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New oval ready by Winter of 1981

The new Yallourn North oval is expected to be ready for football by Winter 1981.

Major earthworks on the site between Purvis Road and Howletts Track were completed before winter this year and the oval will be planted down this Spring.

More than 45,000 cubic metres of earth was moved in a cut-fill operation.

An Independent Arbitrator's report following the SEC's decision to relocate major Yallourn facilities recommended that No. 1 oval be relocated at Yallourn North.

The SEC has allocated \$375,000 in trust for the project.

A committee, including representatives of all Yallourn sporting organisations which use No. 1 oval, has been set up and is helping with the relocation.



Looking at progress made on the new Yallourn North oval are (from left) Yallourn Resettlement liaison officer John Chipman and acting Yallourn resettlement planning officer Doug Kimberley.

MBA carpenter of the year



DAVID WALL

Twenty one year-old David Wall of Morwell has been named the Master Builders' Association's Gippsland carpenter of the year.

The award was presented at an MBA dinner in Moe last month.

David, who has now completed his apprenticeship, was awarded the title on his performance in 1978. He defeated five other apprentices for the title.

Since completing his apprenticeship David has been appointed to the position of a drafting assistant with the Yallourn drawing office.

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Cover

HAZELWOOD power station unit controller Harry Sherriffs didn't mind being sandwiched between two beauties recently. Miss Victoria Bronwyn Trimble (right) and SEC public relations receptionist/typist Vicki Cauchi were pictured with Harry in the Hazelwood power station's stage one control room during Bronwyn's recent visit to the Latrobe Valley.

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More than \$1 million a day being spent at Loy Yang

More than \$1 million a day is currently being spent on the SEC's Loy Yang Power Station project.

The \$2 400 million project is now moving into top gear, with the advancement of summer.

More than 1000 men are now employed on site.

Both earth and construction works are progressing steadily.

Major earth works on the nine million cubic metre capacity ash pond is a hive of activity with two ten-hour shifts being worked.

Earth works are also continuing on the high level water storage and settling pond.

The overburden run-off pond is completed.

The 115-metre high Loy Yang A Power Station lift shaft, which dominates the project site, now has 100 metres completed.

Structural steel works for the power station boiler bay and electrical annex for the first two 500 MW units is 50 percent completed.

The 100 000 tonne raw coal bunker is 60 percent completed.

The large conveyor drive tower adjacent to the raw coal bunker is nearly completed, and work is continuing on the concrete foundations for the first of the two 260 metre high chimneys which will be 25 metres in diameter and 19 metres at the top.

Each shell will contain four 5.5-metre steel flues.

The first two chimneys for A Station will cost more than \$14 million.

Extensive works are continuing on the power station foundations, and work has begun at the station's control centre, which contains the administration centre.

Initial earthworks for the open cut and overburden dump have been completed.

Erection work has begun on the first of the two Loy Yang dredgers to cost \$32 million. Erection site for the \$11 million overburden stacker has been established.

The total project covers more than 4700 hectares,

while the open cut will eventually cover more than 1100 hectares.

Loy Yang A Station is scheduled to come into service progressively between 1983 and 1987.

Total capacity of the approved development will be 4000 megawatts.

● A further four Loy Yang project contracts valued at nearly \$7 million were awarded earlier this month.

This brings the total value of contracts already awarded, at Loy Yang to more than \$700 million.

The Acting Assistant General Manager (Development) Mr. Kevin Connelly said the contracts had been awarded to:

- Steel Mains Pty. Ltd., for the supply of fittings for the low quality water pipeline - \$722000.
- McConnell Dowell Constructors Ltd., for the supply and installation of Stage 2 fire service system - \$1.23 million.
- Siemens Industries Ltd., for the supply and erection of circuit breakers at Loy Yang - \$2.5 million.
- Mitsubishi Australia Ltd., for the supply of current transformers - \$1.9 million.



Proudly displaying his prize is Shane Ambrosini with his parents Lorraine and John. Insert: Shane's prize-winning painting.

Potential artist in the family

Morwell telephone technician John Ambrosini has a potential Leonardo Di Vinci in his family.

John's six year-old son Shane recently won third prize in Telecom's Gippsland region "design the phone book" competition.

Shane's painting was of the Hazelwood power station.

A book titled 'This is Australia' was awarded to Shane for his prize winning painting at a dinner in Orbost hosted by Telecom.

The competition was conducted to mark the centenary of Australia's first telephone directory.

Winning entries in the contest will appear on the cover of the 1980 directories.

Strawberries

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EMPLOYEES install non asbestos fibreglass cladding, to replace asbestos, to condensate tanks in the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation.

GOOD PROGRESS IN ASBESTOS CONTAINMENT

The program to remove or contain asbestos from operations group installations is progressing well.

Tests of air samples taken between June and August show that background levels of asbestos fibre concentration in the power stations is now approaching levels which exist in the community.

The Operations Group Asbestos Task Force, a seven man team drawn from the work force and management, has just completed its first progress review.

Chairman John Drewett said: "Considerable efforts have been made to achieve safe working conditions with extensive progress being made in most areas".

Results of screening

A significant part of the asbestos screening program required by the Department of Labor and Industry has been completed — and no incapacitating cases of asbestosis have been found.

The screening requires a chest X-ray, pulmonary function tests and medical examination.

Dr. Ross Lazarus, of the Occupation and Health Division, reports: Some 350 employees, who are likely to have been most heavily exposed to asbestos — boiler makers, boiler cleaners, bricklayers, builders' laborers and riggers — were X-rayed.

"To date two hundred of this group have also undergone the pulmonary function test and the medical examination.

"Twenty one of those examined were referred to their own doctors with abnormalities thought to be related to occupational asbestos exposure.

"No cases of incapacitat-

ing asbestosis were seen. Indications at this stage are that the final figures for the number of employees disabled by asbestosis will be expected to be extremely low.

"Sixteen employees were noted to have lung disorders not related to asbestos exposure. In addition a number of employees with potentially significant medical problems have been referred to their own doctors.

Program for '79

A MAJOR lung health surveillance program, capable of examining between 2000 and 2500 employees annually, will be launched within the SEC early in the new year under the direction of Dr. Margaret Smith, head of the Alfred Hospital Lung Function unit.

An additional medical officer will be appointed shortly to assist with this program and \$50,000 worth of new equipment is on order.

"One hundred and forty eight employees, all with normal X-rays, are still to complete the screening process.

"Severe asbestos problems occur mainly in its mining and its milling, and in actually working with the material, spinning it and making asbestos cloth. In power stations by comparison exposure has been generally intermittent and not so heavy", said Dr. Lazarus.

All employees in the Latrobe Valley will be offered the opportunity to participate.

Initial screening will be concentrated on those who have been occupationally exposed to asbestos dust.

Subsequently an even more comprehensive study will be set up as experience is accumulated from the surveillance program.

The development of more sophisticated facilities will continue during the course of the surveillance program.

"Wherever possible asbestos is being removed and replaced with alternative insulating material. This is being carried out using agreed job procedures which have been worked out by employees and management.

"In some cases it is planned to leave it undisturbed and in these areas of minimal accessibility we are cladding it to make sure it is safely contained.

"The program is now well advanced; dependent on plant outages we are expecting completion by the end of next year.

- A COMPREHENSIVE education program recommended by the Asbestos Task Force to inform people about the use of asbestos, its potential hazards, safety procedures and methods of control has now reached 90 per cent of the workforce.

"Employees are now more aware of the facts, and of the efforts being made to protect them. Few employees now need come into contact with asbestos. If the established procedures are carefully followed, protection for the individual will be maximised.

SHELL AWARD TO BEV

Morwell office assistant Beverley Dawson was one of seven Gippsland horse-riders to receive the Shell Award for outstanding service to their pony clubs recently.

The presentations were made by Pony Club Association of Victoria representative Mrs. Nancy Williamson of Tinamba at a combined training day at Briagalong near Maffra.

Twenty year old Bev, a keen horserider for eight years, received the award on crutches after breaking a leg on a skiing holiday.

A former president of Morwell Pony Club junior committee, Bev has given outstanding service to the club organising gymkhanas and fund raising events, representing the club at outside functions and instructing.

She has an impressive record of success in one day events and gymkhanas behind her, and with three pony club efficiency certificates under her belt, she will try for the advanced 'B' certificate in the new year.

This summer she will take her place for the first time on the judges bench.

Proud moment for fine horsewoman



Bev Dawson (fourth from left) is pictured with other Shell award winners (from left) Martin Pugh, Bill Bury (Trafalgar), Joan Salvesson (Stratford) Heather Dykes and Michelle Pride of Morwell.

Visitors to her family farm in the Haunted Hills near Moe will find her in the company of her three horses - Maharl, Tony and Fella . . . and Fella's take note: Bev is looking for an eligible millionaire to help her finance a riding school!

'Ebenezer Scrooge' trophy win to Latrobe Valley

In adverse golfing conditions the Latrobe Valley successfully defended the 'Ebenezer Scrooge' trophy at the Yallourn golf club on Saturday October 6.

The trophy is competed for annually between Monash House and Latrobe Valley Finance departments.

Latrobe Valley narrowly won the stableford event 8 to 7, bringing their tally of wins, over Monash House, to 20 to 6.

Manager Finance Department Mike Patterson presents the 'Ebenezer Scrooge' trophy to Latrobe Valley team captain Don Malpass (Payroll section, Morwell).

More than 60 players took part in the 20th anniversary of the event.

Manager Finance Department Mike Patterson presented the 'Ebenezer Scrooge' trophy to Latrobe Valley team captain Don Malpass at the luncheon following the event.

Results: Best team score - Latrobe Valley - Ken Withell, Rod Doig 48 points; Monash House - Don Schintler, Kevin Kruze 43 points; 'If Only' trophy - Jim Hale MH 18 pts. Individual trophy, LV: Frank Tomlinson 40 pts; MH: Brian Kent 36 pts; retired trophy: Gordon Bennett 36 pts; highest individual score of day: Ken Withell 41 pts.

Nearest pin winners were Noel Connelly, Alan Walton, and Terry Jones.



Excellent safety record -HPS technical services



Greg swots up on boilers in Europe and America

An overseas mission by a senior SEC officer will help minimise operational and maintenance problems with the boilers in the Commission's new power stations.

Greg Hocking, engineer, operations section, at Yalourn 'W' recently returned from a seven month study tour of electricity authorities, power stations and

contractors in West Germany, Sweden and America.

His mission was to familiarise himself with the operation of Sulzer superimposed recirculation boilers to be installed at 'W' 2 and Loy Yang — the first of their kind to be constructed in Australia — and controlled circulation boilers on order for Newport 'D' — a Victorian first.

Until now the SEC has used exclusively natural circulation boilers on unit type plant.

Increasing demand for electricity has given rise to larger unit capacities. Larger boilers require higher boiler pressures. To maintain circulation through the walls requires the assistance of circulation pumps.

Said Greg: "West German Sulzer boilers burning brown

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Sixth Award

Two Hazelwood power station technical services section groups have knotted up their sixth safety award since 1971.

Groups 12 and 29 reached 100,000 man-hours without a Lost Time Injury recently and to date they have recorded 177,000 manhours.

The 66 strong section consists of chemical laboratory, instrument controls workshop, records and statistics and engineering investigations personnel.

The section is constantly handling chemicals, installation of test equipment, general maintenance, periodic inspections of instrumentation and control equipment associated with boiler, turbine and water treatment plants.



Operations engineer Greg Hocking (left) is pictured with station operations engineer Noel Shears.



ENGINEERING
SERVICES

Section rewarded for excellent record

The 100 strong Yallourn Drafting Section has been rewarded for its outstanding safety record.

The section has recorded 750 000 manhours, or three

and a half years, without a lost time injury. (A lost time injury is an injury incurred on the job resulting in loss of one full day's work).

Section members were

guests at a dinner in Kernot Hall, Yallourn, on September 24 where Assistant General Manager (Operations), Clem Joyce, presented the National Safety

Council of Australia's pennant and certificate to safety representatives Harold Bridges and Harry Bazzinotti.

In presenting the award, Mr. Joyce commended the section on its outstanding record and he emphasised that it was important and significant that for three and a half years each section member had gone to work and returned home injury-free.

He said: "Accident prevention must be worked at continually. It is an integral part of everyday work activity.

"It has been proven accidents can be avoided by people adopting safe-working practices, and giving a little more thought to how they go about their work."

The function was one of the first organised under the SEC's newly-adopted uniform safety award scheme.

To the end of August, the Drafting Section's record was still intact at 830 000 manhours.



ASSISTANT General Manager (Operations) Clem Joyce (far right) congratulates safety representative Harold Bridges on the section's excellent safety performance. Looking on (from left) are Chief Draftsman Jim Helms and Harry Bazzinotti.

Magpies defeat was no laughing matter

Collingwood's premiership defeat was no laughing matter for life-long supporter Graeme Membrey, Morwell workshop's storeroom supervisor.

But he had to laugh on Monday morning (October 1) when the postman delivered a magpie's coffin to his door.

The leather-lined wooden coffin, about 18 inches long, was decorated in gold and inscribed 'Rest in peace Colliwobbles 1979'. Inside lay a magpie 'corpse' made from feathers and cotton-wool.

Said Graeme: "It's beautifully made. Someone's put a lot of work into it.

matter

"It's been the talk of the workshop. Everyone had a good laugh about it. It's made me look on the bright side".

Graeme is well known for his interest in football. He played for Traralgon football club for nine years, and is a committee member of the club. He has also coached Rosedale and Trafalgar and played with Cowwar.

Graeme Membrey (left) is pictured with Carlton supporter, shift foreman Bob McLure, smiling broadly about the small wager that changed hands.



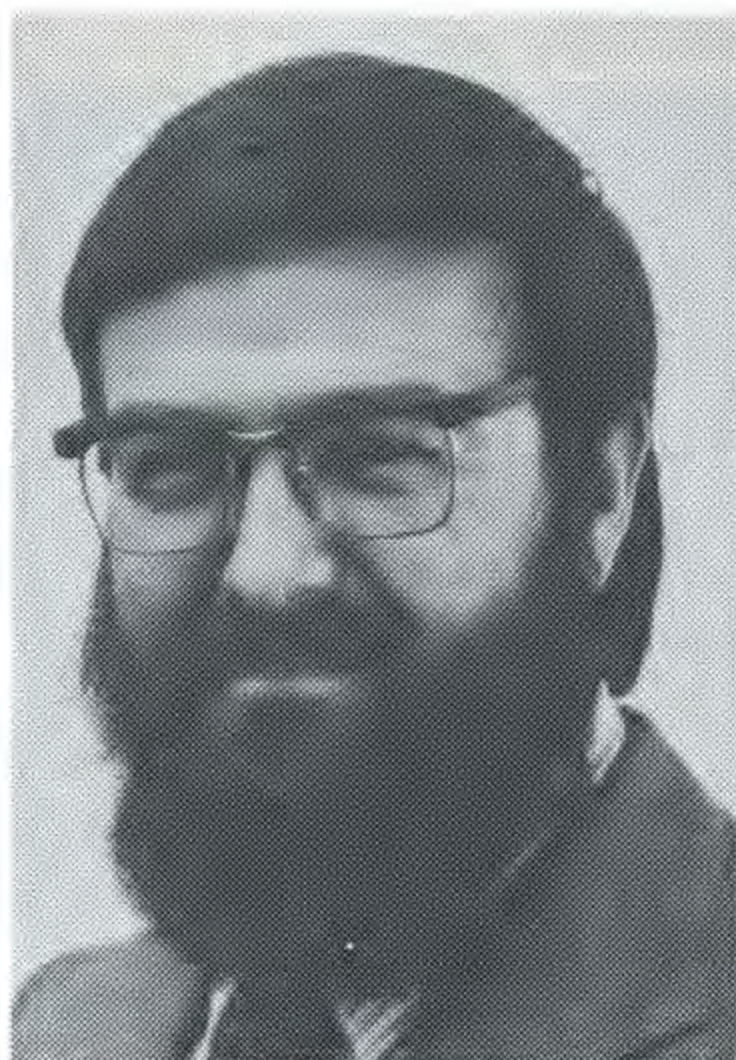
COMPUTERS PLAY VITAL ROLE IN EVERYDAY WORK

At the touch of a teletype keyboard the Commission's statewide resources can now be tapped direct from the Valley.

Recent expansion of the computer network has plugged the Latrobe Valley into direct contact with the Monash House computer — one of the most powerful in the State.

Until recently its usage by Valley personnel has been hampered by distance — but no more.

New data entry stations have revolutionised the tedious punch card operations. No more frustrating and time consuming journeys by train and courier to and from Melbourne with punch cards; no more long delays when errors stall proceedings; no more waiting on lengthy printouts.



JOHN HEWSON

Area Administration programmer John Hewson said: "These machines present the Melbourne computer to the Valley. Through them all the resources avail-

able through the Monash House computer are accessible to the Valley.

"Now within minutes of the data being sent to Melbourne, the answer's being printed in Morwell. That's the real potential of this system.

"It aids and speeds inter departmental communication between Melbourne and the Valley which becomes increasingly vital as the SEC's operation in the Valley expands."

Two data entry stations were installed a little over a year ago at Hazelwood power station and at Area Administration Morwell.

John Hewson said: "The data entry stations are connected via telecommunication links to the central computer. Each of these has a mini computer controlling data entry through video terminals.

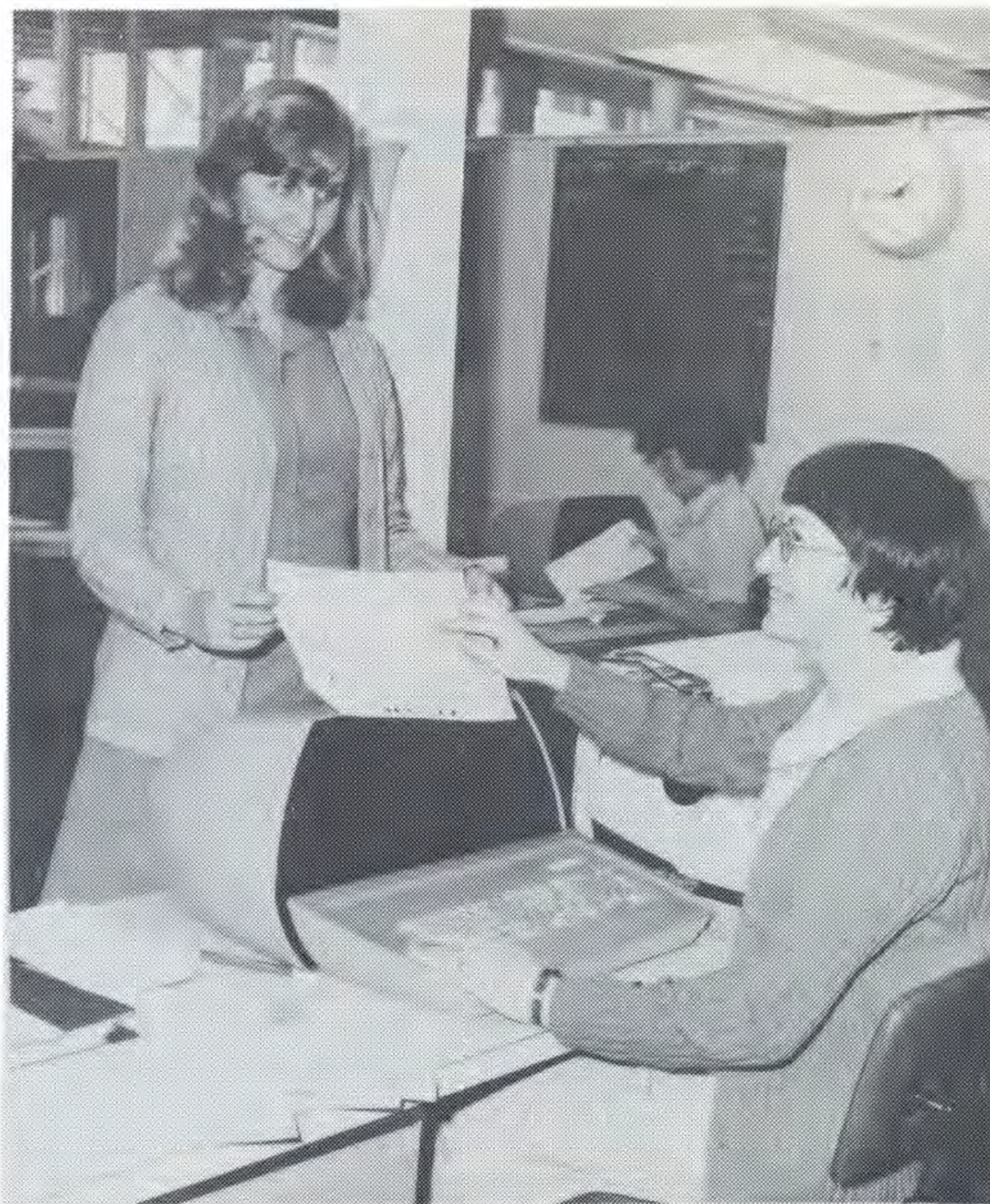
Powerful tools

"The mini computers are powerful tools in their own right. They can hold five million characters of information on disc (equivalent to one week's entry) and a further 100 million characters of information on magnetic tape.

"They can handle one million calculations a second and can deliver print outs at a rate of 300 lines per minute or a page of printing every 12 seconds.

"With them data can be processed, summarised and checked locally before being sent off to Melbourne.

"And anything that has been processed by the Monash computer can be



printed directly here in Morwell.

With these abilities people are becoming aware of the availability of the computer and its potential," said John.

The data entry station at Hazelwood is used for the maintenance scheduling system, notifying when maintenance is due and listing areas needing attention.

The Valley's use of computers is two fold. As well as the new data entry stations the Latrobe Valley has four teletype terminals: at Hazelwood Power Station at the electrical laboratory in Yallourn, at Yallourn 'W' power station and one just installed for Power Generation Department in the Morwell administration building.

John explained: "A feature of a teletype terminal is that it operates 'conversationally' with the Monash House computer indicating when corrections or additional information are required. This simplifies its use

Checking some data are (from left) key board operator Leonne Shinn and acting supervisor Thelma Beck.

"Its chief use is for the regular input of data, the compilation of reports and calculations beyond the range of human capability.

"Take for example the power system planning program.

"This is an enormous program, requiring the analysis of conditions of power lines, loading and weather conditions, taking into account the level of output from New South Wales.

"Because of the sheer bulk of data these calculations cannot be done manually.

"This sort of tool enables the Commission to work to a very high reliability", said John.

The Valley's computer staff comprises Area Administration programmer John Hewson; and data processing officer Jim Frost, assisted by the team of data entry operators. This is headed by acting supervisor Thelma Beck in the absence of Barbara Esser, away on
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A HOME OF THEIR OWN - SKINNERS

Their first chance for a home of their own. That's what the Latrobe Valley Special Housing Project means to SEC driver David Skinner and his wife Jane.

The Skinner family is among the first to move into the new Special Housing Project homes. David and Jane are pictured outside their new home in Northern Avenue, Newborough, with daughters Joanne (aged 7) and Sarah (1½) and new born son Timothy.

Said David, who works in Transportation at Yal-lourn: "We've been living in rented and Housing Commission homes up till now.

"It's a good feeling to know at last we're buying a place of our own. It gives us a sense of security.

"Previously we've had difficulty raising a deposit. The Special Housing Project makes things a bit easier for first home buyers.

"Also there's the petrol costs to take into account. We were living out at Rose-dale and I was paying up to \$40 a week on petrol. Now it takes me 11 days to do the miles I used to do in a day — and I'm available for more overtime.

"We like the house — and we've got good neighbours.", said David.

● The SEC - initiated Latrobe Valley Special Housing Project provides 159 houses designed to relieve housing pressures in the Valley by providing moderately priced, quality accommodation for SEC employees and others associated with SEC activities. They are all sited within easy reach of SEC works areas, in Traralgon, Newborough, Churchill and Morwell.

Thirteen families are already living in their new homes and well over half will be occupied by Christmas. But there are still 58 homes on the market.



Many of these are in Traralgon.

The brick veneer houses range in size from 10 to 12 squares and feature a variety of designs, including split levels. Repetition of similar designs within one estate has been kept to a minimum.

The houses are fully serviced with electric space heaters, cookers and hot water systems. Driveways, paths, fences, rotary clothes lines and full insulation are included in the cost price.

Most houses have sanded timber floors; a few have concrete slab floors with carpet.

The homes are priced between \$31,660 and \$38,700 depending on size and location.

Special Housing Project home buyers have a number of financing options open to them including seeking funds through a special SEC terminating building society for loans of up to \$25,000 over 30 years, or approaching the National or Commonwealth Savings Banks which have made

special funds available for the project.

In some cases, second mortgage finance of up to \$5000 may be available through the Home Finance Trust.

In certain circumstances, applicants may be eligible for a subsidy.

Those interested in buying houses should make contact as soon as possible with Sales Officer Ken McQualter, telephone 34 2244 extension 3539.

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Anybody for roller skating?

The roller skating craze has hit the Transmission social club in a big way.

More than 30 people, with their families, enjoy themselves every Monday evening at the 'Roller City' skating rink in Moe.

Co-ordinated by Gavan Edmondson (Latrobe Valley Control Centre) the pleasant evening has been conducted weekly for more than two months.

The ages of those participating varies from eight

year old children to retired SEC personnel over 65 years.

Social Club members interested in attending the evenings should contact Gavan (Ext. 3774) for further details.



Gavan Edmondson (left) and Coral Church manoeuvre around Keith Church on the floor.

Annual Shoot -Nov.24

The annual 'Noel Lapham' perpetual shield clay bird shoot between the SEC and APM will be conducted on November 24.

The SEC narrowly defeated the APM last year by eight points and according to SEC organiser Noel Kingsley (Hazelwood power station) the Commission team has a good show again this year.

The shield is competed for between two teams of eight shooters.

Those interested in attending the annual event at the Morwell Gun Club should contact Noel Kingsley Ext. 5110.



COAL
PRODUCTION

Overseas mission proved to be a valuable exercise

The Loy Yang dredgers might be the giants of the Valley — but compared with new West German counterparts they are relatively small.

Morwell Coal Production Superintendent Ian Runge and Plant Engineer Fuel Department Bruce Tweedley recently returned from a six week mission to Europe to look at developments in open cut machinery.

In West Germany they visited the Hambach mine which is equivalent to our Loy Yang, in that it is their newest and biggest mine.

Said Ian: "Because of the poor overburden to coal ratios existing in West Germany now, the Germans have been forced to build very large dredgers to remove the overburden as economically as possible. These dredgers have a capacity of 240,000 cubic metres per day.

FOR SALE

Austin Mk 2 gear change unit, dash unit, windscreen wiper, HR Holden front bumper, two tow bars will suit any six cylinder cars, Lucas starter motor and generator, XM Ford front grill, half leaf overload springs, windcreens and other parts, 170 pursuit engine head — as new. Contact: Sid Osborne, 23 Butter St., Morwell.

"In the initial stages of the Hambach development 150 metres of overburden must be removed to reach coal. Eventually they will have to remove nearly 400 metres of overburden to get to 100 metres of coal.

"The Germans have difficulty in believing that we will only need to remove 10 to 15 metres of overburden to get to 180 metres of coal. They will be digging for three years with three of their large machines before they get down to the coal.

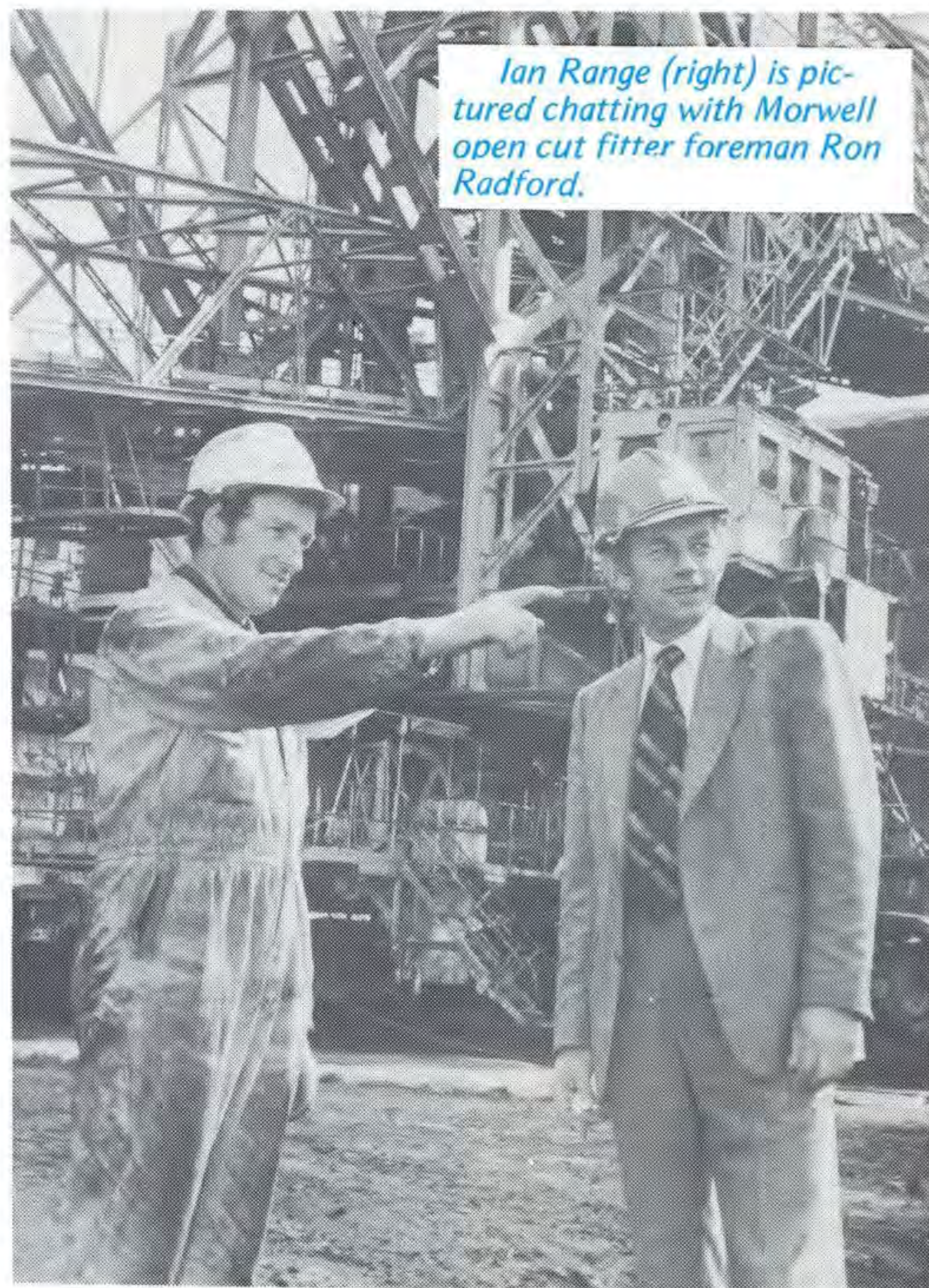
"Their chief mechanical engineer told me in three years they'll know whether there is any coal down there to dig — I hope he was joking!

60 000 TONNE OUTPUT

"Because of our more favorable conditions the SEC is able to use dredgers with daily outputs of about 60,000 cubic metres. These machines will be much larger than anything we currently operate even if they are small when compared to the Hambach machines," said Ian.

Ian and Bruce visited European plant contractors to discuss dredger design and looked at machines recently installed in mines in West Germany, Poland and Greece. They also represented the SEC at a World Mining Congress in Turkey.

The purpose of their trip was to determine what



Ian Range (right) is pictured chatting with Morwell open cut fitter foreman Ron Radford.

should be specified for the next two dredgers to be ordered for Loy Yang.

(The Loy Yang coalfield is diagonally dissected by two clay seams).

"We also investigated other features likely to minimise machine outages.

"We were able incidentally to pick up some other ideas. One item that interested us was their use of poly piping for fire service headers on face conveyors, which simplifies cleaning under the conveyors".

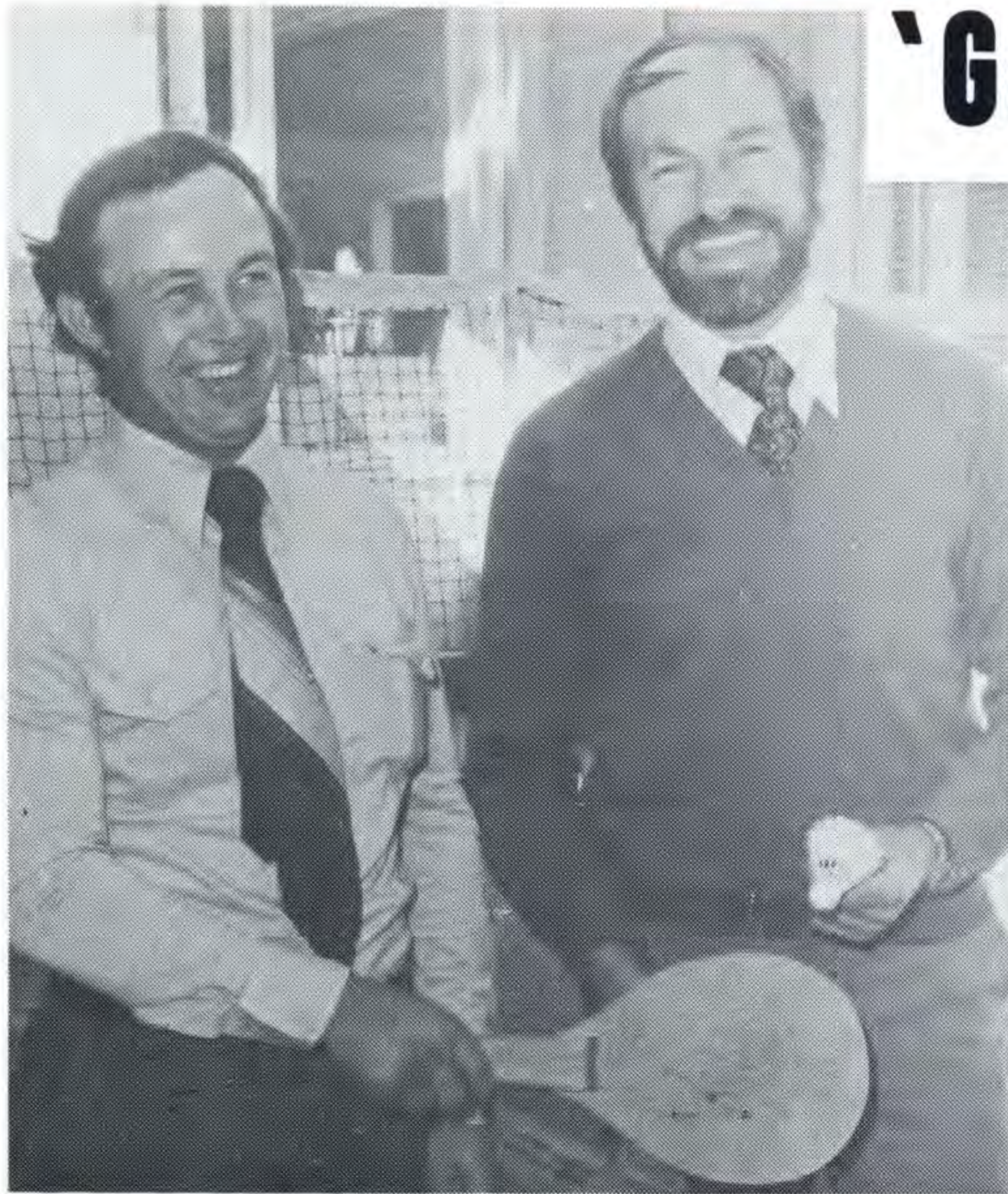
"Overall the trip has proved very valuable in updating our ideas for new machines", said Ian.

■ Ian took part in the mission at short notice as a replacement for Loy Yang Liaison Coal Production Superintendent Bob Odgers, who was taken ill. Happily Bob is now fit and well and back in the saddle at work.

"The new German machines are enormous — much bigger than the machines planned for Loy Yang, but many of their features are applicable to us and we can certainly learn from their experience.

"The new machines we saw in Poland and Greece are much nearer the size our Loy Yang machines and also had some features which interested us.

"We are interested in the possibility of implementing more automatic driver assistance for winning coal in Loy Yang, particularly near the interseam material.



'Gangrene' and 'Trout' take off exciting bat tennis final

Mike 'Gangrene' Gregson and Eddy 'Trout' Traughton are the 1979 inaugural 'Rudolph perpetual luncheon' bat tennis champions.

'Gangrene' and 'Trout' defeated Peter 'Mitch' Mitchell and Tony 'Ronnie' Barker, 21-19 points, in the exciting final played recently before a capacity crowd on the centre court between wings one and two, Area Administration building, at Morwell.

Semi-final losers were, Ken 'Woffa' Woff, Paul 'Rev' Devlin, Dennis 'Stretch' Oakley and Ray 'Hubcaps' Williams.

Sixteen players competed in the successful tournament conducted in ideal weather conditions.

Umpire and court announcer was Geoff 'Soapy' Ryan.

Winners were shouted a luncheon by Rudolf Beilharz (Administration officer, Transmission Operations), the tournament sponsor, while the losers each received a bottle of wine.



Champions (from left) Ed Troughton and Mike Gregson were all smiles following their grand final victory.

Tony Barker (right) and Peter Mitchell seen in action during the exciting final.



FOR SALE

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Commission Freemasons dinner

More than 60 Latrobe Valley employees are expected to attend the 5th annual SEC masonic dinner for Commission Freemasons to be held in the Masonic Centre, Dallas Brookes Hall,

Melbourne on Friday, November 30.

Present serving and retired personnel are eligible to attend.

More than 2000 mem-

bers from all over the State have attended previous dinners, with the Latrobe Valley always being well represented.

Buses will be leaving

Morwell at 3 p.m. picking up members en-route.

For further details and application forms contact either; Bob Soutar Ext. 3348, Ian Robinson 3290 or Noel McAuliffe 5603.



Another record for Hazelwood

Hazelwood power station has set a new monthly record for power generation in Victoria.

It generated 952 gigawatt hours in August — which represents 952 million kilowatt hours in domestic terms.

This is a significant improvement on the

previous high of 938 gigawatt hours set in July 1978.

Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson said: "A major contributing factor in this achievement was outstanding teamwork from all the operating maintenance sections at Hazelwood.

"This could not have been achieved without the near record monthly output from Morwell open cut of 1,308,330 tonnes of coal.

"It was possible because of extended periods with all eight units in production, with a minimum number of unscheduled overhauls.

"This makes an excellent start to the financial year.

"We aim for a good performance in July and August to match peak demands.

"The high level of output is still continuing, Mr. Robertson said.



General gang earns safety award

The Yallourn 'W' power station's general cleaners gang has proudly achieved 100 000 manhours without a Lost Time Injury.

The 35 employee gang is still going strong and has knotted up - to the end of August - 126 965 manhours.

The gang carries out general cleaning duties throughout the station, also inside boilers and precipitators.

At an informal function in the Yallourn Wess Mess, Yallourn 'W' power station superintendent Allan Cas-

telow presented the National Safety Council of Australia's certificate and plaque to the gang's safety representative Alex McCartney.

ABOVE: All smiles following the safety award presentation are (from left) Alex McCartney, Allan Castelow and Bob Hardaker.

Glen is briquette throwing champion

Glen Jackson of Yallourn North is the world briquette throwing champion.

Glen threw a domestic briquette 54.71 metres (162 feet).

More than 2000 people attended the championships conducted by the Yallourn North Lions Club on Saturday October 6.

Women's champion was Mrs. Vi Seear also of Yallourn North won the boy's of 32.56 metres.

David Thompson, Yallourn North won the boys title throwing 38 metres while Miss L. Summersgil won the girls' title with a distance of 22.50 metres. Glen's record will be entered into the Guinness Book of Records.

SERVICE REGISTER

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

	30 YEARS:
Reinhardt Grohs	Morwell open cut
Herbert Gulbis	Civil Services
Cliff Miles	Secretarial
Carl Rohde	Civil Services
Fred Rollings	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Vilis Apinitis	Transmission Services
Con Fenech	Yallourn power station
Leon Malinin	Yallourn 'W' power station
Anton Tosin	Yallourn Power station
Andrij Opanowicz	Yallourn 'W' power station
Peter Matwiejew	Yallourn open cut
Ivan Naumenko	Yallourn open cut
Wasył Nimko	Yallourn power station
Mykola Salienko	Yallourn open cut
Anton Zelenewicz	Yallourn open cut
Paul Kolomyjcz	Yallourn power station
Dmytro Danyluk	Yallourn open cut
Mick Melbourne	Mechanical Services, Yallourn
Mykolas Sidaras	Mechanical Services, Yallourn
	31 YEARS:
Izidorius Bindokas	Civil Services, Yallourn
Willy Allison	Civil Services, Morwell
Dobri Cvetkovic	Yallourn open cut
Ivan Kelava	Yallourn open cut
Colin Wetzel	Yallourn open cut
Bruce Johnston	Yallourn power station
Bill Nelson	Civil Services, Yallourn
Felix O'Kane	Morwell open cut
	32 YEARS:
Norm Eason	Mechanical Services, Yallourn
Dennis Foley	Materials and Services, Yallourn
Tom Valli	Yallourn open cut
	33 YEARS:
Stan Westfall	Civil Services, Yallourn
Neil Johnson	Finance, Morwell
Bob McPhee	Mechanical Services, Yallourn
Ted Summerton	Yallourn power station
	35 YEARS:
Tom Schultz	Secretarial
	38 YEARS:
Jim Tickle	Civil Services, Morwell
	39 YEARS:
Eric Lyons	Yallourn Open Cut
Ken Grant	Yallourn Open Cut
	40 YEARS:
Jim Irvine	Finance, Morwell
	41 YEARS:
Leon Hilditch	Morwell open cut
	42 YEARS:
Alex Scott	Yallourn 'W' power station

FILTERED WATER IS NOW ON TAP

The first stage of a project to provide filtered water to the Morwell works area was completed early last week.

Clear water is now on tap in the Morwell workshops area and on the northern batters of the open cut.

Work is proceeding with stage two of the project which will extend the supply to the Hazelwood and Morwell power stations and the remainder of the open cut.

The water supply to the Morwell/Hazelwood area was discolored when heavy flooding in June 1978 disturbed the waters in Moonarra Reservoir.

Acting manager, Engineering Services, Max Wil-

liamson said stage one involved the connection of the workshops water supply to Morwell town water supply.

"We are using consultants to investigate the possibility of utilising Hazelwood power station's water treatment plant to provide filtered tap water in that area.

"We are also considering the feasibility of extending the Morwell Water Works Trust mains to the Ridge Reservoir to feed Morwell power station and the remainder of the open cut.

"Reports are expected by Christmas and we hope the work will be well advanced by next winter," said Mr. Williamson.

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COMPUTERS PLAY A VITAL ROLE

long service leave, comprises Leonne Shinn, Elizabeth Kilpatrick, Michelle Burge, Dael Prowse and Michelle Dunne at Morwell and Fay Murka and Shirley Clark at Hazelwood.

Associated with the increased availability of computers is an education program to encourage computer awareness and appreciation among personnel.

Organised in conjunction with the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education, the program was launched by Power Generation Department, where a wide range of staff from management down recently completed the eight month course. It is planned to spread the program to coal production and area administration staff.

■ A new committee has been set up to ensure maximum effective use

of computer resources in the Valley. The Latrobe Valley Computer Liaison Committee replaces the Computer Applications Committee.

Convenor is chief administrative officer Jack Huxtable. Other members are manager, Engineering Services, Ray Greenwood; investigations engineer, Coal Production, Chris Laird; transport engineer, Engineering services, Peter Elliott; systems engineer, Power Generation, Laddie Hoch; production planning engineer, Production Co-ordination Department, Keith Laing; field tests engineer, Transmission Operations Department, Alan Scott, and chief analyst, Computer Services Department, Lloyd Herbert.

The committee's executive officer is John Hewson.

retirements



JACK PLATT

Jack Platt and his wife Mabel will continue to live in Newborough following Jack's retirement from the Commission on September 3.

The Platts intend to enjoy their hobbies of bowls fishing and caravanning holiday together.

Jack began with the Commission in November 1950 as an electrical mechanic with Yallourn open cut maintenance.

He was appointed assistant operator with Yallourn electrical operation in May 1954. Further promotion came as an electrical operator and then to overseer. Jack was one of the original assistant regional supervisors.

In September 1970 he transferred to day work as assistant operations officer. Jack retired as a technical officer.

At an informal farewell function in the Latrobe Valley Control Centre canteen, Transmission engineer operations, Ted Wilkinson, presented Jack with two fishing rods, a yabbie pump, a fishing reel, and tackle box. His wife Mabel was presented with a sheaf of flowers and a silver cake platter on behalf of his work mates.



SID McCARTNEY

An active person Sid McCartney will be busy enjoying his hobbies of game shooting, gardening and caravanning in his retirement.

Sid retired from the Commission after 33 years service on September 14.

He began as a laborer in the Yallourn open cut in April 1946, he then moved onto a motor driver, tournapull driver and rapier operator.

In August 1948 he transferred to the Yallourn transport workshops as a heavy transport bulldozer driver, then worked as a tournapull driver and machinery float driver, the position he retired from.

At an informal farewell in the old Yallourn transport workshops amenities building, transport engineer, Peter Elliott presented Sid with a small chain-saw and a wallet of notes on behalf of his workmates.



KEITH WINDERLICH

After 16 years with the SEC Keith Winderlich called it a day on September 24.

Keith began as a gardner with the Yallourn nursery in September 1963 and since then has worked in

a number of positions including; a tractor driver, pickman, platelayer, sprangman, euclid and truck driver.

He retired as a motor driver with coal, Yallourn.

In retirement Keith intends to enjoy his hobby of gardening and continue to live in Moe.

At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn Coal Production auxiliaries canteen, assistant Coal Production Superintendent, Laurie Baker presented Keith with an envelope of notes on behalf of his workmates.



ARTHUR COOPER

A keen surf fisherman Arthur Cooper intends to spend much of his time in retirement at his holiday home at Waratah Bay.

However he will continue to live in Morwell.

Arthur began his 42 year service with the Commission as a laborer with Forrestry at Yallourn. He also worked as an assistant tractor driver, carryall operator, shovel driver and a heavy bulldozer driver.

He retired from the position of a mechanical plant operator.

At an informal farewell function in the Coal Production auxiliary depot Yallourn, engineer-in-charge auxiliary operations Brian Francis presented Arthur with a wallet of notes on behalf of his workmates.

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Overseas mission was valuable

Said Greg: "West German Sulzer boilers burning brown coal and American Combustion Engineering boilers burning natural gas have been in service for the past ten years.

"Having observed the

performance of the Combustion Engineering design boilers overseas, we can look forward to improved reliability from these new units.

While he was in Europe, Greg became the first SEC

representative to attend the VGB international conference on 'Power Stations and their Environment'.

"This body comprises world electricity authorities and carries out research into power station problems in order to set

standards for boiler design and operation. They are also responsible for training operation personnel in West Germany.

CHURCHILL TO YALLOURN BUS SERVICE

Following requests from SEC staff employees living in Churchill a new bus service from Churchill to Yallourn will begin on Monday, November 5.

The bus service, for staff employees, is designed to take no longer than normal private car travelling time to and from work.

Passenger pick-up at various points in Churchill will begin at 7.10 a.m. arriving at the employees car park in Yallourn before 8 a.m.

Departure from the employees car park will be at 4.25 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The bus will leave Churchill at 7.10 a.m. each day departing from the corner of Switchback Road, Howard Avenue, McDonald Way, Williams Ave., Walker Pde., Canterbury Way, Manning Drive, McLean Ave., McDonald Way, Firmin Road, Switchback Rd., along Princes Highway and on to the employees' car park, Yallourn.

The fare, will be \$3 for a weekly round trip strip ticket (10 tickets).

Due to a recent 15 per cent rise to all country bus operators, (resulting from increased costs, particularly fuel)

the SEC has been forced to increase its bus fare by 30 cents a ticket to \$3. The SEC change represents an increase of 11 per cent.

There have also been minor alterations to two other current employee bus services. They are:

Shift bus — Moe to Morwell and Hazelwood: Buses from Moe to work will not travel through Yallourn. The route is the normal Moe residential route, then via Narracan Dr., John Field Dr., Boolarra Ave., Thorpdale St., Monash Rd., Gunn's Gully, to Princes Hwy., and then normal route to Morwell.

This route will be followed in the morning only. Due to the carriage of Yallourn shift personnel in the afternoon. The afternoon return trip will remain unchanged.

Traralgon and Morwell to Yallourn SEC - (excluding Yallourn bus terminal, both to and from work). Normal Princes Highway route to Hernes Oak. De Campo Dr., Church St., Latrobe Ave., Mount St., Railway Ave, Eastern Rd., Yallourn power station and employee's bus park.

For further information contact Peter Howden Ext. 4210.



Football season to remember

The 1979 football season will always be remembered by Graeme 'Hassa' Davidson, 29, (leading hand carpenter, Morwell civil works), for three good reasons.

Graeme captained and coached North Gippsland Football League seconds side Glengarry to its first premiership, he also won the League's and his club's best and fairest award.

CONTACT's photographer caught up with Graham 'Hassa' Davidson busy working at Hazelwood training annex early this month.

It is the second League best and fairest award win; for Hassa: the first was in 1967 when he played with Cowwarr.

In his first year with Glengarry, after playing with Cowwarr for 11 years, Hassa is full of praise for the Club and the enthusiastic team he coached successfully.

Runner-up in the League seconds best and fairest was another SEC employee transport driver Allan Rofe of Gormandale. He also won his club's second 18 best and fairest award.

FIRST AID SEMI-FINALS - FIVE TEAMS QUALIFY

Five Latrobe Valley first aid teams have won their way through to the semi-finals of the SEC's State-wide first aid championships.

They are: Yallourn 'W' power station, Yallourn power station, Morwell Coal Production, Morwell Briquetting and Power and Transmission Field Services.

Eleven teams competed in the heats conducted at the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre Morwell on October 3.

The Latrobe Valley semi-finals were being conducted

as CONTACT went to press.

A story and results of the semi-finals will be in November's CONTACT.