



# CONTACT

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# 1977 MOE DECASMA AWARD TO ERNIE MITCHELL



Ernie Mitchell shows his Decasma award to workmates Mick Ryan (left) and Ralph Marshall (right).

Yallourn North Extension overseer Ernie Mitchell has won the 1977 Moe Decasma award.

The coveted award is presented annually by the Moe City Council to the years most outstanding Moe citizen.

Nominated by the Moe High School, Ernie was presented with the award (a statuette) by the Mayor of Moe Cr. Eric Alexander (Electrical Operator at Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation) in the Moe council chamber early this month.

Ernie, who has been with the SEC for more than 36 years, has played an active role in the Moe community since moving to Moe after World War 2.

His community record includes foundation member of the Moe Apex Club in 1959, helping to start the original Moe Youth Club in 1950 and continuing as an active committee member for many years, and appointment as a Justice of the Peace in 1954 — he has served on the bench ever since.

He helped form the Moe Swimming Club in the 1960's and took an active interest in coaching non-swimmers for the Herald learn to swim certificate. He occupied the position of president for three years and became a VSAAA official judge and time-keeper.

His work for the Moe Swimming Club has been recognised by the nomination as a life membership awarded by the club so far.

Ernie also coached St. Kieran's and St. Mary's Catholic schools in swimming. His other sporting interests include official time-keeper for the Warragul Trotting Club and goal umpire for the Moe Football Club for 13 years. Currently he is on the West Gippsland Football League Umpires' Panel.

He was made president of the South Street Primary School committee in 1952 and occupied this position until his retirement from the council last year.

## First Australian to finish marathon

SEC's Records Officer Jim Willis performed creditably in the World Masters Track and Field championships in Gothenberg, Sweden, last month.

Competing in the 42,195 kilometre (26 miles 385 yards) marathon, Jim finished 33rd out of 350 starters in the 40-49 age group — he was the first Australian to finish.

Jim, a member of the 85 strong Australian Veteran

Athlete Association team, recorded a time of 2 hours 57 minutes 50 seconds for the marathon — three minutes outside his best time. His mile rating was 6.48 seconds.

According to Jim the course was undulating and held on an old bike track. The race was held in very humid conditions — he lost 8½ pounds during the run — and strong head winds on

the return journey.

Athletes from 40-93 year old competed in the championships.

The oldest was a 93 year old Scotsman Martin McLean who competed in two events — the 100 and 200 metre sprints . . . his times were 23 and 46 seconds respectively. While overseas Jim visited Norway, Holland, Denmark, West Germany and Singapore before returning to Australia.

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Moe City Council's most outstanding citizen for 1977, Ernie Mitchell, is pictured with the Decasma award and some of his grandchildren. Story about Ernie and the award is above.

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# \$1m. Latrobe Valley air quality survey to be carried out

A \$1 million programme to monitor air quality and meteorological conditions in the Latrobe Valley, was announced by the SEC early this month.

The study will be carried out by the SEC, the Environment Protection Authority and the Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Board, with expert assistance from the CSIRO, and other organisations.

A further \$50 million will be spent by the SEC over the next 10 years on equipment to minimise atmospheric pollution from its Latrobe Valley plants.

SEC Assistant General Manager (Operations) Mr. Bill De Campo said the main aim of the air monitoring programme would be to bring together a task force of expertise and resources. They would assemble information on the capability of the Latrobe Valley air shed to receive present and future major emissions, including those from power stations.

The programme will provide vital information to help the planning and design of major new industrial developments, such as the SEC's Loy Yang project. It will also assist in understanding the impact of existing industries on Latrobe Valley air quality.

A network of 10 or more new measuring stations will be installed to determine both ground level air quality and meteorological conditions. Additional field studies will be carried out by mobile laboratories. Specially instrumented aircraft will make flights over the Valley.

Mr. De Campo said the study would be implemented progressively over several years and would continue indefinitely.

It would extend the air quality measurements taken continuously by the SEC since 1973, and other earlier studies in the Yallourn and

Morwell areas.

Mr. De Campo said that the SEC had spent \$43 million in the 15 years to 1975 on environmental control measures, and planned to spend three times this amount in the next decade — mainly in the Latrobe Valley.

"In addition to upgrading protection equipment at existing installations, we have designed new power stations such as Loy Yang to incorporate the most advanced emission control equipment available," he said.



*Pictured (above) is one of the monitoring trucks to be used in the programme to monitor air quality and meteorological conditions in the Latrobe Valley.*

## \$10,000 donation to care of the aged program

The Latrobe Valley Hospital's Care of the Aged Programme, nursing home project received a sizeable boost late last month with the presentation of a \$10,000 cheque from the

Moe District Credit Union Co-op.

The cheque presentation was made by Credit Union Board Chairman Bernie Hansford (drawing office, Yallourn) to Care of the

Aged Programme Chairman Mr. George Bates, in the Credit Union offices on August 25, 1977. Also at the presentation were Credit Union Manager Laurie Watt and Latrobe Valley Hospital Manager Glen Randle.

Presenting the cheque, Mr. Hansford said the Board and its 7,000 members (many SEC employees) believed that the Credit Union had a duty to senior citizens in the Moe district. "The Credit Union is a part of the community, and since it is our aim to keep money in the local area, this is an ideal project in which we can become involved. It is the first time the Credit Union has made a donation of this size to any Latrobe Valley project," Mr. Hansford said.

Mr. Bates said the project committee was grateful for such a generous donation, which, he said, would help the committee reach its target of \$80,000 in cash by October 7, 1977. This was one of the major conditions set by the Federal Government when it set aside a grant of \$556,500 for the



*Moe Credit Union Board Chairman Bernie Hansford (second from left) is pictured presenting the \$10,000 cheque to Care of the Aged Programme Chairman Mr. George Bates. Also pictured are, Moe Credit Union Manager Laurie Watt (far left) and Latrobe Valley Hospital Manager Glen Randle (far right).*

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# WORK TENSION IS A WIDESPREAD PROBLEM — I.T.I.M.

Work tension is the most widespread problem dealt with by the chaplains of the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission, according to their 1977 report.

The chaplains operate in companies and Government departments in Victoria, including the SEC.

While work tension topped the list, involving almost one in five of all cases dealt with by the chaplains, it was closely followed by information needs, marital problems and parent-child relationships.

The chaplains say the causes for work tension are varied, and include insecurity about employment.

There is less tension, according to the report, in being retrenched, than there is in working over extended periods under the threat of retrenchment.

As well, the pressure of labour costs has forced many companies and government departments to promote beyond an individual's ability to cope, or to add to his responsibility beyond his competency.

"We have taken out samples for companies over 500 employees, 500 and less, government instrumentalities and departments, the police and apprenticeship training schools. Apart from parent-child relationships topping the list for the apprenticeship schools, the ratio remains surprisingly consistent throughout", the report said.

"Because of our isolation, too many people at stress fail to communicate their need before crisis, and then the rehabilitation task can be heavy and sometimes impossible.

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# \$9 MILLION S.E.C. INSURANCE POLICY

The SEC has taken out an insurance policy with a \$9 million premium to cover the giant Loy Yang power station and open cut project in the Latrobe Valley.

The policy is believed to be the biggest single insurance policy written in Australia.

Assistant General Manager (Operations), Mr. Bill De Campo said today that the policy would cover all contract work for the project other than dredger contracts and would include public liability cover.

"The policy will provide for property damage cover up to \$500 million as well as public liability insurance," Mr. De Campo said.

"The policy has been issued by Bain Dawes Southern Pty. Ltd. in association with Sedgwick Forbes Leslie Pty. Ltd. who will in turn

arrange underwriting with other Australian companies with overseas support.

"Minor losses by contractors will be covered by the SEC but all major contingencies for the duration of the construction period will be covered by the insurance.

"The premium will be payable progressively over the life of the policy which is expected to be some 10 years.

"It will greatly simplify insurance of the project which would otherwise be covered by separate policies taken out by individual contractors which might well overlap.

"Final details of the policy are still to be completed as this was subject to approval by the Governor in Council which was received last week," Mr. De Campo said.

## THE FEMALE SECS

MORWELL duplicating section has a new face, she is Dianne Deguara formerly of Morwell stores. Welcome to the section Dianne.



IT was interesting to hear the varying comments from girls to the poem which appeared in last month's column. The majority said, "I always go to the powder room on my own." Well girls do you? Think about the number of times you go to the powder room with a girlfriend — you will be surprised.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Lowe (nee Deguara) formerly of Personnel, Yallourn. Mary gave birth early this month to a son Timothy James at the Lilydale Bush Nursing Hospital. Mary and husband Tom both worked in Latrobe Valley before moving to Melbourne five years ago.



MORWELL typist Michelle Cameron bought a new car . . . and from all reports it's a little beauty.

MARILYN Witam, CAO with Power Generation, Morwell, took in a three day CAO course at Hazelwood power station during the month — understand she was the only female on the course — lucky girl!



FOURTEEN Monash House typists took in a day tour of the Latrobe Valley works area early this month. The familiarisation tour won't be the last — another is planned for October. The party was led by Assistant Superintendent (training) Typist Services Joyce Fettling.



MORWELL stores office assistant Linda Hall has returned from a two week Corporal Course with the Army at Puckapunyal. Linda who is currently a Lance Corporal will return later this year to complete the course. If she passes she'll be promoted to a Corporal. Good Luck!



THAT's all but more items are needed for the column so don't be backward in coming forward with news, phone ext. 3228 or 3642.



# Service Register

COMMISSION staff and wages employees who reached significant service milestones during October are included in this month's register.

## 25 YEARS:

|                     |                                               |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Alfred Lepetit      | Civil Works, Morwell                          |
| James Welsh         | Coal, Yallourn                                |
| Steve Pleszko       | Power, Morwell                                |
| Janis Karselis      | Coal, Yallourn                                |
| Alan Ross           | Coal, Yallourn                                |
| Ron McDonald        | Civil Works, Morwell                          |
| Peter Horbacz       | Yallourn Workshops                            |
| Sicbien Vandenbosch | Coal, Yallourn                                |
| Fedor Kowtiw        | Civil Works, Yallourn                         |
| Eric Barnes         | Coal, Yallourn                                |
| Noel Radford        | Yallourn 'W' Power Station                    |
| Les Gay             | Yallourn Power Station                        |
| Arthur Vernon       | Coal, Morwell                                 |
| John Humphreys      | Hazelwood Power Station                       |
| Alan Smirfitt       | Morwell Briquetting and<br>Power Installation |
| Laurie Vandersteen  | Transmission, Yallourn                        |
| Frank Tomlinson     | Yallourn Power Station                        |

## 30 YEARS:

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Dennis Foley | Yallourn Stores |
| Tom Valli    | Coal, Yallourn  |

## 31 YEARS:

|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Charles Stace  | Coal, Yallourn        |
| Henry Westfall | Civil Works, Yallourn |
| Neil Johnson   | Finance, Morwell      |
| Bob McPhee     | Yallourn Workshops    |

## 32 YEARS:

|                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Harry Hartrick | Transmission, Yallourn |
| Colin Johnson  | Coal, Yallourn         |

## 33 YEARS:

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| Tom Schulz | Patrol, Morwell |
|------------|-----------------|

## 36 YEARS:

|              |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| James Tickle | Civil Works, Yallourn |
|--------------|-----------------------|

## 37 YEARS:

|            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| Eric Lyons | Coal, Yallourn |
| Ken Grant  | Coal, Yallourn |

## 38 YEARS:

|            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| Jim Irvine | Finance, Morwell |
|------------|------------------|

## 39 YEARS:

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Les Hilditch | Coal, Morwell |
|--------------|---------------|

## 40 YEARS:

|            |                            |
|------------|----------------------------|
| Alec Scott | Yallourn 'W' Power Station |
|------------|----------------------------|

## 41 YEARS:

|               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Dick Sullivan | Yallourn Power Station |
|---------------|------------------------|

## 51 YEARS:

|             |                        |
|-------------|------------------------|
| Vic Wiggins | Yallourn Power Station |
|-------------|------------------------|



Looking at a brochure of the nursing home project are (from left) David Swainsbury, Glen Randle and Neil Morris. A model of the nursing home is pictured in the foreground.

## MOE APEX CLUB DONATES \$5,000 TO AGED PROGRAM

The Moe Apex Club will donate \$5,000, over the next three years, to the Latrobe Valley Hospital's Care of the Aged Program, nursing home project.

Apex Club President, Mr. Neil Morris (Coal Production, Yallourn), said the project was considered to be most worthwhile, and one which would benefit the Moe community.

The raising of the \$5,000 will be the club's most ambitious project since it was established in 1956.

Club Social Director, Mr. David Swainsbury (Yallourn 'W'), said the Club plans to

put all proceeds from its annual Christmas raffle into the project. Meanwhile, the fund-raising committee is looking at various other activities.

The money will go toward furnishing a four-bedroomed ward in the modern new nursing home.

Latrobe Valley Hospital Manager, Glen Randle, said the project committee was most grateful for the generous donation by the Moe Apex Club, which he said would help the project reach its local contribution target of \$350,000.

## Annual clay pigeon shoot is on Nov. 1

The second annual clay pigeon shoot between the SEC and APM will be held on November 1 at the Morwell Gun Club.

Two teams of eight shooters will compete for the Noel Lappin Memorial Shield.

The inaugural shoot held last year was won comfortably by the APM 133

to 111 points . . . in fact the APM made a clean sweep of the day by also winning the novice and women's event.

SEC organiser for this year's challenge shoot is Noel Kingsley (Hazelwood power station) ext. 5110.



## 'Ebenezer Scrooge' trophy win to LV

The 'Ebenezer Scrooge' trophy has been won for the third consecutive year by the Latrobe Valley Finance department.

The trophy was competed for at the 18th annual Latrobe Valley-Monash House Finance golf day at the Yallourn golf club on October 1.

It is the 13th time they have won the coveted trophy.

Latrobe Valley proved too strong for Monash House and ran out comfortable winners 9-6.

More than 60 golfers competed in the hotly contested event held in ideal golfing conditions.

The 'Ebenezer Scrooge' trophy was presented to Latrobe Valley captain Don Malpass (Pay section) by Manager Finance Department (Monash House) Dick Hurley.

Feeling sorry for each other are Arthur Brogan (right) who won the 'If Only' trophy on a countback from Jim Hale (left) with seven stableford points.

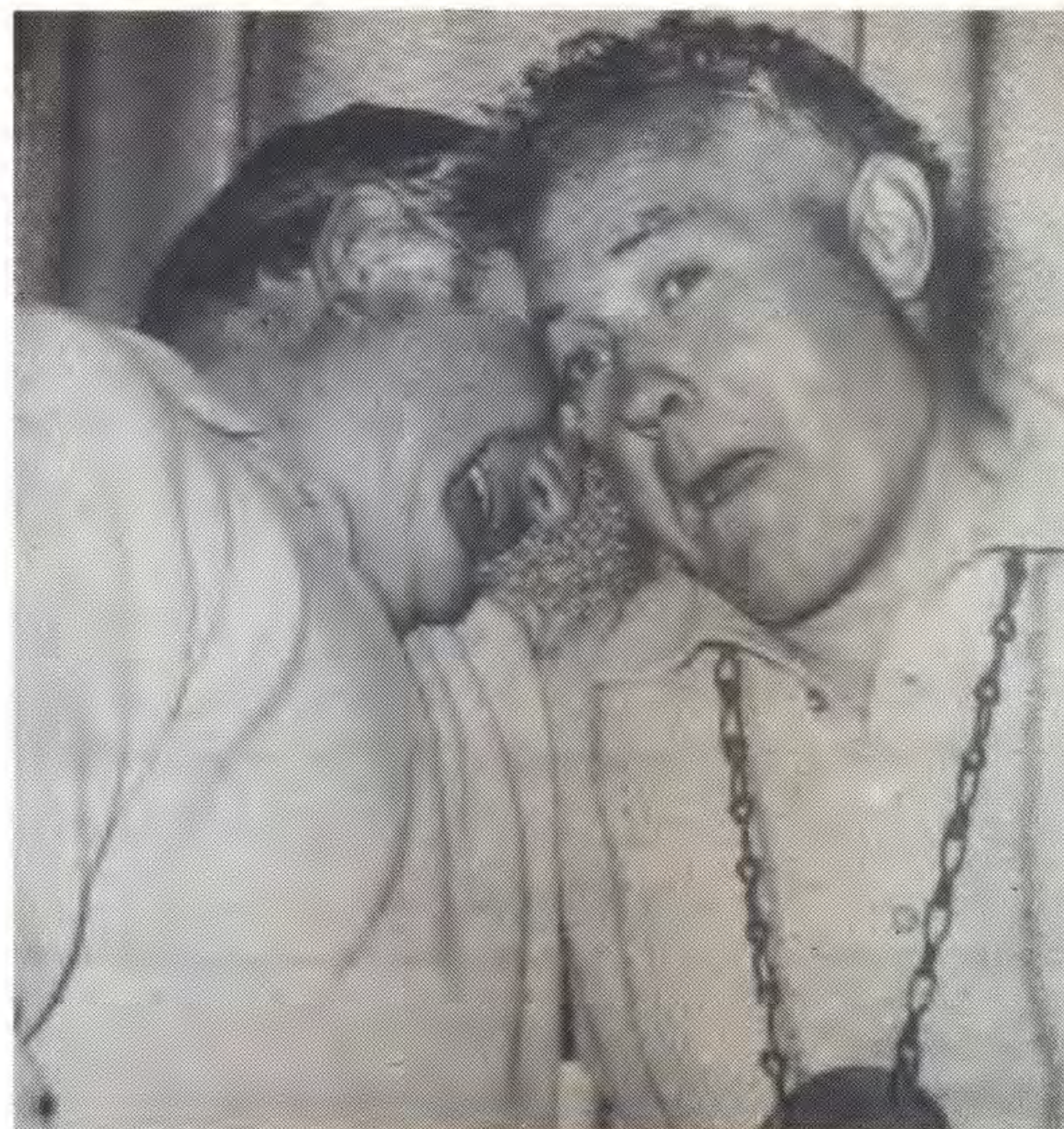


Trevor Watson (second from right) discusses his card with fellow golfers (from left) Jack Grantham, Rod Doig and Keith Guthrie.



Manager Finance Department Dick Hurley (right) presented the 'Ebenezer Scrooge' trophy to Don Malpass (Payrolls Latrobe Valley).

Checking their cards after 18 holes are (from left) Doug Birchall, Allan Walton, Stan Moore and Ian McDonald.





Busy typing a letter is Michelle Crabtree of Traralgon. Michelle worked in the Morwell typing pool.



Phyllis Frendo was busy at work when CONTACT'S photographer called on her last week.



Pictured carrying out tests in the Yallourn Power Station chemistry laboratory is Michael Hodge of Warragul.



Thirteen of the students taking part in the work experience program were pictured in front of the Latrobe Valley Visitors Centre last week.

## Work experience program a success

Four Traralgon students were among a group which undertook a two-week work experience program with the SEC in the Latrobe Valley early this month.

They were: Tanti Raymond, St. Paul's College; Carmel Elizabeth Kennedy, Kildare College; Geoffrey Machen, Traralgon Technical School, and Michelle Crabtree, Traralgon High School.

The students from 18 Gippsland and Latrobe Valley schools had a taste of what it would be like to work with the SEC.

The students took part in the Gippsland Regional Directorates' work experience

program. Last year 10 students took part. It is the second year in which the SEC has taken part in the highly successful program.

The object of the program was to enable students from Forms 3, 4 and 5 level to gain experience in a work situation.

Students from as far as Wonthaggi, Leongatha, Warragul, Traralgon, Mirboo North, Yarram and Foster are attending the two week program.

They worked in various fields ranging from assisting a geologist in the field to sampling and analysis of water, air and coal supplies.



Neale McCulloch is pictured (above) carrying out repairs to a piece of equipment in the Yallourn power station.



Checking their score cards after completing their 18 holes are (from left) Val McGann, John Ballard, Len Ashmore and Jack Clancy.



Putting out on the 9th hole is Roy Aitkin. Looking on with interest are (from left) Col Somers, Ron McIvor and Ken McQualter.



Looking happy with their rounds of golf are (from left) Betty Malpass, Val Flanigan, Brenda Miles and Laurie Mellon.



Congratulating each other after their rounds are (from left) Wayne Casey, Tom Carroll, John Hutchinson and Yoney Yoneyama.

## Ideal weather for golf titles

More than 150 golfers took part in the Association of SEC Social Clubs Latrobe Valley 1977 golf championships at Yallourn on October 9.

The successful 26 event program was held in ideal golfing weather — 121 men and 32 women competed for trophies.

Hazelwood power station unit attendant Robert Goldie won his third successive mens 27-hole scratch event title when he carded 76-36-112.

The womens title went to Sonya Bates 91-25-34.

Trophies were presented by SEC Departmental head

George Bates, Jack Vines and Ian McDonald.

Results: Mens scratch 27 holes—Bob Goldie 76-36-112; Mens 'A' Grade 27 holes handicap: Tom Carroll 69-33½-102½; 'B' Grade 27 holes handicap: Jock Morris 66-36½-102; 'C' Grade: Bob Scorse 69-33½-102½; 'D' Grade: Jack Emery 29-75-104.

Women 18 holes 'A' Grade handicap: Sonya Bates 91-24-67; 'B' Grade: Norma Hutchinson 98-28-70; longest drive: Nola Tee.

Nearest to pin winners: Gwen Gretton, Ann Donnet, Ella McDonald, John Hutchinson, Hugh McGreevy, Ivan Harris and Bob Goldie.



Golf day committee thank tournament sponsor representative Tom Carroll for its sponsorship. They are (from left) Kevin Goldie, Tom Carroll, John Hutchinson, Lex Derham, Eddie Janeczek and Rod Doig.



*Some of the 1,500, five tonne, pipes to be used as part of the main drainage from the power station and the coal storage area are pictured above.*

## MOVING AHEAD

Work on the SEC's huge Loy Yang project is progressing satisfactorily despite heavy rainfall during June and July this year.

Resident Engineer Ron Boyd says to date 1,600 metres of piping has been laid. In all 1,500, five-tonne, pipes will be used as part of the main drainage from the power station and the coal storage area.

Work is being concentrated on the raw coal bunker site at present, which is 60 per cent complete. The bunker site works will be completed soon, allowing work to begin on the raw coal bunker before the end of

this year.

Also well under way is the construction of the new Barton's Lane, which will be in use by early 1978.

Two new earth works contracts are expected to begin in November, they are for the earth bench for the power station and earth works associated with the initial development of the open cut.

At present there are about 50 people working at Loy Yang, however with the letting of further contracts in the near future there is expected to be more than 200 workers on site before Christmas.



*A number of smaller pipes are placed into position by a back-hoe as the picture above indicates.*

## Yallourn 'W' power station creates performance record

Twenty-four hours a day for 183 days and still going strong.

That's the record-breaking story from Yallourn 'W' Power Station where the Number 2 unit has been running non-stop for six months. (Note: Six months is to 9 September, 1977).

In announcing the record, SEC's Manager Power Generation Mr. Jack Robertson, said the unit had been running at near peak performance during the entire period.

Mr. Robertson said: "In the period from March 9, 1977 the unit has generated almost 14 per cent of the State's electricity requirement.

"The State has consumed 11,000 gigawatt hours (GWh) of power in the past six months, and the W2 unit has produced 1,500 GWh."

The unit, made up of a Toshiba turbine and John Thompson boiler, has a rated output of 350 megawatts (MW) and its average for the period has been 340 MW.

Brown coal-fired generating plants usually require more servicing than other electricity generating plant because of the complicated technology involved in getting the high moisture content brown coal to burn properly.

Mr. Robertson said: "Yallourn W2 has burnt about 2,300,000 tonnes of brown coal to create the record in its 24 hours-a-day operation."

The previous best plant performance in the Latrobe Valley was a 129 day non-stop run by a Yallourn 'E' unit in 1970.

# Service Register

COMMISSION wages and staff employees who reached significant service milestones during September are included in this month's register.

## 25 YEARS:

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Joe McNicol             | Morwell Power Station         |
| Des Short               | Yallourn Workshops            |
| Jack Wilkinson          | Area Administration, Yallourn |
| Bill Walsh              | Hazelwood Power Station       |
| Peter Shannon           | Area Administration, Yallourn |
| Viv Waite               | Area Administration, Morwell  |
| Bernard Murphy          | Yallourn Workshops            |
| Len Millar              | Coal Production, Yallourn     |
| Evangelos Michael       | Civil Services, Yallourn      |
| Claude Brown            | Civil Services, Yallourn      |
| Nat Langford-Sidebottom | Coal Production, Yallourn     |

## 30 YEARS:

|                 |                               |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Bill Aitken     | Yallourn Power Station        |
| Robert Taffs    | Yallourn Workshops            |
| George Edmunds  | Transport Workshops, Yallourn |
| Tom Kennedy     | Area Administration, Yallourn |
| Lawie McLachlan | Morwell Power Station         |

## 31 YEARS:

|                |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| George Fisher  | Area Administration, Yallourn |
| Bill Bowler    | Yallourn Power Station        |
| Stuart Bremner | Yallourn Power Station        |
| Jack Swan      | Area Administration, Morwell  |

## 32 YEARS:

|              |                                 |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Dave Handley | Briquette Distribution, Morwell |
| Dick Gray    | Patrol                          |

## 33 YEARS:

|               |                           |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| John Farrugia | Coal Production, Yallourn |
|---------------|---------------------------|

## 36 YEARS:

|             |                        |
|-------------|------------------------|
| Keith Taffs | Yallourn Power Station |
|-------------|------------------------|

## 37 YEARS:

|                |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Clarrie French | Area Administration, Yallourn |
| Pat O'Neill    | Yallourn Power Station        |
| Murray French  | Morwell Power Station         |

## 40 YEARS:

|              |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Owen O'Bryan | Morwell Power Station |
|--------------|-----------------------|

## 47 YEARS:

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Charles Lazarus | Coal Production, Yallourn |
|-----------------|---------------------------|



The first water to flow through the new Morwell River Diversion channel is pictured above.

# WATER FLOWS THROUGH NEW DIVERSION PIPE

Water flowed through the Morwell River Diversion channel for the first time on September 6.

A small embankment was dug out by an excavator allowing water to flow from the old Morwell River into the 3.5 kilometre pipe channel.

The pipeline section will carry normal river flows underground, but during flooding overflow water will be carried by a wide diversion channel which has been grassed to blend into the

surrounding landscape.

Any flood flow during the Spring will go down the existing river course.

The \$5.5 million river diversion project is about 92 per cent complete — it is expected to be fully completed by April next year.

The Morwell River Diversion Project is required in order to safeguard the Morwell open cut which is to be extended through much of the present Morwell flood plain.



A back-hoe was used to dig through the earth embankment to allow the Morwell River to flow through the new diversion channel.

ENGINEERING  
SERVICES

## ENGINEER WINS COUNCIL ELECTION

Morwell Shire Council has two new councillors . . . and one of them is an SEC employee.

He is 35 year old Bruce Reynold, who is the SEC's Workshops Superintendent with Engineering Services Department in Morwell.

Bruce was elected to represent the South Riding. He defeated Mervyn Massey of Boolarra, a unit controller at Hazelwood power station by 194 votes to 147.

The South Riding seat was held by the late Cr. Martin Walker who died in June this year.

It will be the first time Bruce has entered into Local Government. It's his aim to

be active within the riding and to serve the ratepayer well.

Both Bruce and his wife Beverly, who have three children, Ian, Tracy and John, are looking forward to the three year term.

His hobbies are tennis and being a handyman around the house.

Bruce, who's been with the Commission for 16 years, has taken an active interest in Yinnar South community activities since moving to Yinnar South 3½ years ago.



*Morwell Shire Council's newest councillor Bruce Reynolds was busy at work when CONTACT called on him last week.*

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### \$10,000 donation to aged program

project in the 1977-78 financial year. The other was that the project committee raise a local contribution of \$350,000. The project total has now reached \$320,000, Mr. Bates added.

Credit Union Manager Laurie Watt said he hoped the Credit Union's donation would encourage Moe businesses to whom the Credit Union has loaned more than \$13 million since it began operation in 1969, to donate to the Care of the Aged Programme—a most worthy project.

### FOR SALE

#### 'To Yallourn with Love'

This is a special book about Yallourn that was prepared for the Back-to Yallourn celebrations.

available in:

Soft cover @ \$3

Hard back @ \$5

Contact Bill Hopkins Senior Guide at the Morwell Visitors' Centre (ext. 3415).

## E.G.F.L. best and fairest award was well deserved

A number of Latrobe Valley Football League Club's would like to obtain the services of talented Swan Reach ruckman Ian Nethercote . . . but their chances

are not too good.

Ian, who is working with the Commission (in Engineering Services Department) for two years on a traineeship, has a bright football future

and he has the qualifications to prove it.

The 22 year-old ruckman won this season's East Gippsland Football League's senior 18 best and fairest award with 43 votes — the runner-up, a team-mate, Mick Avery polled only 29 votes.

Ian polled in 18 of the 20 games, he polled 10 three votes, five two votes and three ones.

Last year Avery won the award and Ian was runner-up. Ian topped off a good season by winning the Swan Reach best and fairest with 171 votes—51 votes clear of the runner-up.

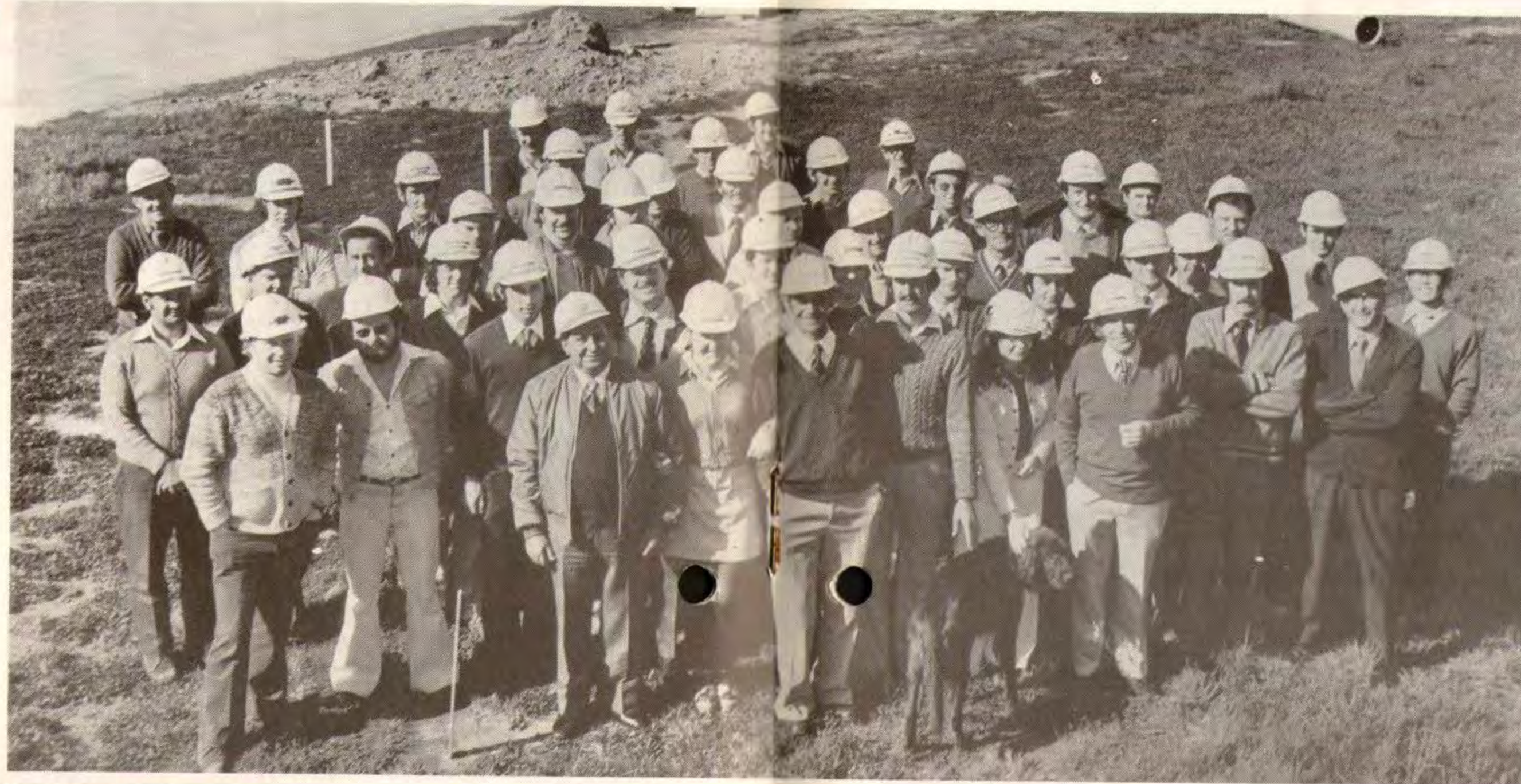
His younger brother Bruce is Captain of the Swan Reach third and according to Ian he has a bright future ahead of him.

Following his two years with the Commission, which finishes in January next year, Ian hopes to move to Melbourne where he intends to play with Footscray.



*Ian Nethercote (left) is pictured talking to Yallourn Workshops administration office typist Chris Karwath last week.*

A welder is pictured carrying out work on conveyor rollers leading to the new conveyor transfer house at Yallourn.



Above: Yallourn 'W' Construction staff are pictured together

## The changing skyline of Yallourn 'W' stage 2

Construction of the \$500 million Yallourn 'W' stage 2 is well underway and progressing satisfactorily.

Yallourn 'W' Construction Engineer Don Bromilow says, more than 800 men are currently employed on the site which when finished will differ in many ways from Stage 1.

One larger cooling tower will be used for units three and four instead of the two separate towers for units one and two. This third tower, with a height of 132 metres, will be 18 metres taller than the two existing towers. It will be the largest of its type in Australia.

Different boilers, incorporating new features, will be used in stage two, and a 40,000 tonne capacity raw coal bunker is being constructed as part of the project — to provide coal supplies for the old and new Yallourn Power Stations.

A unique feature of stage two is that one contractor has been given responsibility for erection of all ancillary equipment after it is received from various manufacturers. Previously, a number of different firms made, supplied and installed their own equipment.

Tower cranes are being used extensively on the site. These cranes, which "grow" as the structure grows, take up a small amount of space, yet can cover large areas of construction. On stage one, they were used only for cooling tower construction.

Unit three of Yallourn 'W' is scheduled to achieve full load by mid 1979, and unit four by mid 1980.

Wet weather has been a problem, particularly in the months of June and July, when it delayed civil works.

To provide the additional coal requirements, a new overburden system incorporating dredger 13 and stacker TS3 is about to be taken over by Coal Production for commercial service.

Many of the new techniques used in its construction will later be used on the massive Loy Yang project.

The Yallourn works area (above) looks extremely small in this photograph taken from a Cessna aircraft more than 3,000 feet in the air.

Construction of the 170 metres high Stage 2 chimney is well under way as the picture (left) indicates.



Above: This aerial picture of the Yallourn 'W' Stages 1 and 2 gives you an impression of the size of the works under construction.

Studying the progress of Yallourn 'W' stage 2 construction are (from left) Mike Maurer (Engineer, Civil) and Bruce Williams (Supervisor) of Yallourn 'W' Construction Division.

Discussing Yallourn 'W' stage 2 progress during a site inspection are (from left) Graham Teese (Civil Contracts Superintendent) and Don Bromilow (Construction Engineer).





## Electrical mechanic enjoys teaching in Papua New Guinea

Former Morwell electrical mechanic George Francis is currently enjoying the humid climate in Boroko, Papua New Guinea.

George, who was seconded from the State Electricity Commission of Victoria (Lartrrobe Valley) to the Papua New Guinea Electricity Commission for two years, he began his secondment in March this year.

He is currently training instructor (Electrical) at the Elcom Training College at Hohola.

George says his position is extremely interesting, it includes teaching electrical apprentices — electrical wiring, electrical trade drawing, turning and fitting, and measuring instruments.

He also runs adult classes in inspector coaching, electrical coaching licences, he recently lectured at the 1977 electrical superintendent course at the Elcom training college.

George has an extensive experience in power stations, communications and electronics. He and his wife Shirley say the climate in Papua New Guinea is ideal and they are looking forward to their stay.

Anybody interested in contacting George can do so by writing to him c/o. Elcom Training College, P.O. Box 1106, Boroko, Papua New Guinea or by ham radio — his call sign is P29 HV.



*Looking as fit as a fiddle, George Francis (above) is pictured outside one of the lecture rooms at the Elcom Training College at Hohola in Papua New Guinea.*

## You never know who you will run into

When you're on holidays you never know who you'll run into or meet up with . . . this was the case with Bob Gardiner (Leading hand with electrical maintenance at Yallourn power station) and his fiancée Lyla Ellery when they attended a party while in Surfers Paradise on holidays early this month.

The party was at the

home of a former electrical operator at Yallourn 'A' and 'B' power station, Ron Bollan and wife Chris.

There were also a number of other SEC employees from the Lartrrobe Valley at the party. They included Bob and Elaine Thorton (Bob was former electrical superintendent at Yal-

lourn power station); Arthur Coster (electrical operator, YPS); Jack Coffey (production co-ordination department) and Jack Thorpe (Yallourn briquette factory).

Also at the party were former Yallourn residents Mal Howath, Mrs. Jack Carlise, Mrs. Lorna Robertson and Charlie and Ruth Rutter from Newborough.

## Boating is great summer fun but . .

With the Summer approaching and several drownings in Victorian waters already this year it is timely to make people think about how they use their boats and with what respect they should treat the waterway they use.

It is incorrect to make the assumption that any piece of water is perfectly safe in all conditions just because it is

inland or a protected waterway. Always enquire about the hazards of a new area from local or experienced people — particularly the effects of the wind and tides.

Be wary of mooring off a protected shore with a strong offshore breeze as heavy seas can build up in a short distance and the size of the sea can be hard to judge.

Always use the weather

forecast of the area and err on the safe side rather than take a chance of being caught in bad conditions.

Today one of the most popular boat types used is the fibreglass or aluminium outboard powered boat between four and five metres in length.

In smooth water without any wind these boats can be handled poorly and not

cause an accident, however in windy and/or rough conditions they are more sensitive to poor handling. In all small unballasted boats such as the outboard runabout, all weight should be kept low to the floor when in wave conditions, people should not stand as this raises the centre of gravity and can dramatically accentuate the rocking movement of the boat.



## COAL PRODUCTION

# Dragline to be operating soon

The 29 year old Bucyrus Arie electrically driven dragline transported from the Yallourn North Extension to the Morwell open cut in June is expected to begin work early next month.

The 120 tonne dragline is presently situated on the northern side of the Morwell open cut on No. 2 level, where it is being reassembled.

The dragline will be put to work excavating clay

holes and digging overburden in the open cut.

Before coming to Morwell the old dragline had worked in the Yallourn, Yallourn North and Yallourn North Extension open cuts.

The move from Yallourn North open cut to the Yallourn North Extension took place in the early 1950's. It was transported on a giant low-loader, similar to the one used in June this year.

Payrolls clerk Ian Ipsim, who has lived in Yallourn North for many years, took a number of slides of the move in the 50's. One of those slides (left) has been reproduced by CONTACT — it shows the low-loader transporting the dragline into the Yallourn North Extension.

### WANTED TO HIRE

A 4 berth caravan or campervan during January — to tow to Adelaide for three weeks. Contact: Eddie Rees ext. 3398.



Pictured (above) in its new home, the Morwell open cut, is the 29 year old Bucyrus Arie dragline which was transported from Yallourn North Extension in June.



The old dragline originally came from the Yallourn North open cut more than 15 years ago where Ian Ipsim, now with Payrolls, Morwell took this picture of the move which occurred in the late 50's.

# Commissioning tests nearing completion

Commissioning tests are nearing completion on the SEC's new \$6.5 million No. 13 overburden dredger at Hernes Oak.

The 1,950 tonne dredger will take over from No. 7 overburden dredger in the Yallourn Open Cut and will feed a new conveyor system now under construction.

The SEC's Coal Production Manager, Mr. Jack Vines, said today, "the new 34 metre tall dredger is expected to move from the Hernes Oak construction site, into

the open cut, in about one weeks' time. Construction of the dredger began in October, 1975.

Overall erection responsibility for No. 13 dredger rests with Krupp (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., a subsidiary of the giant European company, Krupp of Germany.

### FOR SALE

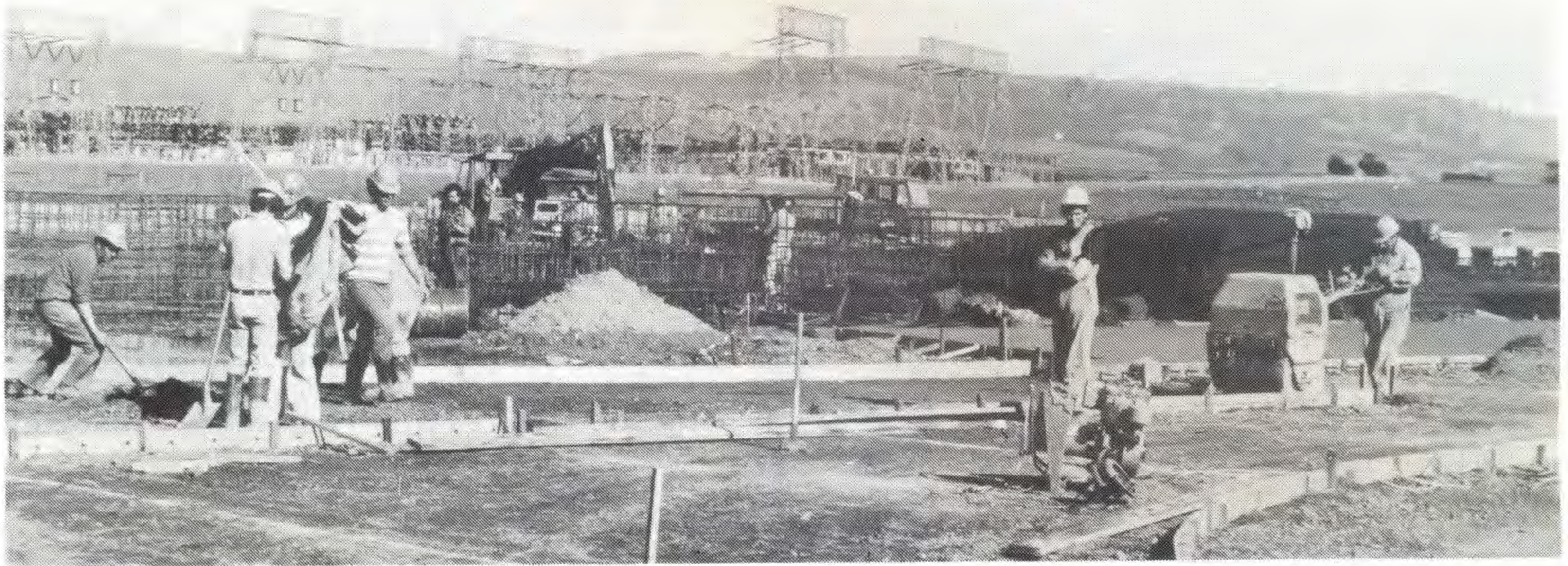
A "Happy Wanderer" four man tent 13' x 8' with internal frame and separate bedroom compartment. As new — only used once. Contact: Alf Vella ext. 3658.



No. 13 dredger is pictured (right) during its commissioning tests at Hernes Oak early this month.



**POWER  
GENERATION**



*Work is progressing in leaps and bounds on the site works at the Jeeralang Gas Turbine Station site.*



*Above: This large back-hoe excavates a hole on the gas turbine site near the Hazelwood 500KV switchyard.*

## **Suggestion worth \$500 to Werner**

Werner Arheidt, an electrical foreman at Hazelwood power station was presented with his sixth suggestion award cheque early this month.

Werner, who has been with the Commission for 23 years has submitted 10 suggestions — six have been accepted by the Suggestions Scheme panel and awards made.

His latest, worth \$500, was a modification to a circuit on an AEI type time

delay relay.

Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson presented the cheque to Werner at an informal function in the Hazelwood power station lecture room on September 6. In presenting the award Mr. Robertson said Werner's suggestion had successfully solved the problem of coil failures on the AEI relays in the 415 volt switchgear. The suggestion has been implemented on all Hazelwood power station units.

## **Jeeralang gas turbine station is well underway**

More than 45 men are currently employed on the Jeeralang Gas Turbine Station site off Bond's Lane, north of the Hazelwood terminal station.

It is expected that approximately 100 men will be working on the site by early next year.

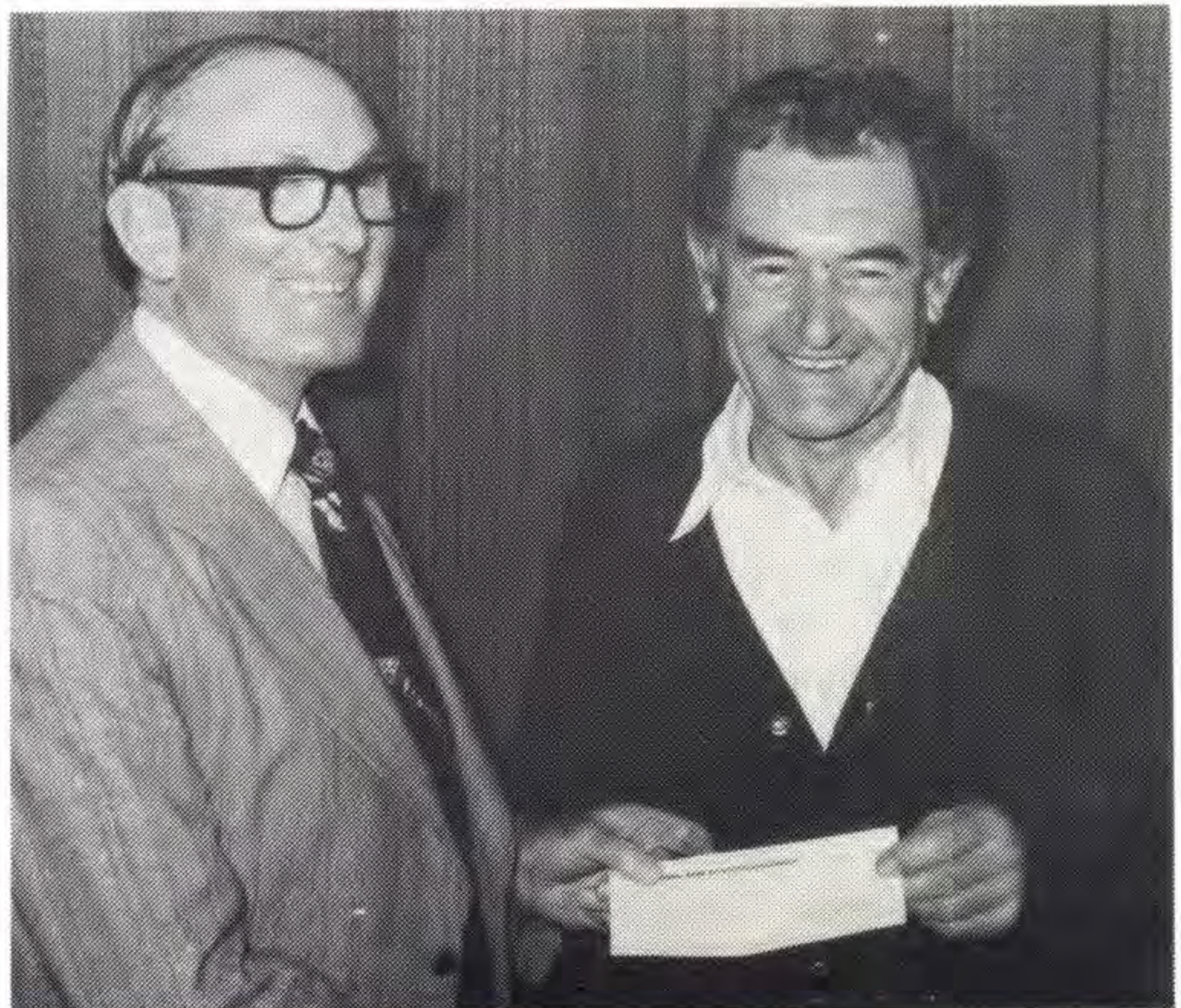
Initial earth works have been completed, the concrete ring road around the station is 80 per cent complete, the

security fence and water mains are 25 per cent completed.

Progress has been satisfactory and with the Summer approaching works are expected to move a long at a fast rate.

Overall the new station is about 10 per cent completed.

Work began in August this year — the first unit is expected to be in service by June next year.



*Congratulations on your suggestion. Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson (left) congratulates Werner Arheidt at the informal presentation.*

# SEC metallurgist is Moe's new mayor for 1977-78

Moe City council's new mayor Don Ferguson is a metallurgist with the SEC at Yallourn. Don's election as Mayor continues a succession of Commission employees to be Mayor of Moe.

In the last seven mayoral terms, six have been SEC employees. Since 1970 there have been Ted Summerton (Yallourn power station), Joe Tabuteau (retired SEC employee), Jim Connigan (Yallourn power station), Hank Wegh (Civil works, Yallourn), Eric Alexander (Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation) and Don Ferguson.

Don, who has represented the Central ward for three years, is serving his first term as Mayor . . . and enjoying it.

His aim, while Mayor, is to serve the ratepayers well and maintain a close liaison with other neighboring municipalities.

Moe council has a close relationship with the SEC and Don, who's been with the Commission for 15 years, intends to strengthen the bond of friendship between the two. The close working relationship is most important as 64 per cent of the Commission's Latrobe Valley workforce lives in Moe.

Don's wife Julie is looking forward to her term as Mayoress. The Ferguson's have four children, David 17, Mark 15, Peter 12 and Kim 6.

Meanwhile Traralgon City Council's new Mayor is also an SEC employee. He is Charlie Effenberg the SEC's Traralgon District Manager.



**CHARLIE EFFENBERG**



*Don Ferguson (above) is pictured in his mayoral gown in the Moe City Council chambers last week.*



*Members of Hazelwood's champion industrial fire fighting team are—Back row (from left): Allan Westhorpe, Bill Gilders, Bernie Doran, Joe Gatt; Front row: Geoff Webster, Peter Rennie, Ron Hart and Keith Peters. Absent when photo was taken were team captain George Rowe and Malcolm Taylor.*

## FIRE FIGHTING TEAM IN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

An SEC industrial fire fighting team is currently competing in the Victorian Industrial fire fighting titles at Springvale.

It is the first time a Commission team has competed in the annual titles. The eight man team is from the Hazelwood power station's 'D' shift. Team members are: George Rowe (Captain), Malcolm Taylor, Allan Westhorpe, Bill Gilders, Joe Gatt, Geoff Webster, Peter Rennie, Ron Hart and Keith Peters.

As CONTACT went to press no results had been received on their performances. Hazelwood power station Fire Officer Norm Abbot says the team will gain considerable experience and knowledge from competing in the titles.

'D' Shift won the right to represent the Commission by winning the annual industrial fire fighting competition conducted between shifts at Hazelwood.

Each shift trains regularly for two hours on the HPS fire training track.

Ted Cowper (Fire services) who trains the crews says it is hoped that an annual competition can be arranged between crews from Morwell, Yallourn and Yallourn 'W' power stations, Morwell and Yallourn Stores, Yallourn workshops and Hazelwood power station.

● New members are always welcome — if you are interested contact either Norm Abbot ext. 5177 or Ted Cowper ext. 3555.

# Best and fairest award to Morwell East centreman

Yallourn field tests engineering assistant Ken Healy has capped off his 1977 football season by winning the Mid Gippsland Football League's senior 18 best and fairest award.

Ken, who captained and coached Morwell East, polled 28 votes, eight 3 votes, three 2 votes and two 1 votes to win the coveted award.

It is the first time he has won a League best and

fairest award — he polled in 12 of the 22 games.

The 31 year old creative centreman won the Morwell East best and fairest award with 156 votes — he also won the award last year.

Ken, who began his football career in Traralgon intends to continue playing football as long as he can.

He has coached Morwell East for the past two years and is undecided on what he'll be doing . . . coaching wise next year.

## Pre-school centre vacancies

Prospective residents of Churchill, with pre-school age children, take note. There are still a number of vacancies at the Walkey Park pre-school centre for part time children.

Centre committee spokesman Peter McShane says to be eligible, children must be four years old by June 30, 1978.

SEC employe moving to Churchill who have pre-school age children, should enroll their child by November 25 either by contacting Centre directress Mrs. Pat Williams, phone 22 1931 or Peter McShane ext. 2133.

## Get cricket entries in

The annual Latrobe Valley Association of Social Clubs will conduct its annual lightning cricket premiership on November 13 at Yallourn.

Organisor Rod Doig says that 12 teams are expected to enter the titles which was won last year by Yallourn power station.

Team secretaries must have team entries in to either Rod Doig etc. 3663, Merv Graham ext. 2026 or John Hutchinson ext. 5277 by November 2.

# Valley air is cleaner than Melbourne air is

Air quality testing by the Environment Protection Authority and the SEC has indicated that the air in the Latrobe Valley is significantly cleaner than the air in Melbourne.

The results comparing air quality readings in the Latrobe Valley with those recorded at testing stations in Melbourne were released last month.

SEC figures taken over many years support the EPA test station readings.

EPA test station readings indicate that if differences in health patterns between Melbourne and the Latrobe Valley are significant, air pollution is not a critical factor.

"We have been reluctant to comment on aspects relating to health because we are not health experts.

"The figures show that readings for pollutants are about the same or lower in the Latrobe Valley than in Melbourne.

"They also show that air quality has improved in the Valley in recent years con-

trary to the belief of many people.

"Where the figures show a fall in the Latrobe Valley, it does not necessarily indicate a downward trend in the longer term; the extensive air monitoring survey recently announced will show whether this is so.

"The figures also show that both in Melbourne and in the Latrobe Valley the amount of pollution in the air is well below recognised international standards.

"For instance, in the case of ozone — based on the maximum one hour value each month — the Latrobe Valley reading has actually dropped from 4.8 parts per hundred million in 1975 to 4.0 pphm for the first five months of this year.

"During the same 1977 period, the ozone reading for Melbourne, based on an average of all stations for which results were available in the metropolitan area, was 8.1 pphm.

"There is a high level of visual material in the Latrobe Valley air, but the greater proportion of this is harmless water vapor.

"Of the remainder, a significant part is probably pollution from private industries which are themselves undertaking programs to reduce discharges.

"The airborne particle index, which records dust in the air, shows that Melbourne and the Latrobe Valley had identical readings of 0.8 pphm in 1975 as an annual average from 24 hour average values.

"Sulphur dioxide pollution has dropped from 0.5 pphm in the Latrobe Valley to 0.2 pphm and from 1.1 pphm in Melbourne to 0.5 pphm.

"The Melbourne figure is still two and a half times higher than the comparable Latrobe Valley figure.

"The figures for nitrogen dioxide reveal a level of 0.9 pphm in the Latrobe Valley compared with 2.2 pphm in Melbourne.

"These figures do not mean that pollution in Melbourne is especially bad.

"They indicate that overall Victorian pollution figures are within acceptable levels and that the Latrobe Valley in particular is enjoying cleaner air in all important respects than Melbourne.

"They also show that the levels of several major pollutants have dropped in the Latrobe Valley area since 1975, though not necessarily indicating a trend.

"The figures are no cause for complacency since the fight for clean air will be a continuing one.

"The figures referred to are public property and are available in detail from the EPA in a published booklet."

**The September and October issues of CONTACT have been combined. Power restrictions prevented The L.V. Printers from printing the normal issue.**

**November's CONTACT will return to the normal 16 page format.**



 Eighteen members of the Industrial Mobilisation course are pictured (above) at the Morwell Coal Production control centre.

 RIGHT: Assistant Power station Superintendent Headquarters Laurie Culph (far right) is pictured with Mr. Jack Fraser (centre) and Mr. Jim Moya at the Jeeralang Gas Turbine Station site.



## EPA chief looks over SEC works

The Chairman of the Environment Protection Authority, Mr. Jack Fraser, took in a half day tour of the SEC Latrobe Valley works during September.

Mr. Fraser was accompanied by Mr. Jim Moya from the Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Board. They were escorted by Assistant Power Station Superintendent Headquarters Laurie Culph.

The group visited the Latrobe Valley control centre, Morwell, open cut, Hazelwood power station and the Jeeralang gas turbine station site.

A party of 36 members on the 1977 Industrial Mobilisation Course toured the Morwell and Yallourn works areas on September 7. The party was led by Group Capt. Ken Janson from Pt. Cook RAAF Base, Melbourne. Included in the groups tour was a look over the Morwell Coal Production control centre.

Fifteen new SEC apprentices were taken on a familiarisation tour of the Yallourn and Morwell works early last month before beginning their apprenticeships.

**BELOW:** Studying the Loy Yang project model in the Latrobe Valley visitors centre at Morwell is the group of new apprentices.





Pictured after the presentation of the plaques are (from left) Perc Mooney, Geoff Ryan and Paul Durr.

## Plaques presented in appreciation of excellent donations

In appreciation for the excellent contributions to the annual Central Gippsland Auxiliary for deaf children appeal, the SEC was presented with three plaques early this month.

The yellow and black plaques were presented to Hazelwood power station, Morwell workshops and Commission employees in

general for their excellent contributions. Appeal organiser Geoff Ryan (Property, Yallourn) presented the plaques on behalf of the auxiliary to Paul Durr (HPS) and Perc Mooney (Morwell workshops) at an informal presentation.

Hazelwood power station and Morwell workshops contributed the largest amounts to the appeal.

The third plaque will be situated above the cashiers window in Wing 4 Area Administration building, Morwell.

The 1976-77 appeal was called the Ham Ballagh memorial appeal after the late Ham Ballagh, a tireless worker for the school. The appeal raised a record \$1,404.81.

A special Ham Ballagh memorial will be established at the school.

IN APPRECIATION TO ALL  
S.E.C. EMPLOYEES  
FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS  
OVER THE YEARS

CENTRAL GIPPSLAND AUXILIARY  
VICTORIAN SCHOOL  
FOR DEAF CHILDREN

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Pictured (right) is the plaque and the suitable inscription engraved on it.

## Resident vet at LVCC

Did you know that the Latrobe Valley Control Centre has a resident vet! Well that's the title which mobile operator Alec Allison has been given.

Alec is regarded by many of his workmates to be a life-saver with birds . . . the feather variety.

Earlier this year Alec and his work mates looked after a plover, his recent good deed was looking after a young magpie which was found on the side of the Ridge road at the rear of the LVCC.

Alec says the magpie had fallen out of a tree, it had sore eyes, and had not eaten for some days.

After eight days of being fed with mince meat and water by Alec in the LVCC forecourt the magpie . . . fit and well flew away.

Pictured feeding the young magpie with mince meat is operator Alec Allison of Morwell.





*Looking pleased with themselves are the members of the Morwell Cleaners Group outside the Morwell workshops canteen.*

## Safety award to Morwell cleaners

The Morwell cleaning group's achievement of 100,000 manhours without a Lost Time Injury was recognised last month.

The 22 strong group knotted up the 100,000 manhours on January 31 this year . . . and to September 1 they have knotted up 123,337 manhours . . . and they're still going strong.

The group's last Lost Time Injury was recorded on October 15, 1974.

At an informal ceremony in the Morwell workshops training centre, Acting Materials and Services Officer Frank Hiscock presented the National Safety Council of Australia's pennant and certificate to the group's representative Harry Vaine (Leading hand).

## Back - to committee donates \$2,000

The Back-to-Yallourn Committee presented a \$2,000 cheque to the Latrobe Valley Hospital's "Care of the Aged Programme" Nursing Home Project early this month.

The presentation was made at the Yallourn Town Advisory Council meeting by Cr. Jack Robertson, Chairman of the Back-to Committee, to the Latrobe Valley Hospital's Manager, Mr. Glen Randle.

Cr. Robertson said the Committee had decided to donate \$2,000 to the Nursing Home Project by October 7 this year. This was one of the

major conditions set by the Nursing Home Project — a most worthwhile appeal and one which will help a number of former Yallourn residents.

The Committee has decided that the money will go towards furnishing two 4 bedroom wards in the proposed nursing home.

Mr. Randle said the money was welcomed and would help the "Care of the Aged Programme" Committee

reach its target of \$80,000 Federal Government when it set aside a grant of \$510,000, later increased to \$556,000 for the project in the 1977-78 financial year. The other was that the project committee raise a local contribution of \$350,000.

The project total has now reached \$320,000, Mr. Randle added.

Also at the presentation were members of the "Back-to-Yallourn" Committee.

### TO LET

A 2 bedroomed holiday home at Eagle Point via Bairnsdale — over Christmas holidays. Has all conveniences and will accommodate five people. \$45 a week. Mrs. Benjamin, 19 Torres Street, Newborough, Phone 27 2573.



*All smiles during the cheque presentation were members of the Back-to Yallourn Committee. They are (from left) Prue McGoldrick, Terry Salisbury, Norma Smith, Bill Verhagen, Latrobe Valley Hospital Manager Glen Randle, David Drane, Back-to Yallourn committee chairman Jack Robertson, Paddy O'Sullivan, Veronica Lacey, Col Webster and Arthur Hamilton.*





Yallourn Bowls Club Associates president Mrs. Vi Sloan officially bowled the first bowl of the 1977-78 season. Also pictured is Bev Player wife of Yallourn Bowls Club president Dr. Harry Player.



CONTACT's photographer caught this happy group of people talking after the opening. They are (from left) Derek Ferguson, Charlie Carlton, Wilson Phillips, Bev Player, Dick Sullivan, Jock Skinner and Lex Walsh.

## Day seminar will be interesting

The incapacitated worker — a social and medical problem is the subject of a day seminar to be held at the Yallourn Technical School on Saturday, October 15.

The seminar is being arranged by the Gippsland Social Welfare Group.

A number of SEC employees have already indicated that they will be attending. "Factor pre-disposing of ill health" is the title of the opening address to be presented by Dr. John Powles of Monash University.

Other topics at the seminar will include—

- cultural aspects — the migrant.
- emotional and psychological aspects
- nature of the incapacity
- a community health centre
- rehabilitation — before and after

If you are interested in attending contact either of the SEC's Industrial Chaplains Bruce Burn or Charles Dodd on ext. 3754, before October 5.



Pictured chatting after the official opening are (from left) Mid Gippsland Bowls Association President Fred Stott, Yallourn Bowling Club president and secretary Dr. Harry Player and Jack Walsh.

## Yallourn bowling club celebrations

The Yallourn Bowling Club had a two fold celebration on Friday, September 2. The club celebrated its 50th anniversary and the last official bowls season opening at the Yallourn Club.

The club will move to Newborough next year as a part of the Yallourn resettlement programme.

More than 140 people attended the successful social evening to celebrate the double occasion.

The Yallourn Bowling Club, which has the largest

greens in the Southern Hemisphere, was established in 1927 and today is one of the Mid Gippsland Bowling Association's largest clubs with 200 members and 120 associates.

The last official season opening at Yallourn was performed by the M.G.B.A. President Mr. Fred Stott of Newborough. The first kitty and bowl for the 1977-78 season was officially bowled, on the greens under lights, by Yallourn associates president Mrs. Vi Sloan.

## Mid-week cricket

Harry Smith from Yallourn central workshops was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the Latrobe Valley Mid-week Cricket Association at its annual meeting on September 9.

Elmo Orchard (Patrol) was re-elected umpires President Alec Wynne (A.P.M.)

The first game hits off on Wednesday, October 5.

Umpires Secretary

secretary, a position he has held for a number of years, John Lyons (Yallourn 'W') publicity officer and Frank Pasquali assistant secretary-treasurer.

Other office-bearers are President Mick Fleming (Police) and vice-Elmo Orchard would like to hear from any shift worker interested in umpiring this season. The pay is good according to Elmo—ext. 3187.

## retirements



**FRED BARTON**

A well-known Commission employee Fred Barton retired from the Commission after more than 27 years service on August 19.

Fred joined the SEC as a clerk with accounts and contracts section in Melbourne on April 17, 1950 and then transferred to Morwell in December, 1950. He was on the move again in September, 1953, as a clerk to Yallourn administration. May, 1955 brought another move this time to Timerolls.

Following the establishment of the Latrobe Valley regional organisation he was reclassified in November, 1964 and moved to Area Administration, Morwell, the position he retired from.

Fred and his wife will continue to live in Traralgon and enjoy retired life. They intend to take a cruise around the Fijian Island and New Zealand before Christmas, then an extended overseas holiday to England and Europe after Christmas.

Fred's hobbies of watching cricket and playing golf will be taking up a deal of his time in retirement. At an informal farewell function in the Area Administration canteen Morwell Finance Officer Neil Hustwaite presented Fred with an electric cooker and a golf club from his workmates.



**ROY HILLMAN**

Roy Hillman intends to take his retirement from day to day and enjoy life with his wife Edna and their family.

Following his retirement from the Commission on August 28 Roy and Edna plan to take an extended holiday at their Lake

Tyers holiday home. Roy, who worked for the Commission for 11 years, began as a pick and shovelman with general services, Yallourn in August, 1966. He then moved on to be a trades assistant at Yallourn before being promoted to mechanic with Transmission and generation at Yallourn. Roy was finally promoted to a cable joiner with Transmission, Yallourn in June, 1969, the position he retired from.

At an informal farewell function at the Hazelwood terminal station, Acting Transmission engineer operations Ted Thompson presented Roy with a Bible and a wallet and notes from his workmates.



**JACK WYNNE**

After more than 26 years with the Commission John 'Jack' Wynne called it a day on September 1.

Jack began with the Commission in May, 1951 as a crane and shovel driver before being appointed a patrolman in April, 1954, the position he retired from.

In retirement Jack will live in Morwell. He intends to spend the majority of his time helping out at the Morwell Pony Club, and enjoying his hobbies of fishing and walking his dogs.

At an informal farewell function in the Morwell patrol office Jack was presented with an engraved pocket watch and a fishing reel from his workmates. Latrobe Valley Patrol Supervisor Ray Houghton presented the gifts to Jack, Acting Patrol Supervisor, Morwell Noel Newport spoke on behalf of Jack's workmates.

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## WORK TENSION IS A WIDESPREAD PROBLEM

"Our complex society, including the regulations and conditions under which we work, forces a level of decision-making upon the individual which has never existed before in man's history," the report adds.

The chaplains see their role as not giving advice, simply as assisting a decision-making process. Much of a chaplain's time is spent in being a sounding board to people as they try to make up their minds what to do — about their job, their marriage or their family.

Other problems dealt with by the chaplains, in order of frequency, included job dis-

satisfaction, alcoholism, financial problems, anxiety neurosis, retirement, mental illness, accommodation needs, redundancy, and drugs.

Within the SEC, the chaplains are Bruce Burn and Charles Dodd (Latrobe Valley), Colin Johnson (Monash and Clements House), Reg Jones (Richmond and Fish Bend), Nicholas Warne (Richmond), Ern Whittington (Newport and Yarraville) and Noel Webb (Geelong).

Their numbers are listed in internal telephone directories and are available from the switchboard.

## valley visitors

# Indian engineer impressed with S.E.C. undertakings

One of the more interesting visitors to the SEC's Latrobe Valley works area during the past month was an engineer from India.

He was Mr. K. C. Verma, who is the Superintendent of Engineering with the Punjab Electricity Board.

Mr. Verma was impressed with the Morwell open cut, the Hazelwood power station and the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation.

Other visitors included a party of 50 students from the Brisbane State High School, who visited the SEC as a part of a Victorian holiday.

There were also a number of other inter-state visitors including Rod Froud, an engineer with the Queensland Electricity Commission, who looked at the Latrobe Valley Control Centre, the Morwell open cut and the Yallourn 'W' power station.

The Mayor of Traralgon Cr. Charlie Effenberg led a party of six Traralgon City council representatives on a tour of the Morwell works area.

A party of 30 electrical trades apprentices from the Balcombe Army Camp toured the Morwell works area and had a close look at the Yallourn apprentice workshops.



Army apprentices from the Balcombe Army Camp were pictured during their tour of the Yallourn central workshops.



Pictured outside the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre at Morwell are students from the Brisbane State High School.



Public Liaison Officer Mike Answerth (far right) explains the Loy Yang project to a representative group from the Traralgon City Council.