourn
is continuous day and night
Output now ranges between
30,000 and 40,000 tons
a day and will reach 60,000
a day when the new
W Power Station
operation

The dredger strips
the burden and loads
the conveyors which deliver
the coal in worked-out
from the open cut

Conveyors operating
at the pits dig the
coal and it is then electric
conveyed to the
power



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Cover

The Mayor of Moe, Cr. Joe Tabuteau, returned to work for a short while on Monday, February 4th, when he accompanied the Commercial Attache for the Philippines, Mr. Manuel Tayas and his wife on a whirlwind tour of the Yallourn area.

The visitors came to the area as guests of the Moe City Council, and their tour of the area was arranged by Mr. W. Rattray, of the Good Neighbour Council.

While in the Valley, they learned all about briquettes from Joe, who retired from the Commission in 1971 after 24 years service, many of them spent in briquette operations.

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Joining the family



New faces for the typing pool. Pictured during their four-day induction course are Suzanne Dyer, of East Newborough, Suanne Garnett (Newborough), Pauline Howard (Morwell), Joy Surowka (Moe), Helen Pitt (Moe), Michele Thompson (Morwell), Maria Turra (Moe), Maryrose Vella (Yallourn North), Linda Whykes (Morwell), Judith Corrigan (East Newborough), Susan Carr (Moe), Elaine Watson (Moe), Sally Holt (Morwell).

In charge of the induction programme is Miss Lynette Leitch (seated at typewriter).

BEING in charge of a typists induction course brings back memories for Supervisor of Typing Services, Miss Lynette Leitch

Not that she was ever a member of such a course . . . when she began work with the Commission 19 years ago, newcomers went straight into the typing pool.

For the 1974 intake of 11 typists and two clerical assistants, training begins with the induction programme, and then "easing" into full-time typing in the typing pool.

All the girls were taught typing at school, but must now adjust to "the SEC way."

Since completing their four days under the eye of Lynette, the new typists come under the direction of assistant supervisors Joan De Fontaine and Mary Danyluk.



JOURNALIST Kevin Richardson, newest member of the Commission's public relations team, is no stranger to the Latrobe Valley.

A former coach of Latrobe Valley Football League team Warragul, Kevin played football against a number of his new SEC workmates—including department colleague Public Liaison Officer Bob Bridle, a top defender with Morwell in the 1960's.

In a 13-year spell with Warragul, Kevin coached the club for three years—taking the team into LVL preliminary finals on two occasions—and twice representing the LVFL in Inter-League matches.

Professionally, he has had limited contact with the Latrobe Valley.

However, as Editor of the Warragul Gazette, a weekly newspaper serving West Gippsland, he has a keen awareness of Valley activity and its vital significance to all Victorians.

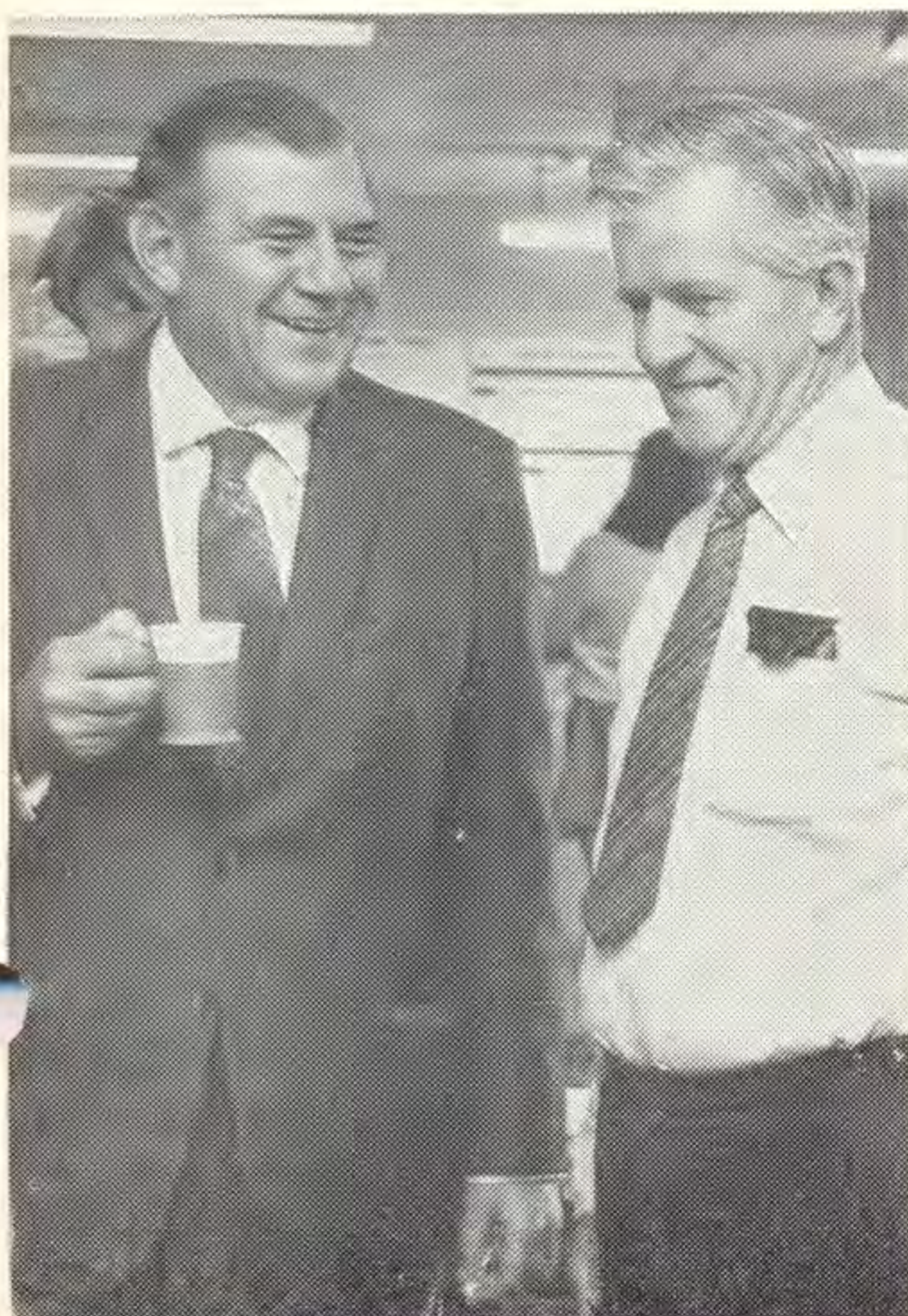
SEC Deputy General Manager Charles Trethowan (right) and Commissioner Sir Roger Darvall chat with riggers Gus Polsen (left) and Frank Bosch.

S.E.C. Commissioners look us over...

STATE Electricity Commission chairman and general manager Mr. N. R. White and other members of the Commission, Messrs Scott and Callinan and Sir Roger Darvall, paid their traditional "New Year" visit to the Latrobe Valley Department on January 23, 24.

Also in the party were the SEC's Deputy General Manager, Mr. Charles Trethowan, Assistant General Manager (G&T) Mr. Jack Johnson, Commission Secretary Mr. Frank Chipperfield and Assistant Secretary Mr. Frank Glynn.

Accompanied by Latrobe Valley Manager Bill Schulz and department officers, the commissioners were taken on an informal tour of Yallourn and Morwell stores, the Morwell Workshops, and the Yallourn North, Traralgon Rosedale and Loy Yang areas.



Latrobe Valley Department Manager Bill Schulz and Senior Clerk (Supplies) Tom Kennedy, chat during a morning tea break in the Yallourn Stores offices.

Graeme Rolfe, who resigned from the SEC (Electrical Services) on January 25, meets Commissioner Sir Roger Darvall.

SEC Chairman Mr. N. R. White and Commissioner Mr. B. J. Callinan watch as Rigger Peter Pooley prepares a long-range operating switch for a "lift".

Commissioner Mr. T. P. Scott (left) makes a point to Boilermaker Supervisor Roly Thompson and Assistant General Manager (G&T) Jack Johnson at Morwell Workshops.



valley visitors



The giant No.12 dredger now nearing completion at Yallourn captured the interest of the Valley's visitors from East Germany. They are seen here after inspecting the dredger.

THE visit to the Latrobe Valley coalfields of a mission from the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) on January 18-19 was the most significant paid to the areas for many years.

Members of the mission were here to take a first-hand look at the brown coal reserves, and to pave the way for research into the suitability of LV brown coal for the manufacture of petro-chemicals.

Led by the managing director of the GDR Ministry of Foreign Trade, Mr. Fritz Zchernig the visitors were shown over relevant Yallourn and Morwell installations — including the Morwell Briquetting Works.

Dr. Gunter Seifert, Science and Technology Director of the Ministry of Coal and Industry, was so impressed with the quality of our briquettes that he returned several days later for a closer investigation.

Others in the GDR mission were Mr. Karl Heinz-Fischer, deputy managing director, Ministry of Science and Technology; Mr. Manfred Hoehnig, director of research in the Ministry of Chemistry and Chemical Industry, and Mr. Winfried Strauch, of the Ministry of Heavy Industry.

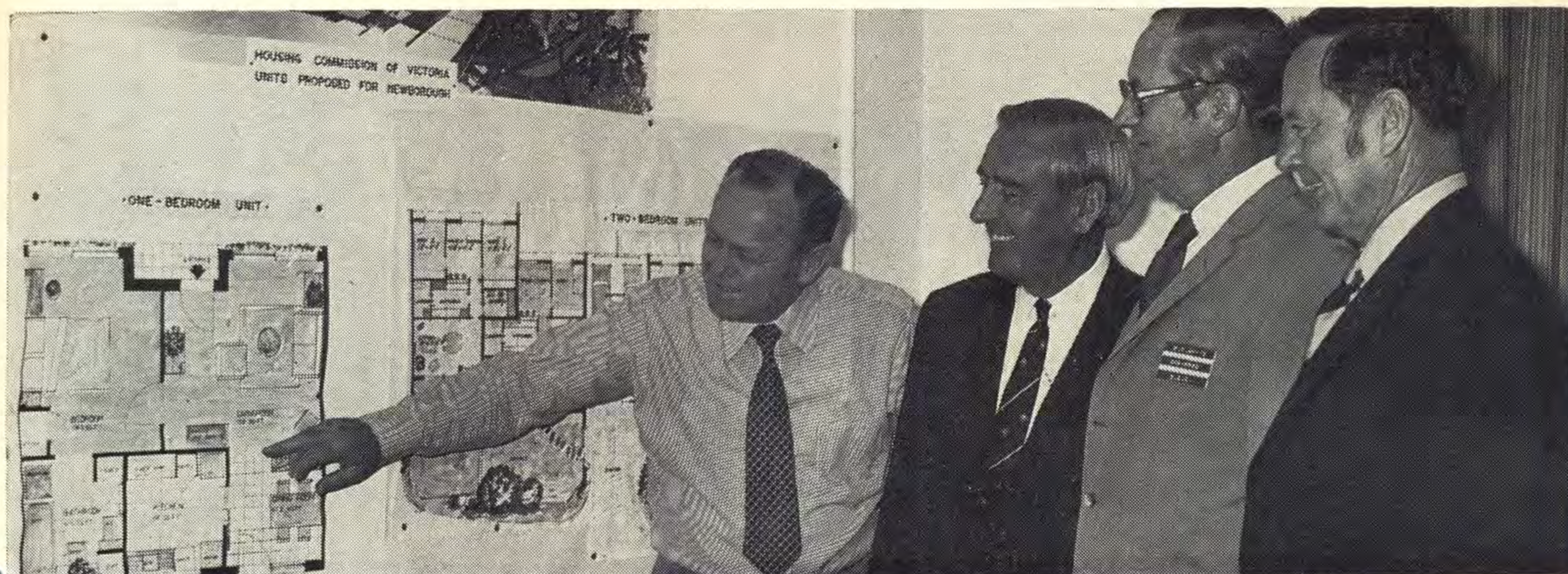


ABOVE: Briquette Production Superintendent Cyril Morellato (centre) and Assistant Power Station Superintendent Ian Runge share a joke with East German visitor Mr. Manfred Hoehnig.



LEFT: SEC secretary Frank Chipperfield, a January "visitor" to the Valley, chats with Regina Nunn during morning tea with Yallourn stores personnel. Frank was taking part in the annual Commission visit to the Latrobe Valley Department.

yallourn resettlement



Committee Chairman Reviews 1st Year

A COMPREHENSIVE Yallourn Resettlement Committee report presented to the Yallourn Town Advisory Council on February 1 detailed the step-by-step decisions of the Committee in its first year of operation.

The report, prepared by Committee chairman Graham Black, revealed that in a period of almost three months to December 31st last year, payments amounting to \$111,500 were made to former Yallourn tenants (See story at right).

During the year, a great amount of preliminary work toward provision of alternative housing and land was undertaken.

Tangible results are expected toward the end of this year.

Co-ordination of the activities of several departments, notably the Housing Commission, is a vital element in overall plans to resettle Yallourn residents in the most satisfactory manner possible to them.

To establish the desires and requirements of the residents themselves, a three month survey involving a team of seven selected officers was undertaken.

The views of 790 people, 540 in categories eligible for Commission financial assistance, were obtained.

These have formed the basis for Committee discussion and have greatly influenced policy in the first year of operation.

One of the most significant organisational moves made in the first year was the appointment of full-time

Resettlement Officer, Jack Penney who provides information to residents regarding alternative accommodation arrangements.

Provision of suitable housing for widows and retired personnel has been of major concern to the Committee.

Boost ahead for Churchill

THE go-ahead decision for the proposed Loy Yang development will have a great impact on Valley residential expansion — not least of all at Churchill.

So far, Newborough has been the most popular area with residents leaving Yallourn, but the Loy Yang decision could change all that.

Deputy Manager LV, Graham Black,

Yallourn Resettlement Officer Jack Penney (left) outlines details of plans for proposed flats to house elderly people as they leave the Yallourn area to SEC Chairman and General Manager Mr. N. R. White (second from right), Commissioner Mr. B. J. Callinan and LV Department Deputy Manager Graham Black, who is Chairman of the Yallourn Resettlement Committee.

sees a steep rise in popularity for Churchill.

Commenting on the report of the first 12 months operation of the Yallourn Resettlement Committee, Mr. Black said that 17 former Yallourn residents had built or bought homes at Newborough.

The second most popular area is Morwell, where 11 former Yallourn families recently established homes, while others have settled in Traralgon, Churchill and Moe.

Mr. Black reported that residents and former residents of Yallourn had received resettlement grant payments so far totalling \$111,500.

Of the other residents who have moved from Yallourn, 52 have received the full grant of \$2000 and another five residents have been given part of the grant to assist them to buy land or to begin building in other parts of the Valley.

Those eligible for grants are either widows, retired SEC employees or employees who will retire before January 1, 1975, and SEC employees who settled in the town before April 15, 1969.

OUTWARD BOUND "PUNISHMENT" HAS JOHN IN GREAT SHAPE

MOE United Soccer Club won't have too many worries about the early season fitness of at least one of its senior players, third-year SEC draftsman at Yallourn, John Engel.

By courtesy of the SEC, John has just completed—with flying colors—a gruelling 26-day Outward Bound course which involved a punishing schedule of exercise, walks, cross country runs, rope and rock climbs and other forms of physical torture.

John, fighting fit and back at his drawing board, obviously is a glutton for punishment . . . he was sorry when the course ended, and recommends that any other young man offered a place in a course should grasp the opportunity.

Although the physically testing aspect of the course is a major consideration, the development of personal initiative; discovery of leadership qualities and learning of survival techniques are probably more important.

As John points out, he has gained "sound practical knowledge in the art of survival . . . some experience in canoeing and climbing techniques . . . a reasonable level of self-sufficiency in map-reading and navigational skills . . . increased confidence . . . and the experience of developing leadership responsibility in a testing environment."

Each of the 72 Outward Bound students underwent a basic training course designed to fit them physically and mentally for the course itself.

Before beginning training, an initial circuit of exercises—press-up, squat, chin-up, sit-up and step-up—established a "before" level of fitness.

By the end of the entire course, during which there were daily circuit training bursts, the same test was given—with greatly improved results in almost every case.

John almost doubled his level of achievement in three of the five exercises.

Basic training included three-mile cross-country runs, wall and beam climbing, orienteering, map reading, first aid, a rope course and communications.

A 10-day mountain scheme, involving climbing on Mt. Wills, canoeing on the Mita Mitta River and a four-day walk to Howman's Gap via Victoria's highest mountain, Mt. Bogong, gave the students some idea of the "punishment" ahead.

A search and rescue operation which followed was an interesting experience, but interesting was hardly the word to describe what John says was the toughest test of all—a 24 hour walk.

The hours between 2 a.m. and dawn were the longest of all for John, but the rising sun soon gave physically and mentally tired walkers a new lease on life.

The final stage sent the students out on a four-day walk—without instructors—to Howman's Gap, via Victoria's second and third largest mountains, Mt. Feathertop and Mt. Hotham.

A cross-country run and final flat-out circuit test preceded inter-patrol competitions; presentation of certificates by Sir John Holland, and (on the final day) a "quiet" 13 mile cross-country run into Mt. Beauty.

John's now back at his drawing board, hard at work in a less strenuous, but equally testing field.

• The Commission encourages the development of leadership qualities in its employees by sponsoring trainees (two yearly) on Outward Bound courses, Inter-Church Council development exercises and Somers Camp. The SEC meets all expenses.

John Engel, well-laden for a cross-country jaunt, pauses for a final breather before heading across some rugged country in the Mt. Bogong area.



Looking for a Good Samaritan

STAN Bennett, of the Admin. office at Yallourn, had a little difficulty with the fine print on stores material for a short time when he lost his glasses last month.

However thanks to a person whom Stan describes feelingly as "kind and honest," the wandering glasses have been returned and all is well.

But the matter is not closed for Stan, who wants to contact the person who handed the glasses in at the Eastern Road patrol gate on January 16.

If you're the good samaritan, contact Stan on Yallourn SEC Extension 2161, or try Traralgon 74 2493 to enable him to hand over the advertised reward.



It may look easy, but although all the work is done from a seated position, canoeing is not easy . . . ask Jack Engel, who gave himself and two of the canoes he used during the Outward Bound course a thoroughly testing time. John survived, but the two canoes failed to see out the distance.

They're Some Talkers Down Churchill Way

IT'S no longer a matter for debate . . .

. . . . Those "SEC" men who represented Churchill Jaycee Chapter in the Ralph L. Cooper Shield debating competition last year can really talk.

They have the shield—won against competition from the State's keenest Jaycee talkers—to prove their point.

Actually, only one member of the team, Mike Answerth, of public relations, is currently an SEC employee, but Morwell accountant Bill Dyt was formerly in the Budget Section at Morwell, and Churchill Methodist minister Noel Park is industrial chaplain at Hazelwood Power Station.

The team's No. 1 supporter and constructive critic was Chapter president Bruce Stephenson, of Hazelwood Power Station.

He accompanied the team to its debating engagements at Morwell, Yarram, Sale Prison, and Bairnsdale, and attended each of the finals—against Camberwell at Pakenham; Nhill at Ballarat, and Bairnsdale (grand final) at Sale.

The debating subjects, which included an assessment of the Australian Government's defence policies and a look at the trade unions, were not the only troublesome areas for the team.

Travelling proved to be a headache, with the speedo clocking up more than 1000 miles (1609 kilometres).

The trip to Ballarat for the contest against Nhill began at 4.30 p.m. in blinding rain. It ended almost the same way when the team reached the Valley at 3 a.m. the following day after successfully surviving the best efforts of Nhill Jaycees and the effects of a puncture.

● **The Churchill team's Ralph L. Cooper Shield win is not the first with a strong SEC flavor.**

The contest was won in 1963 by the Yallourn Jaycees Chapter team of Charles Spencer (Commercial Division), Dick Hurley (then assistant works accountant, now with finance department) and the Rev. E. Hunkin (Methodist minister at Yallourn).

Pictured with the shield they now hold for 12 months are, from left, the Rev. Noel Park, Bill Dyt, Mike Answerth and Bruce Stephenson. Winning of the debating title is a "State" feather in the cap of the Churchill Jaycees.



SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT US IN UNCLE SAM COUNTRY



A **AMERICAN** Field Service students Sally Bodary (left) and Lisa Hamilton know a lot more about the generation of Victoria's electricity than most native-born Australians.

The girls, who are now back in their home country after spending about 12 months here, were taken on a comprehensive guided tour of the SEC's Valley installations.

They were given plenty of background information by Commission secretary Frank Chipperfield, who was host to Sally—now a student of the University of Michigan—during her year of study at University High in Melbourne.

Lisa, who is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, attended Banyule High School.

She is now studying at Edinburgh University Pennsylvania.

TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD electrician Graeme Rolfe left it pretty late in his SEC career to meet a SEC commissioner in person.

Graeme was a chance visitor to the Yallourn Stores administrative offices when the Commissioners stopped there for morning tea on January 23—two days before Graeme's departure from the SEC.

Now a self-employed electrician at

his home town of Yarragon Graeme (telephone Yarragon 143) was with the Commission for eight years.

Since January last year, he had been a foreman electrician.

It was in this role that he was in the stores office when the Commission party called in.

Graeme and Sir Roger Darvall found common ground for a long conversation.

DOWN MEMORY LANE



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1. Andy Dyer, Arthur Elliott and Jack Lambourne.
2. Harry "Plugger" Culph, Charles Fry, Tony Esposito.
3. Horrie Mildren, Joe Farrell, Matt Cullen.
4. Roy Scanlan, Don McInnes, George Evans.
5. Mick Lindsay, Bob Cookson.

SWAPPING TALES OF THE GOOD OLD DAYS

6. Len Tranter, Bill Graham, Ray De Carli, Wilson Phillips.
7. Ern Bolitho, Syd Benson, Jack Manners, Arthur Williams, Ted Huxtable.
8. Keith Denny, Bill Schulz.
9. Jack Bell, Leo Walsh.



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THE "good old days" were the main topic of conversation at the highly successful retired Latrobe Valley personnel reunion, which provided a pre-Christmas warm-up for 130 former SEC employees.

The reunion brought together old workmates whose reminiscences turned the inspection programme into an organiser's nightmare.

However, talking over old times was obviously as great an attraction as the chance to take a look at the Yallourn-Morwell complex to see what changes had taken place since retirement.

The party inspected the Yallourn 'W' Power Station; toured the Yallourn Open Cut; looked over the Yallourn Power Station, and then enjoyed a smorgasbord lunch before inspecting the Morwell Open Cut; the Briquette Works and Hazelwood Power Station.

LV Manager Bill Schulz welcomed the old-timers back to the SEC undertaking, and extended Season's Greetings.



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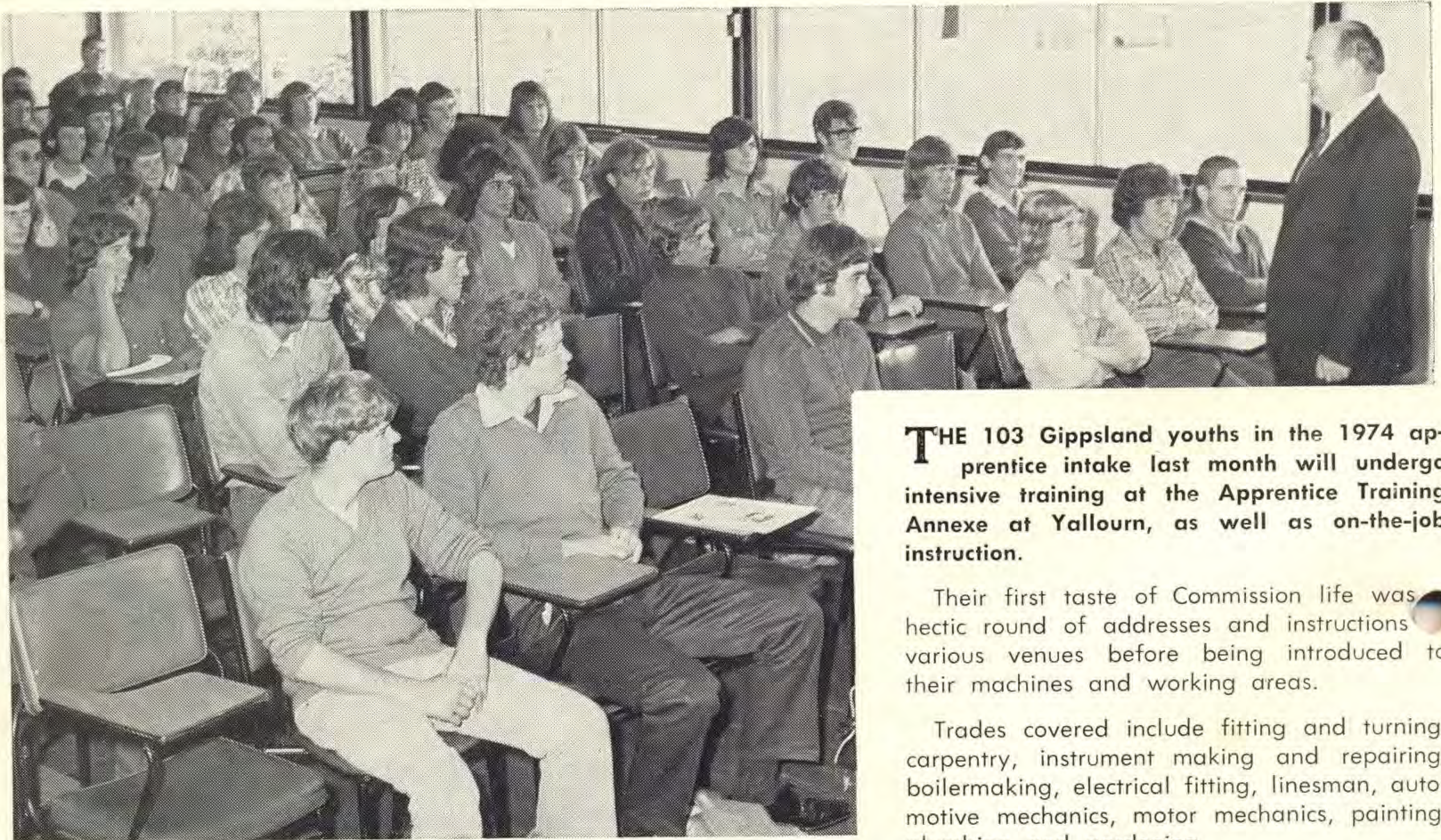


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Trainee



THE 103 Gippsland youths in the 1974 apprentice intake last month will undergo intensive training at the Apprentice Training Annexe at Yallourn, as well as on-the-job instruction.

Their first taste of Commission life was a hectic round of addresses and instructions at various venues before being introduced to their machines and working areas.

Trades covered include fitting and turning, carpentry, instrument making and repairing, boilermaking, electrical fitting, linesman, automotive mechanics, motor mechanics, painting, plumbing and gardening.

The apprentices were welcomed on their first day with the SEC, by Departmental Personnel Officer Mr. Brian Collier.

Mr. Collier, who emphasised that competition for places on the intake had been keen, said that training facilities were "second to none", with extensive trade training and experience available within the four large industry areas of coal-winning operations, power generation, briquette production and engineering services.

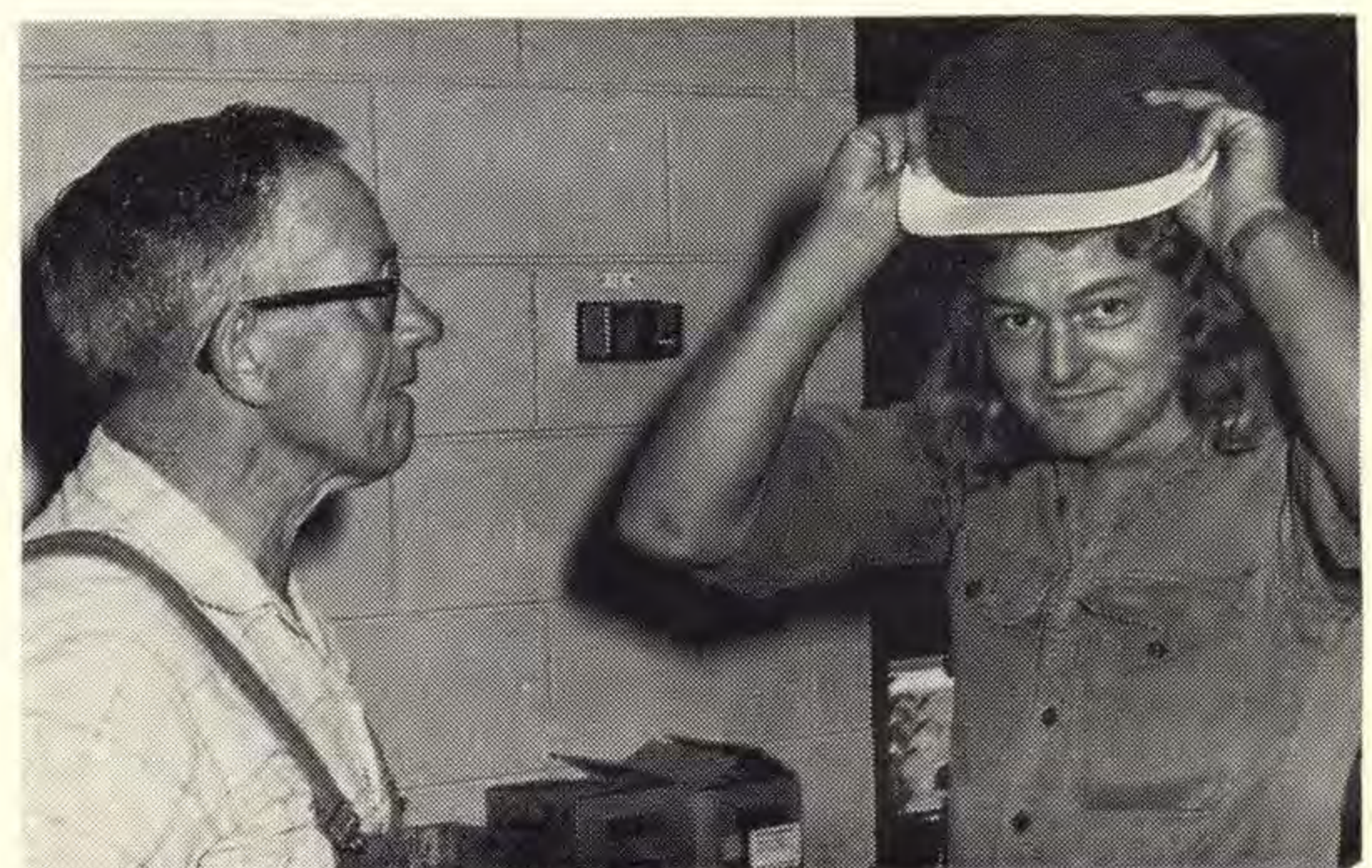
He said that the Commission would give every apprentice the opportunity to equip himself for a rewarding and satisfying career.

"In this age of technological development, the future for competent craftsmen is assured," Mr. Collier said.



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1. Departmental Personnel Officer Brian Collier extends an official welcome to the incoming apprentices on the first day of their four-year training courses.
2. Mrs. Helene Skinner (right) has greeted with a welcome cup of tea many of the tradesmen who completed their training with the SEC during the past two years. For six years, Mrs. Skinner—pictured here with Mrs. Doreen Rice—has given incoming apprentices a motherly smile and a cup of tea.
3. Brian Leech, of Trafalgar, tries on the protective head-covering designed for use in SEC workshops. Brian, a boilermaker apprentice who is well up with the flowing locks fashion, quickly saw the point about safe working practices, as explained by storeman Col Webster.



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Tradesmen embarking on 4-year courses



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1. Fitting and turning apprentice Edward Krawczyk, of Moe, checks his early efforts at filing.
2. Apprentice Training Overseer Len Hayes gives some advice to Brian Price, a fitting and turning apprentice from Newborough.
3. Photographer Jack Hinshelwood risked life and limb to get this shot of the apprentice intake.
4. Bart-Jan Van Vliet receives his first issue of equipment from storeman George Grivins.
5. Lebby Panayiotou, of Traralgon, signs on as an electrical mechanic apprentice. Waiting his turn is Frank Spurio, also of Traralgon.
6. Apprentice Training Supervisor Ken Horton listens to the sweet music of rhythmic filing as Daryl Bannister (left) of Warragul, and Ray Lockhart, get into the swing of things.



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...focus on safety

250,000 SAFE HOURS -FOR THE 2nd TIME

WORKING for a total of 250,000 man-hours without a disabling injury is a great achievement. . . .

. . . . But to repeat the feat within six years is outstanding.

That is the enviable record of Morwell Power Station, which scored the second leg of a "double" in October last year.

The previous 250,000 peak was reached by the complete Morwell Power Station in 1967.

Yallourn 'W' is the only other

power station to reach the 250,000 man-hour target for a complete station.

Morwell and Yallourn 'W' stations are each well above the 250,000 mark and are racing for the honor of being the first station to "chalk up" 500,000

At the presentation of the award, Mr. G. Black, Deputy Manager LV congratulated the Power Station Superintendent; his supervisors and men on a "highly commendable" achievement.

Mr. Black said that during 1972, the SECV as a whole had the lowest injury rate of all the Australian electricity supply authorities.

Representatives of Morwell Power Station pictured here have every reason to smile proudly for the camera after completing a second 250,000 man-hours free of disabling injury.



Pictured are (from left) Hazelwood Power Station Superintendent Arthur Ewen, Power Engineer (now retired, see P.14) Allan Crockett, Coal Handling foreman Stan Randall (with ever-present bag of Minties), Acting Maintenance Engineer Les Kite, and Assistant PSS Bruce Johnston.

The first of many?

THE 42 men (and one woman) in mechanical maintenance group 26, Coal and Ash Handling, may be —to use the words of power engineer Alan Crockett—"a pretty diverse bunch," but where safety is concerned, they all have the same thought.

That thought paid off on January 17 when the group was presented with an award of merit for completing 100,000 manhours without a disabling injury.

The award, and the National Safety Council Pennant which goes with it, was presented to foreman Stan Randall by Mr. Crockett, who described the win as "a noteworthy safety achievement which has gained the appreciation of the Latrobe Valley management".

The group's safety record demonstrated that the 26 men involved in coal and ash handling and the 17 people involved in group administration had acquired a definite awareness of the need for a safety conscious approach to their work, he said.

Mr. Crockett urged the group to guard against "resting on your laurels".



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focus on safety...

IT'S never too soon to begin talking and thinking safety, as the 1974 intake of apprentices found out almost as soon as they began moving through the "signing-on" and related procedures at the Education and Training Section last month.

One of the earliest in a series of discussions for the new SEC employees was a safety "primer" by Departmental Safety Engineer Geoff Hall.

Although he pointed out that the talk was by no means a full introduction to the Commission's safety procedures, Geoff packed some punch in the brief time at his disposal.

The young apprentices have a special stake in safety.

After all, the injury rate for SEC workers under the age of 20 years last year was $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the Latrobe Valley average, and it was not until workers passed through the under 26 group that they reached the "average" safety level.

Geoff's aim in addressing the apprentices was to impress them at as early a stage as possible the need for developing a high level of safety awareness.

The Commission's prime aim in its safety programmes is to protect its employees, but it is a fact of life that accidents are also expensive.

They cost the Latrobe Valley Department a figure in the order of $2\frac{1}{2}$ million per year, a sum well worth saving from the customer's point of view.



Specific areas covered by Geoff for the benefit of the apprentices were the need to wear eye glasses when working in trade areas (the Wise Owl club has grown to 17 since 1968, and there has not been one eye injury in the apprentice annexe in the past 10

years), the importance of wearing hair nets where needed (not to embarrass apprentices with flowing locks, but as protection against extremely painful and usually disfiguring injury), and the value of overalls as a protective covering.

THE FIRST OF MANY ? (From Page 12)

Since you have achieved this target once, I hope you can do so again by exercising your safety consciousness on the job and at home," he added.

Tributes were paid at the handover to foreman Stan Randall and supervisors for their encouragement of safe working practices.

Group 26 gained the award for safe operation from November 1972 to November 1973, during which period three slight injuries were suffered by group members.

Work by the section includes maintenance at ash lines, coal conveyors, large ash pumps, bunker discharge wagons, numerous small pumps and valves.

The presentation ceremony was attended by the new Power Station Superintendant at Hazelwood, Arthur Ewen; Assistant PSS Bruce Johnston, Department Safety engineer Geoff Hall, maintenance engineer Graham Sambell, acting maintenance engineer Les Kite—who introduced guests to the large audience—and safety foreman Ray Wilkinson.

Ray made arrangements for the impressive presentation ceremony.

Members of mechanical maintenance group 26, coal and ash handling, pose with their first 100,000 man-hour award of merit.



retirements



ABOVE: Pictured at the Allan Crockett farewell last month are Departmental Materials Officer Sid Kirchner, Allan Crockett, Assistant PSS at Yallourn W, Norm Bowles, Staff Board Secretary Charles Webber and Assistant PSS at Yallourn W, Ian Runge. Adding glamor to the shot are Irene Kirchner, Margaret Runge, Elizabeth Crockett and Jean Bowles.

BELOW: Briquette Production Supervisor Cyril Morellato makes a presentation to Allan Crockett during the pre-Christmas briquette station send-off.



LATROBE Valley Department Power Engineer (Power Division) Allan Crockett, now on leave before his official retirement from the SEC after a period of 40 years, will become a Kiwi in his retirement.

The guest list at Allan's farewell in the SEC at Yallourn read like who's who of the SEC, demonstrating the regard in which he is held throughout the Commission.

The chairman and general manager, Mr. N. R. White, deputy general manager Mr. J. C. Trethowen, assistant general manager (G&T) Mr. J. Johnson were present for the occasion.

Allan joined the SEC in 1934 as a junior worker with the wages staff at Richmond, but he soon began a series of promotions which culminated in his appointment as power engineer.

He was a junior draftsman in 1938, assistant engineer (1947), briquette plan design engineer (1950), assistant general superintendent (B) Latrobe Valley (1963) and regional briquetting engineer (1970).

A highlight of Allan's career was the period he spent in the London office from October 1949 to October 1950, when he was principal design engineering administering the contract for the Morwell Briquette Factories.

Mr. White, Jack Johnson and Latrobe Valley Department Manager Bill Schulz each referred to the outstanding work done by Allan on the project.

They referred also to his "very human approach to people," an attribute which has added immeasurably to his effectiveness as a Commission officer and colleague.

SOON TO RETIRE

February 18:

D. Dykes, Trades Assistant,
Central Workshops, Morwell

February 27:

Mrs. H. Fletcher, Canteen Attendant,
Yallourn

W. R. Petty, Boilerhouse Cleaner,
Yallourn

HARRY HALLWORTH

Harry Hallworth's association with the SEC began as a BHE in June, 1955 at Yallourn Power Station. He transferred to Morwell two years later.

Harry swings a mean golf club and is also keen with the rod and reel. When he retired on January 8th from the post shift engineer at Morwell Power Station, his friends in the Valley presented him with an electric drill and wallet of notes.

JACK VINCENT

Engineering assistant Jack Vincent ended a 29 year career with the SEC when he retired in December last year, just in time to receive a presentation at the annual Morwell Briquetting Works Christmas celebration. Jack, a farmer who came to the Commission after being burned out when the disastrous 1944 fires hit his property, was closely involved in preliminary planning for the Lurgi gas plant complex.



retirements

JIM SMITH



On his recent retirement after 19 years as a turbine driver at Yallourn Power Station, Jim Smith was presented with a sum of money from his fellow workers. Jim, a very keen St. John Ambulance Officer, who was recently presented with a medal for long service, will continue serving the community during his retirement, which will be spent at Newborough.

ERNIE NIVEN



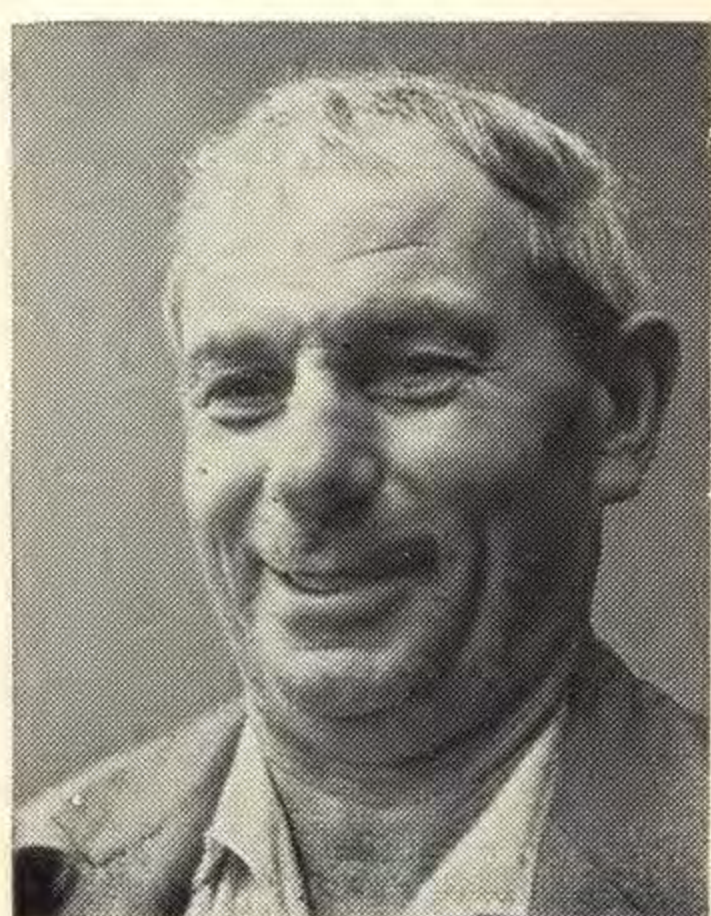
Ernie Niven retired on January 4th from Yallourn Workshops, where he spent the last nine years of a total service of 29 years as a Boilermaker with the Commission. Ern who is both a keen bowler and fisherman, plays competition bowls with Yallourn Bowling Club and hopes to spend many happy years dividing his time between bowling and fishing along the N.S.W. coast.

PETER SMITH



A Carpenter for many years with Municipal, and later with the Civil Workshop at Yallourn, Peter Smith saw 23½ years with the Commission before he 'called it a day' in January. Peter, who lives at Newborough, is well known for his musical talents. He is a church organist, an activity which will afford him many a pleasant hour in the years ahead.

TONY ATTARD



Tony Attard started with the Commission in 1946, giving him 27 years service up to the time of his recent retirement as a pumpman at Yallourn Power Station.

Tony spent most of his service at Yallourn Open Cut. He transferred to the Power Station in 1970. He was given a transistor by his workmates.

REG CAMERON



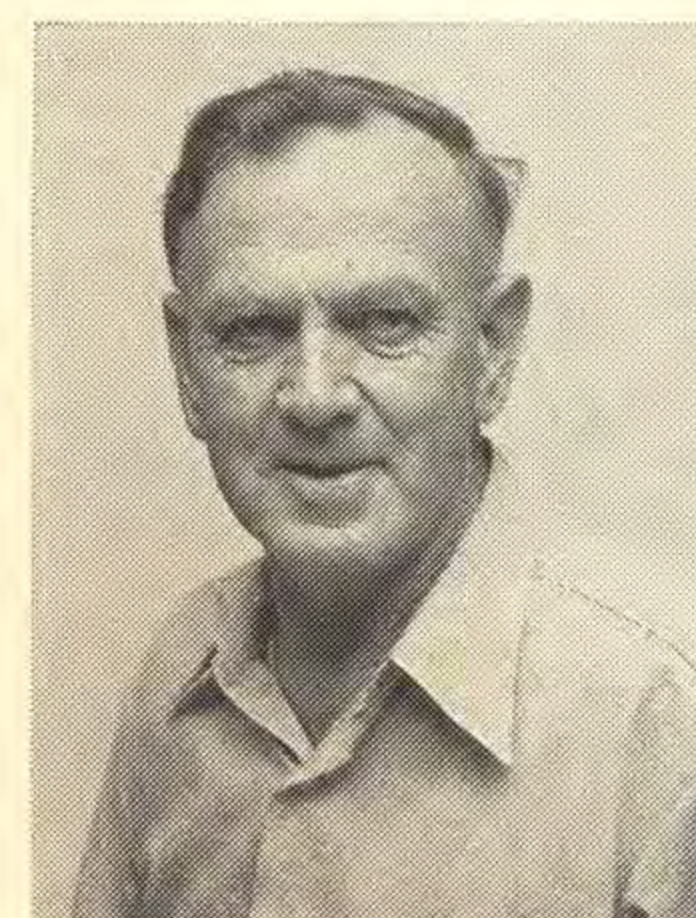
Retirement of electrical plant attendant Reg Cameron robbed the No. 2 Crusher House at Hazelwood of its resident storyteller/poet. Reg, now taking it easy at Traralgon after spending 11½ years with the SEC, retired two years early at his own request after giving excellent service in a variety of departments. Workmates presented Reg with a wallet of notes.

CON DARRAGH



Con Darragh who retired on December 14th last year, has been near water throughout his 39 years as waterworks and reservoir attendant with the Commission, and he'll see plenty more in his retirement. Con is a keen fisherman, and plans to pit his skill against the fish at every opportunity. Workmates presented Con with a gold cigarette lighter and electric kettle and a set of carving knives.

HENRY COLEMAN



Hazelwood Power Station trades assistant Henry Coleman called it a day after 11 years when he retired on December 14th, 1973. A laborer at the briquette works in Morwell when he began with the Commission, Henry moved later to Central Workshops at Morwell.

JACK SCOTT



Jack Scott will spend his retirement in Newborough, where he has lived for some years. Jack was with the Commission for 32 years, at the Yallourn Briquette Works and at Yallourn Workshop Stores.

the sporting scene

Gary's got them all worried

GARY Vogel, a 19-year-old SEC "vacation employee" spends his week in the planning operations section . . . but there's no time for planning at weekends—he's too busy taking wickets for Central Gippsland Cricket Association team Yallourn.

Ask the Moe and Morwell (2) batsmen who have tried unsuccessfully to handle his left-arm swinging deliveries.

Moe batsmen who gave Gary the sensational figures of 10/10 from eight blistering overs early last month would be the first to agree that he is a demon bowler.

Earlier in the current season, Gary took 7/43 against Morwell (2), and Morwell East batsmen folded to lose 5/14 to the talented youngster.

Now he's demonstrated that the earlier performances were no flukes by taking 6/52 from 15 overs while playing for Gippsland Colts against Tasmanian Colts.

The match, played at Sale on January 20-21 was won on the first innings by the Gippsland team.

Gary is no stranger to cricket. It is his first sporting love, and he has represented Gippsland at the under 16 level, and Central Gippsland in Country Week matches (twice).

Unfortunately, he is not available for the 1973-74 series.

Before Christmas, Gary represented Victoria in Country Colts XI which took on a Public Schools combined team at St. Kilda. He took 2/28 from 11 overs.

About to enter the second year of a three year course in Civil Engineering at the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Engineering, Gary has hopes of gaining SEC employment when his training is completed.

If he succeeds, he will join his father, Pay Clerk Frank Vogel, as a member of the SEC family.

Until then, he'll just keep on taking wickets . . .

Cricket washout - but who cares

THE SEC cricketers who travelled to Sydney late last month for the annual clash with the Sydney Country Council Sports and Social League saw only one day of cricket.

However, in view of the hectic entertainment round lined up for the interstate visitors, it is difficult to see where the cricket could have fitted in.

Latrobe Valley was represented in the SEC team by Charles Karpinsky, Reg Bacon and Evan Rowlands.

First, the cricket.

The main match, scheduled for two days at the Petersham District oval, was abandoned because of heavy rain on the first day.

This leaves the shield in the hands of Victoria for the next two years.



Charles Karpinsky



Reg Bacon



Evan Rowlands

The tourists did have one match, a one-day affair at Rushcutter Oval . . . and the honours were with the Victorians, who won by seven runs after scoring 90 runs.

Evan Rowlands topscored for SEC with 19 runs, and he combined well with Charles Karpinsky to give his LV colleague a wicket.

There was action at the cricket, but far more on the touring round.

The team spent a day on the Harbor, made the acquaintance of poker

machines at various venues—notably Leagues and bowling clubs—enjoyed a concert at the Sydney Opera House and a musical at Her Majesty's, toured the Opera House, were guests at Harold Park (trots), Wentworth Park (greyhounds), and at Randwick.

Beaches at Bondi, Coojee, Fresh water, etc., and a day billeted at the homes of Sydney opponents rounded out a great week.

The trio is now recovering at Morwell