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Cricketers perform well in Melbourne



GRAEME MEMBREY

The SEC was well represented in this years Country Week cricket in Melbourne. Ten employees represented the Traralgon District Cricket Association and the Central Gippsland Cricket Association.

Two cricketers were the respective captains of each side. Graeme Membrey

(Morwell Stores) captained Traralgon and Graeme Freshwater (Coal Production) Central Gippsland.

Other players were; Ray Grieve (Yallourn 'W'), Neville Gorman (Yallourn drawing office), Paul Coffey (Yallourn workshops), Andy Lieshman (Timekeeping), Fred Debono (Continued on Page 10)



GRAEME FRESHWATER

Apprentices show their style in four day display

Morwell Town Hall became an apprentice training workshop for four days earlier this month in a Latrobe Valley Festival feature which attracted wide interest.

Equipment transferred from the apprentice training annexe at Yallourn enabled the apprentices — who were drawn from the mechanical, electrical and civil trades fields — to carry out work similar to their normal SEC training program.

Different aspects of trade training within the SEC were highlighted by the work of the apprentices themselves and by a number of static displays.

Technical trainees, including draughtsmen, also took part in the "on-the-job" display, which involved up to 16 apprentices at any one time.

In another contribution to Festival activity, the work of four trainee engineering assistants — Peter Kingwell, Glen Barber, Patrick Holmes and Greg Little — attracted the interest (and minds) of many people at the Latrobe Valley Trade Fair in the YMCA Hall.

The third-year trainees each constructed an electronic gadget which could be operated by those attending the Fair.



One machine was used for testing reflexes; another was a sound-actuated light display; a third was a "teacher" of binary counting and the fourth was an integrated circuit dice game.

The gadgets not only entertained LV Trade Fair patrons but also gave the apprentices a stimulating training assignment.



Pictured after they had set up their various apprentice trade displays in the Morwell town hall are the 14 SEC apprentices who manned the exhibition.

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WHOLLY SET UP BY THE L.V. PRINTERS, TRARALGON — MOE

Cover

LOY YANG is currently a hive of activity with contractors and Commission employees working round the clock. The foundation works on the raw coal bunker north of the 'A' power station site are progressing satisfactorily. CONTACT photographer Jack Hinshelwood took this striking picture of bunker works last week. Loy Yang Story P 8-9.

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YALLOURN No. 1 OVAL FINDS A NEW HOME

There's not much to see yet, but a start has been made on the "new" Yallourn No. 1 oval . . . at Yallourn North.

Tenders will be called soon to carry out major earthworks for the oval, which will be situated on a cleared site between Purvis Road and Howlett's Track.

The decision to relocate the oval at Yallourn North followed SEC acceptance of an independent arbitrator's recommendation.

A Commission allocation of \$275,500 is being held in trust for the project.

Responsible body for oval constructions and building of a pavilion is Narracan Shire Council, which also has a delegate on a "relocation committee" comprised of representatives of all Yallourn sporting groups using the oval.

Narracan Shire hopes to have major earthworks completed before winter, with sowing down scheduled for spring.

More than 45,000 cubic metres of earth will be moved in a sizeable cut and fill operation.

The oval is expected to be ready for use by the end of 1979.

● The first Yallourn community facility to be relocated — a diving pool at Moe — was opened for public use late last year and has already been responsible for a boost in Moe swimming pool attendances.

Other relocation projects already under way include a recreation complex at Newborough, bowling greens and clubhouse, tennis courts, a meeting hall at Yallambee Village for the Aged, and Orana Elderly Citizen's Club.



Yallourn No. 1 oval relocation committee members, from left, Brian Baille, Ed Keating, Jack Huxtable, Alec McGregor, Pat O'Sullivan, Jim Fry, Malcolm Paulett and son Shane, John Boag take a look at the new oval site.

Sir Bernard Callinan re- appointed

Sir Bernard Callinan has been re-appointed as a Commissioner of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria for a further five-years term.

Sir Bernard, who is chairman and managing director of the consulting engineering firm of Gutteridge Haskins and Davey Pty Ltd., has served as an SEC Commissioner since 1963.

An eminent engineer, he is a councillor and former president of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, and a fellow and former councillor of the Institution of Civil Engineers, London.

Yallourn 'old girls' reunion a success

More than 150 women attended the third annual Yallourn Old Girls' Association re-union in the Latrobe Valley Visitors Centre, Morwell, on Saturday, March 4.

'Old Girls' returned from as far as Queensland and South Australia for the successful function.

Guest of honor this year was SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan who spoke on

his time in Yallourn during the early 50's.

The 'Old Girls' Association was formed at the request of those 'Old Girls' who attended the Yallourn High School re-union in 1976 during the 'Back to Yallourn' celebrations.

The Association now has 250 members, from all parts of Victoria, inter-state and overseas.



Pictured enjoying himself at the Yallourn High School 'Old Girls' re-union earlier this month is SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan, surrounded by a number of attractive 'Old Girls'.

UNUSUAL LOY YANG PINE TREE



Patrolman cover a lot of ground in the course of a day — and by the nature of their job, they're an observant bunch. Senior patrolman Ed Keating just happened to have a camera handy during a routine trip to the Loy Yang project area, where he photographed this unusual pine in a stand of normal, perfectly straight trees.

The strange bend in the tree was about 20 feet above ground level.

The tree has since been removed as part of an APM harvesting operation associated with Loy Yang development.

Successful year for L.V. cricketers

Although the SEC's Latrobe Valley cricket side lost to Monash House in the Social League's cricket finals, the side had a successful season.

The team won four out of its five matches to reach the finals, which included a number of good individual performances.

The performances of Merv Graham 86 not out, John Webb 79 not out, Graham Freshwater 65 not out and Graeme Burgess 3/14, 3/3 were recalled, at the team presentation evening, in the Yallourn Hotel early this month.

Guests at the evening included Manager Area Ad-

ministration George Bates and the Secretary of the SEC Social League Mick Given of Monash House.

This season proved even more successful for Merv Graham and Evan Rowlands who were selected in the State side which retained the Interstate cricket shield by defeating Sydney City Council team in the final held in Sydney.

Latrobe Valley team trophy winners were; Batting: Graeme Freshwater average 124; Bowling: Graeme Burgess 23 overs 8/74 average 9.25; best finals performance: John Webb.

THE FEMALE SECS



SOME people have all the luck. Lorna Risol (Drawing Office, Yallourn) and her sister Jenny returned early this month from a 14 day cruise around the Pacific Islands — Noeumea, Fiji, Vila, New Zealand — aboard the *Ellinis*. Both girls are sporting beautiful sun tans.

ALL the best for the future to Helen Vicic (Typist, Yallourn 'W') who married Peter Procak on February 4. Helen and Peter will make their future home in Trafalgar. Dianne Grainger (clerical assistant, Morwell) was Helen's bridesmaid.

SUE Knighley (Drawing Officer, Yallourn) left on maternity leave on March 9.

ARMY girls Sue Dyer (Area Administration), Linda Hall (Stores, Morwell), and Wendy Haustorfer (Hazelwood power station) returned early this month from annual army camps. Sue and Linda spent a fortnight at the School of

Military Engineering at Liverpool near Sydney, while Wendy spent 14 days at Puckapunyal in Northern Victoria.

CURRENTLY enjoying a touring holiday of the Barossa Valley and northern Victoria is Joy Williams (drawing office, Yallourn). Marilyn Smogovic (typing pool, Morwell) is relieving in Joy's absence.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sue Postlewaite (typing pool, Morwell and Elaine Watson (Yallourn 'W' Construction), who announced their engagements recently.

THAT's all for this month, but items are needed for next month's column, so don't hesitate to phone them through to ext 3228 or 3642.



Gas turbine station is progressing

The 200 MW Jeeralang Gas Turbine Station in Bonds Lane near Morwell is steadily taking shape.

The machine house for the \$45 million project is complete and plant erection is under way.

Two 110-tonne generators have arrived on site and been placed in position.

Siemens Industries Ltd., which was awarded a \$25 million contract to supply the gas turbine equipment, is now represented on site by its site manager, Karl-Heinz Heroin.

Building construction is continuing and cladding work will begin soon.

The first of the four 50 MW gas turbine units is scheduled to come into service in September and the second unit one month later.

Meanwhile, a Parliamentary Public Works Committee inquiry is continuing its investigation of an SEC proposal for an additional 200 MW gas turbine station.

The committee has heard submissions from the SEC as well as other organisations and individuals at hearings at Melbourne, Rosedale and Warragul.



A generator stator (above) for the station's No. 2 unit arrived on site early this month from Melbourne on a large low-loader.



Right: Work on the Jeeralang Gas Turbine Station is progressing steadily, with the first unit expected to be in operation by September this year.

Much interest in electric vehicles

Development of a viable electric vehicle is a subject in which the SEC continues to take keen interest.

World research into electric vehicles is constantly monitored, with the Commission keeping itself up-to-date through its membership of the Australian Electric Vehicle Association.

Through the association, the SEC works in with other authorities and individuals who are keen to see electric vehicles developed.

The Commission contributes funds to the Association, which supports worthwhile research projects such as the Flinders University "Investigator" project.

Electric transport of various kinds is a familiar sight in Latrobe Valley power stations and in transmission switchyards.

The Commission has bought more than 60 electric vehicles for use in its own work areas.



SERVICE REGISTER

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

25 YEARS:

Bob Leighton	Power, Yallourn
Frank Pyke	Coal Production, Yallourn
Dmytro Telehus	Power, Yallourn
Ron Wright	Power, Yallourn
Bill Roots	Civil, Morwell
Richard Perkins	Morwell Briquetting & Power
David Hobden	Workshops, Yallourn
James Hunter	Coal, Yallourn
Alf Treasure	Coal, Yallourn
Gordon Cook	Secretarial
Alan Craven	Morwell Briquetting & Power
Harold Haby	Workshops, Morwell
Dan Derrico	Workshops, Yallourn
Graham McWilliam	Transmission, Yallourn
John Johnson	Power, Yallourn W

30 YEARS:

Bob Stagg	Power, Yallourn
Alf Rawlings	Transmission, Yallourn
Bill Slade	Power, Yallourn
Ron Allpress	Coal, Morwell
Ian McArthur	Morwell Briquetting & Power
Norm Ross	Coal, Yallourn
Herb Cameron	Workshops, Yallourn
Ken Hender	Coal, Yallourn
Cliff Bower	Morwell Briquetting & Power

31 YEARS:

Bob Whitford	Power, Yallourn
Bruce Hutchinson	Personnel
Fred Badenhope	Coal, Morwell
Ken Cooper	Pay Section
Norm Lelievre	Payrolls
Frank Hiscock	Materials & Services

32 YEARS:

Bill Vanderfeen	Transmission, Yallourn
Don Foster	Power, Hazelwood
Ron McPherson	Coal, Morwell
Vern Collings	Personnel
Claude Whitbourne	Public Relations
Arthur Mann	Workshops, Morwell
John Fisher	Power, Yallourn

35 YEARS:

Don McAlister	Power, Yallourn
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37 YEARS:

Maurie Rodda	Workshops, Yallourn
John Ryan	Coal, Yallourn

38 YEARS:

Ken Woff	Secretarial, Yallourn
James Shaw	Civil Services, Yallourn

40 YEARS:

Edward Parry	Power, Yallourn
Ron Ralston	Coal, Yallourn
Gordon Taylor	Power, Hazelwood

43 YEARS:

Keith Parker	Power, Yallourn W
John McDonald	Workshops, Yallourn



Foundation works for the new bowling club extensions were in full swing when CONTACT visited the site early this month.

Extension work well advanced

Work on the new \$190,000 Morwell Bowling Club Recreation Centre is well advanced.

Morwell builder John Malone has been working on site for the past month and the project is scheduled to be completed in 22 weeks.

The recreation centre is being developed jointly by the Morwell Bowling Club and Association of SEC Social Clubs.

The SEC allocated \$100,000 in trust for the project following an Independent Arbitrator's report on the relocation of Yallourn facilities.

The project involves extension of existing bowling

club facilities to cater for a wider range of social and recreational facilities.

Included in the first stage are a billiard room, cool and storage room, bar area, foyer, stage and women's toilet and powder room.

It will be a single-storey brick building.

The second stage is planned to include a store room, bar area, committee room, kitchen, men's and women's toilets and a women's locker room.

Bowls, socials and bingo are some of the activities enjoyed by club members at present.

Membership details are available from social club representatives.

Watchit t-shirts are now available

In response to a number of enquiries from people in Latrobe Valley works areas requesting SEC "Watchit" T-shirts, the Monash House Social Club has geared up to handle mail orders.

Shirts can be obtained by writing to the club at 15 William Street, Melbourne 3000, and enclosing \$2.80

for each children's size and \$3.00 for each adult shirt, plus appropriate postage.

Postage charges are 40 cents for one shirt, 60 cents for 2 and 3, and 80 cents for up to 6 shirts.

Larger deliveries should be arranged via Jean Clinch (03) 615 2537.



COAL
PRODUCTION

Amenities building on the go

Coal production maintenance and central workshops employees will benefit from a \$840,000 construction program under way in the Morwell works area.

Foundations are being laid for a new coal production maintenance office and amenities block, and a workshops amenities block. In addition, a \$111,000 occupational health centre is being built nearby.

The coal production maintenance facilities are being built at the eastern end of the main central workshops. The amenities block will include a dining room, servery, locker rooms, toilets, showers and wash basins.

A new office area, including a conference room, will replace existing office space inside the workshops, where coal production maintenance operates in bays one and two.

The two buildings will be linked with the main workshops complex by a covered walkway.

The workshops amenities block at the north-west corner of the workshops will include a dining room, servery, locker room, showers, toilets and wash basins, and some office space. It too will be linked with the workshops complex.

The occupation health centre being built south of the workshops is scheduled for completion by June 30.

The brick building will feature a Dutch-gable roof and include a waiting room, receiving room, first aid room, two consulting rooms, a hearing testing area plus office space and toilet facilities.



The huge 35 tonne Euclid trucks (pictured above) are being loaded by the 120B/3 dragline which is working from the clayhole in the Morwell open cut.

CONTACT's photographer snapped this picture of the work currently in progress on the occupational health centre in Morwell.

Euclids join in the clay-hole operation

Three 434 horse power Euclid dump trucks have joined the operation of digging out No. 3 clayhole in Morwell open cut.

The 35 tonne (19 cubic metres) capacity trucks, on hire from Melbourne earthworks contractor Keath Pty. Ltd., are being used to cart the clay to the open cut's northern batters where it is

spread to improve fire protection.

The trucks are being driven by SEC employees.

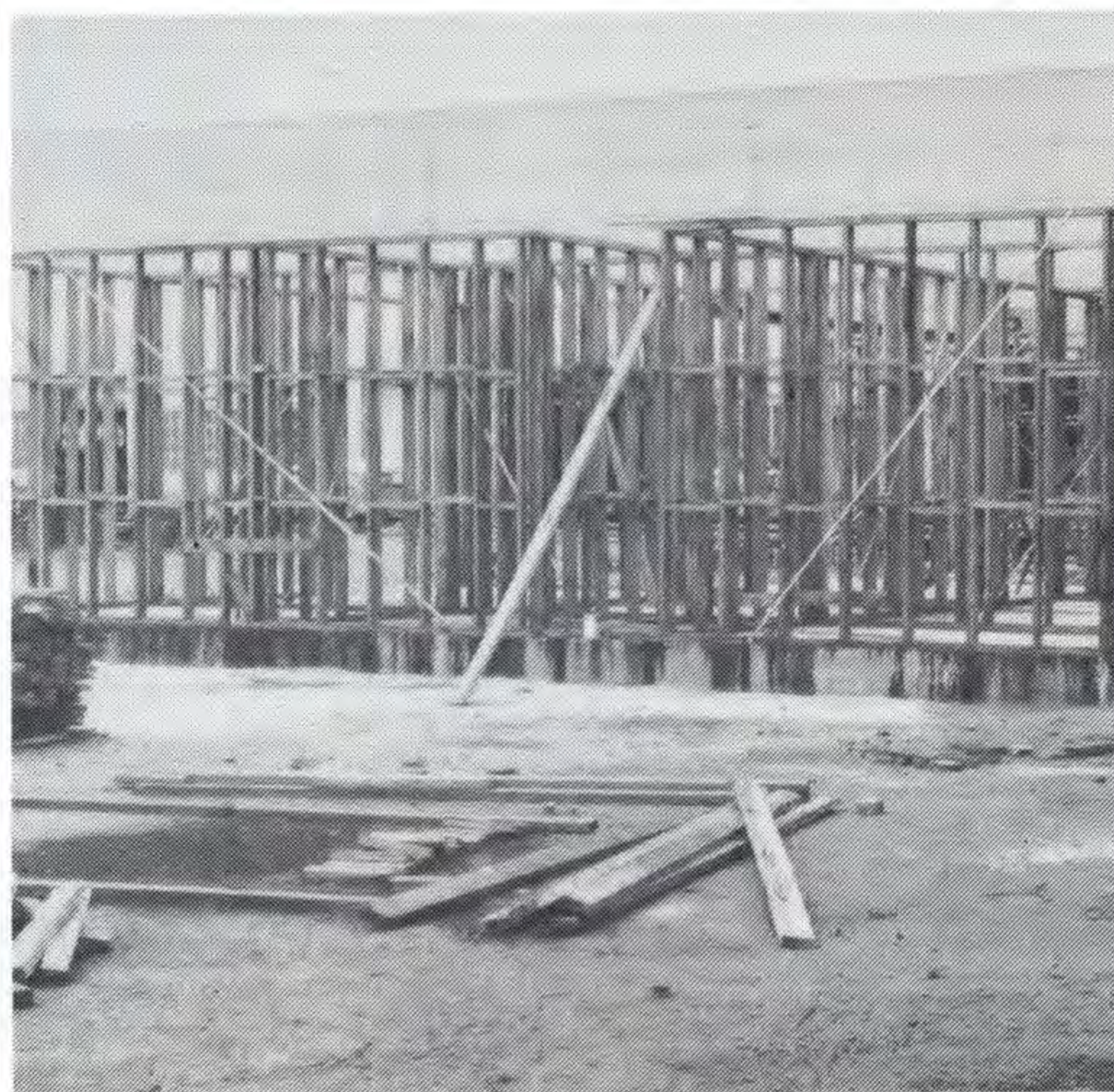
They were brought into service late in January and are on hire for three months.

The Euclids are fast, robust and can be loaded directly by the 120B/3 dragline. They operate on a 15-minute cycle (capable of carting about 33 loads each daily) and can keep pace with the dragline.

Dragline 120B/3 was transferred early last year from Yallourn North Extension to dig out the clayhole.

The dragline is being used instead of overburden dredgers Numbers 10 or 11 so that the overburden face will continue advancing while the excavation project is under way.

When necessary No. 11 dredger will be used as part of its normal overburden excavation program.





Construction of the Barton's Lane overpass is well under way and on schedule.

Looking at plans for the settling pond west of the Traralgon South Road are SEC engineers (from left) Dennis Green, Tim Martin and Ray Davidson.



While the fine weather lasts it's all systems go with work at Loy Yang as the photo below indicates with work south of the 'A' power station site.



CONSTRUCTION WORK IS ON LARGE SCALE AT LOY YANG

A large scale tree and shrub planting program is one of the latest contracts to get under way at the giant Loy Yang project.

The planting is part of a continuing program designed to ensure the project blends with the existing environment.

Site preparation is well advanced and planting will begin soon. Seven and a half thousand trees are to be planted at the foot of the open cut overburden area.

The tree planting and maintenance program will continue over the next few years. As earthworks in the area are completed top soil will be replaced and regrassed.

Meanwhile, construction activity on site is steadily increasing. The work force has grown to about 290 in the past year and should increase to about 450 by mid-year.

All major heavy earthwork contracts are continuing and several construction projects have begun.

Excavation for the raw coal bunker foundations are complete and workmen are preparing for the first major concrete pour.

Preparation of foundations for the settling pond has begun on the site between Traralgon Creek Road and Traralgon Creek, opposite the Callignee South Road turn-off.

Work on the power station bunker bay foundations and boiler house lift shaft is expected to begin early in April.

Preparation of dredger and stacker erection sites is continuing, as is the initial open cut earthwork.

Further major tenders for the project will be called in the next few months. These include:

- Feed heating plant
- Condensing plant
- Electrostatic precipitators
- High pressure pipework
- Auxiliary switch gear
- Power station coal handling plant
- Water feed pumps
- Foundation and other construction work associated with the power station
- Cooling towers
- Power station administration building
- Concrete foundations, drainage works and roads associated with the open cut
- Travelling stacker No. 4
- Major water supply pipelines and storages.

There are a number of large items of equipment at Loy Yang, with one of the biggest being this \$400,000 front end loader which fills trucks 24 hours a day.

Water carts work around the clock at Loy Yang to settle dust and help with the compacting of earth works. There are a number of large water carts (pictured) on site.



Contractor Leightons prepare to unload another large scraper which arrived from Melbourne last week on a low-loader.





AREA
ADMINISTRATION



The central kitchen at Yallourn is a hive of activity from 6 a.m. every day.

Pictured (from left) are the cooks Jackie Vella, Charlie Borg, George Paulet, Jim Ludlow and George Gehrig.

Cricket

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(Timekeeping), Ken McQualter (Education and Training), Max Young (Hazelwood power station), and John Pavich (Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation).

Traralgon who played in A Group, reached the final only to be defeated by Warragul, while Central Gippsland, also in A Group, won only one game and have been demoted to B Group next year.

Traralgon has been promoted to Provincial group next year.

Some of the better performances were Graeme Freshwater's 61 runs, Fred Debono's 54 and Max Young 4/35 off 16 overs against Sunraysia.



Catering Officer Charlie Carlton (right) and Canteen Supervisor Eric Billington (kneeling) discuss one of the meals being prepared for the daily meal.

CATERING IS FULL TIME JOB

Are you one of the 300 SEC employees who sit down daily to a hot three course meal in one of the 17 canteens around the Latrobe Valley works area? You are!

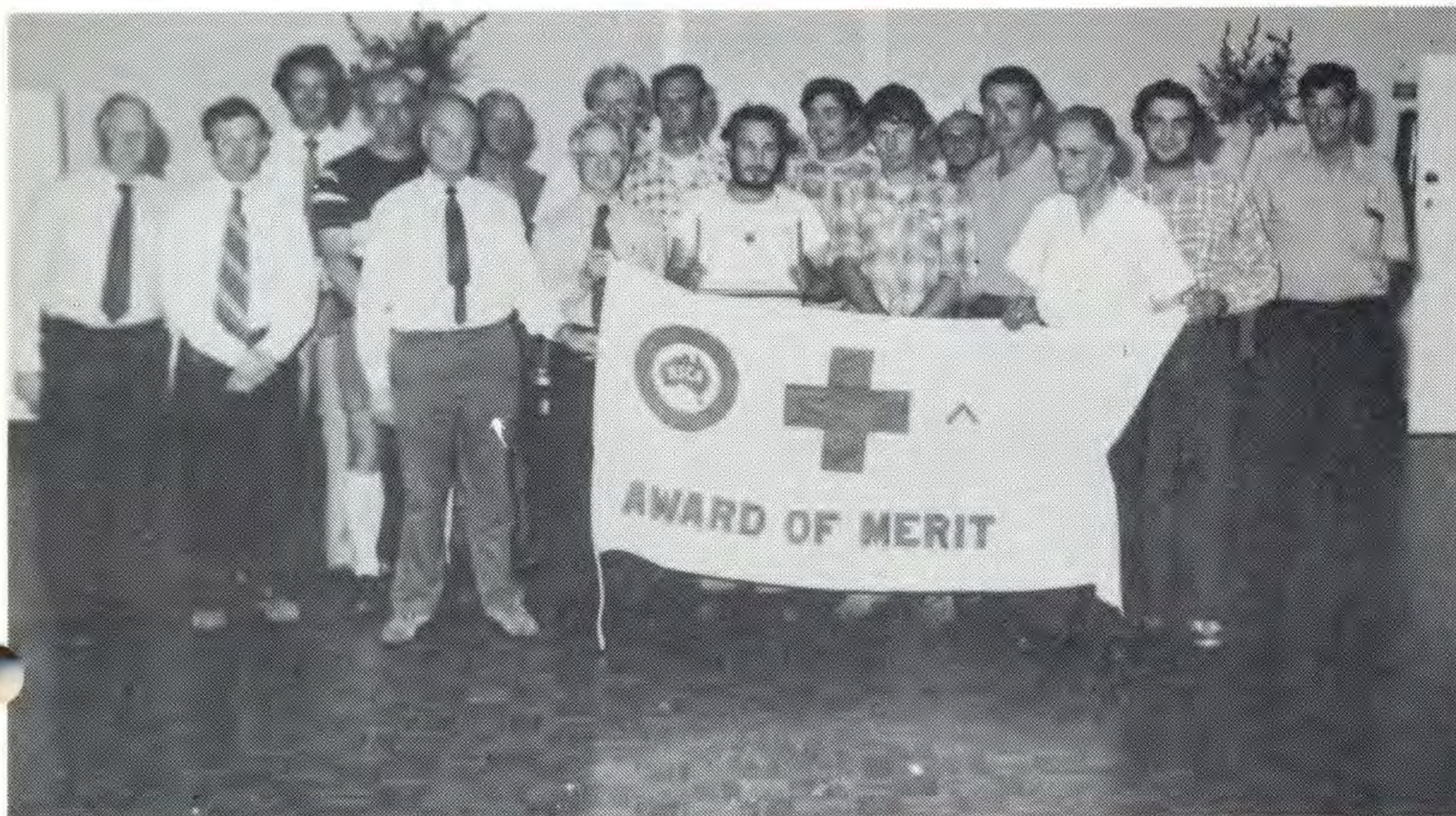
Well perhaps CONTACT can fill you in on what time and effort goes into preparing meals and the other duties of catering staff.

The six cooks begin preparing meals at 6 a.m. each day at the central kitchen at Yallourn for delivery to the canteens in time for lunch.

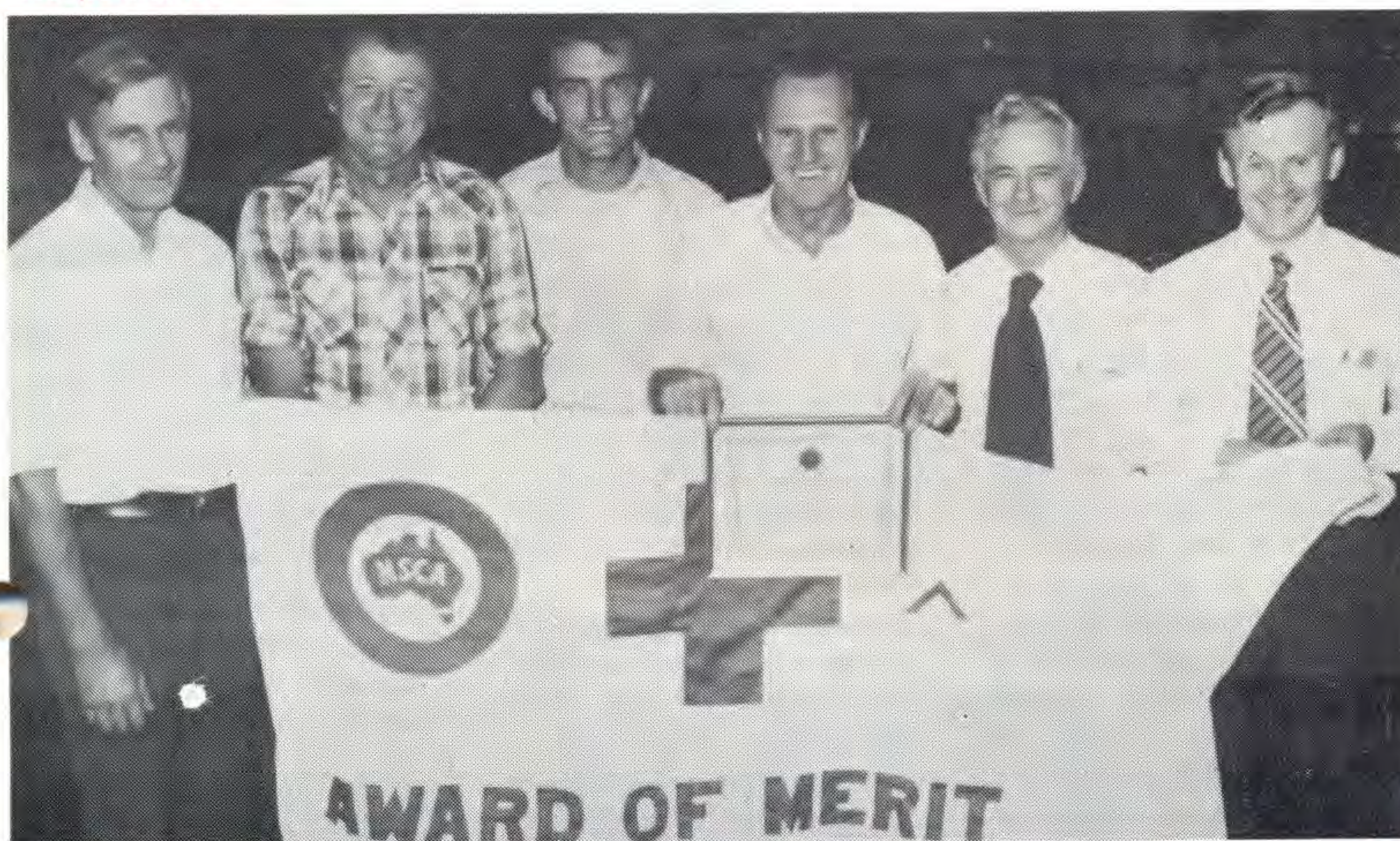
As well as preparing meals the cooks and the 32 canteen attendants are involved in the preparation catering for luncheons, dinners, smorgasbords, suppers, afternoon teas at the Latrobe Valley Visitors Centre in Morwell and other locations as required, cleaning of kitchen and equipment, manning of delivery vehicles, emergency meals. During 1976-77 alone 70,000 meals and 40,000 bread rolls complemented by soup and sweets were distributed between Yallourn, Morwell and Hazelwood canteens. Catering Officer Charlie Carlton and Canteen Supervisor Eric Billington head up the team of six cooks; George Paulet, Jim Ludlow, Alec Wilson, Jackie Vella, Charlie Borg, George Gehrig and the 32 canteen attendants.

In an endeavour to maintain the already high standard of catering a questionnaire is being distributed throughout the works area.

The results of the questionnaire will assist the Catering staff to meet employee requirements for midday meals and lunches.


**POWER
GENERATION**


Pictured (above and below) are the two groups proudly displaying their safety awards and pennants.



Safety first for Yall. 'W' op's. group no. 6

Operations No. 6 Safety Group has chalked up a first for Yallourn 'W' Power Station.

The group, which includes plant operators, fuel distribution officers and shift electricians from the fuel distribution area, has completed more than 250,000 man hours free from lost time injury.

Power Station Superintendent Allan Castelow presented the group with a certificate and a National Safety Council of Australia pennant at informal functions at the West Mess. Allan announced a bonus issue of three safety points to each current group member.

He said No. 6 Safety Group was the first individual station group to achieve the 250,000 man hours record since Yallourn 'W' had been fully operational.

Power Station Safety Officer Wes Halket praised the group's achievement.

Tortoise club takes over from the turtle club

There is not likely to be a rush for membership of a new club just formed by the National Safety Council of Australia — but Commission employees are liable to become a member at any time!

The Tortoise Club has been formed to promote a widespread acceptance and use of safety helmets by promoting contact between men and women whose lives have been saved, or who

have escaped serious injury by the wearing of a safety helmet.

The Tortoise Club replaces the Turtle Club, which the NSCA operated during the years 1966 to 1973.

Modelled on the former Turtle Club, the Tortoise Club provides members with:—

- a certificate of membership,
- an identification card (wallet size),
- a club lapel, and,
- a copy of the constitution and by-laws.

While the avoidance of accident is a major management and employee objective,

steps must be taken to ensure that in those accidents which do occur serious injury is avoided.

By constantly emphasising the need to wear safety helmets in hard-hat areas, the Tortoise Club will be providing a valuable service.

Hopefully, its membership will not never become one of the Commission's 'growth' areas.



ENGINEERING
SERVICES

Railway siding to serve Loy Yang

The new Morwell railway siding to service the Loy Yang project is beginning to take shape.

Work is well under way on the \$550,000 siding, which will be the rail off-loading point for heavy plant and equipment bound for Loy Yang.

The dual-track siding will extend about 400 metres south from the existing Morwell Briquette Factory siding to an open air storage area.

Work began in January and the siding is scheduled to be completed by September 30 this year.

Construction of a gate-house and provision of access to the Midland Highway are included in the project.

Road transport will take plant and equipment from the siding north along Midland Highway to link up with the main access route to Loy Yang.

Firmins Lane is to be extended west to meet the Midland Highway.

The route to Loy Yang will be along Firmins Lane, Hazelwood Road, Sanders Road, Mattingley Hill Road and Bartons Lane.

Traralgon and Morwell Shire Councils are upgrading the access roads from Morwell to the project area to a standard suitable to carry heavy loads.



Scrapers and bulldozers are pictured (above) working on the new Morwell railway siding south east of the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation.

New Electrical Workshops on the way

Site works have begun for a new \$2.2 million electrical workshops complex in the Morwell service area.

The 5850 square metres complex is to be built west of the Morwell Central Workshops.

It will replace existing electrical workshop facilities at Yallourn and Morwell.

A need for increased reliability of repairs and reduced turn-around times was one of the major factors influencing the decision to build the new workshops.

The complex is designed to meet the electrical maintenance requirements of the coal production, power generation and transmission systems.

In 1955 there were 2,600 electrical motors installed in the Commission's Latrobe Valley undertakings. Twenty years later this number had increased to 10,000, and it is estimated to reach 15,300 when the Loy Yang project is complete to the 4,000 MW stage.

The size of motors in use has increased in similar proportion.

The new workshops will incorporate motor overhaul and winding bays, areas for coil manufacture, insulation impregnation and dry-out, quality control and proof heating, shot blasting and pallet storage, plus a cleaning booth, vacuum oven, spray booth, lecture room, planning room and general office.

An amenities block will include a lunch room, showers, toilets, first aid room and kiosk.

The existing workshops in Bay 1 of Yallourn Central Workshops and Bay 3 of Morwell Central Workshops will be released for use by Engineering Services.

Morwell was chosen as the site for the new electrical workshops after detailed investigation of several alternatives.

Advantages of the Morwell site were:

- ample space for rebuilding the workshops and including provision for a possible future transformer repair bay;

- the site was at least

as economical for rebuilding as others considered;

- it had the advantage of incorporating the major electrical workshop with other activities in the area, and the possibility of sharing facilities, such as medical centre, car parks and roads;

- Morwell will be the geographic centre of the Commission's LV works after the Loy Yang project is established.

The complex is expected to be ready for use early next year.

A new car park will be developed to serve the new workshops.

Julie Street will be extended 600 metres south to provide an entrance to the 274 car capacity parking area.

The extension project will involve drainage modifications and kerb and channel construction at the Julia Street-Elgin Street junction.

The car park is scheduled to be completed by November 30 this year.



TRANSMISSION OPERATIONS



“TRANSPLANT” GARDEN SCORES WIN

Transmission Ops. Division identity Arthur Brogan is a well-known figure on the golf course and in the swimming scene throughout Gippsland.

What may not be so well-known outside Yallourn is his keen interest in gardening, an interest shared in no uncertain manner by his wife Marj. (pictured left)

The Brogans, who moved from Yallourn to Trent Street,

Newborough, 18 months ago have “transplanted” their Yallourn garden to their Newborough home — which was itself transferred from Yallourn and fully renovated — to such good effect that it is now in the running to win a State-wide garden competition.

Awarded first place in the small town garden category of a CWA State-wide contest, the Brogan garden — although in an early stage of development — is representing the Latrobe Valley.

The State final will be judged in Melbourne later this month.

The Brogans Yallourn garden certainly had a glowing reputation. It won the Royal Agricultural Society medallion eight years in a row before the change of location.

While still living in Yallourn they transplanted almost all the plants and trees from their garden, leaving only native specimens.

The transplant operation included four deciduous trees, 30 azaleas and a number of conifers. A 30-year-old rhododendron also was successfully transplanted.

The Brogans developed a sheltered outdoor garden, along with a rockery and pebble gardens. Concrete paving slabs have been laid to complement the garden development.

An elevated vegetable garden has been developed in the backyard.

Electronic gadgets commanded keen interest

Electronic gadgets always command keen interest, and the SEC Trainee Engineering Assistants' contribution to the Latrobe Valley Trade Fair held in Morwell earlier this month was no exception.

Four third-year trainees—Peter Kingwell, Glen Barber, Patrick Holmes and Greg Little — put their heads together and came up with four interesting electronic games.

Latrobe Valley people attending the trade fair were able to match wits in an integrated circuit dice game; learn with the aid of a machine the system of binary counting; test their reflexes in a number of situations and operate a sound actuated light display.

The equipment was put together by the trainees both as a practical exercise which puts to imaginative use some of their course training, and as a useful contribution to the trade fair.

Mr. Peter Turner, senior instructor in the SEC's Transmission Operations Department training group at Yallourn, had preliminary discussions with the trainees about their entries and has

been available to give advice.

However, he emphasised that planning and construction of the 'gadgets' was the work of the trainees involved.



Making final adjustments to their gadgets are (from left); Patrick Holmes, Peter Turner and Greg Little.

retirements



MAURIE O'NEILL

Following a career with the Commission which spanned 47 years, Maurie O'Neill called it a day on January 20.

Maurie, a well-known and popular person within the Commission, began with the SEC in March 1931 as a junior messenger in the joiners shop, central workshops Yallourn, where he progressively advanced his career through various classifications from apprentice carpenter in 1935 to leading hand carpenter in charge.

June 1966 he was appointed foreman and then on to overseer with civil workshops Yallourn, the position he retired from.

Maurie and his wife Myrtle intend to enjoy retirement together relaxing and taking each day as it comes.

Fishing, and looking after his numerous bee boxes will keep Maurie busy in retirement.

At an informal farewell in the Yallourn West Mess, Services Engineer (Civil) Max Williamson presented Maurie with a gold watch from the Commission for his 47 years service, and two boat anchors in a specially made box.

Manager Engineering Services Ray Greenwood presented Maurie with a depth gauge for his boat, a radio cassette, an electric jigsaw, two travelling bags for Maurie's son and daughter, and a fully paid weekend holiday ticket to the Wrest Point casino in Tasmania plus \$20 betting money all on behalf of his workmates. He also presented Myrtle with a sheaf of flowers.



JOCK MCKEAN

When Jock McKean began an electrical fitting apprenticeship with Coal Production Maintenance, Yallourn, in January 1934, it signalled the start of a 44-year association with the Commission. Jock held the position of Electrical Plant Engineer with Morwell Briquette and Power Division when he retired on February 1.

On completing his electrical fitting apprenticeship in 1939, Jock worked in Yallourn Power Station. In February 1945 he began an engineering cadetship and in January 1948 was appointed a technical assistant, Yallourn Administration General Services.

A promotion to the position of Engineer in July 1951 was followed by a three-month stint with Design and Construction Department in Melbourne. On his return to Yallourn he was appointed Assistant Electrical Supervisor at Yallourn Briquette Factory and in February 1953 promoted to Electrical Supervisor.

He transferred to Morwell Briquette Factory as Electrical Supervisor in October 1959 and appointed Electrical Plant Engineer (the position from which he retired) in October 1963.

Farewell functions were held at Morwell Briquette and Power Canteen and at Yallourn Golf Club, at which he was presented with photographic equipment.

Jack and his wife Betty, who list golf as one of their favorite hobbies, are both keen overseas travellers. They are planning another overseas trip for early this year.

Shrubs will replace pine trees

Colorful Australian native flowering shrubs will replace two rows of pine trees removed from the southern bank of the Latrobe River, opposite Yallourn 'W' Power Station.

The 90-foot high pines were removed in preparation for a new 220 kV feeder transmission line from Yallourn Power Station's

220 kV switchyard.

The new line follows the route of two existing transmission lines.

The new flowering shrubs will be planted after the completion of construction works later this year.

The old pines will be used by the APM, at Maryvale, for pulp.



PAT TEMPLE

Morwell administration canteen is missing one of its familiar faces following the retirement of Pat Temple on February 24. Pat recorded nine years' service with the Commission after beginning

as a housemaid at the Eastern Road Hostel, Yallourn on February 12, 1969. In October the same year she transferred to the Morwell administration canteen as a canteen attendant, the position from which she retired.

Her workmates attended a farewell function at the Latrobe Valley Visitors Centre where Catering Officer Charlie Carlton and Canteen Supervisor Eric Billington presented her with a digital clock-radio, a Polaroid 2000 camera, flash bulbs, color films and an ash-tray.

retirements



BOB LOCK

Golf and gardening are likely to take up most of Bob Lock's new found leisure time following his retirement from the Commission after more than 38 years service.

Bob, a keen member of Yallourn Golf Club, officially retired on December 20 last year.

He began work with the Commission on January 18, 1939 as a laborer with Coal, Yallourn. In June that year he took up a position as a greaser, which he held until February, 1945 when he was appointed loco driver. In December, 1959 he was promoted to leading hand

loco driver, the position from which he retired.

Bob is a former member of Yallourn Fire Brigade and was one of the original members of the 11th Field Battery formed in 1940.

He and his wife Anne are planning a holiday, but will continue to live at North Newborough.

At an informal farewell function at the southern pivot canteen, Coal Transport Foreman Stan Ellis presented Bob with a wallet of notes from his workmates, along with a pendant for his wife.

with the Commission.

Beginning as a storeman at Yallourn, Eric worked in the stores as a fork lift driver, truck driver and mobile crane driver. He transferred to Yallourn Power Station in 1958 as a cleaner and later worked in the power station as a trimmer, electrical plant attendant, fireman and finally as a regulating fireman.

Eric's workmates farewell-ed him at an informal function at the Rossmore Hotel, Yallourn North, when YPS Station Operations Engineer Frank Tomlinson presented him with a wallet of notes.



ERIC CURTAIN

A fishing trip to Narooma figured prominently in Eric Curtain's early plans for retirement.

Eric, of East Newborough, retired on January 27 after more than 22 years' service



PETER NIQUET

Peter Niquet's interest in the production of "talking books" will be expanded following his retirement from the Commission on February 1.

Peter, who held the position of commercial administrative officer with Area Administration Department's Payrolls Section, has been involved with the preparation of talking books (tape recordings of books) for the physically handicapped.

He joined the Commission as a junior clerk in the Accounting Section, Metropolitan branch, Electricity Supply Department in July 1937. He transferred to works division in August 1938 and to Commercial Division in April 1945.

An appointment in February 1948 to the position of clerk, Industrial Branch, Personnel Division, Administration Department, was followed by a transfer to Yallourn in July 1948. He gained experience in personnel and industrial matters in various positions at head office, Morwell, Yallourn and Kiewa during the next 13 years.

Peter transferred to the Accounting Section, Morwell, in October 1961 and during the next 16 years was engaged in timekeeping duties, finally reaching the position of commercial administrative officer, Payrolls Section.

At an informal farewell in the Morwell Administration Canteen, Finance Officer Neil Hustwaite presented Peter with a dinner and cutlery set on behalf of his workmates.

A cruise to Noumea, Suva and New Zealand dominated Peter's early retirement plans.

Peter, who is a wine enthusiast, plans to make a new home in South Australia, close to the vineyards.

LOU LEPETIT

Lou Lepetit has made quite a name for himself in Latrobe Valley art circles in recent years.

Lou retired on January 27 after more than 26 years service. His workmates made sure he would be well equipped to pursue his love for painting, sculpture and wood carving when they presented him with a kit of art supplies.

The social club presented Lou with a gold watch and gave his wife Leonie a box of chocolates.

Lou began his career with the Commission in October, 1952 as a laborer in the Yallourn Open Cut. In March 1953, he took up a position as a carpenter with construction and later transferred for two years as a carpenter and leading hand carpenter at Yallourn Power Station.

Similar positions followed with Civil Services, Morwell and in June, 1961 he was appointed leading hand carpenter with General Services, Morwell, the position from which he retired.

valley visitors

Americans impressed with SEC operations

A party of representatives from the Amax iron Ore Corporation of America visited the Latrobe Valley works area on March 10 and were most impressed with the size of the Commission's operations.

From Indianapolis, the American party of four was led by the Corporation's Senior Vice-President Mr. C. W. Porterfield.

They held discussions with Coal Production and looked at coal winning equipment as well as touring the Morwell and Yallourn open cuts, the Yallourn 'W' power station and the Loy Yang project.

Other visitors to the area included councillors and officers from the Rosedale Shire council and their wives.

A group of Snowy Mountains Council works operation centre controllers also took in a day tour of the works area.

They arrived by twin engine plane, at the Latrobe Valley Airport, from Cooma, and then inspected control rooms and facilities at the Latrobe Valley Control Centre, Morwell, Yallourn 'W' power station and the Morwell open cut control room. Hundreds of school children also toured the area on bus tours.



Studying an overall plan of Loy Yang are six Rosedale Shire councillors, who toured the project early this month.

Members of the Amax party (left) are pictured next to the aeroplane which flew them from Melbourne to the Latrobe Valley Airport at Morwell.



The six Snowy Mountains council works operation centre controllers are pictured in front of the twin engine plane which flew them to the Latrobe Valley from Cooma.