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Posing for CONTACT's photographer following the fashion parade are the 14 models. They are back row (from left); Sandra Wagner, Ken Hewat, Pat Hewat, George Kalman,

Marie Wolski, Tom O'Reilly, Carmel Carter, Anna Marino, Cheryl Byrnes; Front row: Chris Lovison, Phil Grech, Barry Smith, Dorothy Swanlake and Jannine Hewat.

## Social Club evening highly successful

The first women's night conducted early this month by the Morwell Power Station and Briquette Factory Social Club was highly successful.

The social evening included a mannequin parade, a make-up display as well as a delicious meal. The function was held in the spacious Morwell Bowling Club and Recreation Centre.

More than 200 women attended the evening at

which social club committeemen were stewards.

Clothes for the parade were supplied by Morwell fashion houses.

Highlights of the evening were the two male models Phil Grech and Barry Smith.

Following the success of the evening the social club committee has decided to make it an annual event.



Modelling evening wear are Barry Smith and Pat Hewat.

## Contact



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## Cover

The landscape of the huge Loy Yang project changes every week. Despite heavy rainfalls in the area, work is still progressing. Aerial pictures of the massive Loy Yang project are on this month's cover. More Loy Yang contracts announced page 12.

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# Latrobe Valley afloat



JUNE 1978 will be remembered in south eastern Victoria as the month of the big wet.

Gippsland and Latrobe Valley people are still mopping up after one of the longest sustained periods of flooding on record.

Centres east of Traralgon were hardest hit but the Commission's Latrobe Valley works areas came in for a fair battering from gale force winds and torrential rain.

Major installations escaped serious damage but the battering had some effect at Loy Yang, Hazelwood Pondage and on Brown Coal Mine Road.

## LOY YANG

At Loy Yang the overburden run-off retention pond filled to capacity for the first time and a fault developed near the concrete spillway leading to Traralgon Creek.

Compacted earth embankments eroded close to the spillway but workmen repaired the fault before any significant amount of water was released to Traralgon Creek.

After the flood peak had passed the water was allowed to gradually flow into Traralgon Creek so that further repairs could be made to the embankment.

The water level at Hazelwood Pondage has been reduced about three feet to enable repairs to be carried out of the top of the western (Eelhole Creek) embankment.

Some sections of the embankment eroded during the Queen's Birthday weekend storm which brought an unusual combination of strong easterly winds and sustained wave action.

Water was discharged into Eelhole Creek to achieve

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*The newly completed Morwell River diversion channel passed its first flooding test with flying colors. The channel handled with ease the heaviest flooding in the river for more than 20 years.*

## Bright future for Alan Scully . . . .



*Receiving his award and trophy is Alan Scully (second from left) from Mr. Ken Anketell the President of the Institute of Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Service Mechanics (right). The SEC's Technical Training Officer Graeme Berryman (left) looks on.*

Twenty-year old Alan Scully, of Newborough, has a bright future as a refrigeration mechanic.

A fourth year apprentice with the Commission, Alan recently won two Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology awards.

At a presentation ceremony in Melbourne earlier this month, Alan received the top award of refrigeration apprentice of the year and the prize for having produced the best practical work during the whole course.

The awards were made by the Institute of Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Service Engineers and the Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Contractors' Association of Victoria.

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Sister Twany Bremner and Casualty Officer David Anderson are pictured studying files in their Yallourn power station office.

## Sister Bremner is no stranger to LV

Newest member of the Commission's growing team of occupational health nurses, Sister Twany Bremner has settled well into her new position at Yallourn Power Station.

Sister Bremner, who completed her nursing training at Central Gippsland Hospital, Traralgon, began with the Commission early in May.

She is no stranger to the Latrobe Valley, having lived for many years at Newborough and now at Churchill with her husband Rob and daughter Dianne.

Occupational health care presents great challenges for trained nurses, according to Sister Bremner.

As well as providing medical care for employees, occupational health nurses were also able to assist with accident prevention and preventative health care programs, she said.

"We are here to help with all types of problems and if we can't, we can direct people to someone who can," she added.

"I'm really enjoying the position."

## FOR SALE

A 7 year old Morwell 3 bedroom B.V. home with en suite. 2nd, 3rd bedrooms with B.I.W. Seperate family room, garden room, swimming pool and garage.

Price negotiable.

Contact ext. 2279.

## THE FEMALE SECS

CONGRATULATIONS to Carmel Carter, a committeewoman on the Morwell Power Station and Briquette Factory Social Club for her organisation of the successful mannequin parade conducted by the social club in the Morwell Bowling Club and Recreation Centre last week. Story and pictures page 2.

PERSONAL secretary to Manager Coal Production Maria Rosato has purchased a new car—a blue Valiant Sigma—grapevine has it that she bought the car from the profits of the Wing 5 football tipping competition which she seems to win nearly every week.

DIANNE Houghton has been appointed typist at the Yallourn drawing office.

TYPIST Anglea Smogavec of Moe obtained car driver's licence, following her road test on June 21 . . . well done.

MORWELL typist Sue Postlewaite is leaving the Commission after 2½ years to take up a position in private enterprise. Good luck.

HAPPY 21st birthday to Michelle Thompson (typist Loy Yang). Michelle who has been at Loy Yang for nearly two years turned 21 on June 20.

BELINDA Willcox has taken up the position as typist at the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation typing office.

YALLOURN drafting assistant Linda Donaldson left the Commission this month on maternity leave. Linda was with the Commission for three years. All the best of health Linda.

GOOD news . . . Assistant Supervisor Duplicating and Typing Joan De Fontaine, who has been ill for a couple of months is now home and on the mend.



THAT'S all for this month but keep those news tips coming in to Val on ext. 3642.



## Photo will bring back memories

OLD photos bring back many memories and the photo (left) will be no exception.

Members of the Yallourn Stores and Melbourne Purchasing Office, are pictured after their annual cricket match on No. 2 oval, Yallourn, in 1948.

Stores Inspector Allan Scarce dropped the photo in to CONTACT last week.

Pictured are (from left) back row: Bill Seddon, Murray Anderson, Andy Smith, E. Bowen (dec'd), Malcolm Barclay, Harry Harper (dec'd); Second row: Claude Crane (dec'd), Malcolm McIver, Jack Morrison, T. Hankin (dec'd), Vic Melbourne (dec'd), Noel Carroll, Ken Crane.

Third row: Ward Boag, Ron Hay, Noel Isaacs, Oliver Broadman, Purchasing Officer (dec'd), Happy Downey, Bill Leather (dec'd), Synon Hannon.

Front row: Wally Melbourne, Murray Dorward, Bob Murray, Jack Scott, Len Stewart and Bill McIntyre.

## Work experience program — 40 students take part

More than 40 students from 25 Gippsland schools took part in a two-week work experience program with the SEC this month.

The students were taking part in the Gippsland Regional Directorates annual work experience program. They came from areas as far apart as Swifts Creek and

Wonthaggi, Yarram and Warragul.

It was the third program in which the SEC has successfully participated.

The object was to enable students from Forms 3, 4 and 5 levels to gain experience in various work situations.

Students worked in various fields ranging from assisting linesmen in metering and servicing houses, replacing poles and associated works, general work in a chemical laboratory, clerical duties, assisting tradesmen with day to day duties and general engineering work.



*Work experience students Carol Weir (left) of Moe and Darren Richardson (far left) of Traralgar, were busy working when Contact's photographer caught up with them.*



## Service Register

COMMISSION Staff and wages employees who reached significant service milestones during June are included in the register below:

### 30 YEARS:

Andrew Kane	Civil Works, Yallourn
Frank Siggins	Coal, Yallourn
Ken Waite	Civil Works, Yallourn
Ron Thompson	Morwell Workshops
Murray Walker	Civil Works, Yallourn

### 31 YEARS:

Aubrey Davey	Coal, Yallourn
Lyle Seear	Yallourn Power Station
Frank Rennie	Coal, Morwell

### 32 YEARS:

Wally Entwistle	Transport Workshops, Yallourn
Ron Mansfield	Coal, Yallourn
Bill McInnes	Hazelwood Power Station
Ted Crookes	Coal Headquarters, Morwell
Richard Cannot	Coal, Yallourn
Allan Young	Transmission, Yallourn
Bill Stevens	Coal, Yallourn

### 33 YEARS:

Syd Veal	Yallourn Workshops
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### 37 YEARS:

Albert Chinnock	Yallourn Electrical Workshops
Ernie Mitchell	Coal, Yallourn
Frank Miles	Engineering Service Headquarters

### 38 YEARS:

Alf Cook	Civil Works, Yallourn
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### 39 YEARS:

Brian Dooley	Finance, Morwell
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### 42 YEARS:

Frank Johnson	Civil Works, Yallourn
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### 49 YEARS:

Tim Fogarty	Yallourn Power Station
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## Challenging course — Outward Bound

For the handful of Latrobe Valley SEC employees who have had the opportunity, the Australian Outward Bound School has provided a stimulating taste of life in the great outdoors, under challenging conditions and in good company.

That's how most of the SEC nominees have viewed it, including the latest to complete the course, Hazelwood Power Station's Rick Baker.

Outward Bound varies its courses, but the main ingredients—which centre on bush survival skills; personal initiative, teamwork and self-reliance—remain the same regardless of venue.

The course attended by Rick Baker, the Victorian Odyssey, was the first of its kind for Outward Bound, traversing the spectacular country along the Snowy River from Mt. Kosciusko, Australia's highest point, to the waters of Bass Strait, 250 kilometres away.

cepted greater responsibility for organisation and operation of the expedition, which involved:—

- more than 50 kilometres of canoeing on the Snowy River;
- a 60-kilometre bushwalk from the campsite below the Crackenback Range near Thredbo to the Snowy River;
- a day spent rock climbing and abseiling (regarded as the most exhausting challenge of the course);
- a day spent orienteering;
- a three-day "solo" camp-out in which each course member was completely isolated;
- a four-day expedition through rugged country; and
- a two-hour, 17-kilometre run from mountain range to the mouth of the Snowy.

The Odyssey course was an exhilarating introduction to Outward Bound for Hazel-

## Australia wide

Twenty-eight participants from all over Australia were drawn from a wide variety of occupations, including students, apprentices, clerks, tradesmen, teachers and businessmen.

Their ages ranged from 17 to 31.

Divided into two self-sufficient groups, course members spent several days learning skills and developing abilities essential for successful completion of a gruelling program.

They practiced bush navigation; engaged in group initiative tasks; learned the rudiments of bushcraft and bush safety—and physically prepared themselves for the tasks ahead by twice daily exercise routines and runs.

Instructors who were prominent early in the course withdrew into the background as individuals ac-

wood Power Station instrument maker and repairer Rick Baker.

Rick—who confessed to some homesickness during the course—found the three-week program physically trying but satisfying.

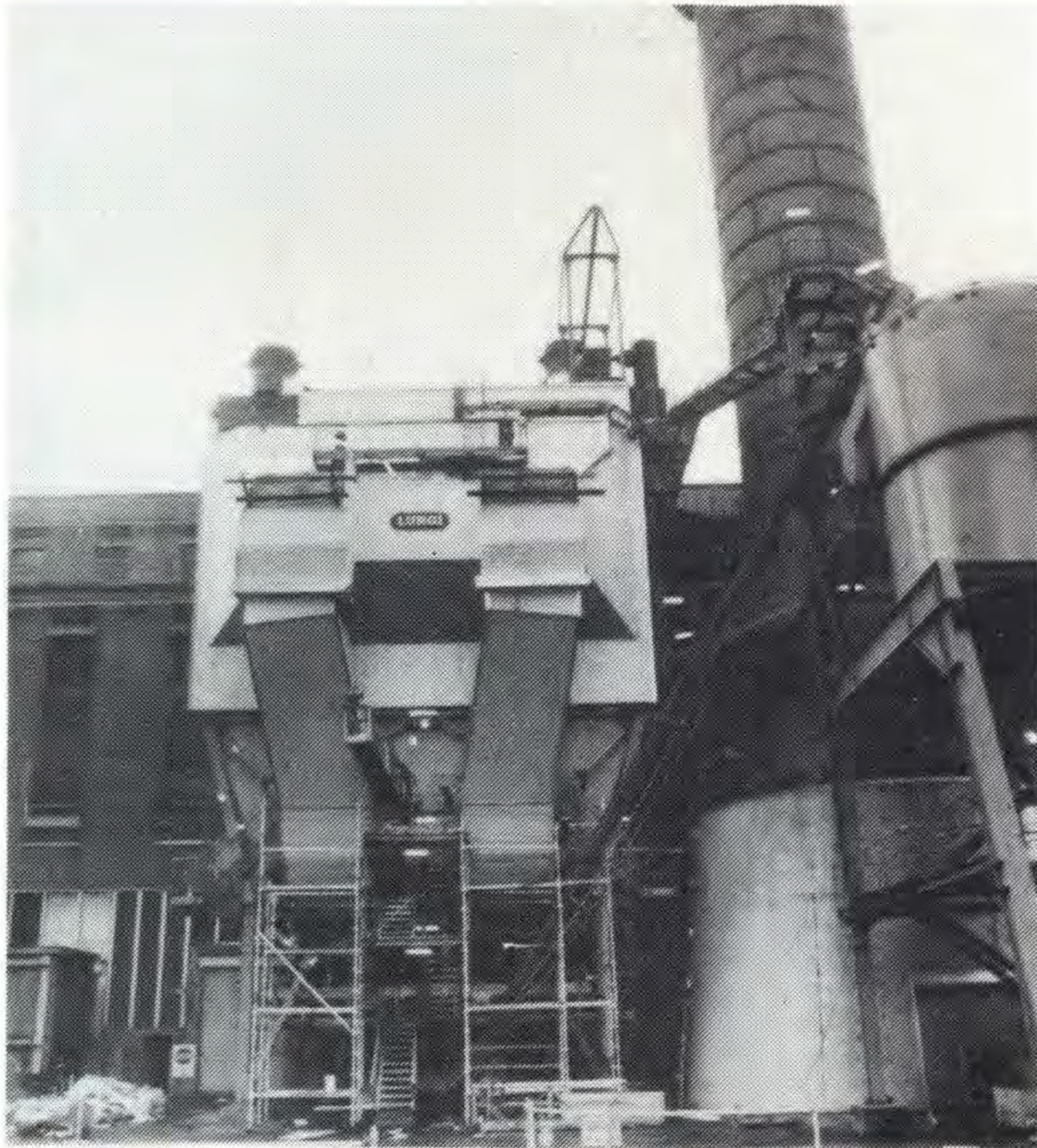
He described it as "a great and unique experience."

Weather during Rick's period in the Snowy Mountains ranged from very cold and wet to very hot and dry, creating somewhat difficult conditions for course members unaccustomed to sustained exertion in such rugged terrain.

For most participants Odyssey provided an introduction to new outdoor experiences—abseiling, rock-climbing, canoeing (including white water sections), orienteering, camping and bush hiking (complete with 60 lb pack).



## POWER GENERATION



Work is progressing satisfactorily on the new precipitators (above) at the Morwell power station.

# Morwell Power Station is now looking cleaner

Morwell Power Station is looking cleaner these days — and it's going to get even better.

The first of eight sets of electrostatic precipitators being installed in a \$6.8 million program to reduce dust and ash emission from the station have begun operation.

The improvement was noticeable immediately.

The precipitators, which extract dust and ash particles from boiler gases before they are discharged to the atmosphere, have con-

siderably improved collection efficiency.

Previously, mechanical dust collectors had been used at the station.

Precipitators for another boiler are expected to begin operation next month and foundation work has begun for another set.

The plant will be installed progressively over the next three years.

Tenders have been called for the removal of ash collected by the precipitators.

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The members of the Cleaners and Boiler Cleaners group proudly display their NSCA pennant and certificate.

# Safety awards to cleaners and boilermakers

Two Yallourn power station groups have reached 100,000 manhours without a lost time injury.

The groups are the boilermakers and cleaners and boiler cleaners.

The boilermakers, consisting of 66 men, have now notched up 194,000 manhours without a LTI while the Cleaners group, of 73 men, is up to 103,000 manhours.

It is the first time the boilermakers have received a safety award, but this is the third occasion the Cleaners have received a 100,000 manhour award.

At an informal ceremony in the Yallourn power station's lecture room, Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson presented the National Safety Council of Australia's pennant and certificate to John Jackson (Boilermakers) and Ted Summerton (Cleaners).



The boilermakers group display their first 100,000 manhour safety award pennant and certificate outside the Yallourn power station.



**JOHN TILLEY**

John Tilley, an engineer with Civil Works at Morwell, has been Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshops secretary for almost two years.

John describes public response to appeals by the Workshop as "generally heartening."

He said he was delighted that so many of his fellow workers were helping the Workshop financially. "I hope they will continue to do so and that many more will join them," he said.

All physically and handicapped people are eligible to work at the Workshops.

However, John believes that the Sheltered Workshop should see itself with a broader role; not only to give useful employment to handicapped people, but also to train them so they can hold down jobs in outside industry.

## CGT & LC support

The Central Gippsland Trades and Labor Council has consistently supported the Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshops since it began operation in 1969.

CGT&LC secretary Franz Onger believes everybody who lives in the Latrobe Valley could themselves — either through accident at work, car accident, or "even by slipping on a cake of soap" — one day be in need of the type of assistance the Workshop has to offer.

A worker can be "healthy today and in need tomorrow."

"I'm sure unionists will continue to give the LV Sheltered Workshops their full financial support," Franz said.



**FRANZ ONGER**



Looking at future plans for the LV Sheltered workshop are (from left) Vice-President, Max Williamson, Workshop Manager Eric Campbell, former Admin./Public Relations Officer Margaret Cooper and Secretary John Tilley.

# Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshop plays an important role

The Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshop plays an important role within the Latrobe Valley community, providing employment for 47 handicapped people from the area between Warragul and Moe.

A physical handicap can happen to anybody. It can be the result of accident, illness, bad luck, or just plain genetic cussedness.

It is estimated that one person in 10 is affected by physical disability of one sort or another, either sufferer, employer, teacher, social worker or well-intentioned citizen prepared to give of himself and his talents in the service of the less fortunate.

Whatever the numbers, they will undoubtedly increase as more physically handicapped children survive beyond infancy; more elderly people live longer to develop handicaps, and greater toll is taken by continuing and devastating road accidents.

Fortunately, many disabled people can continue to lead full, happy and successful lives.

Advances in modern medicine and technology can help them get about; can replace a missing or de-

fective part of the body, or even to supplement a faulty faculty.

But what about work?

To some people, work may be a boring or even unpleasant way of earning a living.

However, for most of the physically handicapped, the income they take home is only part of the story.

The contact work brings with other people; the feeling of personal involvement and usefulness to the community bring emotional and social satisfaction far beyond those of people who are able to take their capacity to work for granted.

The Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshop was opened in Moe in February, 1969, following initiatives by Morwell Jaycees.

Six workers attended three mornings weekly under voluntary supervision in those early days. In Septem-

ber, 1969, the move to a site in Rintoull Street, Morwell, enabled some expansion — the workshop ended its first year with nine workers.

The workshop is now situated in a new brick veneer building in Commercial Road, Morwell; it employs 47 people and is growing month by month.

In the Latrobe Valley there are an estimated 300 people in need of the services the sheltered workshop can provide, so a new 26-square metre extension has recently been completed to cope with the demand — at a cost of \$40,000.

Because the Sheltered Workshops could not obtain a government subsidy the money was obtained through a bank loan, repayment of which has led to discussions between the SEC, the Central Gippsland Trades and Labor Council — a keen supporter —

and the Workshop committee.

The three parties resolved to seek SEC employee support for pay deduction donations at a level of 20 cents per week in an attempt to repay the loan. This would replace a previous pay deduction scheme based on 5 cents per week.

Between October 1970 and March this year, SEC employees have contributed (through pay deductions) more than \$12,000.

The small team which administers the Workshop is grateful for the contribution, and hopes that many more SEC personnel will take part in the payroll deductions scheme.

The Sheltered Workshop is a Latrobe Valley community effort, and as such is worthy of wide financial support: CONTACT is happy to commend it to all readers.



**MAX WILLIAMSON**

Services Engineer (Civil) Max Williamson is one of the "pioneers" of the Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshop — he was chairman of the Morwell Jaycees Planning Committee which initiated the moves leading to establishment of the Workshop in 1969.

The Workshop has gone ahead in leaps and bounds since it was established, but its continued operation depends heavily on public support.

Max takes a practical view of the Workshop operation.

"I suppose we could get plenty of help by appealing to everybody's sympathy, but we want more — we need the support of local industry in the supply of suitable work.

"We are a productive unit run on sound business lines. We pay our employees a financial reward related to their efforts — and we can effectively carry out a number of functions of value to industry.

"We want not only to continue doing this, but also to expand our activities to help as many people as possible who need rehabilitation.

### Deductable

If you make a donation of \$2 to the Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshops, you are really ensuring that they get \$10 — the Federal Government gives a generous subsidy of \$4 for \$1.

In these days of inflation that's really something.

Whats more — it's tax deductible too!!!



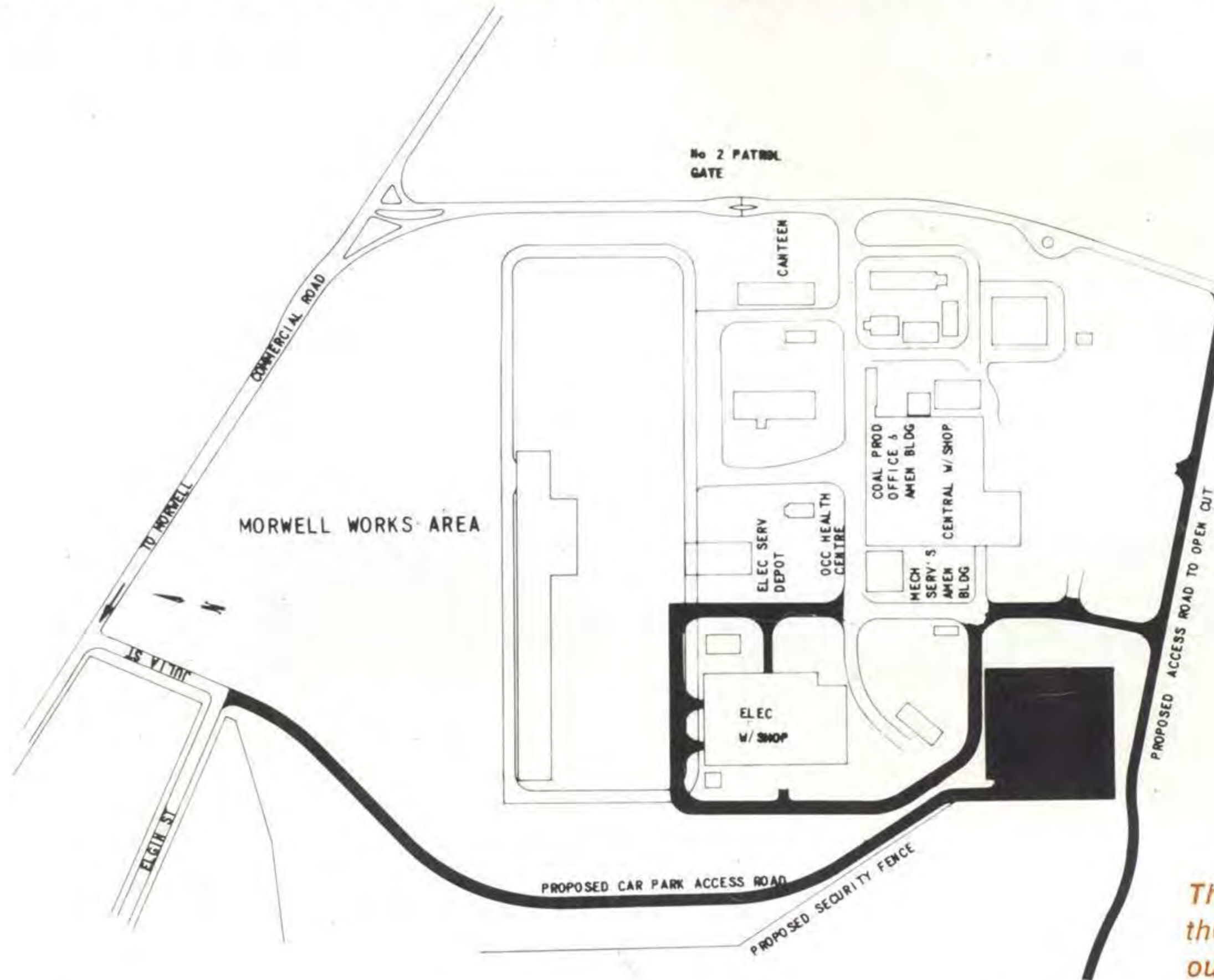
Workshop employees were busy at work sorting paper when 'CONTACT's photographer called into the workshop last week.





**ENGINEERING  
SERVICES**

# Major roadworks program is underway...



*The major works program for the Morwell services area is outlined above.*

## However persistent wet weather - halted roadworks

Persistent wet weather has brought an abrupt halt to major roadworks programs in the Morwell works areas.

Earthworks had begun before the wet set in for a new East-West access road from the Lower Ridge Road to the open cut and extension of Julia Street to provide access to a new car park to service the new electrical workshops.

The projects will be completed by day labor at an estimated cost of \$330,000.

The East-West access road will provide a 600 metre link from the Lower Ridge Road to the open cut perimeter road.

Most of the earthwork is complete and it is hoped to have the road open to traffic by the end of the year.

Top soil has been stripped in preparation for a 600 metre extension of Julia Street to the new car park.

The extension project will involve work on the Julia Street-Elgin Street intersection.

The bulk of earthworks for the 274-car car park are complete and eventually the area will be sealed and lines marked.

Work will resume on all projects as soon as the weather permits.

### For Sale

A 10' x 8' Cottage tent, in good condition — \$95.

**CONTACT: Ray Young, 28 Rutter Street, Morwell.**

### Found

A ladies chrome watch has been found in the Latrobe Valley Visitors centre, Morwell.

It is in excellent condition. Contact: Jack Trimble, ext. 3175.

## FOR SALE • • • FOR SALE • • • FOR SALE • • • FOR SALE

1974 Datsun 180B, excellent condition, low kms, 4 speed gear box. Many extras stereo cassette, rear window louvre, vinyl roof.

Apply Miss Judy Smalley, 5 Saunders Cres., Traralgon.

Phone 74 5034 after 5.30 p.m. Price \$3,800.

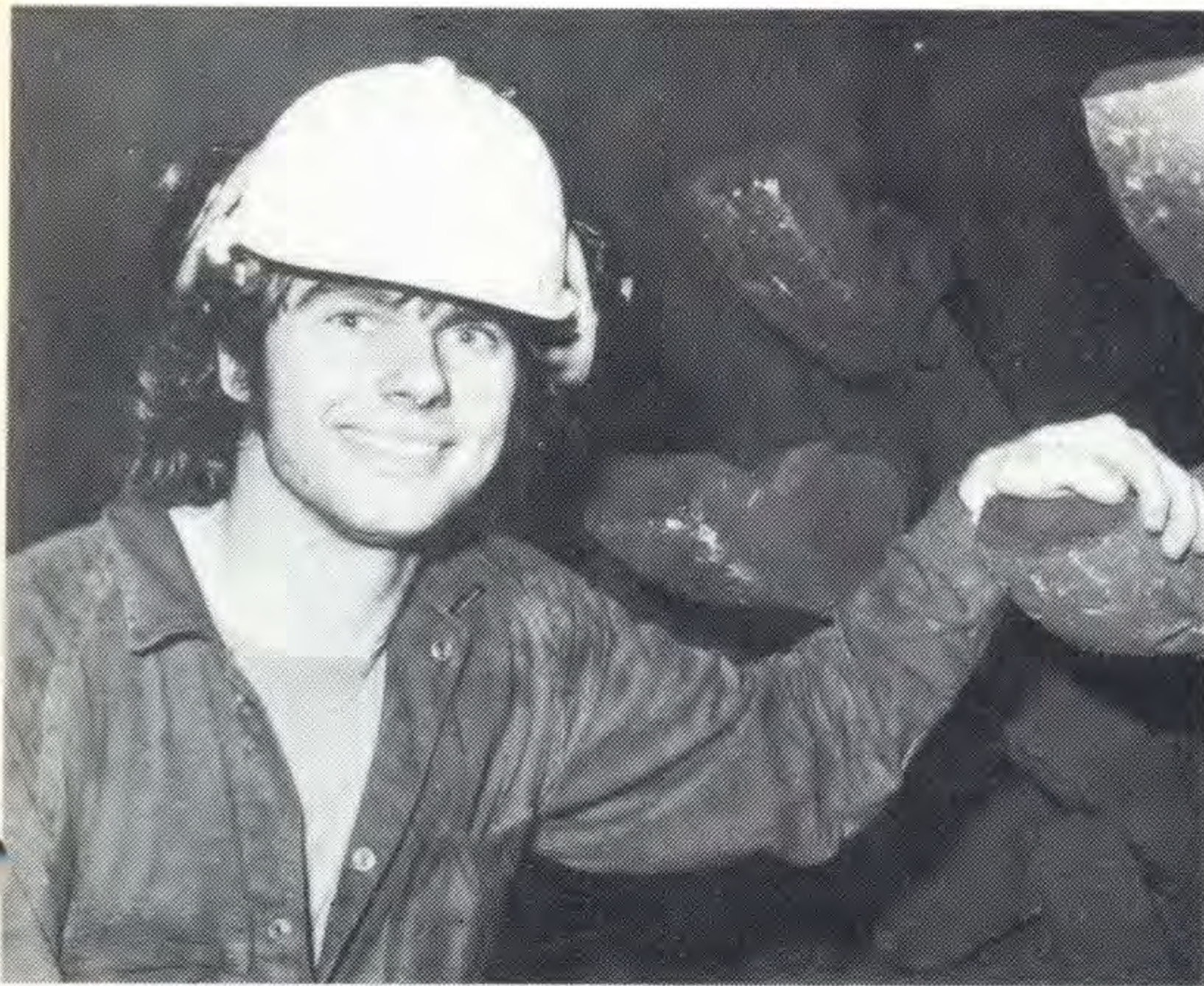
Four single beds, in good condition — two as new. Two Bantam roosters, 1 year old. One Bantam hen and four chickens.

**CONTACT: Sid Osborne, 23 Rutter Street, Morwell.**

Datsun 1600. New motor, gearbox and differential. Competition suspension. All extras. Power to spare. Price on application to Richard Northover, ext. 2353.

For wrecking — a Renault R16TS. Engine, gear box, panels, seats, wheels, etc.

Contact: Brian Tress, ext. 2739.



*Working next to a pulverising mill is apprentice Peter Johnson of Warragul.*

## SEC APPRENTICES RECEIVE TOP TRADE AWARDS

Two SEC apprentices were each awarded top Gippsland apprenticeship awards, in their trades, at the annual Yallourn Technical College's annual post secondary awards evening.

They were: Peter Johnson (Fitting and Machining) and Michael Hogan (Metal Fabrication); both are from Warragul.

Gippsland's Outstanding

Apprentice award was won by Sale motor mechanic Norman Garner.

It is the first time in four years that an SEC apprentice hasn't won the Outstanding Apprentice award.

Yallourn survey drafting apprentice Bill Riddle won the award last year. Thirty-nine of the 64 awards presented were to SEC employees.

Apprenticeship awards were presented to — Motor Mechanic, 1st year: John Mirams; 3rd year: Peter Dyt; RACV award: Peter Dyt; building studies, 3rd year: David Wall; electric studies, 1st year: Robert Lang, 2nd year: Kevin Taylor; electrical fitting and armature winding, 3rd year: Colin Granger; instrument making, 1st year: John Grassens; fitting and machining, 1st year: Stuart McKenzie; 2nd year: Ian Pattie; 3rd year: Peter Jones; metal fabrication, 1st year: Raymond Lovison; 2nd year: Wilhelm Hendricks; 3rd year: Michael Hogan.

Gippsland apprenticeship awards—Fitting and machining: Peter Johnson; Metal fabrication: Michael Hogan.

Certificate of Technology—electrical power: M. R. Chambers, M. A. Farmer, K. F. Foote, G. Hollands, S. Ruane, S. Savva, K. Tate, S. Vella; mechanical engineering: M. L. Anderson, H. M. Crow; electrical design drafting, J. Douglas; power plant operators: M. E. Carrotte, R. Fuhrmann, A. S. Lowath, C. McQuillen, R. G. Whyte; survey drafting: T. W. Tewierik; mechanical design drafting: P. J. Dykes, J. Engel, K. Hunt, R. Methers, E. J. Rowlands.

Outstanding student award — middle level studies — Ron Methers.

## Apprentice exhibition attracted considerable interest

Employment opportunity within the SEC for Gippsland secondary school students contemplating trade training and technical careers was demonstrated in a comprehensive trade training exhibition in the Morwell Town Hall this month.

The exhibition was aimed at publicising the technical traineeships and apprentice vacancies which will be available in 1979 within the Commission's Latrobe Valley undertakings.

As well as creating an awareness among students of available opportunities, the exhibition will also help students clarify their career expectations.

Detailed displays in 12 trades and three traineeships were on show.

In previous years SEC Technical Training Officers have toured Gippsland schools each year lecturing students on apprenticeship opportunities as part of the recruitment campaign.

However, the Commission decided this year to alter this format, conducting a large-scale trade training exhibition providing schools with

a comprehensive display at a central venue.

The display was manned by apprentices, trainees, their supervisors and instructors.

The Central Gippsland Career Advisors Group arranged a roster of students from Latrobe Valley secondary schools who visited the

exhibition daily. School Career Teachers also attended.

Careers represented included drafting, surveying, boilermaking, fitting and turning, motor mechanics, carpentry, gardening, plumbing, bricklaying and various electrical trades.



*Apprentice gardener Richard Hopley of Morwell repots a plant at the trade exhibition this month.*



## S95 plays important role - YOC

The new S95 mobile slewing conveyor now operating in the Yallourn open cut is playing an important role in the removal of overburden.

The \$3.5 million S95 is working in conjunction with No. 13 dredger feeding Y301 conveyor, which carries the overburden to the new southern OB dump.

The huge 469-tonne slewing conveyor began its working career in March this year.



## Contracts worth \$17 million let by Commission

Four contracts let early in June for coal-winning plant and equipment are worth a total of almost \$17 million.

The largest contract, worth \$9.3 million, went to a Johns Perry-MAN Consortium and involves the supply of a travelling stacker to be used on the overburden dump at Loy Yang.

The stacker is expected to be ready for service by December, 1980.

In keeping with Commission practice, the contract includes heavy Australian content — on a contract value basis, Australian content amounts to 72.5 per cent. Some 86 per cent of the delivery weight will be made in Australia.

A huge machine, the stacker will be capable of receiving and spreading almost 11,000 cubic metres of overburden an hour.

The second largest contract, for \$3.1 million, has been awarded to Vickers Australia for a mobile slewing conveyor to be used in the Morwell open cut.

The conveyor will reduce the likelihood of future coal supply shortages to Hazelwood power station. It will be capable of an output of 4,700 cubic metres an hour of overburden, coal or a mixture of both.

The mobile conveyor plant, which will have an Australian content of about 90 per cent, is scheduled for operation by the end of June next year.

A \$2.5 million contract has been let to Nissho-Iwai Co. (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. for conveyor plant, also for use in Morwell open cut.

The equipment to be supplied includes truck conveyors, two electrically-operated travelling hoppers, new tail-end units for existing conveyors and spare parts.

They should be ready by September next year.

Siemens Industries Ltd. has won a contract worth almost \$2 million for supply and installation of a new plant control and monitoring system at Yallourn open cut.

The system will form a vital part of a new control centre complex at Yallourn, coinciding with the current redevelopment of Yallourn open cut.

Commissioning of the major part of the plant will occur in May, 1980.



*The S95 mobile slewing conveyor is pictured next to No. 13 dredger last week.*

## ANNUAL SEC BALL

will be held in

**KERNOT HALL, YALLOURN**

on

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11th**

**7.30 p.m.-2 a.m.**

**\$20 a double**

**(Includes three course meal and drinks)**

**Scammell's Band will provide the music**

**Limited tables are available**

**For bookings, contact Alec Wood, ext. 3244**



## BOOKINGS NOW OPEN



# FOOTBALL SHIELD WON BY SOCIAL CLUB

Transmission personnel really started something when they decided to play a social football match earlier this month—it's now an annual affair.

The first Transmission Shield match was won by the Transmission Social Club, who narrowly defeated the Test and Communications team by one goal.

Final scores after a keenly contested match were 6.7 to 5.7.



*Joe Gaffa was all smiles after scoring a goal.*

Played on the Yinnar Football ground, the match reached a good standard.

Best players were: Transmission — David Heath, Les Cauchi, Greg McMillan, Gordon Bailey, Joe Boulton, Gavan Edmondson; Tests and Communications—Bob Bremner, Douce Dubajuc, Shane Fife, Steve Vella and Steve Ruanne.

A highlight was a goal scored by former soccer player Joe Gaffa, who dribbled the football from the centre square to the goal square—and then slammed the ball through the legs of three defenders for a goal.

Allan Mayer and John Jordon, from the Latrobe Valley Umpires' Association, gave a faultless exhibition of umpiring . . . well, that depends on your point of view.

More than 400 people attended the match and the barbecue which followed.

Team captains were Gavan Edmondson (Transmission Social Club) and Bob Bremner (Test and Communications).



*Transmission rover Michael Absom (right) is pictured gathering the ball while other players converge on him. They are (from left); Bob Bremner, Peter Nelson, Greg McMillan, Alan Beamish and David Heath.*



*Transmission team president Rudolph Beilharz (left) receives a congratulatory handshake from Tests and Communication President Gilbert McPhee. Players (from left) are; Ralph Nelson, Joe Boulton, Hugh McGregor, Gavan Edmondson, Albert Ditrich, David Heath and Peter Scott.*



*The victorious Transmission team— Back row (from left): Peter Nelson, Hugh McGregor, George Ballard, Howard Jensen, John Hill, Jim Welsh; Second row: Phillip Ford, Ralph Nelson Les Cauchi, Joe Boulton, Gavan Edmondson (Capt.), David Heath, Albert Ditrich, Michael Absom (Vice-Capt.); Front row: Ron White, Greg McMillan, Ian Edmondson, Ray Male & Peter Scott.*

# Suggestions pay off in \$'s

*Good ideas paid off for eight Hazelwood power station people last month.*

*Following a meeting of the Latrobe Valley suggestions panel, awards were presented by HPS Training Group engineer Graham Sambell to (from right), Adrian Casey (award amount \$30), Joe Langenakker (\$60), Brian Nicholson (\$60), Fred Bolding (\$50), Gary Dunn (\$200) and Alan McIntyre (\$300). Two other awards winners not pictured are Dion Schembri (\$30), and Wal Hughes (\$30).*

*The suggestions Panel also agreed to make awards to Yallourn L/H fitter Henry Rankin (\$400) and Morwell Central Workshops foreman Jack Van Schaik (\$150).*



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## Morwell Power Station is now looking cleaner

Some of the ash collected at Hazelwood Power Station is being used in road making. Pioneer Concrete Pty. Ltd. is using the ash as a filler with crushed rock in the preparation of road foundations.

Morwell Power Station ash could be used in a similar way.

A television monitoring system is also being installed at Morwell Power Station. Cameras will monitor emissions from the four stacks, mainly during start-up before precipitators begin operation.

Meanwhile, a contract has been let for the supply and installation of six monitoring stations as part of a \$1 million program to monitor air quality and meteorological conditions in the Latrobe

Valley.

Eventually there will be eleven stations set up around the Valley.

Monitoring equipment has begun arriving in Australia from overseas, and once tested and calibrated will be installed in the stations.

Already six monitoring sites have been selected — north of Yarragon near Boolarra, between Driffield and Narracan East, south of Hazelwood Pondage (2), and at Glengarry West.

Mobile monitoring vans make regular visits to the one station which is already operating, in Minnedale Road, south of Traralgon.

The first of the new permanent stations, which will measure concentrations of sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides,

ozone and particulate matter, as well as wind, speed and direction, is expected to be in operation by the end of the year. Tenders will be called in about three months for the first of a series of meteorological stations.

Eventually there could be four of the stations, which will feature 110-metre high towers designed to measure wind speed, direction and turbulence at four levels.

Another part of the monitoring program already in progress involves specially instrumented aircraft, making regular flights over the Valley. Main purpose is to check the variation of air temperature with height — a key to the influence of meteorology on air quality.

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the required water level reduction.

A flash flood in Anderson Creek on June 4 scoured out an abutment of a bridge on Brown Coal Mine Road between Yallourn North and Toms Bridge.

Traffic was diverted for several hours while workmen from Civil Works, Yallourn and Morwell Shire repaired the damage. The road forms the boundary between the Commission's works area and the shire.

Yallourn No. 1 oval was again flooded but there was no damage.

The Morwell River diversion has passed severe flooding tests with flying colors.

Work on the diversion was completed only months before the river flooded to its highest level in more than 20 years.

There are no signs of serious damage to newly grassed areas in the diversion, but normal maintenance will be carried out.

# retirements



**GEORGE GRAY**

George Gray's retirement on May 15 ended a 31½ years association with Coal Production, Yallourn.

George worked with the Commission for a total of 33½ years after beginning as a cleaner at Yallourn Briquette Factory.

After a short period with Briquetting he transferred to Yallourn Open Cut as a greaser. Service as a Trail Builder Operator was followed by promotions to the positions of foreman, in April 1949, overseer in August 1965 and supervisor, the position from which he retired, in May 1978.

George and his wife Wyne, who have lived for many years at Yallourn, have settled into a new home at North Newborough. Their retirement plans include spending more time travelling. George would like to combine travelling with his other hobby—fishing.

At an informal farewell at Yallourn Coal Production office, Yallourn Open Cut Coal Production Superintendent Col Ferguson presented George with a gold watch, a pen and a cigarette lighter for his wife.



**STAN PRZYBYSZ**

Stan Przybysz and his wife Anna are planning a holiday in America following his retirement on April 14.

Stan joined the Commission on May 1, 1950, as a builder's laborer with construction at Yallourn.

He held various positions with construction, Civil Works, Yallourn and at the Yallourn Briquette Factory before being appointed cleaner at Yallourn Power Station in November 1971.

This was the position from which he retired.

Apart from his American holiday, Stan has no specific retirement plans, although one of his favorite pastimes is painting.

At an informal farewell function, head cleaner Ted Summerton presented Stan with a wallet of notes from his workmates.



**FRANK HEDE**

Frank and Elsie Hede plan to spend several months of the year soaking up the sun in Queensland following Frank's retirement on May 25.

Beginning as a laborer with Coal Production, Yallourn, Frank's career with the Commission spanned nearly 38 years.

He served with the AIF in the Second World War and returned to the Commission in 1945 as a cleaner at Yallourn Briquette Factory. Appointment as a trades assistant with Coal Production, Yallourn in May, 1945 preceded a promotion to the

position of fitter in 1947. When he retired he was a leading hand fitter. Frank and Elsie have holidayed in Queensland for many years but now they plan to spend up to four months a year in the sunshine state.

They will continue living most of the year at their Newborough home where Frank takes great pride in maintaining his garden. He is also a keen golfer.

At a farewell at Parkside Restaurant, Morwell, Yallourn Open Cut Coal Production Superintendent Col Ferguson presented Frank with a silver coffee set from his workmates.



**WHIT QUIRK**

Whit Quirk, whose voice has been one of the best known at the Morwell switchboard for the past 20 years, retired on May 12.

Whit joined the Commission in December 1937 and became involved with communications in January 1948 as a telephone attendant at Kiewa.

After 11 years service there he transferred to Morwell as a telephone operator. Several promotions followed until he was appointed Telephones Supervisor, the position from which he retired.

Whit has been closely associated with local canary societies for many years and is a keen home handyman.

He and his wife Win are planning an overseas trip early in his retirement.

At an informal farewell, Electrical Laboratory Engineer Brian Clark and Communications Planning Engineer Stan Brown presented Whit with a work bench and electric drill.

## valley visitors

# BANKER FROM UGANDA LOOKS SEC OVER

A female representative from the Bank of Uganda was among the thousands of visitors to the SEC works areas this month. She was Nicolette Kiyaga.

Nicolette was in a party of international bankers who toured the Morwell, Yallourn and Loy Yang works areas.

Others in the party were; Mr. Tony Cartmer from the International Banking Division of the National Bank (Aust.), Mr. Iqbal Iman and Mr. K. M. Ahmed from the Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh, Mr. T. Shinhawa Kyoma Bank Tokyo and Mr. Fred Stevens, Manager National Bank, Moe.

A group of Yinnar Primary School students enjoyed a tour of the Morwell area early this month. The tour included the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation.

Another interesting party to visit was the members of the Victorian U16 schoolgirl hockey team, which was in the Latrobe Valley to play against a combined Latrobe Valley under 16 team.

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### Bright future for Alan

Alan, who began his apprenticeship with the SEC in 1974, works in Field Services at Yallourn.

Alan's brother John is also a refrigeration mechanic, with the Gippsland ESR at Traralgon, and his father is a boilermaker at Yallourn power station.

Away from the job—and his studies — Alan is a keen sportsman.

His main interests are scuba diving and karate, while the making and flying of model aeroplanes is another hobby.

Numerous other overseas and interstate visitors looked the SEC over during the month.



*Members of the Victorian U16 Schoolgirls' hockey team (right) toured the SEC works areas early this month.*



*Studying a scale model of Yallourn 'W' power station are the members of the International Bankers group.*



*Yinnar Primary school students were pictured by CONTACT's photographer sitting on a large pile of briquettes.*