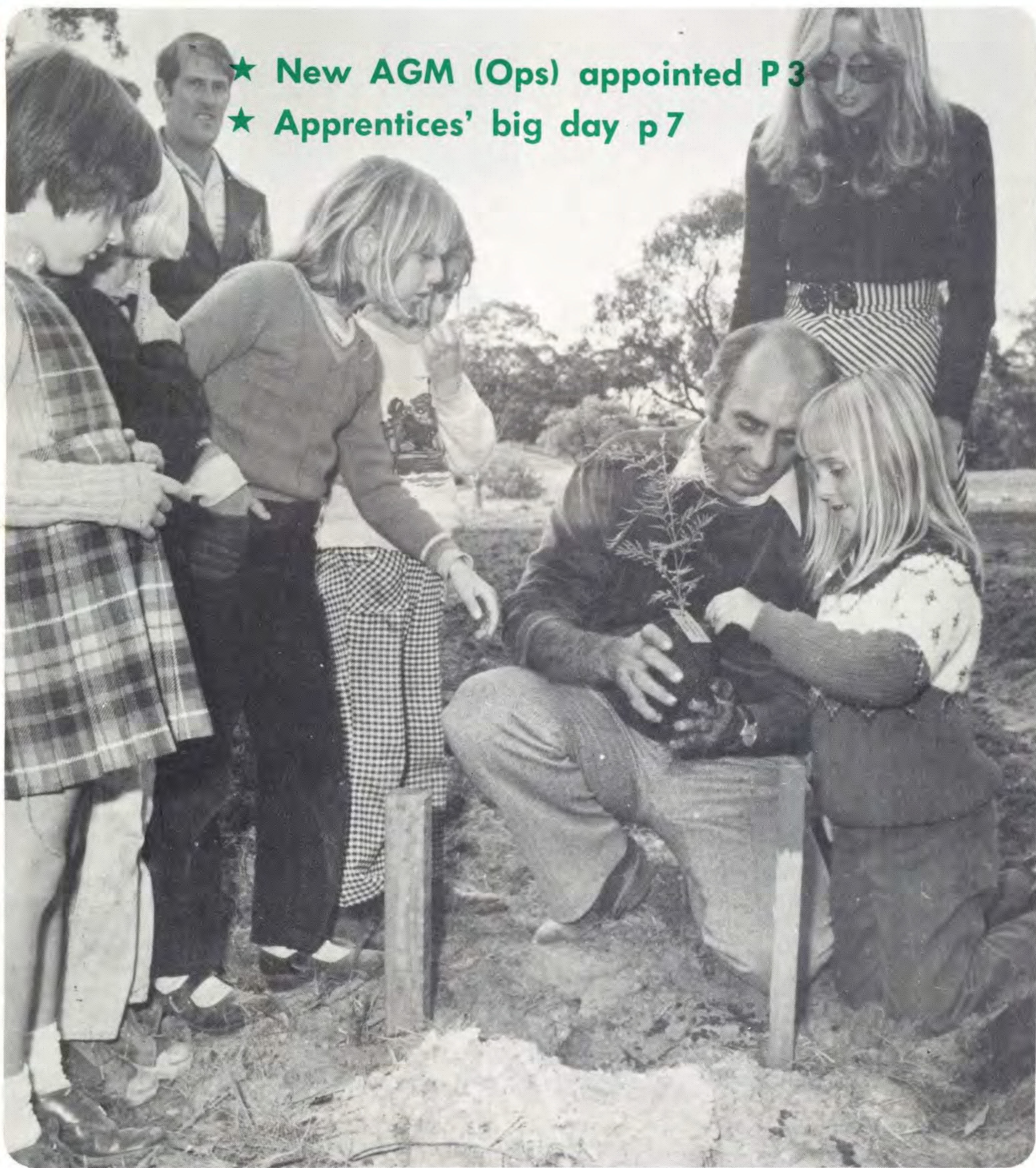




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SAM'S STUDY PAYS OFF

Eleven years of part and full-time study, including trade training, haven't left much spare time for 31-year old Commission engineer Sam Armstrong . . . but it's all been worth it.

Sam, son of Central Gippsland Trades and Labor Council president Sam Armstrong, received the latest in a series of tangible rewards for his efforts last Wednesday.

In a brief ceremony at the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education, he was presented with the annual Institution of Engineers (Gippsland Branch) medal and prize for the best final year engineering student at the Institute.

The award follows successful completion of Sam's Diploma of Electrical Engineering course, which he undertook with the assistance of a three-year, full-time SEC scholarship.

It was on the basis of his outstanding academic record that he was recommended for the highly-prized award.

No stranger to success, Sam won the Outstanding Apprentice (Instrument-making) for Victoria in 1969, the year in which he completed his apprenticeship — and in which he was top apprentice at Yallourn Technical College.

After joining the SEC in 1966, Sam completed his apprenticeship in 1969; spent a brief period at Hazelwood Power Station and was appointed to the staff position of Controls Officer at Yallourn 'W' Power Station in 1970.

But he never lost contact with study.

For the next four years, he studied part-time for the Higher Technician Certificate (Electrical) at YTC.

He gained the certificate in 1973, and — taking advantage of an SEC offer of one day off each week — travelled to RMIT each week to further his qualifications. That led to the SEC scholarship and a proud day for the whole Armstrong family at the GIAE graduation ceremony at Traralgon's Little Theatre on May 13.

Sam Armstrong Snr. was unable to attend the Institution of Engineers presentation because of union duties, but was able to watch his son's graduation

● Married, with two small daughters, Sam takes an out-of-hours interest in basketball (international rules).



Sam Armstrong is congratulated on his achievement by the president of the Gippsland Branch, Institution of Engineers (Australia), Dr. David Currie.

Letter to the editor

Dear Sir,

I very much appreciate getting 'CONTACT' posted to me each month. I read it from cover to cover, as does my wife, and I wish to thank you very sincerely for my copy.

I am now in my 76th year, yet I am still able to follow the vigorous progress of the SEC in Victoria with considerable interest through the medium of 'CONTACT'. My wife and I would be pleased to welcome at our flat, any member who happens to be in Bullcreek, Western Australia either on holidays or in retirement. Our phone number is 322 738 and we are situated approximately six kilometres from Perth.

Yours sincerely
Ivan H. Woolf

Editors note: CONTACT welcomes letters from all retired SEC employees. Letters should be forwarded to The Editor, CONTACT, Box 195, Morwell 3844, Victoria.

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Cover

Popular TV horticultural expert Kevin Heinze played an important role in an SEC-organised tree-planting ceremony, involving students at the Traralgon South Primary School at Loy Yang early this month. Full story page 3.

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New AGM no stranger

Newly-appointed Assistant General Manager (Operations) Clem Joyce needs no introduction to Operations Group personnel.

Clem, who took over as acting head of SEC operations in November last year when the late Bill De Campo became seriously ill, gained experience in the post during Bill's absence on several occasions. He met many Latrobe Valley people in those periods, and when Acting Manager Area Administration for several weeks in 1976.

His first association with the Latrobe Valley dates back to 1951, when he was a vacation student at Yallourn workshops, and he also spent a brief period as a cadet engineer whilst working in Transmission line design.

All of Clem's working career has been in operations, giving him valuable insights into the kind of problems he is likely to encounter.

Clem joined the Commission in 1949 as an apprentice electrical fitter; earned his diploma of engineering (electrical) by a combination of part-time study and SEC scholarship, and entered the production field in 1955.

Twenty years later, soon after establishment of the Operations Group, he became a departmental head with his appointment as Chief Engineer, Production Co-ordination.

As AGM(O), Clem will place a great deal of emphasis on teamwork and co-operation. "Teamwork is an essential ingredient if the Operations Group is to achieve its objectives, and I will be doing all I can to further develop the co-operative relationships built up under Bill De Campo.

"I will be seeking to build on the solid foundations he laid down so well," Clem said.

On the personal side, Clem is married and has four children. He is life member of an Apex Club; is a member of Rotary and supports a number of community organisations in the Box Hill district.

Keen on sport, Clem still finds time for sailing (Sabre) and tennis.



CLEM JOYCE

TRARALGON SOUTH SCHOOL WON'T BE FORGOTTEN...

It won't be too long before the Traralgon South Primary School building is on the move . . . but neither the school nor its 1978 class will be forgotten.

A tree-planting ceremony at the school last month took care of that. The stand of trees, each bearing the name of a present-day pupil, provides a perma-

nent reminder of the building in which most of the 22 pupils began their education.

The school will be relocated as Loy Yang work progresses.

Gardening authority Kevin Heinze turned the tree-planting into a memorable occasion by helping the pupils and school principal Cheryl Sedgwick plant eucalypts in a pleasant grassed area on Traralgon Creek Road.

The function attracted a large number of parents and other Traralgon South residents, who were encouraged to assist the school children.

The Commission's Chief Civil Engineer C. & A. Department, Ralph Urie, Chief Engineer, Fuel Department, John Alexander and members of their departments also took part.

The Operations Group was represented by Manager Adea Administration George Bates.

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VIPs

The humble eel has come in for very special treatment in the Commission's Morwell River diversion project.

An environmental effects statement during the design of the diversion revealed that the migratory run of elvers, or young eels, up the Morwell River was substantial.

The inlet and outlet structures to the 3 km pipeline could have been an obstacle to the young eels making their long haul from the sea.

So the Commission's designers incorporated "fish ladders" — 1.5 metre high ramps with horizontal slots — at the ends of the pipe to enable the eels to flip themselves up into the pipeline.



Chief Civil Engineer Ralph Urie gives three-year-old Stephen Lade a helping hand to prepare the soil for tree planting.

Commission puts spotlight on public transport

The Commission is making an all-out effort to promote bus travel for commuting to and from work.

This involves a campaign designed to make bus travel a more attractive alternative to the use of private cars.

More frequent and improved bus services, use of long term tickets at discount rates and lunch hour shopping services are just some of the proposals being considered.

More than 7,000 people work with the Commission in the Latrobe Valley but only about 600 normally travel by bus.

Reduced pollution, fuel conservation, general economy and road safety are high on the list of the advantages of public transport.

The heavy reliance on private transport for commuting to work from the Latrobe Valley centres of Traralgon, Morwell, Moe, Yallourn North and Churchill probably reflects the general view that 'own car convenience' compensates for

the obvious disadvantages of private travel.

But with car operating costs increasing all the time there are distinct advantages in public transport.

Economy — both for commuter and community — is one; overall safety is another and if bus service developments now being looked at come to fruition, public transport could be even more convenient.

Some of the bus service changes at present being considered are:

- increased frequency of service;
- greater penetration into residential areas so that patrons can be picked up and dropped closer to home;
- express services from the work place to major population centres;
- services to exact work locations;
- placement of ticket dispensers in convenient locations and,
- use of long term tickets (possibly annual) at discount rates.

Response encourages

Initial response to the lunch time bus service from the Morwell administration building to Morwell shopping centre has been slow but there are encouraging signs since an adjustment in running times.

In the first two weeks of operation the service was used 22 times.

The timetable will be adjusted again if the need can be demonstrated.

Consideration could be given to extending the service to other areas, overcoming the need for those keen on lunch-time shopping to bring their private cars to work.

With car operating costs now slightly more than 21 cents per kilometre (for an average six-cylinder family-size car such as a Holden or Ford — and an actual running cost of about 5 cents per kilometre there are distinct advantages in public transport.

The SEC and Latrobe Valley Bus Lines are anxious to obtain the views of the potential bus traveller on making bus services more attractive.

A questionnaire designed by the TRB will be used to gauge reaction and potential usage of improved bus services.

THE FEMALE SECS

YALLOURN telephonist Dawn Smith has become the first female telephonist to work on shift in the Latrobe Valley. Dawn, who has been in the Latrobe Valley for 12 months, worked in Monash House before moving to the Valley. Well done!



CONGRATULATIONS to Leanne Abrey (Personnel), Sue Carr (Transmission), Misha Eric (Coal Production) and Chris Taylor (Coal Production) on being members of the 'Roadhogs' the Morwell Amateur Basketball Association's women's 'B' Grade premiers for 1978.



AMATEUR actress Heather Lang (Yallourn Stores) played a prominent role in the Moe Amateur Dramatics recent production of 'Not Now Darling'. The play ran for three nights to packed houses. Understand Heather, who has been acting for more than two years, gave a polished performance.



FORMER drafting assistant at Yallourn Sue Keighley gave birth to a bouncing baby boy (Ben Alexander) in the Morwell hospital on May 12. Congratulations to Sue and husband Allen.



JOY Williams (formerly a typist) has been appointed a drafting assistant in the Yallourn drawing office.

GOOD news — Joan De Fontaine (Supervisor, duplicating & copying) is on the mend after her recent illness. Joan who was in the Alfred Hospital for several weeks is now in the Latrobe Valley Community Hospital at Moe and receiving visitors. All the best Joan and get well soon.



THAT's all for this month, however don't forget to phone your news items to Val on ext. 3642.

MHSC ARTS FESTIVAL

Operations Group personnel in the Latrobe Valley have been invited to participate in the annual Monash House Social Club Arts Festival from July 30 to August 11 this year.

There was excellent LV representation in several sections of the 1977 Festival, which was an outstanding success, and a similar response is expected.

Posters and entry forms have been distributed to administrative officers throughout Valley works areas.

Entries close on June 30 in the categories of painting, photography and craft/sculpture.

Completed forms should be returned to:—

Marilyn Miller
Public Relations Department
18th Floor, Monash House
15 William Street, Melbourne
Telephone: 615 3971





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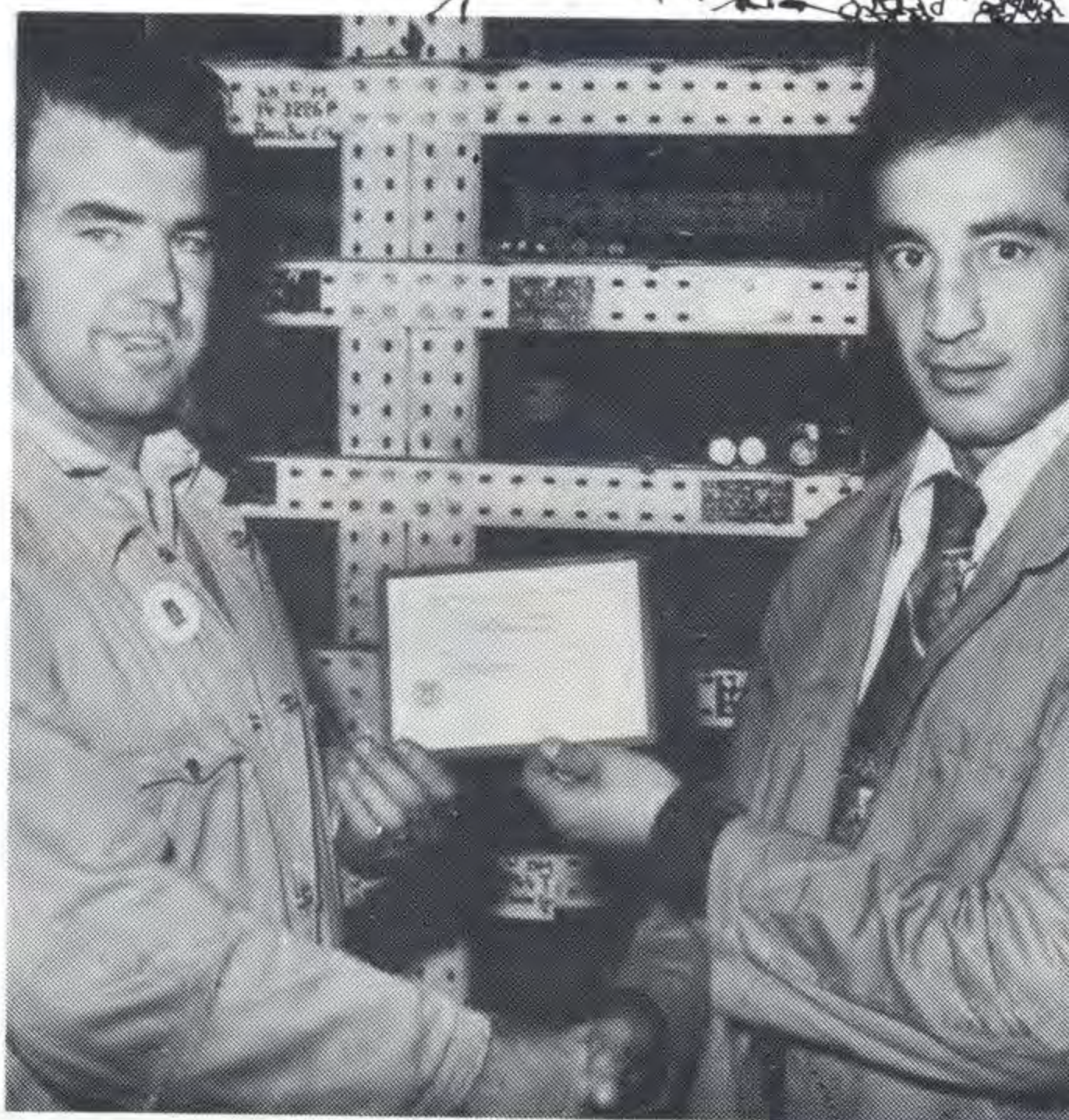
SAFETY GLASSES PAY

Yallourn fork lift operator Ray Curran is a firm believer in wearing safety glasses . . . and it has paid off.

One of Ray's duties is to give general assistance in the unloading of rail trucks.

While Ray was using the end of a steel bar to strike a jammed rail truck steel door latch last November, steel particles flew off and hit both lenses of his safety spectacles • only the glasses prevented damage to his eyes.

This incident made Ray eligible for membership to the Wise Owl Club of Australia.



Ray Curran (left) receives his Wise Owl Award from Yallourn Store Accident Prevention Officer Robert Grimmer.

Doodles - or an art form!

"Doodling", the act of scrawling or drawing absentmindedly (that's how the Concise Oxford Dictionary puts it), has long been fertile ground for psychologists.

Those who profess to be able to "read" such scrawls would have a field day in the SEC.

Most doodling is decidedly inartistic, while some scribblers forced to suffer long and (apparently) boring phone calls have elevated it almost to an art form.

Yallourn metallurgist Stan Hunt came up with this effort . . . but we're not sure whether it was at a single sitting or as the result of several sessions.

In any case, it gave us a cartoon for this month.

\$5.5m diversion project complete

The \$5.5 million Morwell River diversion is complete.

Engineering Services Manager Mr. Ray Greenwood said the project had been completed on schedule and the diversion would carry floodwaters this year.

The project involved the diversion of about 4 km of the Morwell River and the construction of a 3 km pipeline to carry the base flow of the river and a 3.7 km diversion channel to carry floodwaters.

Water flowed through the diversion for the first time last September.

The project was required to safeguard the Morwell Open Cut from flooding and to enable the open cut to be extended through much of the present Morwell River flood plain.

Mr. Greenwood said about 1.5 million cubic metres of material had been excavated during the project — most of which had been used as filling and on the construction of levees.

Two main levees — one 1.3 km long and one 0.8 km long — will direct flood waters through the diversion channel and back to the normal river channel.

The 3-metre diameter pipeline will take the complete river flow for about 95 per cent of the time.





Above: This could be the beginning of colorful show-business careers for budding actors Geoff Harmer (Coal Production, Yallourn) and Sue Carr (Transmission Operations, Yallourn). Geoff and Sue are receiving instruction from Shoe String Theatre president Bernie Shaw (Transmission Operations, LVCC).



Right: Now this won't hurt at all . . . Geoff Harmer seems a little apprehensive about being made-up by Sue Carr. Keeping a close eye on proceedings is Bernie Shaw.



Training with Shoe String

The Commission's budding actors and actresses will have a chance to develop their talents during the next few months when the highly successful Latrobe Valley Shoe String Theatre group (which boasts a strong Commission representation) conducts its first acting clinic.

Group president Bernie Shaw (Electrical Operator, Latrobe Valley Control Centre) is co-ordinating the clinic, which is expected to begin in July and will run for about 12 weeks.

Areas to be covered include improvisation and its uses; the physical characteristics of a role; interpretation of texts; exaggerated acting techniques; make-up; back-stage work; voice and speech and "putting it together".

Shoe String members will act as instructors, and arrangements are being made for lecturers from the Victorian Drama League and private theatre companies to take part.

Theory and practical sessions will be held in the old Rockmans' building at Yallourn on Sunday afternoons.

It is hoped that the "students" will go to Melbourne during the course to see a quality production.

And all the hard work won't be wasted — at the end of the 12 week term those taking part will present a show.

It is believed this is the first time a detailed acting course has been conducted in the Latrobe Valley.

It is aimed not only at building up Shoe String's acting resources but also at improving theatre generally in the Valley. Anyone interested in taking part in the course should contact Bernie Shaw at the LVCC, phone 3613.

TRANS. OPS. ON THE (GOLF) BALL

Sixty-five keen golfers teed off in this year's Transmission Operations Latrobe Valley Inter-Section golf day at Yallourn Golf Club on April 23.

The Station's team of Wayne Casey, Kevin Brogan, Phil Watts and Steve Agius took out the teams' section with a score of 99 points.

Results were as follows:

"A" grade, 18 holes: Bob Taylor (elec. lab.) 39, Kevin Brogan (Stations) 34. Best nine holes: Kevin Brogan 20, on countback from Wayne Casey (Stations).

"B" grade, 18 holes: Scott McDonald 37, Arthur Brogan (Co-ordination and Training) 34. Best nine holes: Arthur Brogan 19, Bob Scorse (Operations), Arthur Lewis

(Melbourne), Jock Morris (Operations) 16.

"C" grade, 18 holes: Jock Welsh (Electrical Services) 30 on countback from Stefan Michalowski (Field Tests). Best nine holes: Stefan Michalowski 19, Steve Agius (Co-ordination and Training), Peter Giblett (Electrical Laboratory) 15.

Non-handicap, 18 holes:

Norm Ross (Electrical Workshops) 32, Grant Cowley (Electrical Services) 20. Best nine holes: Ken Beveridge (Electrical Services) 11 on countback from Grant Cowley and Ted Wilkinson (Headquarters).

Women's 18 holes: Danny Hill 31, Ann Taylor, Dot Wakefield 30. Best nine holes: Dot Wakefield 17,

141 APPRENTICES SIGN INDENTURES

The 141 apprentices who began work in January this year signed their apprenticeship indentures early this month at a series of functions attended by parents, SEC officers and members of the Industrial Training Commission at Yallourn.

Parents were given the opportunity to see the apprentices' work environment and to talk with instructors about progress being made.

Indentures were signed by apprentices in 13 trades, ranging from fitting and turning to gardening.

The largest single group was in fitting and turning, in which 50 apprentices are employed. The SEC also has 32 first-year electrical mechanics, 20 boilermakers and 9 painters and decorators.

Other trades represented include plumbing, carpentry, bricklaying and motor mechanics.

Commenting on the SEC's involvement in apprentice training, Acting AGM (Operations) Mr. Clem Joyce said that as the largest single employer of school leavers in the Latrobe Valley, the Commission's apprenticeship levels had been on the increase for some years.

He said apprenticeship intake ceilings were decided less by the Commission's actual needs — in recent years the SEC has actually trained more apprentices than it required — than by its ability to absorb apprentices in field locations and to provide meaningful work there.

Mr. Joyce, who said the record number of apprentices in training represented a major contribution to the community, added that SEC-trained apprentices would comprise a significant part of the skilled workforce in Victoria in future years.

"The SEC has been training apprentices for more than 50 years and has achieved extremely high standards.

"Many SEC apprentices have been award winners, and our training workshops in the Latrobe Valley and Metropolitan area are among the most advanced facilities of their type in Victoria.

"In recent years we have been steadily increasing our apprentice intake to meet our future needs for skilled tradesmen," Mr. Joyce said.

The SEC will boost its Latrobe Valley apprentice intake for this year to a record 157 by taking on an additional 16 apprentices in July.

Mr. Joyce said that 500 apprentices employed in the Latrobe Valley by the SEC were currently being trained in a total of 18 different trades.

● More than one in 20 SEC employees is an apprentice and one in every 35 apprentices throughout Victoria is employed by the SEC.



Apprentice motor mechanic Martin Higgins with his father Mr. Alan Higgins.



John Richardson, first year apprentice electrical mechanic, with his mother Marion Richardson and his grandfather Harold Mold.



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griggs watch their son Rowan at work in the electrical mechanics' apprentice workshop.



Kevin King's family showed a keen interest while Kevin, an apprentice electrical mechanic, worked on a training project.

SEC Commissioners impressed -Loy Yang

A tour of the SEC's \$1,635 million Loy Yang project was the highlight of the 1978 SEC Commissioner's annual visit to the Latrobe Valley undertakings late last month.

Included in the party were the SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan, Commissioner Sir Bernard Callinan, Commissioner Robert Millar, AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce, AGM (Development) Jack Johnson and SEC secretary Gordon McIntyre.

As well as touring Loy Yang the Commissioners and other senior SEC officers inspected the Yallourn 'W' power station, the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation, the Latrobe Valley Visitors Centre, Morwell and Yallourn open cuts, the Jeeralang Gas Turbine Station, Morwell workshops and the Yallourn electrical laboratory.

The three day tour also included a tour of the Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works \$200 million Thomson River project. Full story page 9.



Just in time for a cuppa. (from left) MBPI Operator John Kelly and Regulating Fireman Owen O'Bryan enjoy their morning tea with Commissioner Sir Bernard Callinan, Chairman Charles Trethowan and Commissioner Robert Millar.

Having a chat over a cup of coffee in the Morwell workshops are (from left) Trades Assistant Col Tippett, Commissioner Sir Bernard Callinan and Workshops Superintendent George Fullard.



These three first year fitting and machining apprentices were busy working when SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan called in to see them at Yallourn Technical College. They are (from left) Steven Quirk Morwell, Mr. Trethowan, John Timms Moe, SEC Training and Development Officer Les Hunt and Ray Somlai of Traralgon.



Looking at a section of the briquette making process are (from left) Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson, Commissioner Sir Bernard Callinan and AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce.



THOMSON DAM PROJECT TAKING SHAPE

The huge Loy Yang project tends to hog the engineering limelight in Gippsland these days.

But SEC Commissioners and senior officers last month inspected another project vital to the State's future development.

Along with a group of State parliamentarians and Commissioners and officers of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, they toured the Thomson River Dam project north of Erica.

The tour was the second part of a joint SEC-MMBW organised inspection of major works under way in Gippsland.

Before proceeding to the dam site, the party inspected the construction township of Robertson, which will eventually be home for about 1,500 men, women and children.

Initially, 133 family houses are being built, but there is provision to expand all accommodation facilities if necessary. A caravan park and quarters for senior project staff and single staff also have been established.

Work has begun on a shopping centre and other community sport and recreation facilities will be provided.

The dam, which will be the second highest in Victoria behind Dartmouth, will be an earth and rock-fill structure 165 metres high and 560 metres long across a narrow section of the Thomson gorge.

The storage will extend about 23 kilometres upstream of the dam, inundating about 2,200 hectares and storing more than one million megalitres of water.



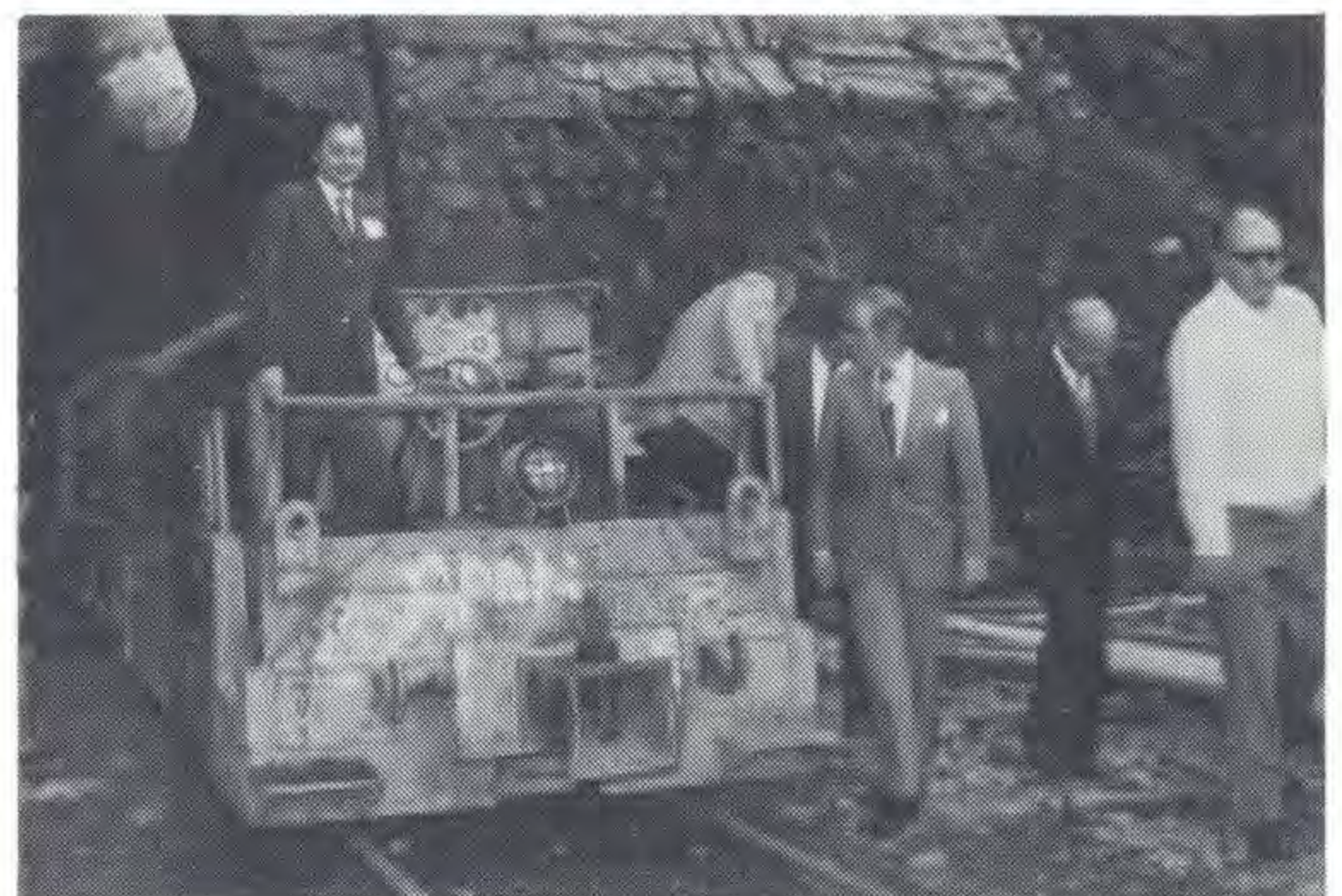
Minerals and Energy Minister Mr. Balfour, SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan, MMBW chairman Mr. Alan Croxford, Thomson Dam project engineer Mr. Hal Jackson and Water Supply Minister Mr. Granter inspect a model of the dam project.



Heavy earth-moving equipment is involved in the massive operation of preparing the site for the dam wall construction.



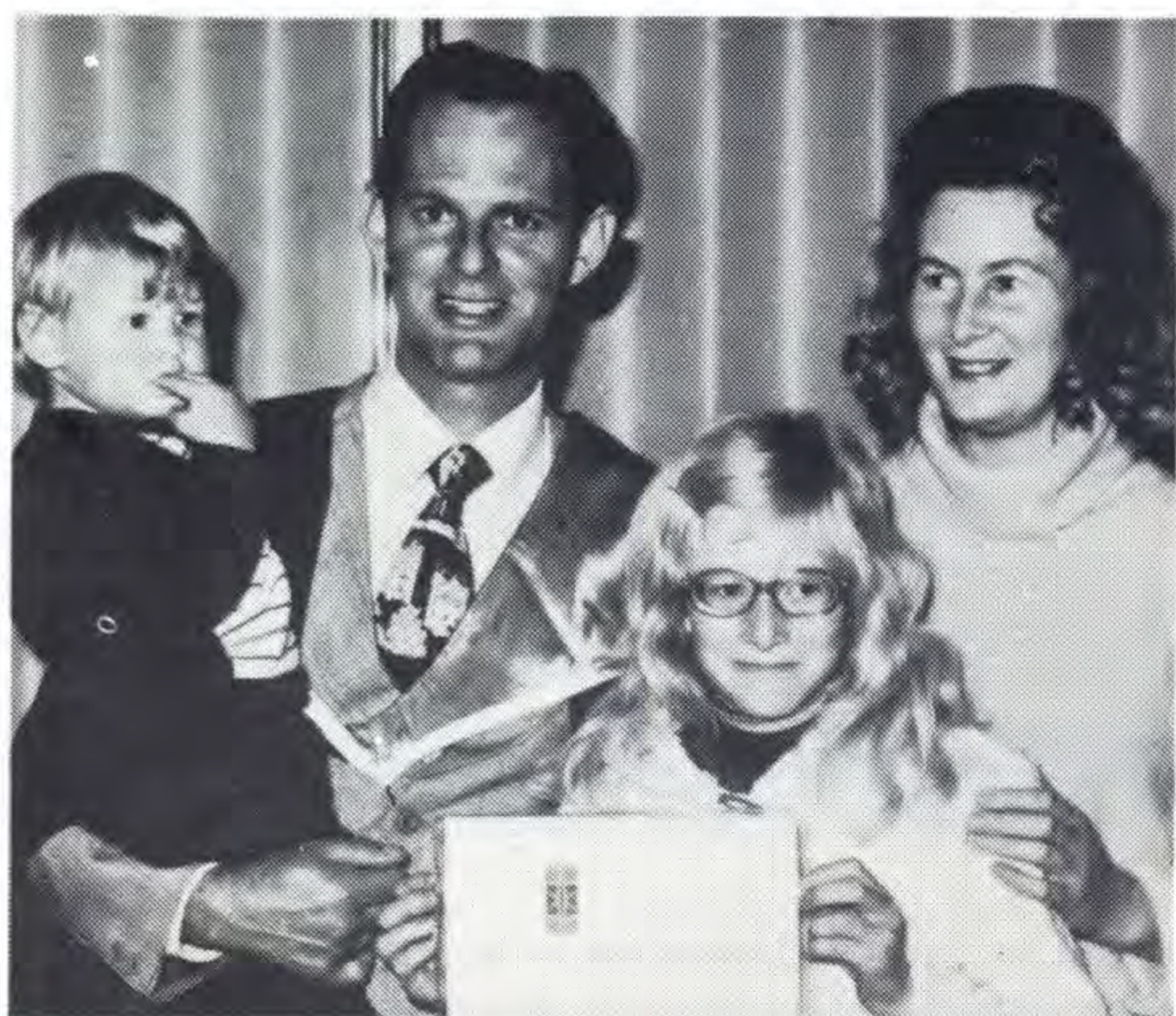
VicRail Chairman Mr. A. G. Gibbs, SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan, Commissioner Sir Bernard Callinan, and the State Manager for Australia Post, Mr. R. Page, at the site of the dam wall. The white line on the rock face marks the slope of the wall.



Above: The tour included an inspection of one of the diversion tunnels incorporated in the Thomson project.



Left: Members of the touring party inspect progress being made on the construction township of Robertson.



Coal Production's Kurt Reiger, photographed with wife Faye and children Sharee and Mark after the graduation ceremony.



Brian Griffin, takes a look at the certificate awarded to his father Max (Chem. Lab., MBPI), at Traralgon earlier this month.



Mrs. Herta Morellato, who received her Bachelor of Arts, is pictured with his proud family — husband Cyril (Morwell Briquetting and Power Superintendent) and daughters Sylvia, Rosalind and Linda — after the graduation ceremony.

SEC EMPLOYEES AMONG GIAE GRADUATES

Growth of the Gippsland Institute for Advanced Education student body to more than 2,000 in seven years demonstrated the Institute's educational impact on the Gippsland region, SEC chairman Charles Trethowan said at Churchill earlier this month.

Mr. Trethowan was presenting the Occasional Address at the second conferring of degrees and diplomas ceremony conducted by the Institute.

Commission personnel figured prominently in the ceremony, with a large number either receiving degrees or diplomas, or sharing with sons or daughters in the enjoyment of reaching an important educational milestone.

In all, more than 230 students were honored.

Among these were 11 Commission employees:—

- Rex Marshman (Coal Production) — Diploma of Business (Acctg.)
- Tony Dickinson (MBPI) — Diploma of Business (Acctg.)

- Hendrikus Verbene (Area Admin.) — Bachelor of Arts.

- Mary Blowers (Area Admin.) — Bachelor of Arts.

- Maxwell Griffin (Lem. Lab. MBPI) — Bachelor of Applied Science.

- Sam Armstrong (Power Generation) — Diploma of Engineering (Electrical).

- Luke Adrichem (Area Admin.) — Diploma of Business (Acctg.)

- Gordon Dudge (MBPI) — Diploma of Visual Arts.

- Ray Burgess (MBPI) — Bachelor of Applied Science.

- Raymond Janiw (Eng. Services—Diploma of Engineering (Civil).

- Kurt Rieger (Coal Production) — Bachelor of Engineering.

In his address, Mr. Trethowan said he believed the Institute had contributed to a culturally progressive Gippsland community.

He said the GIAE could point with pride to the rate of growth in student enrolment; the diversity of disciplines offered and the quality of staffing provided.



Rex Marshman (CP, Yallourn) receives his Diploma of Business (Accounting) from GIAE Council President Mr. Charles Ford.



Members of the miscellaneous and clerical section displayed their safety pennant and certificate after the official presentation ceremony.

SAFETY AWARD CREATES HISTORY

The 22 members of the miscellaneous and clerical section at the Morwell and Briquetting and Power Installation have created history.

The section, for the first time, achieved 100,000 manhours without a lost time injury. To March 1, the section had notched up 166,000 man hours and is still going strong.

Members of the group include clerical staff, relief turbine drivers, operators and boiler attendants.

Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation Superintendent Cyril Morellato presented the National Safety Council of Australia's pennant and certificate to the section at an informal function in the Morwell power station training annexe.

YPS TECH. SERVICES ON WAY TO 500,000 HOURS

The 70 members of the Yallourn Power Station's technical services section are a proud bunch at the moment.

Early this month they were presented with the National Safety Council of Australia's pennant and certificate for reaching 250,000 manhours

without a Lost Time Injury.

It is the first time the group has reached the $\frac{1}{4}$ million manhours mark.

To date the group has notched up more than 298,000 manhours without a LTI and they're still going strong.

Their last LTI was on March 16, 1976.

At an informal award presentation function in the Yallourn power station lecture room, Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson presented group representative Allen Hawken (Overseer) with the NSCA awards.



Yallourn Power Station technical services personnel proudly display their "¼ million" National Safety Council award of merit.

COAL
PRODUCTION

11-year record award

More than 11 years without a single disabling injury — that's the impressive record of Coal Production's Headquarters Division.

Sixty-one employees in the Operations Planning, Management and Commercial, Plant and Investigations sections worked 520 304 hours without a disabling injury from January, 1966 to October last year.

Coal Production Manager Jack Vines presented National Safety Council of Australia safety awards to the division and individual sections.

The Operations Planning section worked 250,405 hours without a disabling injury, while Management and Commercial section worked 105,794 in the period from January, 1966 to October, 1977.

Plant section employees worked 252,035 hours in the 11 year period from January, 1966 to January, 1977.

Tree - planting

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Planting of the trees highlights a Loy Yang tree-planting programme already begun by landscape contractor W. Head Pty. Ltd. on behalf of the SEC.

The planting of 7,000 trees and shrubs in a 2.5 kilometre stretch of land on the eastern side of Traralgon Creek Road is the first stage of an overall progressive development associated with the Loy Yang project.

The trees in this initial stage will screen from view the area later to be covered with overburden as the Loy Yang Open Cut is developed in the years ahead.



Operations Planning Section achieved more than 250,000 hours without a disabling injury. Pictured are, back (from left): Stuart Lister, Peter Barton, Fred Badenhope. Front: Robert Gaulton, Howard Pitt, Andrew Scott, Jack Embrey, Hugh Richards, Ray Draper, John Boag.



Management and Commercial and Loy Yang groups with their certificate for 100,000 hours without a disabling injury. They are, back (from left): Jack Vines, Kevin Jones, Keith Taylor, Russ Puckridge, Murray MacRae. Front: Gordon Stewart, Maria Rosato, David Davies, Chris Taylor, Greg Stuart.



Plant Section personnel with their 250,000 accident free hours certificate. They are, back (from left): Don Johnson, Arthur Kirkbright, Bruce Akers, Jack Brown, David Eves, Ron McPherson. Front: Gary Jenkins, Roy Mawby, Howard Roberts, Don Wakefield, Ian Coad, Rudy Hess, Ted Crookes.



Patrolman Brian Flint checks a vehicle as it leaves the works areas through the Hazelwood gate.

PATROL PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SEC

Maintenance of security is obviously one of the most important requirements in an operation as big and complex as the SEC.

In the Latrobe Valley, in particular, with its massive open cut and power station undertakings, security is vital. The 65 strong Latrobe Valley patrol section, under the control of the Area Administration Department, works around the clock safeguarding works areas and other Commission installations.

Headed by Latrobe Valley Patrol Supervisor Ray Houghton, the operation is divided into two sub-sections based at Yallourn and Morwell. Morwell supervisor is Hugh Gunn and John O'Brien is in charge of the Yallourn area.

The first contact many people have with the Commission is through "the man at the gate", so patrol's role is one of public relations as well as security.

Patrolmen, therefore, must have a sound general knowledge of all Commission operations in the Valley. They must be familiar with

all departmental senior officers and project engineers and their locations, as well as all contractors and suppliers involved in construction projects.

Patrol operates two radio-controlled vehicles in both the Morwell and Yallourn areas throughout afternoon and night shifts Monday to Friday and around the clock at weekends. It is patrol's responsibility to ensure the security of Commission installations, protect Commission and contractors' property and generally police Commission regulations.

Typical of the insecurities detected by patrolmen are unlocked buildings, gates and vehicles, lack of security lighting, children in works areas and unauthorised entry in general. Reporting fires, signs of forced entry, unauthorised positioning of locks, stray cattle on roads or the inter-connecting railway — it's all in a day's work for the patrolmen.

All insecurities are detailed in written reports so that the

information can be passed on to the responsible officer.

Escort operations — for ambulances, wide and long loads of heavy equipment and delivery of wages and salaries — are another major patrol activity.

A senior patrolman at Morwell would travel about 140 km during a shift. As well as controlling the activities of the shift on duty he carries out inspections of car parks and installations outside the works area, including the Loy Yang construction site.

His counterpart at Yallourn is involved in similar activities, with outside inspections taking him 90 to 100 km each shift. Inspections include Yallourn township, Yallourn North extension open cut, the weir wall and resettlement estates.

The patrolman on gate duty is responsible for ensuring there is no unauthorised entry to the works areas, and that all material and equipment leaving the area has been cleared.

Enjoyable tour — thank you

Dear Sir,

During the week of 2nd-8th March, a party of 35 children from Surrey Downs Primary School enjoyed an interstate exchange visit as guests of the Grey Street Primary School, Traralgon.

Grey Street staff prepared an excellent educational and social programme for their visitors and part of that programme was a tour of the power-house and open cut mine at Yallourn.

Our guide on this tour was Mr. Eddy Eames who was most impressive in the manner in which he conducted the tour.

His talks were inspiring and his explanations to the children were concise and at a suitable level so that all could readily understand them.

This all made our visit to the industries of Yallourn one of the highlights of our tour and a beneficial educational experience for the children and teachers.

Please accept our sincere thanks for the guided tour through the State Electricity Commission complex.

I would appreciate it if you would pass on to Mr. Eames our personal thanks for the competent and friendly approach with which he spoke to the Surrey Downs students.

Yours faithfully,

R. KRIEG
Principal

SERVICE REGISTER

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

Sid Harvey	25 YEARS:	Materials & Services, Morwell
Bill Lay		Coal, Yallourn
Les Smith	30 YEARS:	Coal, Yallourn
Noel Sampson		Yallourn Transport Workshops
John Grima		Coal, Yallourn
Jack Burke	31 YEARS:	Yallourn Workshops
Don Malpass		Finance, Morwell
Bill Smith	32 YEARS:	Transmission Services
Stan Hillbrick		Yallourn Transport Workshops
Frank Williamson		Coal, Yallourn
Jim Lucas	33 YEARS:	Yallourn Power Station
Ernie Rawiller	34 YEARS:	Drafting, Yallourn
George Whitmore	38 YEARS:	Coal, Yallourn
Jim Helms		Drafting, Yallourn
Gordon Wilson	39 YEARS:	Yallourn Power Station
Rex Cooper	41 YEARS:	Morwell Briquetting & Power Installation
John Irving		Morwell Briquetting & Power Installation
Bob Dinsdale	42 YEARS:	Civil Services, Yallourn
Allen Douglas		Coal, Yallourn
Col Benson	47 YEARS:	Civil Services, Yallourn
Herbert Hill	49 YEARS:	Hazelwood Power Station

PPWC OKAYS SECOND GAS TURBINE

The State Government has accepted the SEC explanation of the need for a second gas turbine power station.

The Parliamentary Public Works Committee, which has been holding an inquiry into the proposal since December, early this month recommended that the project be approved.

In an interim report the Committee found that "the only proposal submitted to the Inquiry that can restore the electricity system of the State to one of assured supply at all times during the next five years is the gas turbine proposal."

No site for the station has yet been selected and the Committee will report separately to the Government on this aspect in its final report.

The interim report by the Committee has been issued so that plant can be ordered immediately.

In its report to the Government the Committee recommends —

1. "That the need for the installation of a further 200 MW gas turbine plant as an emergency measure to increase the generating capacity of electricity system be acknowledged.
2. "That the State Electricity Commission of Victoria be authorised to proceed with the preliminary arrangements for the project.

Conclusions

The detailed conclusions of the Committee were that:

1. "The charter of the State Electricity Commission and the entitlement of the people of Victoria conjointly dictate that maximum effort should be exerted to ensure that adequate power is available as and when required by domestic users, public utilities, industry,

health institutions and other components involved in the well-being of the State.

2. The forecasting of progressive demand for electricity and means of meeting that demand is a complex task. A reasoned judgement has to be made bearing in mind many factors which include demography, development of industry, economic trends, availability of fuels, possible technological advances, plant performance, weather patterns in the matchment areas of the hydro-electricity storages, industrial stability and time involved in planning, public involvement, design and construction of new power generation projects. The Committee considers that the Officers of the State Electricity Commission have acted responsibly and even if the ultimate demand differs from their forecast, the Commission's approach is justified.
3. The Committee recognises the statutory obligation of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria to provide a reliable supply of electricity at all times and to achieve this it must have adequate resources of generating capacity. It is most important that the resources include reserves that are readily available to meet loads as they arise and to allow for variation in plant performance.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

1978 Latrobe Valley Ball
FRIDAY, AUGUST 11th

Kernot Hall

Full details in June issue

CONTACT CONTACTS

FOR SALE

For wrecking a 1965 XM Falcon station wagon (automatic). Only damage is to the roof and doors. Includes a reconditioned two-speed automatic gear box (only 10,000 miles), reconditioned motor 35,000 miles, radio, heater, tow-bar, sunvisor and good panels. Contact: Rodger Luff, 74 1201.

One clothes dryer in excellent condition, \$25 ONO.
Contact: Luke Adrichem, ext. 3728.

FOR SALE

A quality 'takamine' Rosewood guitar in excellent condition with a hard shell case.

Price — \$200

Contact — Jim Hollensen, Traralgon Regional Office, Ext. 257.

WANTED TO BUY

Electric concrete mixer, suitable for domestic use.

Contact: F. Miller, ext. 3413.

retirements



JACK GARSIDE

Visitors to the Commission's Latrobe Valley operations will miss the bright and breezy manner of popular guide Jack Garside, who called it a day on April 28 after 19 years with the SEC.

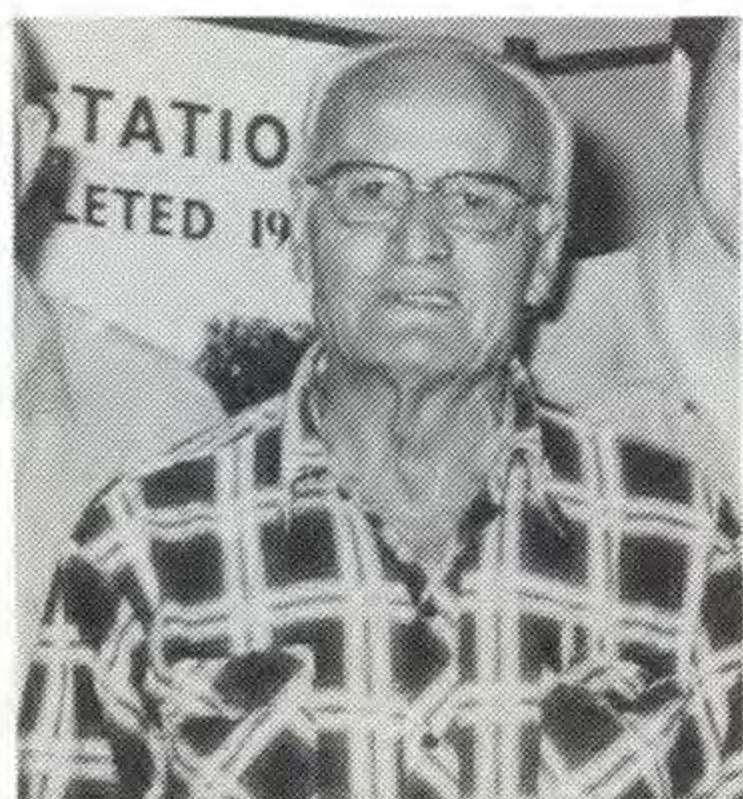
Jack, who intends to spend a three month break in Queensland next month with his wife Nancy before getting down to the serious business of retirement, will have no trouble filling in his "spare" time.

His keen interest in fishing, gardening, bowling and restoring antiques will see to that.

After spending his first few years at Morwell Workshops and Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation, Jack was appointed to Public Relations Group as a guide.

During a farewell function in the Latrobe Valley Visitors Centre in Morwell, Acting Public Relations Officer, Evan Bain presented Jack with a battery charger and an envelope of notes.

Ken Hewat, president of the MPS & BF Social Club — of which Jack was a committeeman for several years — presented the guest of honor with a transistor radio and fishing lantern.



ANDY CILIA

Andy Cilia is planning a trip to his home country, Malta, following his retirement from the Commission on May 2.

Andy, who worked with the Commission for more than 23 years, began as a trades assistant with con-

struction at Yallourn in January, 1955. In 1957, he was appointed a cleaner at Yallourn Power Station, beginning a 21-year association with the station, in which he held various positions until being appointed as an operator, the position from which he retired, in 1973.

Andy, who is married and lives at Moe, is a keen gardener and fisherman. He plans to use his new-found leisure time to full advantage.

At an informal farewell in the Yallourn Power Station lecture room, Acting Power Station Superintendent Bryce McRitchie presented him with a wallet of notes on behalf of workmates.



'OSSIE' D'CRUZ

'Ossie' D'Cruz and wife Amy intend making their home in retirement at Hervey Bay in Queensland, but they will cover a lot of ground on a round-Australia trip, followed by a UK holiday before settling down.

Ossie, who retired on May 5 after 25 years service, began with the Commission in November, 1952 as an electrical mechanic in Construction. Following various periods as leading hand and relief shift electrician, he was appointed to staff as relief foreman in Yallourn open cut in January, 1964, transferring to Morwell open cut in November, 1969.

Ossie plans now to enjoy his hobbies of fishing, gardening and playing bowls.

At a farewell in the Morwell workshops training centre, Morwell Open Cut Superintendent Ian Runge presented Ossie with a fishing rod, reel, and tackle box.



FRANK AUSTEN

Frank Austen will make full use of the time he now has available to devote to his favorite pastime of fishing, following his retirement from the Commission on May 4.

The 13 years Frank spent with the Commission were

all as a bricklayer, with General Services at Morwell and for the past 11 years with Morwell Briquetting and Power Division. He and his wife plan to continue living at Morwell.

High on their early retirement schedule is a visit to Frank's brother, who lives at Rockhampton, and they hope to visit their home country, England, next year.

At a function in the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation training centre, Mechanical Maintenance Engineer Harry McLaren presented Frank with a wallet of notes.

valley visitors

Belgian student was one of many overseas visitors

Mr. Phillippe Wolper, a student in business studies from Belgium, was one of many overseas visitors to tour the SEC's Latrobe Valley works during May.

Mr. Wolper was in Australia as a part of a Belgium Government fellowship to survey Australian mining.

Other visitors included a party of 30 Japanese Rotary exchange students.

- A party of 40 Victorian Water Trust secretaries, who were in the Latrobe Valley attending a State conference.

- Mr. Robert Hurst the general manager of Dunlop (Aust.) and two other Dunlop executives and members of the Federal Government Back Bench Committee on Resources. The party was led by Senator Harold Young.

Apart from these visitors thousands of other people from overseas and inter-state also toured the SEC works areas at Yallourn, Morwell and Loy Yang.



Left: Belgian mining student Phillip Wolper inspected Morwell Open Cut with engineer-in-charge of Auxiliary Operation Section John Harrison.



Above: Preston Mayor Cr. John Hall led a party of City Councillors on a visit to the SEC. He is pictured here (centre) with his wife Kath and (from left) Councillors Alex Capp, Lester Bailey and Lindsay Cotchin.



Right: Japanese Rotaract members pictured with their District 257 hosts during a tour of SEC works areas.



Rotaract exchange visit