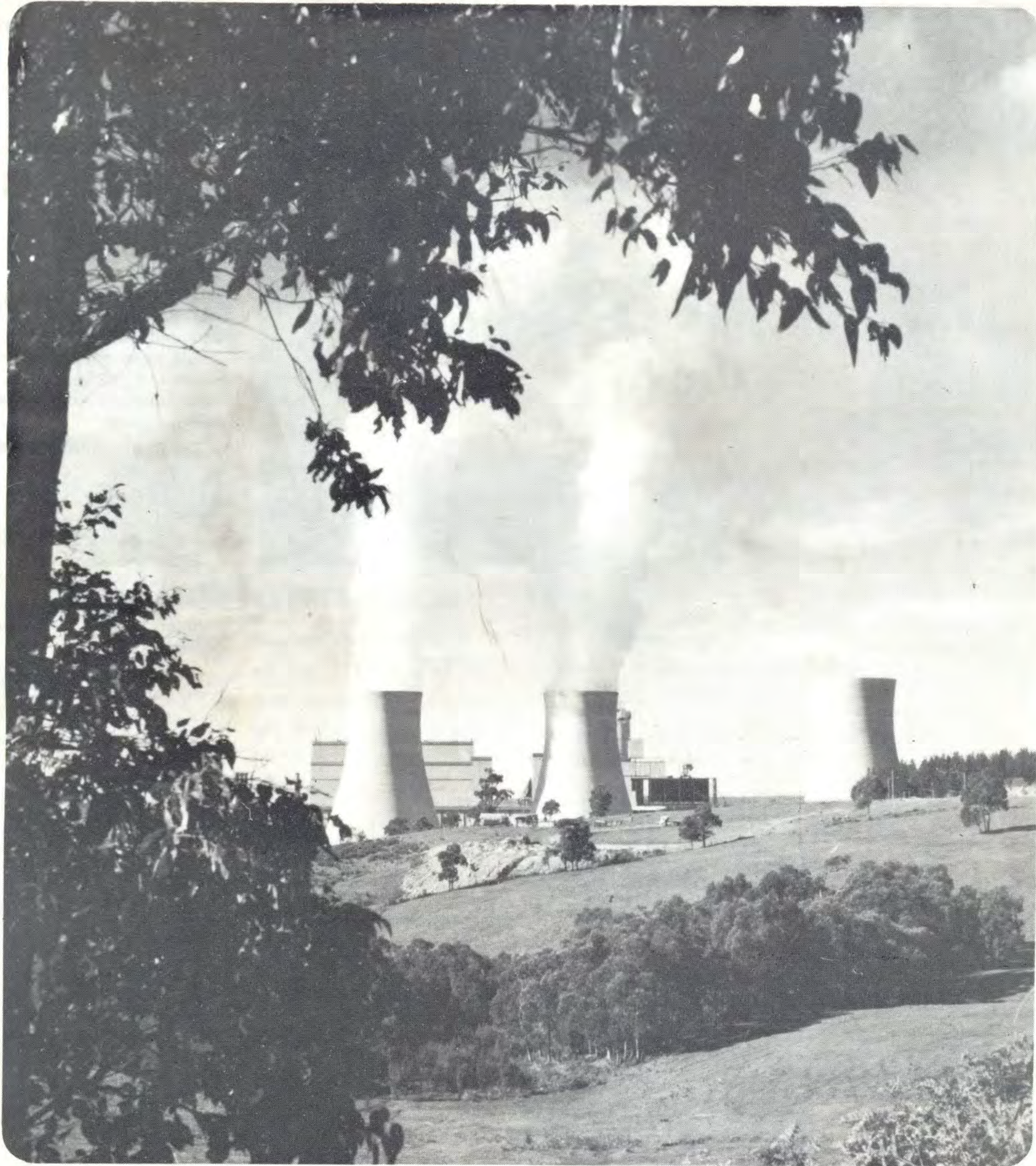




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AUGUST, 1978





The Yallourn Blues Football Team — 1937: Back row (from left) Frank Sullivan, Roy Calder, Carl White, Eric Holt, Syd Curran, Len Keirnan, Claude Higginson; Second row: Jack Piggot, Jack McCarthy, Phil Ashmead, Dan Hutton (Capt.), Ken Calder, Ken Williams, Bert Lester, Morrie Kitney; Front row: Stan Attenborough, Bill Spriggs, Jack Fincher, Barry Callinan, Stan Comber and Col Mahoney.

Yallourn “Blues”?

Latrobe Valley football followers will be interested in the football team pictured (left).

It is the Yallourn Blues football side which won the Central Gippsland Football League's premiership in 1938.

The picture was dropped into CONTACT by a former Blues team member, Bert Lester (pictured in second row, far right, in the short sleeve jumper).

Bert is a fitter in the Morwell workshops.

Bert, who played more than 150 games with Yallourn, recalls that in 1936 the Yallourn Football Club senior 18 was so strong it went through the season undefeated, so the club was forced to split the team into two — the Blues and the Golds — to even the competition.

The Blues had Alan Hutton as their captain, and coach was Colin Deane of Old Melbourne fame.

The Blues made the four in 1937 and were beaten in the preliminary final by Warragul, the eventual premiers. The Golds finished seventh.

In 1938 the Blues won the premiership and the Golds finished down the ladder.

They then went into recess for the war period.

More Newark Ave. units on the way

Work has begun on a further 20 units at the Newark Avenue development at Newborough.

Yallourn Resettlement Committee Chairman George Bates, said Karinya Homes Pty. Ltd. of Ringwood had been awarded a contract to build 10 two-bedroom and 10 single-bedroom units.

Tenders for the final two stages of the development, which will add a further 20 single-bedroom units, were

expected to be called next month, he said.

Meanwhile, construction of 20 single-bedroom and 10 two-bedroom units in stages two, three and four of the development is nearing completion.

The units should be ready for occupancy by October.

The Newark Avenue project is part of overall SEC

plans to provide alternative accommodation for retired SEC couples and widows.

The completed village will house 114 former Yallourn residents.

Work began on the project early in 1976 and the first 12 two-bedroom units were occupied in May last year.

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Cover

THE Yallourn 'W' power station is growing in size as the striking cover picture indicates. There are now three huge cooling towers. The duplication of Yallourn 'W' is well underway.

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Power Generation record broken — team effort

The Latrobe Valley last month really lived up to its reputation as the power centre of Victoria with a string of record-smashing performances at SEC power stations and open cuts.

Power generation from Latrobe Valley power stations reached a new high of 2681 MW early on Friday morning, July 21. The previous best of 2584 MW had stood since September, 1976.

Manager Power Generation, Jack Robertson said combined generation had been hovering around 2700 MW since July 21, then another new record of 2840 MW was achieved on Monday, July 24.

Total Victorian generation peaked on July 24 at 3584 MW. Mr. Robertson said plant availability and high



Top performance

plant performance at Hazelwood, Yallourn 'W', Yallourn and Morwell Power Stations had paved the way for the record-breaking run.

"The men at the stations have done a magnificent job to enable these record performances to be achieved," he said.

Hazelwood has been the star performer, with all eight units in operation for just on five days.

The station load reached 1600 MW on July 24, bettering the old generation record of 1550 MW set in February this year.

The station has also set a new record for the period all eight units have operated simultaneously. The old re-

cord of 33½ hours, set in May, 1973, was bettered on Saturday, July 22 and the 100 hour mark was passed on July 25.

Morwell and Yallourn open cuts have played major roles in making the record-breaking generation performance possible.

Coal production from Morwell open cut has been maintained at a record level for the past two months.

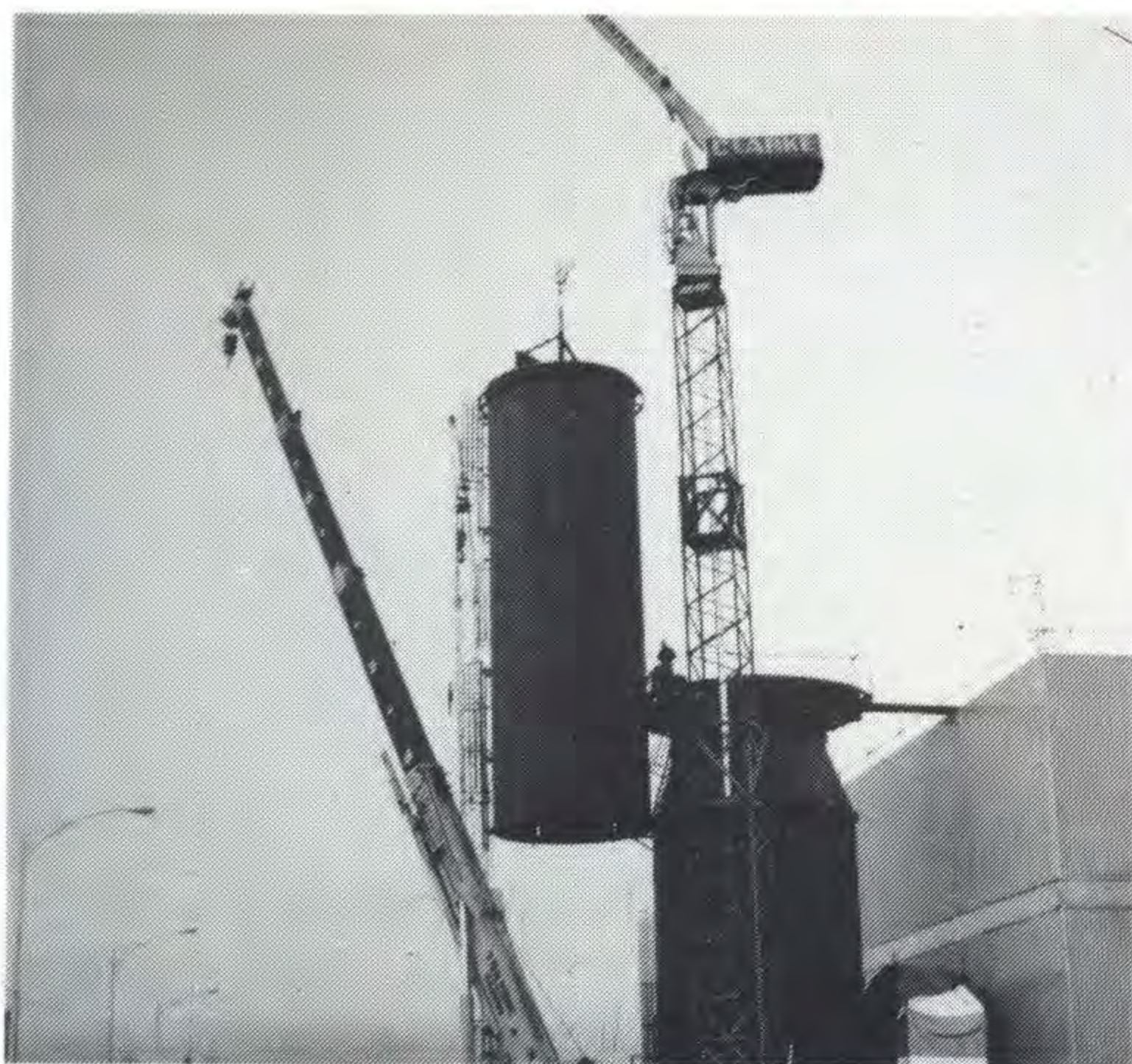
In June, 1,087,000 tonnes of coal was taken from the cut to set a new monthly production record—and this figure is almost certain to be bettered this month.

Output from Yallourn Open Cut, too, has been at near record levels.

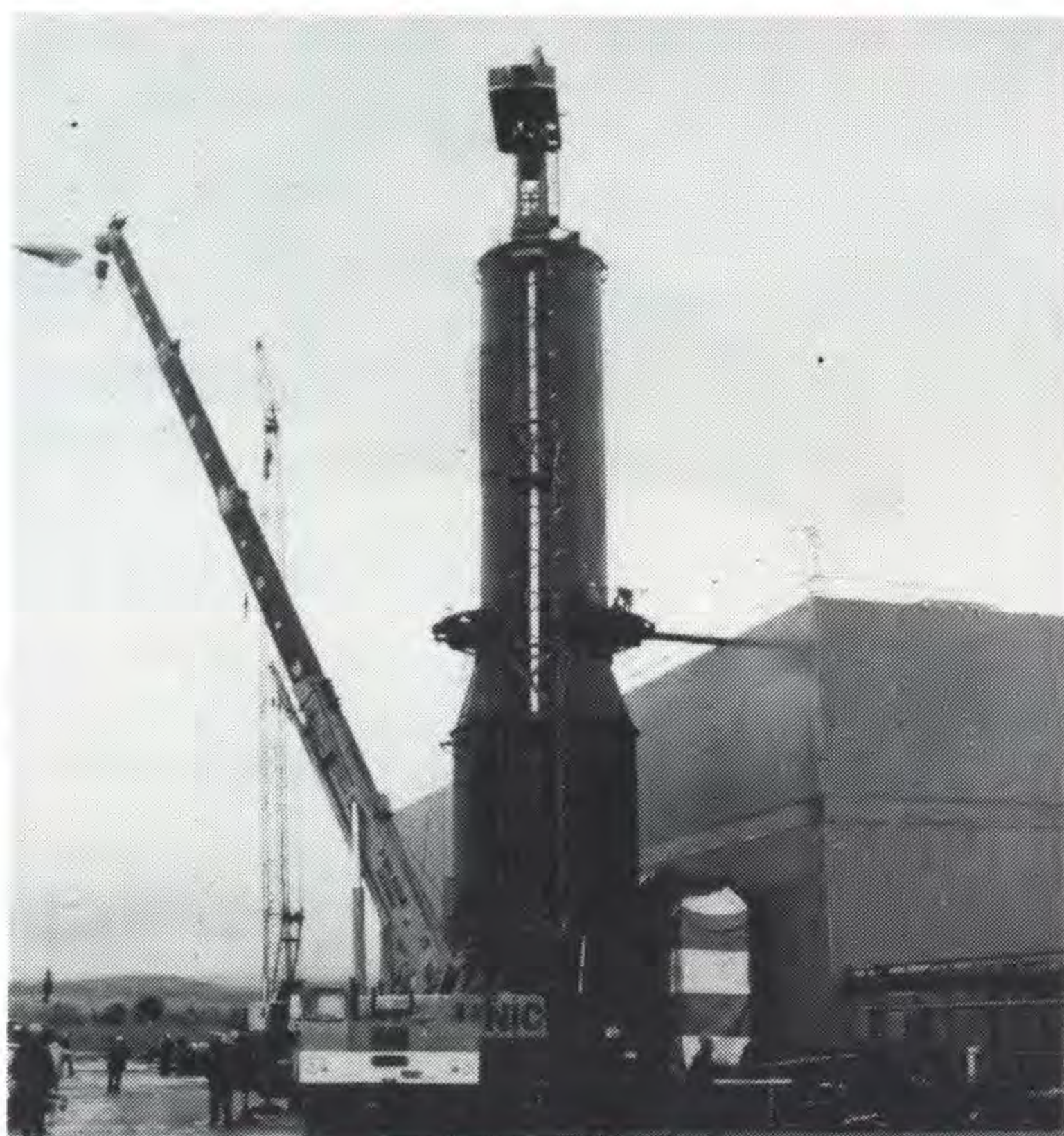


One of the Morwell open cut dredgers chews its way through the coal.

Chimney goes up..up



and then....on



The top half of the first chimney at the Jeeralang gas turbine station is placed into position by the huge mobile crane.

Gas turbines

Construction of the first of two chimneys at the Jeeralang gas turbine station has been completed. The 32 metre high chimney was erected in stages last month. The first stage placed into position was the 45 tonne chimney base, then followed the top half weighing approximately 15 tonnes.

Both sections were lifted into position by a special heavy mobile crane. The second chimney is now being erected and is expected to be completed this month.

The SEC hopes that the \$56 million station will come into commercial service in October this year.



THE FEMALE SECS.

CONGRATULATIONS to Linda and David Donaldson of Willow Grove on the birth of their daughter Louise Esther (9lb 4 oz.) at the Latrobe Valley Hospital, Moe on August 8. Linda was formerly a drafting assistant in the Yallourn drawing office.

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ASSISTANT Supervisor Typing and Duplicating Sue Tewierik and her husband David are currently enjoying a six week holiday in Queensland soaking up the sun. With the cold weather in the Latrobe Valley recently wouldn't be surprised if a few other girls make the trip north.

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THE latest on Joan De Fontaine (Supervisor Typing and Duplication), who has been ill for some months now, is that she's receiving treatment in a rehabilitation centre in Kew and is on the mend.

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DIANE Clegg of Morwell enjoyed a two week stint with the Morwell typing pool as a part of the work experience program this month. Diane, who is deaf, says she enjoyed the work.

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CLAIRE Grealy (Yallourn power station) returned recently from an enjoyable two weeks in 'sunny' Sydney . . . lucky duck.

WHILE talking of holidays Sylvia Houghton (COA with Engineering Services, Morwell) is heading off to Singapore with her parents next month for a two week holiday.

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CHRIS Taylor (office assistant with Coal Production Commercial Group, Morwell), is currently enjoying an eight week overseas holiday with her mother.

They intend touring England, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland, Holland Poland before returning home in October.

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JULIE Olver (office assistant, Yallourn open cut) married Peter Vansittart at the Moe Folk Museum on August 19, followed by a touring honeymoon of South Australia and Northern Victoria. Best wishes for the future.

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MORWELL open cut office assistant Vivian Wytjes leaves in September on maternity leave.

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THE personnel VFL football tipping competition is turning into an interesting tussle with only two rounds to play. Two males lead with 79 winners and Pam Widowson (Accounting, Yallourn) keeping the females in the running with 78 winners. Good luck Pam.

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THAT's all for this month but keep those newsy stories coming in to ext. 3642.

• An enjoyable evening was had by all at the annual SEC ball, including the people pictured (below).



300 attend annual SEC ball

More than 300 people enjoyed the annual SEC ball in Kernot Hall, Yallourn on August 11.

This year's ball had a cricket theme, with all Departmental heads and the SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan being presented with a cricket cap.

Hosts for the ball were AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce and his wife Judy.

Music was supplied by Schammel's band from Yarram.

To Let

A two bedroomb holiday home at Eagle Point via Bairnsdale to let.

Has all conveniences and will accommodate five people \$45 a week.

Contact: Mrs. Benjamin, 19 Torres Street, Newborough. Phone 27 2573.

Service Register

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

25 YEARS:

Charlie Prust	Yallourn Workshops
Darby Belt	Transmission, Morwell
Hans Bostedt	Yallourn Power Station
Adolf Quathamier	Morwell Briquetting & Power Installation
Fred Rickwood	Coal, Yallourn

30 YEARS:

Keith Guthrie	Payrolls, Morwell
Louis Elliott	Yallourn Power Station
Lionel Standley	Yallourn Power Station
Syd Stredder	Morwell Briquetting & Power Installation
Harold Hancock	Coal, Yallourn
Norman Giblett	Civil Works, Yallourn
Ray Brown	Coal, Yallourn
John Tullio	Coal, Yallourn

31 YEARS:

Bob Jobling	Morwell Briquetting & Power Installation
Noel McAuliffe	Hazelwood Power Station
Bob Reid	Coal, Yallourn
Bill Parr	Coal, Yallourn
John Bradbury	Civil Works, Yallourn
Frank Fennell	Yallourn Workshops
Bill Ricketts	Yallourn Power Station

32 YEARS:

Bob Brisco	Transmission, Yallourn
Roy Campbell	Coal, Morwell
Tom McAllister	Yallourn Power Station
Jack Metcalf	Coal, Yallourn
Geoff Taber	Civil Works, Yallourn

34 YEARS:

Bill Drummond	Yallourn Workshops
Claude Crane	Yallourn Power Station
Stan Falls	Yallourn Power Station

36 YEARS:

John Kingsley	Yallourn Power Station
Irving Chitten	Yallourn Workshops

37 YEARS:

Eric Lamb	Coal, Morwell
Keith Forbes	Yallourn Power Station
Ray Pyke	Civil Works, Yallourn

38 YEARS:

Charles Kitney	Coal, Yallourn
Stan Ellis	Coal, Yallourn

40 YEARS:

John Bye	Morwell Briquetting & Power Installation
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43 YEARS:

Frank Smith	Yallourn Workshops
S. R. N. Johnson	Central Workshops, Yallourn

\$5m. SIMULATOR FOR LOY YANG



Unit controller Ray Roberts of Churchill was pictured by CONTACT's photographer in one of the Hazelwood power station's control rooms which is similar to the new simulator.

The SEC is negotiating the purchase of a \$5 million power station simulator for the giant Loy Yang power station complex.

The simulator will be identical to a power station control room and will be used to train operators and simulate engineering tests on the real plant.

The decision to buy the simulator was announced this month by SEC chairman, Charles Trethowan.

Mr. Trethowan said it was expected that the simulator would be ready for operation by November, 1981.

"Tenders will be called within a few months for the supply of the equipment," Mr. Trethowan said.

The simulator will be similar in concept to those used to train airline pilots.

It will be connected to a computer which will react to any adjustments made by operators or engineers in the same way as the boiler and turbine equipment of the power station could be expected to act.

"It will be extremely valuable because for the first time we will be able to completely simulate the operation of the station without risking valuable generation plant," Mr. Trethowan said.

"The simulator will allow us to conduct tests which will show us how to get optimum performance from the actual power station.

"We are confident it will more than pay for itself in improved power station performance and operator efficiency within a very short time," he said.



New AGM (admin) appointed

The Commission has a new Assistant General Manager (Administration).

He is Mr. R. E. (Dick) Hurley.

Mr. Hurley has succeeded Mr. Peter Moir, who retired from the position on August 18.

Mr. Hurley's appointment was announced by SEC Chairman, Mr. Charles Trethowan.

Mr. Trethowan said Mr. Hurley would be responsible for the Computer Services, Finance, Secretarial and Supplies and General Services Departments in his new role.

A Bachelor of Commerce and Member of the Royal Institute of Public Administration, Mr. Hurley was formerly Manager, Finance Department.

He joined the SEC in 1944 as a junior clerk in the then metropolitan Branch of Electricity Supply Department.

Mr. Hurley held numerous posts in Melbourne and the Latrobe Valley before being appointed Chief Accountant, Management Accounting and Budgets Division of Finance Department in 1974, and Deputy Manager, Finance Department, in January last year. He was appointed Manager, Finance Department, in August last year.

New express bus service proving to be successful

The SEC's campaign to promote bus travel for its Latrobe Valley work force has taken another step forward with the introduction of an express service between Churchill and Hazelwood power station . . .

. . . and early reports suggest the new service could be a winner.

The express service is designed to take no longer than private car travelling times to and from work.

Passenger pick-ups begin at Churchill at 7.10 a.m. each day, arriving at Hazelwood power station at 7.25 a.m. Departure time from the power station each evening is 4.16 p.m.

Manager Area Administration, George Bates said the early success of the Churchill bus was encouraging.

He said several other proposals designed to make public transport more attractive were at present being investigated.

"The Commission considers it has a social responsibility to encourage employees to use public transport when travelling to and from work," he added.

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

"We will do all we can to make bus travel more convenient so that it will be sufficiently attractive to encourage our employees to leave their private car in the garage."

The Ministry of Transport, Transport Regulation Board, Latrobe Valley Bus Lines and the SEC are represented on a committee meeting regularly to consider the success of the bus travel promotion campaign.

Besides the Churchill-Hazelwood power station run, a lunch time shopping

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ALAN SCULLY

ALAN Scully of Newborough has won the Victorian Apprentice Refrigeration Mechanic of the year award.

Twenty-year old Alan is a fourth year apprentice with the SEC's Field Services section at Yallourn.

He was one of four Commission apprentices to take off State awards this year.

The other Industrial Training Commission award winners were from Falkner, Huntingdale, North Altona and Bendigo.

The Minister for Labor and Industry Mr. Rob Maclellan presented Alan with the award at an informal presentation ceremony at the Ministry last month.

Alan, who began his SEC apprenticeship in 1974, earlier this month won two Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology awards.

He received the top award of refrigeration apprentice of the year and the prize for having produced the best practical work during the whole course.

Alan's brother, John, is also a refrigeration mechanic with Gippsland Electricity Supply Region at Traralgon, and his father is a boilermaker at Yallourn.

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



Bus passengers on the lunch time bus service disembark at the Morwell bus terminal in Commercial Road.

Aust. soccer c'ships at Yallourn

SEC people are playing key roles in the organisation of the under 14 Australian Soccer Championships at Yallourn.

Future Australian World Cup stars could be among more than 140 of the country's best under 14 soccer players selected to represent their States in the championships from August 27 to September 2.

All championship matches will be played at Yallourn ovals. There are no Latrobe Valley representatives in the Victorian under 14 team but the Valley does have players in the State under 15 and under 13 teams.

Joe Gauci (whose father Fred works with Coal Production, Yallourn) will play with the under 15 team at Gosford, NSW and Colin Bird (whose father, Don, works at Yallourn Workshops) will play with the under 13's at Red Cliffs, Queensland.

SEC personnel involved in the organisation of the under 14 championships include Latrobe Valley Soccer League Secretary, Dick Bosma (HPS) his wife Nan (Yallourn 'W' Can-teen) who is junior league registrar, Junior League secretary Jim Davies (YPS), Fred McLeod (Yallourn Training Centre), Tom Sands (Morwell Briquette and Power), Col Nash (YPS) and Geoff Foote (HPS).

Driving in the fog — be carefull

Fog is one of the most dangerous weather conditions motorists have to face . . . an accident involving two cars can quickly involve many others and lead to multiple car pile-ups.

When a driver suddenly encounters fog, the element of surprise can add greatly to the hazardous conditions.

In some areas a motorist can travel from an area where weather conditions are fine into an adjoining fog area with little warning.

It is also extremely hazardous to drive through fog that is punctuated by

intermittent sunlight.

In Victoria, including the Latrobe Valley, many roads are affected by fog during winter.

The density of the fog varies, depending on the location and time of the year.

The worst months are May, June and July, with an average of four fog days a month.

The best advice about foggy conditions is: Don't drive unless you have to. Stay off the road unless the trip is absolutely necessary—it may prevent an accident.

SURROUNDED BY A SEA OF FOG

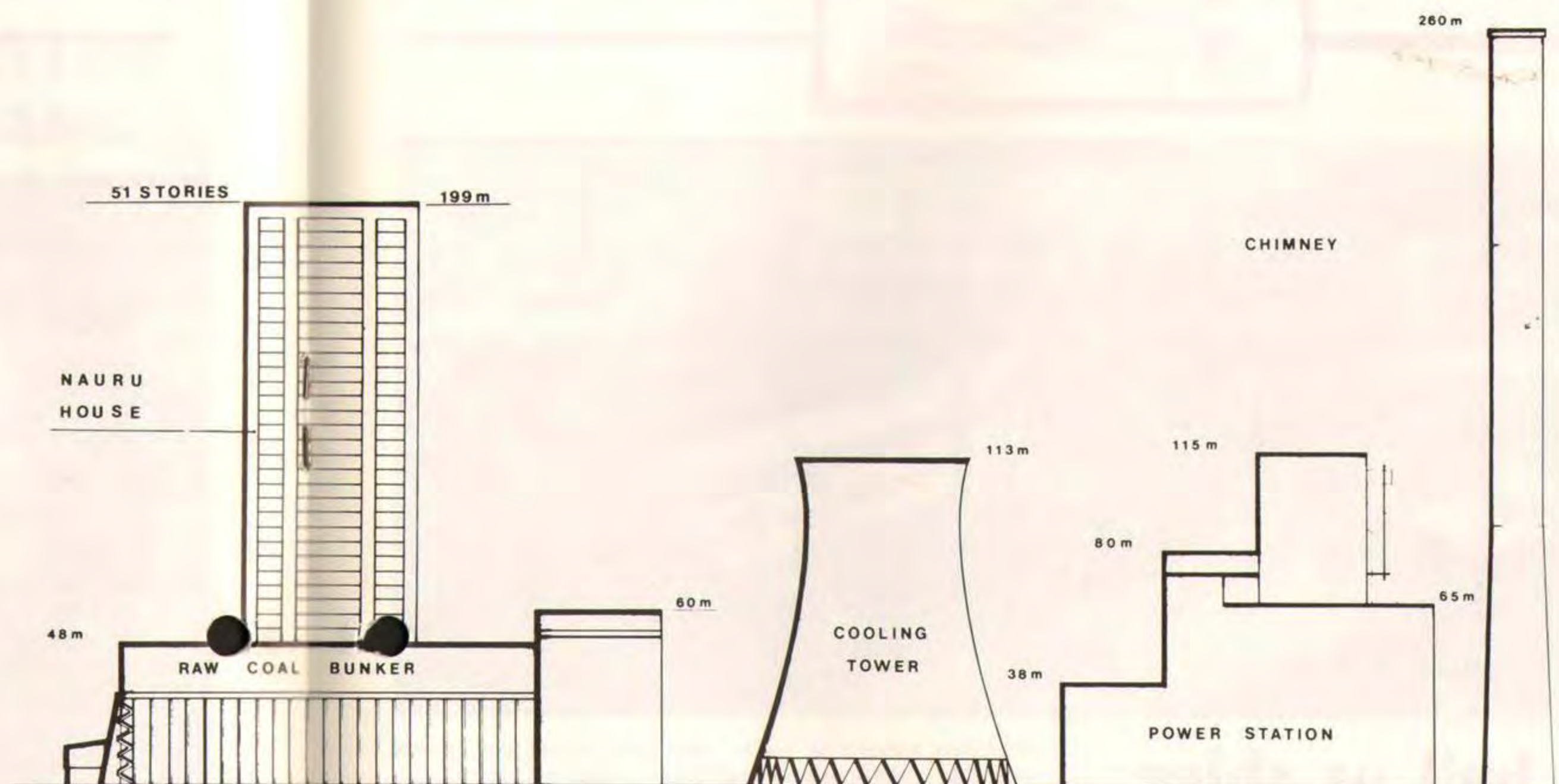
No, your eyes are not deceiving you . . . and it's not trick photography.

The Yallourn 'W' power station does look as though it has been relocated in a bay off Wilson's Promontory, however it hasn't been.

The spectacular picture (below) was taken recently during a heavy fog by Engineering Services com-

mmercial trainee Ross Vinall of Morwell.

While on holidays, Ross was travelling from Newborough to Yallourn via Coach road early one morning, when he saw the heavy fog cover over Yallourn, and decided to snap this picture with his 35 mm Olympus OSM from the Coach Road lookout tower.



SEC construction activity in Latrobe Valley will be busy

It's going to be a big year for SEC construction activity in the Latrobe Valley.

Work at Yallourn 'W', Loy Yang and the Jeeralang gas turbine stations will boost the construction programme to the highest level since the 1950's.

Continuing work at Yallourn 'W' will be in several areas — coal plant, boiler and turbine houses and general plant.

Major current contracts at the station include the supply and erection of two 375 MW turbo generators and associated plant, two boilers and structural steel for the turbine house, bunker house and annexe.

At Jeeralang gas turbine station, work would continue on the four 50 MW gas turbine units and switchyard installation. The first of the four units at present under construction is expected to come into service during September, with the station reaching its full 200 MW output early next year.

Work will begin soon on the second gas turbine station at Jeeralang.

Construction activity will gain momentum at Loy Yang in the next 12 months.

This will be in three main areas — Fuel Department contracts, Loy Yang 'A' Power Station contracts and contracts for ancillary works.

The main Fuel Department activity will be continuing earthworks and roadworks and preparation of dredger and overburden stacker erection sites.

Other contracts include work on No. 14 dredger, the overburden stacker, coal and overburden conveyors, conveyor foundations and opening of the gullet cut — the beginning of the open cut.

Main work associated with Loy Yang 'A' Power Station will be the steelwork for the bunker bay and turbine house.

Preparation of power station foundations will continue as will work on the raw coal bunker.

Other contracts scheduled to begin or continue this year include the station earthing grid, ash pond and open cut fire services.

Construction of the high level water storage and pipeline to the power station site will be the major ancillary works programmes.

In addition construction of coal production offices will begin, work will continue on the Barton's Lane overpass and Firmin's Lane, and there will be more work on the main settling ponds.



The Loy Yang power station's 260 metre high chimney makes Melbourne's highest building Nauru House (51 stories) look like a dwarf in comparison. The chimney is expected to be completed in 1981.

\$90,000 recreation centre is top class

The \$90,000 Yallambee Village for the Aged community and recreation centre was officially opened by the

SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan this month.

The Commission played a major role financially for the establishment of the new centre.

It granted Yallambee \$44,000 from the Yallourn resettlement fund. Interest payment increased the total allocation to \$53,000.

Money from charitable foundations covered most of the remaining costs.

The Chairman presented the cheque to Yallambee Committee of Management Chairman Cr. Charles Effenberg.

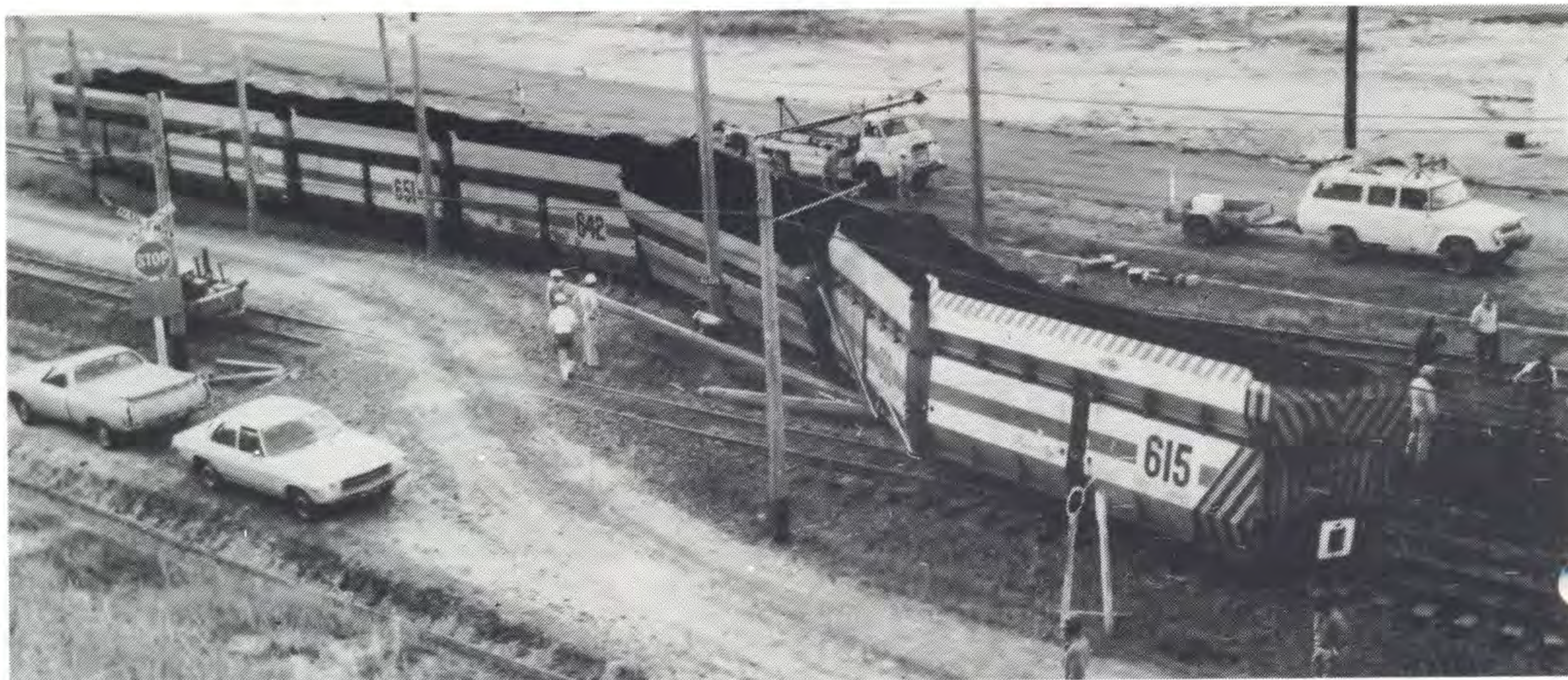
The new centre includes three main recreational areas. One is for snooker and billiards with spectator seating. Another for reading and cards and a small to medium group activities and meetings, and the third area has seating capacity for nearly 200 for larger functions and also allows for three games of carpet bowls to be played at any one time.



Having a chat with SEC Chairman Charles Trethowan following the opening of Yallambee are retired Commission employees (from left) Reg Griffiths, Reg Kerr, Mrs. Kerr and Ted Hibberd.



COAL PRODUCTION



Rain, hail or shine work has to be done

Come rain, hail or shine, there are some jobs which just have to be done.

One which is carried out with the minimum of fuss and requires expertise is the rerailing of coal trucks in the Yallourn open cut.

The foremen, leading hands and loco drivers of the Transport Section of Coal Operations don't complain about the adverse conditions they have to work in. They have an important job to do . . . and they do it as well as they can . . . so the coal can continue on its way to the Yallourn power stations and Morwell briquette factory.

The stations rely on the trains to provide the coal — So no trains — no power — no briquettes.

Up to 60,000 tonnes of coal a day (50 train loads per shift) is delivered so it is important that the trains are on the go all the time.

A derailment will cause coal shortages if the trucks are not quickly rerailed.

Derailements can be major or minor.

Major derailments when a locomotive or trucks are seriously off the tracks take from half a shift to a week to rectify. Auxiliaries and Mechanical Maintenance crews are called in for this work.

Minor derailments when up to three or four trucks are off the tracks are rerailed by the Coal Transport crew.

Steel rerailers are bolted to the railway line allowing the loco to pull the truck back onto the track.

Each truck weighs about 50 tonnes when loaded with their 33 tonne payload of coal!

Workmen prepare to re-rail three fully laden coal trucks following a derailment in the Yallourn open cut.



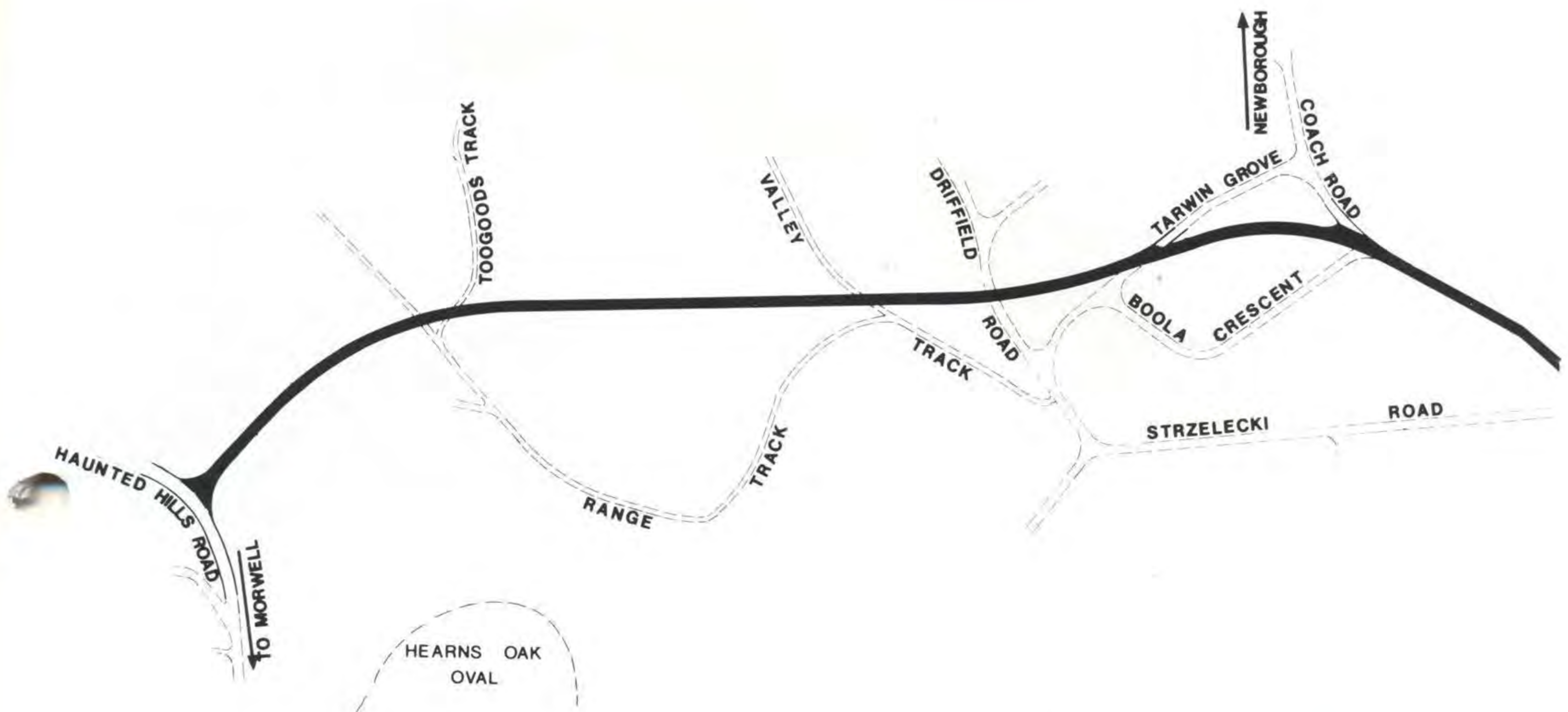
A loco makes its way, cautiously, along the 90 centimetre railway line after having its 13 trucks filled with coal from No. 6 dredger.



Carrying a re-railer into position are loco drivers (from left) Bill Platschinda and Bill Kerr.



**ENGINEERING
SERVICES**



Work on new access road to begin later this year

Construction of a new access road from Hearn's Oak to Yallourn will begin later this year.

The new road is required to enable extension of Yallourn Open Cut.

Manager Engineering Services, Ray Greenwood said it was hoped work would begin by October, with the new road scheduled to be open to traffic by next April.

Special effort would be made to minimise inconvenience to residents and motorists in the area, he said.

Open Cut security fencing will cut the existing Hearn's Oak Road at the Haunted Hills Road intersection.

The new route will link Haunted Hills Road (from a point about 500 metres north of the existing intersection) with Coach Road, east of Tarwin Grove.

The access route will then continue along Coach Road to the Strzelecki Road intersection. Another new section will be constructed to link with Church Street.

Initial earthworks for the project will require a large scale cut and fill operation involving the movement of about 50,000 cubic metres of material.

One cutting will be 8.5 metres deep while 6.5 metres of filling will be required at another point.

Driffield Road will be cut by the new road but access to Coach Road via Tarwin Grove will be maintained.

Mr. Greenwood said the existing Hearn's Oak Road would be used as part of the open cut perimeter road once it was closed to through traffic.

The existing perimeter road is scheduled to be cut by the advancing overburden face early in May next year.

The new security fence will form a barrier on the old Hearn's Oak Road at the Haunted Hills Road intersection. The fence will continue past the new Hearn's

Oak oval and the new SEC sub-station, along the south side of Valley Road and then head south of the SEC Nursery, the old Yallourn Bowling Club, and swimming pool to Ovals Drive. It will continue along the north side of Ovals Drive to link with the existing security fence on the western boundary of the open cut.

The proposed Link Road route through Yallourn will begin from the Haunted Hills Road, Hearn's Oak and finish at Coach Road.

FOR SALE

Valiant 1974 VJ auto, 265 motor, 46,000 km, many extras, excellent condition—\$3,500.

Also, Newlands 18' x 8' tandem 6 berth caravan, complete with annexe, spare wheel and other extras — \$3,000. Ring ext. 2375.

Further Loy Yang tender called

Tenders were called early this month for foundations for the first stage of the Loy Yang "A" Power Station.

The Assistant General Manager (Development), Jack Johnson, said the tender was for boiler and turbine house foundations and would involve the pouring of more than 30,000 cubic

metres of concrete.

Also included in the tender were cable tunnels, cooling water conduits, drainage and paving works, he added.

Mr. Johnson said the work, which was planned to take 18 months, was scheduled to start in December.



TRANSMISSION OPERATIONS

Award to electrical section

The electrical plant section of the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation has worked 169,218 manhours without a lost time injury.

The 42 man section is broken up into three groups; electrical maintenance (Briquette factory), electrical maintenance (Morwell power station) and electrical operations.

The groups include shift electricians, lamp patrolman, cleaners, and trades assistants.

The sections last LTI was recorded on August 24, 1976, a creditable performance.

The groups individual figures are electrical maintenance (Briquette factory) 2,042 days without a LTI, electrical maintenance (MPS) 682 days and electrical operations 1,033 days.

The target for the section is 200,000 manhours which, providing all goes well, should be reached in November, this year.

The National Safety Council of Australia's pennant and certificate was presented by MBPI Superintendent Cyril Morellato to Jack Butler and Trevor Greaves at an informal ceremony in the Briquette factory electrical workshop.

FOR SALE

A modern teak buffet in excellent condition. Includes a bar and cutlery draw.
\$150 ONO.

Contact: Bruce Savage, ext. 3228.



The electrical section members proudly display their NSCA pennant and certificate following the official presentation.

INVENTION IS BENEFITING — SEC

THE SEC is benefiting from an invention first seen on the ABC television show "The Inventors."

Mr. Fred Barnes, from Daglish, Western Australia, has developed a cable trench and/or gratic cover lifter which greatly simplifies the method of cover lifting. The device will also help reduce the number of injuries caused by manual handling of trench covers.

Mr. Barnes demonstrated the device to Transmission Operations and Engineering Services Departments at Yallourn last month.

As a result, the Commission has placed an order for several of the lifters.

Following his appearance on "The Inventors", Mr. Barnes was nominated for the Prince Phillip Award — an award for the most practical and useful Australian design development.

There were 900 nominations for the award and Mr. Barnes' invention was included in the eight finalists.



Fred Barnes demonstrated his invention outside the Yallourn power station switchyard early this month.

Rewarding year for fishermen

Five members of the Transmission Operations Department have had an enjoyable and rewarding 12 months as members of the South Gippsland Game Fishing Club.

The members are; Rudolph Beilharz (Morwell Admin.), Gavan Edmondson (Latrobe Valley Control Centre), John Taylor (Yallourn 'W'), David Heath (LVCC) and Alf Clark (Stations Section, Yallourn).

Among the better catches of the season was a 2.5 metre (52 kilogram) white pointer shark by Bob Tomlin of Leongatha.

Although the season was poor—weather wise—there was a much greater variety of fish caught than last year.

The club submitted three claims for Victorian records (more than any other club). Rudolph Beilharz, ext. 3523 or Gavan Edmondson, ext. 3774 would welcome any enquires from fisherman interested in joining the club.



Alex McCartney (left) receives the power station performance trophy from Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson.

Top safety award to Yallourn 'W' the pacesetter

Yallourn 'W' Power Station Division is a safety performance pacesetter.

The division's 460 employees have achieved the most improved safety record within the department for 1977-78.

The frequency of accidents at the power station per million manhours worked decreased from 33.4 to 16.4 — a 51 per cent improve-

ment.

Yallourn, Yallourn 'W', Hazelwood, Morwell and Newport power stations are eligible for the award.

Yallourn 'W' last won in 1975-76.

Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson presented the award at a function in the power station canteen.

It was accepted by Alex McCartney.

Chairman is re-elected

John Hutchinson (Assistant power station superintendent, Hazelwood) has been re-elected Chairman of the Association of SEC Social Club's Latrobe Valley Golf sub-committee.

Amenities Officer Rod Doig was also re-elected Secretary. Other office-bearers are; Assistant treasurer; Eddie Janeczek; Social activities: Pat Renahan, Lex Derham; Publicity: Rod Doig; Golf:

Kevin Goldie, John Hutchinson; Trophies/Donations: Rod Doig, Lex Derham.

The sub-committee organises the annual Association golf tournament.

This year it will be held on October 15 at the Yallourn Golf Club.

Entries will be available from social club secretaries from September 8. For further enquiries contact Rod Doig, ext. 3663.

Outstanding safety record — group 2



Group 3 representatives were pictured together following the award presentation. They are (from left) Neil Ipsen, Noel Shears, Dave Croston, Bill Graske and Greg Fraile.

Yallourn 'W' power station's Operations Group 2 hasn't had an accident recorded which has Lost Time through an injury.

The group has not recorded a Lost Time Injury since Yallourn 'W' was commissioned in June, 1973.

To date Group 2 has recorded 268,263 manhours.

The 28 man section includes unit controllers, assistant unit controllers and charge engineers.

Another Yallourn 'W' group, the 35 member Operations Group 3, has also performed well, reaching 100,000 manhours without a LTI.

The group notched up 115,420 manhours before it suffered a LTI on May 15 this year.

The group includes scientific assistants, unit attendants, plant attendants and shift electricians.

Yallourn 'W's Assistant Power Station Superintendent Norm Bowles presented both groups with the National Safety Council of Australia's pennant and certificate at an informal ceremony in the Yallourn West Mess.



Proudly displaying the Group 3 pennant are (from left) Yallourn 'W' Assistant power station superintendent Norm Bowles, Dave Croston, Wes Halket and Bill Troy.

retirements



SID HOLLANDS

Continuing work on his new house at Boolarra will keep Sid Hollands busy in the early days of his retirement.

Sid retired on July 23 after more than 28 years service with the Commission.

He began his service on June 4, 1950 as a carpenter with Civil Construction at Yallourn "C" Power Station. In February, 1958 he transferred to the Operations Section as a Trimmer and a number of promotions during the next 4½ years led to his appointment as Assistant Plant Controller at Yallourn "E" Power Station in December, 1960.

In July, 1963 he was appointed Assistant Unit Controller at Hazelwood Power Station and in June, 1966 was promoted to Unit Controller, the position from which he retired.

At an informal farewell in the Hazelwood Power Station lecture room, Power Station Superintendent Arthur Ewen presented Sid with a gold watch and toaster oven on behalf of his workmates. Sid's wife Alice received a sheaf of flowers.



ROY RISK

Roy Risk retired on July 13 after more than 37 years service.

Roy began with the Commission in January, 1941 as a metal trades laborer with Coal Production, Yallourn.

He later worked as a boilermaker's assistant and fitter's assistant before being appointed as a rigger, the position from which he retired.

Roy and his wife Robyn have no specific plans for retirement, but they will continue to live at Newborough.

He intends to spend a lot more time enjoying his favorite hobby — gardening.

At one of his retirement functions, Roy received a radio-cassette recorder from his workmates. Yallourn Open Cut Coal Production Superintendent Col Ferguson made the presentation.

PRE-SCHOOL

SEC employees with pre-school age children will be interested to know that there are only 13 vacancies left in the Churchill pre-school centres.

These are in the Walkley Park, Mulcare Cres., and in the part-time group which has three sessions per week (including Saturday morning).

Prospective Churchill residents with pre-school age children (four years by June 30, 1978) should enrol their children immediately by contacting Mrs. Pat Williams phone 22 1931 during kindergarten hours.

Further information can be obtained from Peter McShane ext. 2133 (A.H. 22 1745) or Tony Dickinson, ext. 3425 (A.H. 22 1619).

Thank you from Robert McNaught

ROBERT McNaught's workmates haven't forgotten him while he has been in hospital.

Robert, 25, a trades assistant at Yallourn Workshops, was seriously injured in a car accident in May.

He was a patient at the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne for 10 weeks but now has been transferred to the Latrobe Valley Hospital, Moe.

Robert's workmates presented him with a large basket of flowers and a card signed by 42 mates.

Robert's father, Gus, who retired early this year after 17½ years with the Commission, said the gesture was greatly appreciated.

He said he and his family wanted to thank all well-wishers.

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New express bus service

bus service, in operation since May 1, has been introduced for Morwell administration building employees.

More developments are expected following a survey in June of the Commission's 7,000-plus Latrobe Valley work force.

More than 4,000 people responded to the survey questionnaire designed to determine travel habits.

Results are at present being tabulated by the TRB and should be available within a fortnight.

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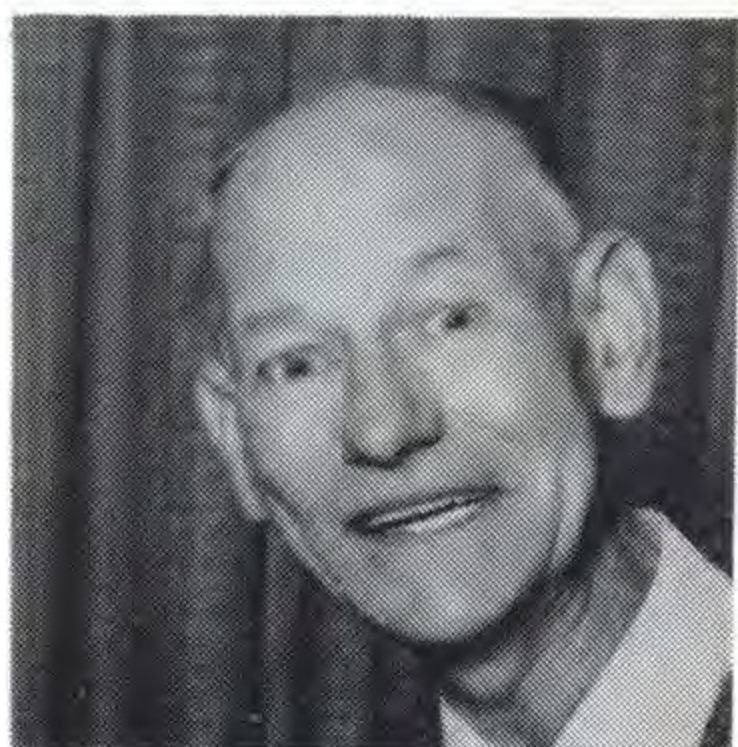
GEORGE NEWTON

George Newton plans to enjoy his hobbies of gardening, fishing and woodwork in retirement with his wife Jean.

George retired from the Commission after 44 years service on June 6. He began with the Commission in December, 1934 as a laborer at the Yallourn west camp. He was transferred to the Yallourn workshops later in December, then to a puller out in the Joiners Shop. In 1939 he was appointed a builders laborer.

July, 1949 saw George move into another trade — body building — in the Yallourn transport workshops, the position he retired from.

At an informal farewell function in the old Yallourn transport workshops canteen, Acting Transport Engineer Bruce Reynolds presented George with an electric saw on behalf of his workmates.



JIMMY McCANDLESS

Jimmy McCandless plans to take his retirement from day to day enjoying it with his wife Lil.

His hobbies of gardening and relaxing will be taking up the majority of his time, along with a possible overseas trip to Ireland.

Jimmy retired from the Commission after 18 years service on April 28. He began with the Commission in February, 1960 as a mechanical fitter at the Yallourn workshops. He was transferred to the Morwell Briquette factory in June, 1960, the position he retired from.

At an informal farewell function in the Morwell power station training annexe, Morwell Briquetting & Power Installation, Mechanical Maintenance Engineer, Harry McLaren presented Jimmy with a wallet and notes on behalf of his workmates.



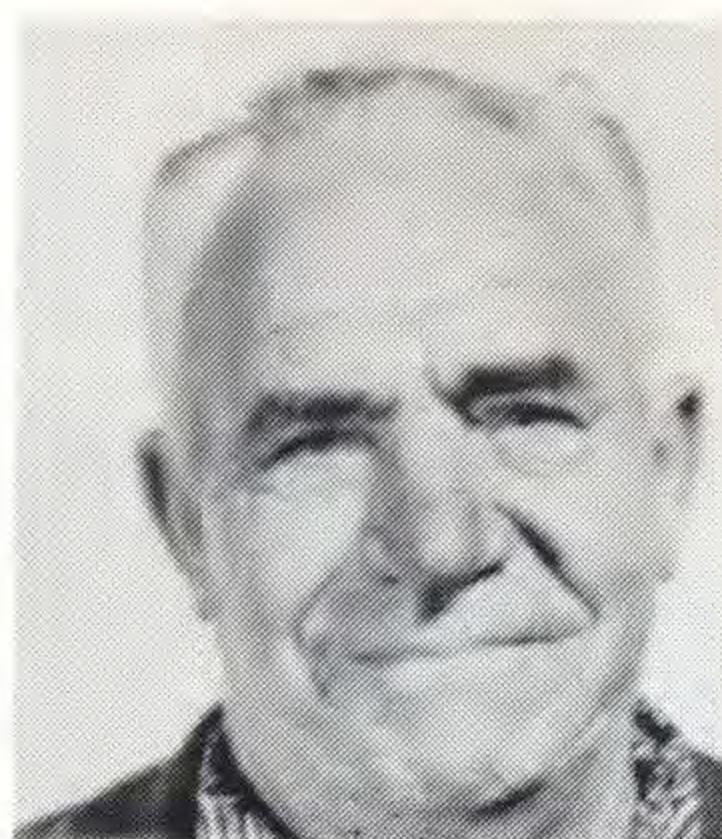
JACK HEENAN

Jack Heenan intends to take retirement from day to day with his wife Ada in their Newborough home.

Jack retired from the Commission after 29 years service, on June 15. He began with the Commission in July, 1949 as a storeman in the Yallourn main store, he then transferred to a relief truck driver in August and to fork lift driver in November, a position he held until December, 1955 when he was transferred to a trades assistant with Coal Yallourn, the position he retired from.

In retirement Jack also plans to enjoy a spot of fishing and a holiday to Queensland.

At an informal farewell presentation in the Yallourn hotel dining room, Jack was presented with a watch and a wallet of notes by his foreman Jack Gallagher and Mechanical Maintenance Superintendent Bruce King.



JOE GRABASKAS

After 26 years service with the Commission all associated with coal supply, Joe Grabauskas retired on May 16.

He began with the Commission in March, 1951 as a labourer at Yallourn open cut.

After nine years at the Yallourn North open cut he was transferred back to Yallourn as a bedman and progressed to a ditch bunker loader driver two years later.

Although the loaders have been transferred twice, firstly to Yallourn power station in 1970 and then to Yallourn 'W' in 1975, Joe stayed with them as a driver for 15 years.

In retirement Joe intends enjoying his hobbies of gardening and being a handyman at his Moe home.

At an informal farewell Yallourn 'W' power station Operations Engineer Noel Shears presented Joe with some tools from his workmates.

valley visitors

Exchange students enjoyed tour of SEC works areas

Rotary Exchange students from South Africa and Japan were among the thousands of visitors to the SEC's Latrobe Valley works areas during the past month.

The students took in a tour as a part of their stay in the Latrobe Valley.

Other visitors included members of the Victorian Development Corporation executive.

The party was taken on a guided tour of the Traralgon township before spending time inspecting the Loy Yang project.

Two bus loads of members from the Orana Elderly Citizens Club at Newborough looked over the Morwell, Yallourn and Loy Yang works areas early this month.

Two representatives from Shell (Aust.), the Australian Commercial Manager Mr. Chew and the National Trade Manager Mr. Darling, enjoyed their visit.

Among the numerous school parties was a party of 45 students from the Naracoorte Primary School in South Australia.

Other schools came from as far as Frankston, Yarra Valley, Preston, Maffra and Traralgar.

• Guided tours are provided seven days a week from the Latrobe Valley Visitors Centre in Morwell (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) For enquiries contact Senior Guide Bill Hopkins, ext. 3415.



Before touring the Loy Yang, project members of the Victorian Development Corporation held discussions with the Mayor of Traralgon Cr. Charles Effenberg.



Orana Club members took in a day tour of the Latrobe Valley works area early this month, which included the Latrobe Valley Visitors Centre at Morwell.

Japanese and South African exchange students (left) are pictured in the Morwell Briquette and Power Installation during their tour this month.