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**BACK-TO
YALLOURN
FEATURE
INSIDE**

NEW ACCIDENT CONTROL OFFICER

"Proceed with Caution" is a catch phrase to which can subscribe Rick Crookes with no hesitation.

Rick has taken over the role of Accident Control Officer in Area Administration Department, a function previously carried out by the holders of the foreman post or safety engineer.

A firm believer in the philosophy of accident control, Rick sees the main activities in this function as:—

- promotion of the concept of accident control in the Latrobe Valley Area;
- advising on accident potentials, accident control programmes, changes in accident control techniques and personal protective measures;
- provision of a point of reference for advice on harmful effects and exposures, and,
- administering an Accident Control Service for Area Administration Department.

According to Rick, these activities can be broken down into nine simple function areas — statistics, protective equipment, training, publicity, reports, procedures, policies, investigations and miscellaneous items.

As a new man on the job, Rick has many new and fresh ideas which he believes will assist in making SEC employees more conscious of accident control measures.

Although new to the post, he is by no means a new

man with the SEC; he has now notched up 31 years of service in different phases of Commission's activities — Electrical Maintenance, Yallourn Briquette Factory, Area Lines and Electrical Services and Education and Training.

During these years, Rick has gained a wealth of first hand experience which has provided him with a sound understanding of SEC activities and operations, a background which is a consider-

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Discussing safety with Rick Crookes (centre) are Morwell Storeroom Supervisor Alan Cameron (left) and Part time Safety Officer Jack Wilkinson.

Fancy meeting you here!



Above: Holding the snake are "small game hunters" Roy Jones (left) and Ian Fenton.

Hazelwood power station assistant unit controller Roy Jones got more than he bargained for during night shift duty on March 14.

Roy, who works on the turbine room control floor, was going about his duties — minding his own business — when he was stopped in his tracks at the entrance of the stairs leading to the ground floor by a metre long tiger snake.

According to Roy, who is not a snake lover, it had climbed two flights of stairs to the first floor, which is more than 30 feet above ground.

While he kept his eye on the snake, unit attendant Ian Fenton — who saw Roy and the snake eye to eye — grabbed a length of scaffold pipe and applied the coup de grace.

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Enjoying the Back to Yallourn celebrations held from March 6-13 were old Yallourn identities (from left) Harry Marshall, George Botton, Jack 'Chirp' Manners, Alex Morrison, Bernie Milne and Jack Thorpe. Our picture shows them reading a souvenir copy of the Live Wire.

FITTING REWARD FOR YEARS OF FINE WORK

In recognition of a fine effort over several years, the staff of Hazelwood Power Station have been appointed as a collective Life Governor of the Victorian School for Deaf Children.

Hazelwood now becomes the third Latrobe Valley Power Station to achieve the distinction.

The first Life Governorship was awarded in 1971 to the former Latrobe Valley Department, followed by the Morwell and Yallourn Power Stations.

Hazelwood's certificate was presented to HPS Superintendent Arthur Ewen on March 3 by the Manager-secretary of the School, Mr. Harry Powell.

Mr. Powell said it was pleasing to see the power station workers taking such a keen interest in the School for Deaf children, a number of whom were the children of SEC employees.

He said that all contributions to the School had been gratefully received; and it was hoped that donations would "grow" in the future to help meet the School's increasing needs.

Contributions to the School go mainly toward the cost of much-needed equipment, Mr. Powell said.

Responding, Mr. Ewen expressed the hope that presentation of the certificate to HPS would stimulate further interest in the School.

Representing the Power Station were Acting Assistant Power Station Superintendent Jim Hayes and the Station's Safety Supervisor, Ray Wilkinson, as well as 30 other station personnel.



Pictured after the presentation are (from left) A/Assistant Power Station Superintendent Jim Hayes, School for the Deaf's Welfare Officer Robyn Cannon, Hazelwood Station Safety Supervisor Ray Wilkinson, Hazelwood Power Station Superintendent Arthur Ewen, School for the Deaf Manager/Secretary Harry Powell and Auxiliary organiser Enid Wright.

Terry calls it a day — 12 years

After 12 years with the Commission, typist Terry Napier was farewelled at an informal function at Hazelwood Power Station early this month.

Terry, who joined the commission in 1964, where she worked for two years in the typing pool before transferring to Hazelwood.

She was presented with an electric jug and frypan by HPS Superintendent Arthur Ewen. Pictured (right) are some of Terry's friends, who attended the informal function.

They are (from left), Katie Evans, Sharon Scott, Joan De Fontaine, Lynette Leitch, Terry Napier, Val Veysey, Anne Peterson, Barbara Scharper, Shirley Clark, Lynda Butler, Wendy Scharper and Judy Crombie.

Promotion in Transmission



Ray Greenwood

Former LV Transmission Engineer Ray Greenwood, has been promoted to Assistant Chief Engineer in Transmission Operations Department.

Ray, who came to the



Ian McDonald

Latrobe Valley late in 1974, will continue to be based in Morwell.

He took charge of the expanded transmission establishment on March 22 and



Bill Smith

now has direct responsibility for two new Latrobe Valley divisions — Transmission Operations and Transmission Services—as well as special duties to which he may be assigned by the Chief Engineer.

Latrobe Valley engineers now head the new transmission divisions.

Ian McDonald is now head of Transmission Operations Division, and Bill Smith is in charge of Transmission Services Division.

The organisational changes were necessary to help the SEC's Operations Group meet the developing transmission system work load in the Latrobe Valley, and to cater for the service needs of other LV based departments.





Pictured setting up the stumps for the final were match umpires, Elmo Orchard (left) and Bert Hill.

THIRD TIME LUCKY FOR 'W'

Yallourn 'W' comfortably won the Mid-week Cricket Association's final against Police on the Yallourn No. 2 oval on Wednesday, March 17th.

It was a case of third time lucky for 'W', who were playing their third successive grand final, for they had lost to Police in the previous two finals.

This year's win was an outstanding effort by all team members as they defeated Police by 5 runs and 9 wickets.

Final scores were: Police all out for 69, Yallourn 'W' 174.

Man of the match was Yallourn 'W's Lloyd Lewis, who took 5/26 off 13 overs and then steered 'W' to victory with 53 not out. Top score for Police was H. Ken-

nedy with 14.

The only wicket taker for Police was captain Hugh Tate, 1/22.

The Association president Lloyd Lewis presented the Perpetual Shield to Yallourn 'W' captain Jim Richards after the match.

Association awards were won by: Batting aggregate, P. Coffey (CWS), 631 runs; batting average, I. Gibson (GAIE), 58.4; bowling aggregate, D. Marchesi (Police) 45 wickets; bowling average, R. Abbott (Police), 31 wickets, 5.97.

The best team man awards (for SEC teams only): Yallourn 'W', L. Lewis; CWS, P. Coffey; Morwell Briquette, S. Wilson; Hazelwood Whites, J. Fawcett; Hazelwood Blacks, D. MacCaulley, and best fieldsman award, P. Wilkinson (CWS).



Yallourn 'W's opening bowler Lloyd Lewis is pictured bowling to Police opening batsman G. Jarvie in the first over of the match. Jarvie made four runs before being caught behind by R. Roylance, off Jim Richards.



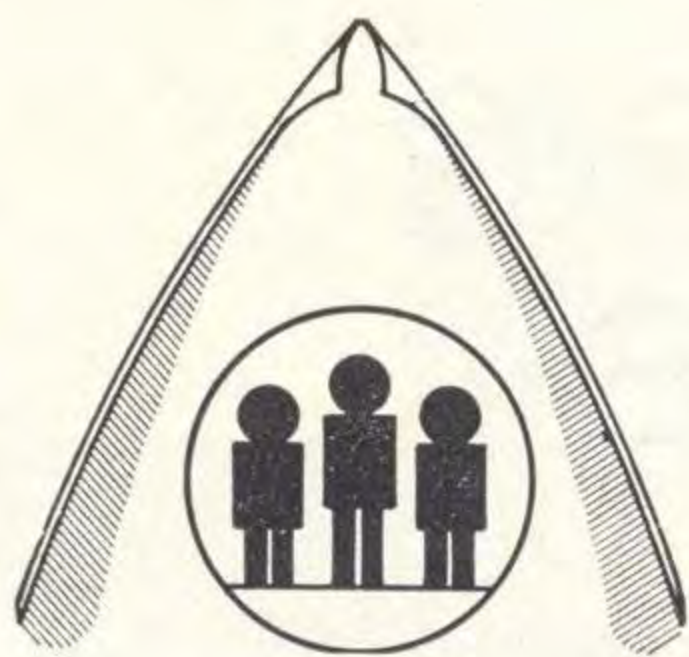
The Victorious Yallourn 'W' team is (from left) back row, D. Wandmaker, P. Devers, J. Hurford, T. Heyes, L. Lewis, J. Richard (capt.), G. Fraile; front row, A. Lowth, L. Rawlings, W. Graske, R. Roylance, I. Sutherland and C. Cumming.



The mid week Cricket Association president Lloyd Lewis (left) presented the premiership shield to Yallourn 'W' captain Jim Richards after the match. Police Captain Hugh Tate looks on.



A very heavy shower of rain before the start of the final forced team captains Hugh Tate Police (left) and Jim Richards Yallourn 'W' to toss the coin under an umbrella.



AREA ADMINISTRATION

Second award to patrol men

The 29 man patrol section recently notched its 250,000 man-hour free of disabling injury.

According to Patrol Supervisor, Ted Jones the effort was quite an achievement; a patrol man's lot may be a happy one but it is not always easy.

Night shift men who patrol the works areas face obvious difficulties which can increase the risk of accident.

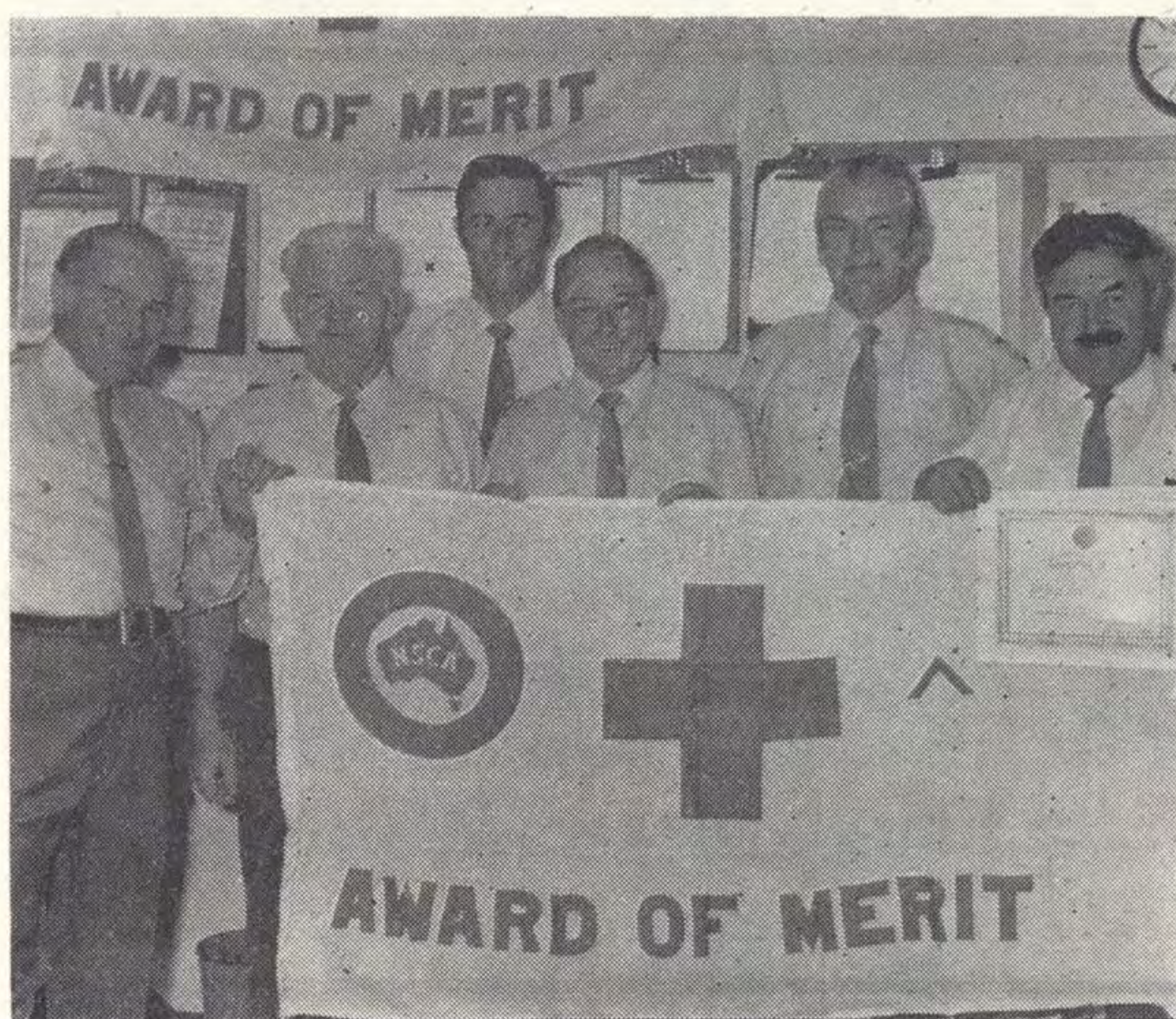
He emphasised that the award was for a team effort.

Patrol men are as proud of the award as they were of their first in 1973, when they received a 173,000 man hour award.

The more recent award was presented to safety rep. Dick Gray by Secretarial Officer Neville Thompson on behalf of the National Safety Council of Australia.

Ted Jones believes the award will be an incentive for those in the section to be even more safety-conscious.

Pictured after the presentation with their pennant are, from left; Ted Jones, patrolmen Ron Graham, and Les Riseley, Senior Patrolmen George Mays, supervisor John O'Brien and Senior Patrolman Dick Gray, who is the Yallourn patrol section safety representative.



— Resettlement Committee looks at progress —

Yallourn Resettlement Committee members took a close on-the-ground look at resettlement progress on March 18.

The inspection included

visits to:—

- Newark Avenue, where construction of 12 two-bedroomed Housing Commission flats in a pilot project for Yallourn residents is about

to begin.

- Trent Street, site of an ambitious 39-lot development on which 26 Yallourn houses will be re-established, is being used as a virtual housing "display centre".

- Southwell Avenue, where four lots left vacant following removal of an old church have been sold to Yallourn tenants.

- Latrobe Valley Village (for Senior Citizens), a project which has provided accommodation in its first stage for seven Yallourn people—

- Lot 72, Newborough, where a plan of subdivision with a potential of approximately 250 building blocks has been prepared by the Housing Commission as part of an overall plan to make

best use of Lot 72 blocks and the adjoining Monash Estate.

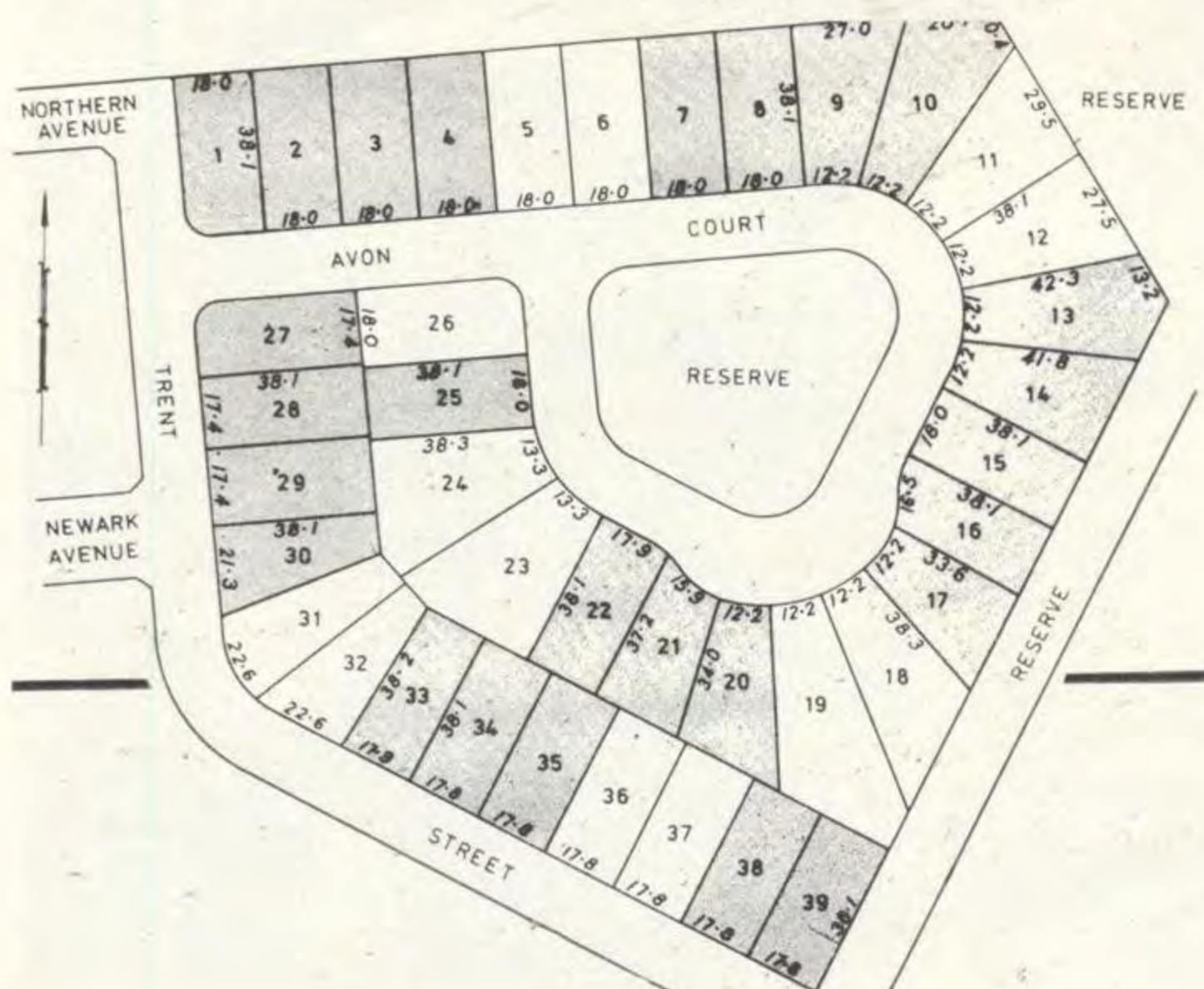
A typographical error in a licensing regulation story last month could lead to some confusion about the status of the 'B' grade licence for electrical tradesmen.

The correct situation is:—

- 'B' grade licences are being issued on successful completion of the appropriate examination.

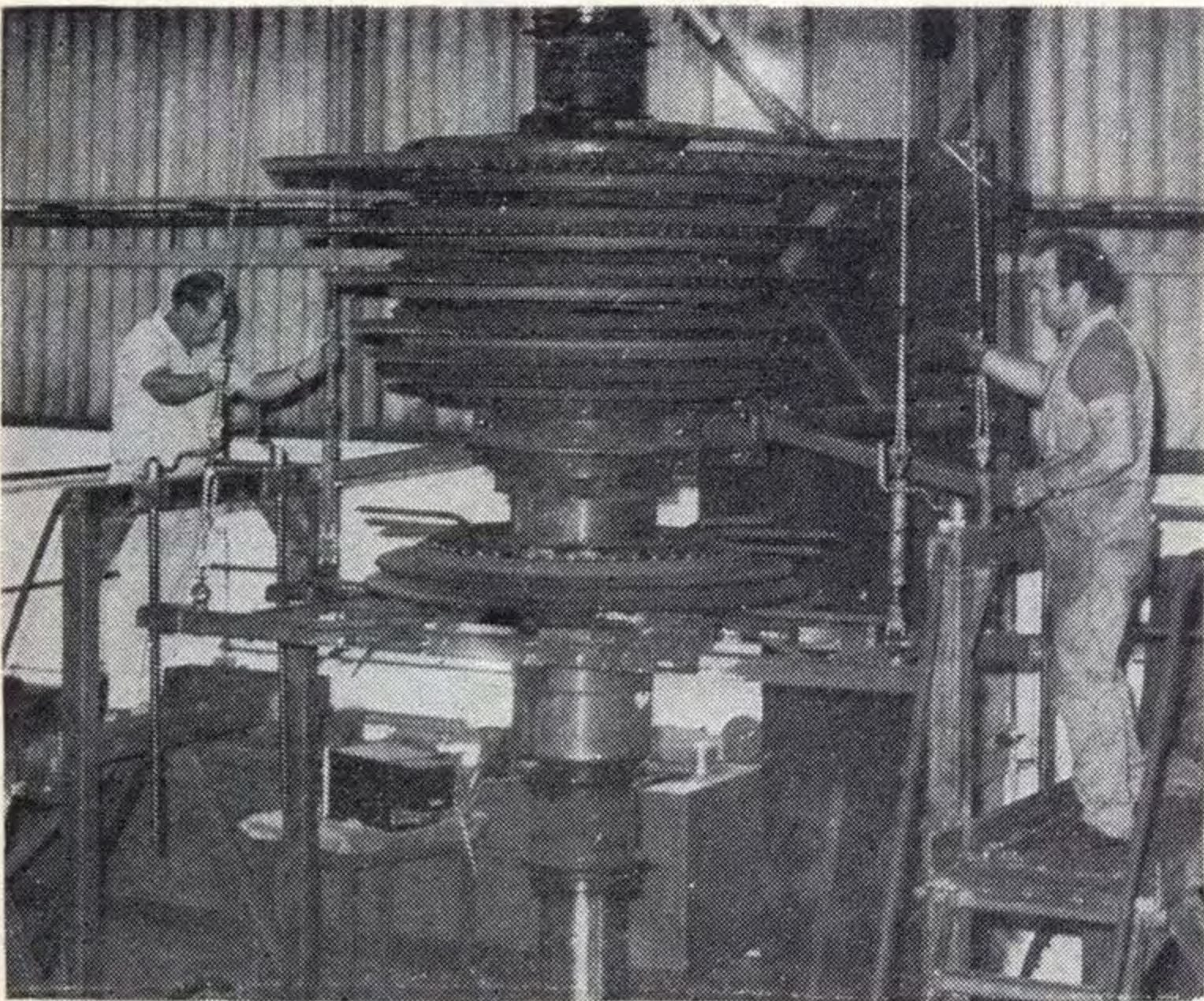
- The 'BI' grade licence is no longer issued.

- All existing 'BI' grade licence holders are now deemed to hold a current 'B' grade licence.





ENGINEERING SERVICES



SAND BLASTING GIVES WAY

Sand blasting is a thing of the past in Yallourn Steel Construction Workshop — thanks to grit blasting, a new form of blast cleaning.

Grit blasting has at least six basic advantages. It —

- provides no health hazard to the operator,
- is labor saving,
- has a higher work output,
- is economically better,
- has several safety features, and,
- meets Environmental Protection Authority requirements.

The work load for sand blasting had become so great that a more efficient method was necessary.

The grit used is actually chilled cast steel, made into small steel balls and crushed into small sharp particles.

The particles are then blasted, through a hose on to the steel to be cleaned, removing all paint, scale

and rust.

There is no wastage; all grit is recycled, cleaned and re-used.

The dust, scale and debris, after being separated by a series of mesh grids and a cyclone separator, is collected ready for disposal.

The grit method is able to clean component approximately six times as quickly as the old sand method.

Grit blasting is used for cleaning all types of steel fabrications, preparation for painting, cleaning of railway trucks and pumps, prior to repair work, preparation of conveyor pulleys before vulcanising, and in preparation for metal spraying, along with many other cleaning functions.

The blasting is carried out in an enclosed room constructed at the rear of the Yallourn Workshops, and large enough to house a 33 ton capacity coal truck.

MACHINE SHOP NOTCHES UP AN SEC FIRST

Yallourn base machine shop has notched a first for the SEC . . . and it is an achievement of which machine shop personnel are very proud.

Under the supervision of

workshops supervisor Maurie Rodda, a team of five men dismantled, checked and re-assembled 50-MW D1 low pressure turbine from Yallourn power station.

Previously similar work was carried out at Cockatoo Dock in Sydney over a period of weeks; the Yallourn team had the work completed in 10 days.

Maurie Rodda fitting foreman, Karl Esser and Bill Evans of Yallourn PS spent six weeks at Cockatoo Dock gaining wide knowledge of checking procedures.

The work at Yallourn involved removal of 10 rotor discs from the turbine and checking for possible cracks.

The checks were carried

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After four years of hard work and intensive schooling, three of the four men pictured are now qualified draftsmen.

They were presented with their certificates of competency by Mechanical Services Engineer George Davis. Pictured from left are, civil draftsmen Ron Boden, George Davis, mechanical draftsmen Max Payne and Gary Scanlon, a mechanical draftsman.



Back to Yallourn.. Back to Yallourn

A crowd of more than 1 000 people crowded into Monash Square to hear SEC chairman Charles Trethowan officially open the Back-to celebrations.



For one week, March 6-13, 1976, the heart of Yallourn beat strongly and life pulsed joyously through the town. "Back to Yallourn" was the stimulus and people were the life-blood.

They came from all over Australia and beyond, from as far away as Texas, USA in fact.

The most successful opening of the art show and launching of the book "TO

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out by directing ultra sonic waves through the rotors; recording and thoroughly checking the results to guard against the type of crack discovered in similar turbine rotors overseas.

The check of the D1 LP turbine revealed a minor crack in one of the 10 rotor discs.

Before re-assembly, the rotors had to be expanded by heating in a specially designed oven.

Maurie Rodda was full of praise for team members, who contributed ideas and constructive suggestions to help make the operation a total success.

All equipment required was designed and manufactured in the Yallourn Workshop. Valuable assistance was also received from the drawing office of the drafting section.

YALLOURN WITH LOVE" on Friday set the pattern for the celebrations. Months of preparation by the organising committee paid off—townspeople, visitors and even the weather, all were wonderful. As a result an

by Prue McGoldrick

excited, happy atmosphere pervaded the town throughout the celebrations.

Over two thousand people were drawn to the town on Saturday afternoon. They came to a fire brigade demonstration, Gippsland swimming championships, a chess tournament but above all to the opening ceremony in the town centre—Monash Square. They saw SEC Chairman, Charles Trethowan officially open "Back to Yallourn". Then the reunion began in earnest. People remained in the square for hours, finding former friends, sharing and savouring memories of the Yallourn they knew.

As darkness fell the Sound and Light Spectacular went into action. Coloured lights, thrown onto a large screen set up in the square, provided a visual interpretation of the music being relayed over loudspeakers.

On Sunday morning all the town's churches held moving memorial services attended by overflow congregations. In the afternoon a large crowd witnessed the opening and dedication of

a re-located Yallourn house at the Gippsland Folk Museum at Moe. The building, set up as a doctor's surgery and home, will be a memorial to Dr. James Moore Andrew.

Highlight of Monday was

the Back to High School. Excitement ran high as former teachers and pupils held a delightful reunion. It was the same scene at St. Therese's school on opening day and the primary school on Friday.

It was the men's turn on Thursday when several hundred returned to see former work-mates and work places.

People will talk for some time about the football club cabaret ball held on Friday night.

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Below: Seven men . . . 240 years of service to the Commission, and the Back-to brought them all together again to talk about old times. From left, the "long-service" men are Pat O'Brien (72 years), Cliff Cook (77 years), Dick Marshall (72 years), Tom Evans (73 years), Alex Wiggins (69 years), Harry Marshall (76 years) and Ern Callaway (80 years). Ern returned from Bairnsdale for the occasion, but Alex Wiggins—who has been a Yallourn Band institution for 54 years—was very much an integral part of the celebrations . . . but he never ran out of puff at any stage.



..Back to Yallourn..Back to Yallourn..Back to Yallourn..Back to Yallourn..

The Raiweena Social Club lived up to its name when present and former members got together for "good companionship" the literal meaning of the club title. But Raiweena has always been more than that; it has contributed significantly to Valley charitable affairs.



Current world snooker champion Eddie Charlton showed his style at a pool demonstration in the Yallourn Hotel during the Back-to. With Eddie (from left) are former Australian test cricketer Keith Stackpole, Eddie Charlton, Frank O'Donnell, Angelo Farrigia, Paddy O'Sullivan and Alister Thorpe.



Below: Members of the family of the late Doc Andrew, photographed inside the house dedicated to the memory of the man who for 47 years served the Yallourn community. The house, a recent addition to the Gippsland Folk Museum, contains much of the equipment from Dr. Andrew's Yallourn surgery.



Below: Jack Piggott, one of Yallourn's top centremen, fakes a handpass to other Blues of earlier days in Col Webster, Bill Spicer and Alec "Coco" Jackson during the football club re-union.



Above: Yallourn identity Col Benson (left) lends a helping hand to Stan Davies, who retired last year after 40 years service with the SEC.

Below: Robert Pethrick 27 years with the Commission) and Bill Armstrong (currently in his 46 years) found plenty to remind them of the old days when they looked over the photographic display. Both are Yallourn residents.



Above: Mrs. Catherine Robertson, wife of Back-to committee chairman Jack Robertson, and son Phillip compare photos. The copy held by Mrs. Robertson is the property of Mrs. Jean Fox, of Newborough — the first girl born in the Yallourn hospital.

Below: School was surely never like that or so John Bridgman (13) and Paul McNamara (13) thought when they studied a "how it was" school picture.



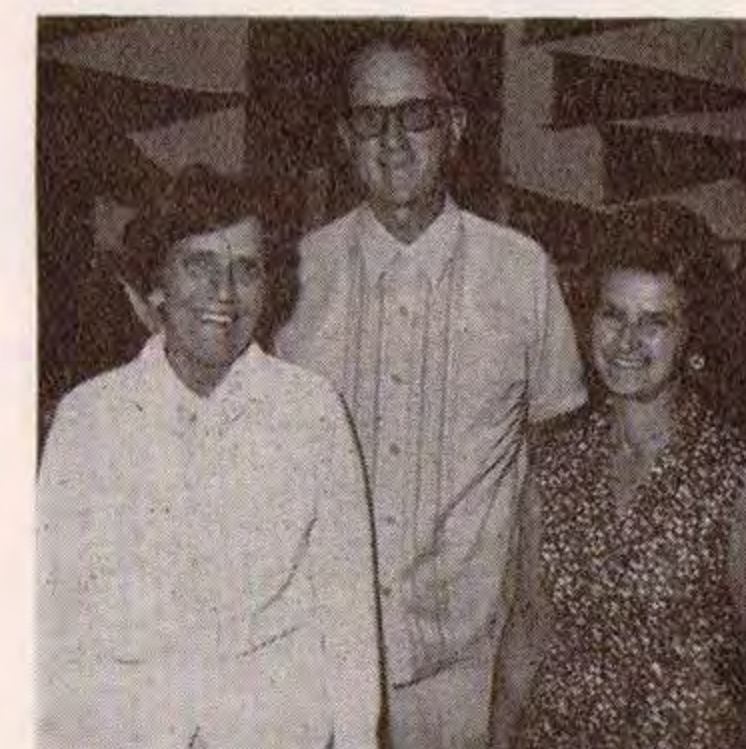
Lower right: The Back-to Primary School, like all Back-to events, drew a large and enthusiastic attendance.

Left, top: Steve Szabo, an old hand at chess, figures out a move to embarrass a young opponent.

Left, below: 15-year-old Matthew Lloyd, assisted by David Stimson of Bairnsdale, ponders his reply.

Lower left: Premierships were the subject of conversation when our photographer caught this group off the dance floor during the Yallourn Football Club's highly successful Back-to ball.

Below: Tennis Club Life Members Lorna Carlisle, Viv Gore and Leigh Ashmore were among a large crowd which enjoyed a pleasant afternoon at the tennis court, venue of many pleasant afternoons in the club's long history.



Below: Carl White, George Carr and Les Downs swap tales—and discuss tactics—during the get-together at Yallourn Bowling Club, a function which attracted one of the larger Back-to attendances.



Below: Florence Burgin (nee Riseley) pictured with her mother Margaret Riseley, 71, regarded her Back-to Yallourn visit as the highlight of her overseas tour. Florence, who lived in Yallourn for 10 years and was educated there, has lived in the USA for 29 years. She lives in Dallas, Texas.



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There is so much more that could be said about the sporting fixtures, the Raiweena and golf club gatherings and so on, but space is limited. However, mention must be made of the people behind the scenes.

They include SEC helpers, police, caterers, cleaners, stoic tea ladies, Red Cross and Volunteer Emergency Reserve first aiders, the organising committee the townspeople and the business people who opened their hearts and homes—all contributed happily to a most successful occasion.

Memories of this "Back to Yallourn", supported by the special edition of "Live Wire", the souvenir record and book "To Yallourn With Love", will be carried to far-flung places and relived long after Yallourn is no more.

Back to Yallourn.. Back to Yallourn

The 250 former SEC personnel who swapped yarns on March 11 at the third back-to-work function organised in the Latrobe Valley had a great time.

Current members of the SEC had trouble getting a word in at the get-together in Kernot Hall, although AGM (Ops) Bill De Campo was able to take time out when welcoming his guests to pay tribute to their contribution to development of Victoria's power industry.

Describing the Valley's early power industry workers as "pioneers", Mr. De Campo said that without their solid foundation, none of the Commission's impressive achievements of recent years would have been possible.

"You have worked in the open cut, in power stations, in briquette factories and service areas — in good times and bad — with the one common aim, to keep coal and power supplies on the move.

"I only hope we can maintain in the future some of the spirit and dedication you displayed in the past", he said.

Replying on behalf of their workmates, three speakers—Tom Drew, Andy Dyer and Charlie De Bono—each referred to the SEC's concern for its employees and its continued interest in the welfare of retired personnel.

Almost every State was represented at the function, which was an important feature of Back-to-Yallourn celebrations,



Operations Group AGM Bill De Campo was getting plenty of advice when this shot was taken. Alf Jacobson (left), Andy Dyer and Tom Drew (right) had plenty of tales to tell. Tom Drew, who now lives in Moe, had the distinction of consigning the first shipment of briquettes from Yallourn in 1925; the last shipment from Yallourn and the first from Morwell.



Jack Flett (seated, Charlie De Bono (left), Reg Stephens and Ivan Woolf (right) all came from different directions. Jack, a former Yallourn butcher is now in Mermaid Beach, Queensland. Charlie De Bono is also a Queenslander and Ivan Woolf Perth, Reg Stephens Boronia.



This group of "returnees" took over a control room at Yallourn Power Station during a nostalgic tour of former work areas. Seven buses took retired employees to almost every corner of the Latrobe Valley operation.

Below left: Three "old hands" get together in Quinn Glen (left), Ern Franklin (centre) and Arthur Elliott. They're talking about the old days in the workshops.

Swapping yarns at the back-to-work function in Kernot Hall were five former employees, from left, Mrs. Jean Green — who worked at Yallourn Hostel — Pat Grant, Mrs. N. Goodchild, 'Mac' McMaster and Marion McLeod.

Former photographer Cliff Cleverley (left) gets on the other end of the lens for a change as he chats with Austin Lynch and Reg Griffiths, a former Yallourn resident now happily settled in at the Yallambée Village in Traralgon.





POWER GENERATION

2 SAFETY AWARDS ARE LAST OF THEIR KIND

Safety awards presented to two groups at Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation on February 11 were the last of their kind to be awarded which is not as bad as it sounds.

The awards — to former briquette factory boilermakers group 9 and electrical maintenance group 12 — were the last earned before the amalgamation which produced the MB and PI.

The boiler-makers had amassed 233,132 hours free of disabling injury; from June 9, 1971, to December 9, 1975. Their most recent disabling injury was recorded 55 months ago. The group has had an average strength of 25.4 employees.

Meanwhile, electrical maintenance group 12 completed 103,447 "safe" man hours in the period October 9, 1972, to December 9, 1975.

The group had no further disabling injuries to February 1, just before awards were presented to both groups by the Superintendent Briquetting and Power, Cyril Morellato.

Boilermaker 'jingles' Jackiw accepted the pennant and award on behalf of the group 9 boilermakers, while electrician, David Hutcheson accepted the pennant and certificate for the electrical maintenance group.

Both groups with outstanding achievements behind them, are still going strong.



Boilermakers

Electricians



China visit for two coal men



Two coal-handling section workmates at Yallourn Power Station, rigger Des Griffin and fitter Dave Balfour, will visit China early next month.

Their 18 day study tour, which begins in Canton, takes in the cities of Shanghai and Peking, as well as many other major cities and towns.

According to Des, the schedule will be tight; they begin their daily tour at 6 a.m. each day, and expect to travel up to 5 000 kilometres before calling it a day.

Both men have been taking a keen interest in Chinese affairs for some time; they are members of the Australia-China Friendship Society's Gippsland branch, based in Moe.

Des and Dave will inspect a thermal power station, visit army and air force camps, watch an acupuncture operation and generally see how the Chinese people live and work.



TRANSMISSION

TRANSMISSION RECEIVES RECOGNITION



The Electrical Laboratory and Field Test Sections of the Latrobe Valley Transmission Division have worked for five years and four months without a disabling injury.

And that adds up to 1 million man hours . . . an outstanding record which the Victorian Division of the National Safety Council formally recognised on February 17.

The Council's Victorian Director, Frank Turley, presented a certificate to Mark McLaughlin, who represented both sections.

He expressed the hope that transmission personnel would now aim for a 2 million man hour award.

Originally combined as the Tests and Communication Section under the late Roy McArthur, the two new sections were formed in 1975 . . . and the group has some impressive records of safe working.

The first was in September 1963, when they notched up 100,000 man hours, followed by 500,000 in June 1969.

However, the good record was broken on September 23rd, 1970, when a disabling injury was recorded . . . the last recorded by the sections.

Assistant Chief Engineer Ray Greenwood was full of praise for the 120 employees who contributed to the achievement . . . and said he hoped that they could continue their outstanding record.

AGM (Ops) Bill De Campo said the record was a highly commendable effort.

Mr. De Campo presented tie pins to Field Test Engineer Alan Scott and acting Electrical Laboratory Engineer Jim Blucher as "a symbolic presentation" to the 120 members of the sections.

All section members received a tie pin, which bears the Transmission Operations Department motif and the words 'Safety Award—One Million'.

Three retired members of the sections over a period of years, and who helped win the 1 million hour award, were present at the function. They were Ern Azzopardi, who was with the plant testing group, Stan Stewart, technical records and Jack Waddington, electrical protection testing.

The evening wound up with a buffet dinner in the Yallourn visitors centre.

Technical Trainee Awards

These seven Graduating Transmission Division (LV) technical trainees (pictured right) received certificates of competency from Assistant Chief Engineer, Transmission Operations Department, Ray Greenwood, last month.

Five are electrical operators and two engineering assistants.

Those pictured are (from left to right); Neil Hayhurst E/O, Ray Greenwood, Don Stuckey E/A, Mike Buhagiar E/A, David Vinicombe E/O, Ross Weatherall E/O, Gordon Hollonds E/O and Mike Kosakiewicz E/O.

Pictured above after the presentation are (left to right), Alan Scott, Frank Turley, Bill De Campo, Bill Smith, Ray Greenwood, Jim Blucher (front row) Jack Waddington, Ern Azzopardi and Stan Stewart.



retirements



PHIL ASHMEAD

When former Construction Engineer Phil Ashmead, who retired on February 28 after 40 years with the Commission, goes on a fishing or hunting trip, he'll have no trouble carrying his gear following presentations made to him at a farewell function in Yallourn Golf Club late last month.

As well as a free-standing barbecue and fishing rod and reel, Phil was given a deluxe model sugar bag similar to one he used over the years to carry his personal belongings or groceries.

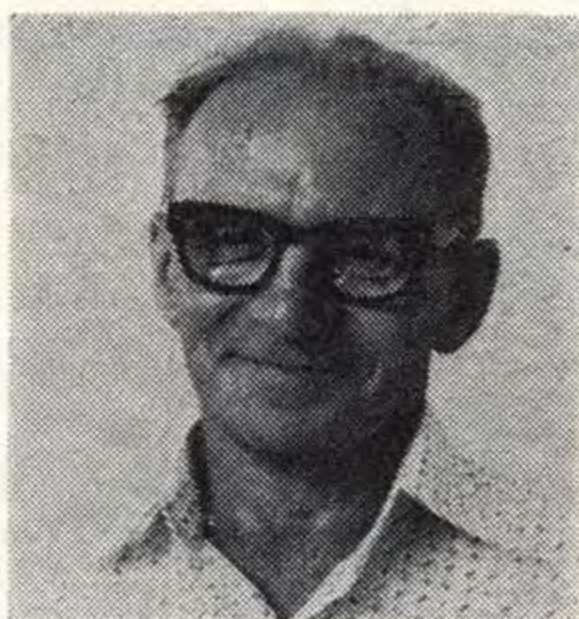
Presentations were made, and tributes paid, by Keith Kesper (on behalf of construction staff), Engineering Services Department Manager Max Gray (Commission), Graham Teese and the Construction Manager for John Thompson (Australia), Frank Downs.

They had plenty to talk about. Since joining the SEC in 1936 as assistant electrical fitter, Phil moved through various posts including electrical construction superintendent at Yallourn (1952) and Hazelwood (1962).

In 1967, he became assistant construction engineer, Power and was appointed Construction Engineer in 1968.

After a period spent largely in the field of electrical works construction, Phil assumed responsibility for construction of Hazelwood power station and Yallourn 'W' power station (Stage 1), as well as development of site works for Stage 2.

His community contribution, particularly in the sporting field, was outstanding, even by the exceptional standards which have characterised Yallourn community life.



LOU SCICLUNA

Members of Lou Scicluna's family lent him "moral support" at a retirement function in Yallourn power station on February 3, a function at which tributes were paid to Lou's diligence on the job and keen interest in the welfare of the workforce. A leading union official for a number of years, Lou had been one of the Valley's

most widely known figures. In retirement, he will reside in Black Rock, where Mrs. Scicluna has a business. Speakers at the farewell function were Col Harvey, Lionel Briggs, Sammy Armstrong and former PSS Don Bromilow, who presented the Sciclunas with enough gifts to stock a small shop. These included a set of carving knives, hair dryer, chocolates, binoculars, barometer, a wallet of notes and a digital clock/radio (from the Central Gippsland Trades and Labor Council). Lou, who retired early at 62 years of age, served continuously with the Commission from 1962. He was a Welder, special class.



GEORGE CHINNOCK

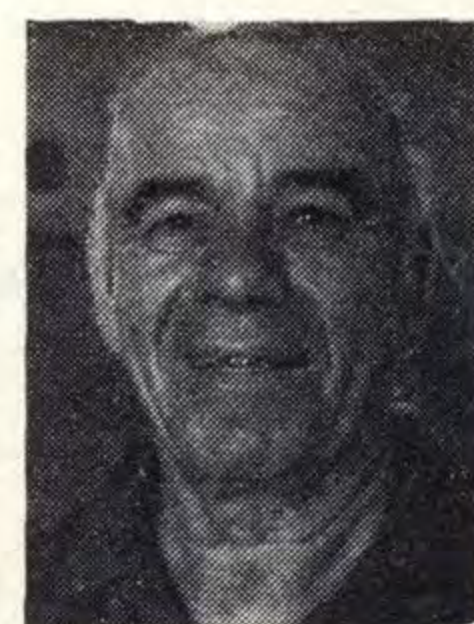
George Chinnock, one of the many men who helped fight the huge Yallourn open cut fire in 1944, retired on March 2.

George said at a retirement function that the 1944 fire and developments at Yallourn over the years were the two main highlights of his 36 years with the Commission.

He began work in 1940, as a laborer in Coal Production, a position he held for six years, until being promoted to pumpman in 1946.

Four years later he was promoted again to Leading hand pumpman, a position he held for 22 years before earning more responsibility in 1962.

He plans to travel to Merimbula, his favorite fishing spot, for a spot of fishing during an extended holiday before returning to Morwell. George was presented with a leather suit case by Coal Production Superintendent Col Ferguson, as well as a well-filled envelope which George said "will come in handy at Merimbula."



JOE GRECH

More than 60 workmates attended an informal farewell for 65 year-old Joe Grech in the Transport Workshop at Yallourn on March 3.

"Old Joe", as he was known by his workmates, plans to return to Malta for a six-month holiday early in June, after which he intends visiting a brother in New York.

But in the immediate future, he plans plenty of fishing and will spend a lot of time in vegetable and flower gardens at his home at Carrum. Joe started work in April, 1956, as a trades assistant at transport workshops. A year later, he took up the position of fireman, also in the workshops, the position from which he retired.

Senior Transport Maintenance Officer Frank Cook presented Joe with a digital clock on behalf of his workmates . . . and said that "Old Joe" had been an excellent example of a good conscientious worker and a person who would be missed around the workshop.

NEW ACCIDENT CONTROL OFFICER

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able asset in the development and promotion of the concept of accident prevention.

Rick sees himself as a reference point on matters of "across the board" concern to local line management.

Already he has been actively involved in a number of these issues including problems of area road traffic control.

Experience has shown him that one ingredient of

a healthy record of work performance is a low personal and equipment accident rate.

To achieve such a performance requires a very competent workforce.

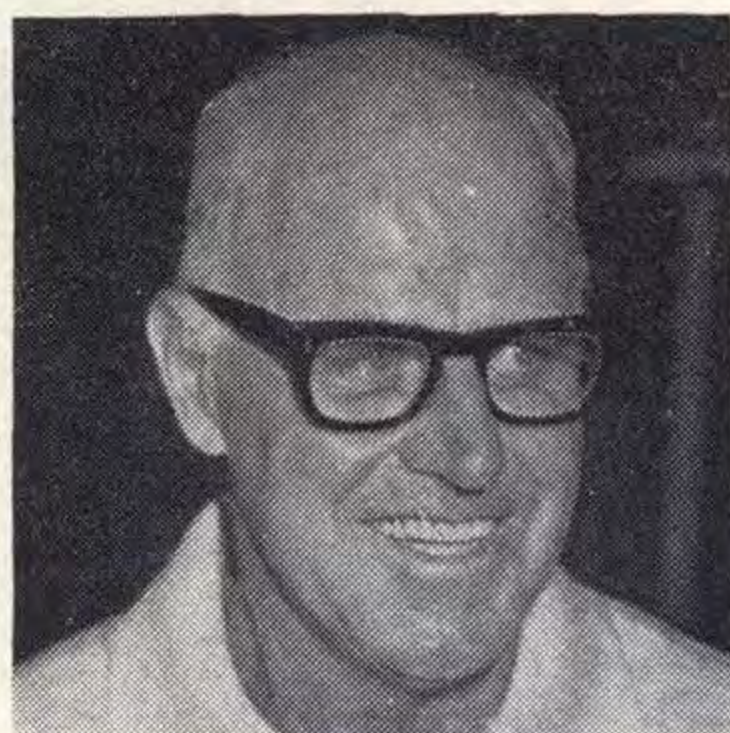
To this end, management and supervision at all levels should be working toward a high level of expertise in their workforce — which in turn requires a constant attention to effective job instruction, training and breeding of healthy work attitudes right through the workforce.

retirements

**'CURLEY' RICE**

Marlo in far east Gippsland is now "home" for Gilbert 'Curley' Rice, who has retired from the Commission after 38 years service. His reasons for choosing Marlo are two-fold — there are plenty of fish there, and it is quiet and peaceful. Curley and his wife Doreen have already built their home there. Curley began with the Commission in 1938 as a carpenter, working in various areas throughout his long career.

Two special guests were Curley's son, Neville, who travelled from Sale and an old workmate, Bob Clough, from Newborough, who retired two years ago. YPS Assistant Maintenance Engineer Laurie Sartori presented Curley with a fishing rod and reel on behalf of the division, while Gordon Cantwell, on behalf of Curley's workmates in the building maintenance section, presented him with a set of glasses and beautiful decanter. Curley's foreman and workmate for the past 22 years Jack Gray, presented him with a wallet.

**CHARLIE SPAULL**

After 24 years service with the Commission Yallourn 'W' Grade 4 operator Charlie Spaul was officially farewelled at a small informal ceremony in the amenities canteen on February 27 . . . and according to Charlie, he will take his years in retirement from week to week to concentrate on his garden. However, he and his wife will first travel to Queensland to visit relatives. Charlie's Commission career began in 1953 as a cleaner at the Yallourn Briquette Factory. In 1954, he became a fireman, a position he held for 14 years before being promoted to leading hand fireman in 1968, a position he held until 1972, when he took up the position of steam plant attendant at Yallourn 'W' May, 1973, brought another change for Charlie when he became an operator grade 4, ending his career on the site formerly occupied by the married quarters in which he resided when he first came to Yallourn.

**ERIC FOOTE**

A polished sample of Agathis Kauri — pine to you — is a 30 million year old reminder to Eric Foote of his 24 year association with the SEC, but he probably doesn't need any reminder of the large slice of his life spent in or near Yallourn open cut.

Eric, who retired on February 11, began with the Commission in 1951 as open cut operations superintendent at Yallourn North Extensions; became assistant Coal Production Superintendent at Yallourn in 1954, and CPS in 1957.

He was a YOC identity right through to 1975, when he became CPS (HQ).

In between, Eric — to use the words of Coal Production Superintendent Jack Vines — became "a legend where YOC operations were concerned".

The huge crowd which attended a farewell function in Kernot Hall was some indication of the esteem in which Eric is held throughout the SEC.

Tributes were paid to him by Jack Vines, former colleague Tom Adams and current Yallourn CPS Col Ferguson.

Jack Vines, who pointed out that Eric's mining career began in Queensland in 1933, touched on the "hard times" he had experienced, hard times which developed in him a deep regard for other people; considerable experience and outstanding professional qualifications.

Eric, who was presented with several souvenirs; a set of travelling cases and a cheque, will live in retirement in Ballina, New South Wales, a coastal fishing town.

He plans to travel throughout Australia, particularly in Queensland, where he had wide experience in mining for gold, silver, lead and zinc.

DES McLEAN



The Commission lost one of its most familiar Valley faces when Services Division Transportation Supervisor Des McLean retired on February 13, after 30 years service. Des, who began his career in Melbourne in 1946 as a heavy transport driver, has seen many changes in the Commission's Latrobe Valley operations. When he came to Morwell in 1951, the Morwell Open Cut was just an idea . . . in fact, it was just a large paddock complete with house and

cypress hedge.

Hazelwood Power Station and the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation were also non-existent.

In 1963, he was promoted to transportation Supervisor for the Latrobe Valley, the position he held for 13 years until he retired.

At a farewell function in the Morwell Training Centre, Des was presented with a television set by Kevin Gould, the Acting Services and Materials Officer.



The seagulls enjoyed the wet weather at the St. Kilda oval, but four people who didn't were (from left), Umpires Robert Given, Bob Seymour, and Captains Jeff Kong (Flinders Street) and Trevor French (Latrobe Valley).

RIGHT: All smiles after the presentation of trophies were Latrobe Valley captain and vice-captain, Trevor French and Evan Rowlands.

The shield is a perpetual one, while the pennant flag is kept by the Latrobe Valley.



WASH OUT GIVES LATROBE VALLEY CRICKET FINAL

The Latrobe Valley won the final of the Commission's Social League's cricket competition in Melbourne this month . . . without a ball being bowled.

For the second time in as many years, the St. Kilda Cricket Ground was the scene of a washout in the final.

Last year, play was abandoned because of

heavy rain.

The finalists then — also Flinders Street and Latrobe Valley — both had winning chances when the rain set in, and the match was declared a tie.

As a result, representatives from each of the competing teams for this season amended the rules to provide for a winner should play be abandoned in the final.

However, since Latrobe Valley had scored the highest number of points during the season — including one game won on forfeit from Flinders St. — they were declared premiers.

All hopes of a start to play were abandoned just before lunch, when steady rain turned the pitch into a miniature lake.

Latrobe Valley team members were Trevor French (captain), Evan Rowlands (vice-captain), John White, Robert Vesty, Reg Bacon, Merv Graham, Graeme Freshwater, Alec Ingwerson, Neville Gorman, Brian Mathison, and Fred De Bono.

LATROBE VALLEY BOWLERS SUCCESSFUL IN MELBOURNE

Sunday, February 8th, already more than a month behind us, but it is still fresh in the minds of 32 Latrobe Valley bowlers (SEC employees, retired personnel and their wives), who travelled to Windsor for a series of mixed bowls matches against the SEC Bowls Club.

At the end of the match, seven LV teams were "up", as they say in bowls. Trophies were presented to the two top fours, one from the LV and the other from SEC Bowls Club, by SEC

Bowls Club president, Ian McDonald and John Hutchinson, president of the LV Association of Social Clubs.

The winning teams were — LV: Noel McAuliffe (skipper), Bob Shaw, Joan Shaw and Ann McSherry, SEC bowls Club: Pat Deveney (skipper), Bob Akers, Roy Tabley and Dick Johnson.

Without the support of the LVASC, the SEC Social League and management, the trip would not have

been possible.

As an exercise in 'getting to know you,' the day proved successful, hopefully marking the beginning of annual visits between the two clubs.

Spokesman for the organisers, Neil Harwood, commented that such social and sporting contacts could only benefit large organisations such as the SEC.

In addition to providing enjoyment for sportsmen and

women, inter-club matches could cement lasting friendships, resulting in closer working relationships.

Now comes the punch line!

Neil believes that those, who took part have mentioned their enjoyment to workmates, so now is the time to ask the question —

Are you interested in forming a Latrobe Valley SEC Bowls Club?

If so, contact Neil Harwood, Engineering Services (Drafting), 2061.