



CONTACT

MARCH, 1979



Cricket victory celebrations



Association of SEC Social Clubs president John Hutchinson (left) and Manager Area Administration, George Bates, (right) were keen supporters of the premier team.

SEC link with LV Festival

Success of the annual Latrobe Valley Festival this month reflected the enormous amount of effort put into the event by the hundreds of LV residents willing to put their best foot forward for the region.

The Commission's involvement, both at the individual and organisation level, helped add color (and sound) to the wide range of festival activities.

The two bands sponsored by the SEC — the world renowned Footscray/Yarraville Band and the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board Band — were a great hit with Valley audiences.

Attendances at the Commission-sponsored art exhibition on the theme "Man and Machine", which was still in progress as this issue of Contact went to press, were excellent.

The Latrobe Valley has won the 1978-79 Social League cricket championship without a ball being bowled!

The final between Latrobe Valley and Monash House was abandoned following heavy overnight rain which left the St. Kilda cricket ground pitch in a waterlogged state.

It was the third occasion in four years on which the Latrobe Valley had won the McColl Shield after rain prevented completion of a final.

The Shield went to the Valley team because of its position at the head of the premiership ladder. SEC Association of Social Clubs

... and not a ball bowled!

President Mick Given presented the McColl Shield to LV captain Evan Rowlands.

Team members were Evan Rowlands, Paul Coffey, Merv Graham, John Webb, Ken McQualter, Frank Spurio, Neil Meredith, Neville Gorman, Trevor French, Ian Watson and Graeme Membrey. 12th man was Graeme Burgess.

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Cover

The Governor-General, Sir Zelman Cowen, is welcomed on his recent two-day visit to Traralgon by Mayor Cr. Allan Campigli, well known within the SEC as Departmental Administration Clerk in Engineering Services, Morwell, and his wife Dawn

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Sir Zelman impressed with Loy Yang

The Governor-General, Sir Zelman Cowen, was most impressed with the SEC's \$2 000 million Loy Yang project.

Loy Yang was a highlight of Sir Zelman's visit to Traralgon on March 1 and 2.

He was accompanied by the Minister for Minerals and Energy, Mr. Balfour, Chairman Char-

les Trethowan, other senior officers, Traralgon City and Shire Council, representatives and Federal Minister for Transport Peter Nixon.

Sir Zelman was officially welcomed to Traralgon by Mayor Cr. Allan Campigli, Departmental Administration Clerk, Engineering Services, Morwell.



FREAK STORM CAUSES \$50,000 DAMAGE TO WORKS AREA

The SEC did not escape unscathed when a freak storm lashed the Latrobe Valley late last month.

The storm caused an estimated \$50 000 damage within Commission works areas at Morwell and Yallourn, mainly as a result of wind gusts which reached speeds estimated at 165 kilometres per hour in Morwell.

In the period from 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., 36 mm of rain fell in the area.

Coal supplies to Hazelwood power station were interrupted for more than two hours following a power failure in Morwell open cut, but the station's power output was not affected.

Several poles were brought down by the wind.

The fire services station at Morwell bore the brunt of some heavy wind gusts, losing its roof and suffering extensive damage.

Roofing material was spread over a 500-metre area; windows were smashed

doors torn from their hinges and radio antennae bent to the ground.

Seven members of the fire services team lost their appetites when the storm hit as they sat down to lunch inside the building.

As Fire Officer John Smith puts it — "... it was as if a demolition charge hit the building — it was all over in 15 seconds."

Two vehicles were damaged when a one tonne piece of conveyor belting was carried more than 100 metres through the air.

In Morwell Open cut, two caravans were overturned and two destroyed in the brief, but violent encounter.

Above: The Morwell fire services station roof was ripped off by the storm, as this picture snapped from the fire lookout tower, demonstrates.

Below: Morwell open cut came in for its share of damage this pile of material was a caravan.



IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR...!



The three Shillinglaws — Harry Senior, Harry Junior and Brian relax at home after a day at work.

Smoking prevention campaign: SEC link

A new smoking prevention campaign project committee on which the SEC has a representative will be breaking new ground in its efforts to reduce the incidence of smoking in the Latrobe Valley and Gippsland.

Acting Personnel Development and Services Officer Jim Carlisle is the Commission's representative on the committee, which was formed at a public meeting in Morwell earlier this month.

According to the Director of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, Dr. Nigel Gray, the Gippsland campaign will be one of only five clearly identified community-oriented smoking prevention programs current in the world.

The committee is hopeful of receiving some Federal funds for appointment of a campaign co-ordinator within the framework of the community health program.

A large number of community organisations, including two Latrobe Valley community health centres, sent representatives to the well-attended meeting at which the decision to develop a campaign was made.

Primary aim of the program will be to reduce the incidence of smoking, particularly among the young.

Committee membership covers a wide range of interests and expertise.

Many father and son combinations work with the Commission throughout the Latrobe Valley.

But a grandfather, father and son — that's something out of the ordinary.

When Brian Shillinglaw began a fitting and turning apprenticeship in January, he became the third generation of the Morwell family to work with the Commission at the one time.

Harry Shillinglaw Senior, a trades assistant at Morwell Power Station, has worked with the Commission since 1966

His son, Harry Junior, joined in July 1963 and has worked since then as a First Class Machinist in Morwell Workshops.

Hazelwood appeal

Appeals set up to assist the families of the late Jim Charleston, Phil Chilver and Ron Smith have raised more than \$10 000.

One appeal organised by Hazelwood Power Station personnel has raised more than \$7000.

The Latrobe Valley sub branch of the Electrical Trades Union organised another appeal which raised \$3900.

Money raised has been distributed progressively to the families.

APPEAL FOR DEAF CHILDREN

The 1979 annual Central Gippsland Auxiliary appeal for the Victorian School for Deaf Children will be launched later next month.

Last year SEC employees donated the magnificent sum of \$1830.41.

Appeal organiser Geoff Ryan hopes that the total this year will exceed the 1978 record sum.

The appeal has over the years enjoyed widespread support throughout the Latrobe Valley works areas. In the 12 years since the first appeal, the grand total of \$9,727.72 has been raised.

Donation lists will be distributed to all departments.

A number of children of Gippsland SEC personnel attend the school which is situated in Melbourne and provides a wide ranging service to children from all parts of Victoria.

HONOR FOR FREEMASONS

SEC Freemasons will be closely identified with a new wing at the Freemasons Hospital, East Melbourne.

A bed in the new wing will be dedicated to "SEC Brethren" as a result of their contributions to a recent hospital appeal.

Chairman Charles Trehowan will present a plaque to the hospital board at the fifth annual Fraternal Banquet to be held at the Masonic Centre on November 30.

WANTED TO BUY
Silky hens — white or colored.
Extension 3420.



Narrow cricket win to Coal Production

Coal Production's Peter Wilkinson tries to slash the ball through mid-wicket but is struck on the pads. Jim made 19 in his team's winning score.

Coal Production narrowly won the annual SEC Social Club's cricket lightning premiership at Yallourn on March 4.

Their exciting four-run victory over Hazelwood Maintenance climaxed a successful days cricket for the 150 cricketers who took part.

In the final Hazelwood Maintenance batted first to score 6/81 from their allotted nine overs, with Barry Mathieson and Paul Coffey scoring 25 runs each. John Harrison 3/9, was the most successful Coal Production bowler.

Coal Production scored 85, with the winning runs coming from the last over of the match.

Graeme Freshwater (30) and Jim Wilkinson (19) were best with the bat while Rob McKay (3/8) and John P5 Hutchinson (2/23) were the main wicket takers for Hazelwood.

More than 200 people watched the final, played on No. 2 oval at Yallourn.

Manager Area Administration George Bates presented the Valley Championship Cup to Coal Production Captain John McCafferty.

Award winners on the day were aggregate: batting: Graeme Freshwater, 151 runs, bowling: Bob McKay 8/18, fielding: Kevin Allen.

Top scorer for the day was Greg Trembath, with 64 runs.



The winning Coal Production team: Back (left to right), Tom O'Calloghan, John Harrison, Ian Watson, Laurie Jackson, Shane Brock, Peter Wilkinson. Front: Bruce Mussared, Bill Armstrong, John Bloomfield, John McCafferty (captain), Graeme Freshwater. Absent: Ross Anderson.



Manager Area Administration George Bates presents the Valley Championship Cup to Coal Production captain John McCafferty.



Hazelwood Maintenance team. Back (left to right): Bob Williams, Greg Trembath, Ray Whatmough, John Hutchinson, John Sloyans, John McClare. Front: Ray Stanlake, Barry Mathieson, Alan Giddens, Paul Coffey, Rob McKay.


**POWER
GENERATION**

Six new Loy Yang contracts let for \$57 million

Six contracts, valued in all at \$57 million have boosted the total value of contracts let for the Loy Yang project above the \$500 million mark.

The actual total is now above \$563 million, emphasising the scale of the undertaking, which is the largest single engineering project embarked on in Australia.

Already 1000 people are employed on the project, and this will increase to 1700 jobs by 1981 and 2000 in 1987.

Contracts awarded recently have gone to:—

- * Dravo Pty. Ltd. supply, delivery and erection of coal conveyors and associated plant at an estimated cost of \$31.4 million. Dravo's contract included a Victorian content of 74.3 per cent from a total Australian content of 91.3 per cent.
- * Lewis Construction Co. Pty. Ltd. for the construction of a

control centre at an estimated cost of \$10.5 million.

Lewis Construction is currently building the raw coal bunker at Loy Yang.

- * Ingersoll-Rand (Australia) Ltd. for the supply and erection of boiler feed pump sets for four 500 MW units at the Loy Yang A Power Station for an estimated cost of \$6.4 million.

- * Barker and Taylor Pty. Ltd. for the supply of 415 V switch-gear for the station electrical system at an estimated cost of 3.7 million dollars.

- * Sist Constructions Pty. Ltd. for the construction of underpasses, car parks, duplication of Bartons Lane and associated works at an estimated cost of \$4.2 million.

- * General Electric Co Australia Ltd. for the supply and installation of three 66/11 kV, 30/50 MVA transformers and accessories for an estimated cost of \$0.9 million.

NEW HOME FOR POWER GENERATION

Power Generation Department has settled in well to its new "home" in the Morwell administration building.

Manager Jack Robertson and the headquarters division, excluding the training group, now occupy the entire upstairs area of wing four.

They were previously located in wings two and five.

Extensive remodelling of wing four was carried out before Power Generation shifted in late January.

Twenty-five people were involved in the shift. They have all retained their old telephone numbers.



In addition to the relocation, there have been changes in titles and personnel within the headquarters division.

Power Station Superintendent, Headquarters, Don Clark will now be known as Power Engineer.

Assistant Power Engineer is John Hutchinson and Laurie Culph has moved to Hazelwood Power Station as Assistant Power Station Superintendent.

Yallourn power station's electrical section reached 100,000 manhours without a Lost Time Injury recently, with the 62 section members working without LTI from February to November last year. The section is still going strong with 133,433 manhours to their credit up to the end of February. YPS Mechanical Maintenance Engineer Col Harvey (right) presented the National Safety Council of Australia award of merit and a shield to Station representatives.

FOR SALE

1966 Mercedes Benz — 230 Sedan Cream duco with brown interior. Good condition throughout. One owner since new. Complete service history available. Fitted with AIWA cassette player. Registered to December 1979 — RWC available. Enquiries — Jack Huxtable, Morwell, Ext. 3343.


**ENGINEERING
SERVICES**


RAILWAY SIDING COMPLETE

The first rail loads of heavy plant and equipment for Loy Yang will arrive at the new Morwell South railway siding within the next month.

Work on the \$900 000 siding which began in January last year, was completed early this month.

There will be a steady build-up of Loy Yang loads as work on the project accelerates.

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

From there, road transport will take plant and equipment along the Midland Highway to the main Loy Yang access route — Firmans Lane, Hazelwood Road, Sanders Road, Mattingley Hill Road and Bartons Lane.

ELECTRICAL WORKSHOPS UNDER THE ONE ROOF

May is the expected month for completion of the \$2.3 million electrical workshops complex under construction in the Morwell Services area.

The 5 850 square-metre complex is going up near the Morwell Central Workshops.

It will replace existing facilities at Yallourn and Morwell, enabling the electrical maintenance requirements of Coal Production, Power Generation and Transmission Operations Departments to be met under the one roof.

Reduced turn-around times are expected to be a major benefit of the new workshops.

The enormous increase in the installation of electrical motors throughout the Commission's Latrobe Valley works areas since 1955 highlights the need for a centralised facility.

The 1955 total of 2 600 increased to just over 10 000 within 20 years, and it is estimated that when the Loy Yang power stations reach the 4 000MW stage, the Valley's electrical motors "population" will be above 15 000.

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

An extensive amenities block has been provided.

The Yallourn and Morwell workshop areas formerly used for electrical undertakings will be released

for other purposes following introduction of the new facility.

Choice of Morwell as the central electrical workshops site followed a detailed investigation.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE

- * 1964 XM Falcon body in good condition, \$300.
 - * 12' x 18' Auto tent with kitchen, \$65.
 - * Four speed XL Ford gear box in good condition.
- also XM Falcon head and bottom half of XL Ford Motor.

CONTACT: Sid Osborne
23 Butter St.,
Morwell.

PRIVATE SALE

4½ hectares unspoilt bushland; natural flora and fauna; substantial deposit of peat; 3 prime building sites with easy access main road; school bus; SEC power; good development potential for water supply; 6 mins. drive from Loy Yang. Outside IDO. Inquiries should be directed to the Editor, Contact magazine, 3228.



1. Chatting over a cup of coffee at the SEC's Loy Yang site office are from left, Brian Sullivan, Doug Sherry, AGM (Development) Jack Johnson, Mary Iskrick and Adrian Allison.

2. This new compressor created some interest when the party inspected Yallourn transport workshops. They are (from left), Wally Entwistle, Commissioner Robert Millar, Ted Johnson, Commissioner Sir Bernard Callinan, John Mirams, AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce and SEC assistant secretary Frank Glynn.

3. Commissioner Johnston (far left), and Acting Yallourn workshops Superintendent Bruce Reynolds discuss a piece of work just completed by Craig Peters of Hazelwood North.



4. Commissioner Campbell Johnston discusses his tour itinerary with electrical apprentices (from left), Simon Griffiths of Jeeralang, Peter Hoppe, Traralgon, Michael Higgins, Leongatha, Commissioner Johnston, and Stephen Wittchell, of Moe.



Commissioners look over Latrobe Valley works

A tour of the Jeeralang gas turbine station was one of the highlights of the 1979 SEC Commissioner's annual visit to the Latrobe Valley undertakings early this month. The touring party took a keen interest in the station which is now well on the way to four-unit operation.

Included in the party were SEC Chairman, Charles Trethowan, Commissioners Sir Bernard Callinan, Robert Millar and Campbell Johnston, Assistant General Manager (Operations) Clem Joyce, AGM (Development) Jack Johnson, AGM (Supply) Bob Chapman and Area Administration Manager, George Bates.

The three-day visit took Commissioners to Morwell and Yallourn Works areas, Loy Yang and Electricity Supply branches at Yarram, Leongatha, Wonthaggi and Koo-Wee-Rup.

The Di Fabrizio Steel Fabrication works at Morwell, where several huge Commission supply contract commitments have been met, was also part of the tour itinerary.



5. Office Assistant Frances Pringle, of Traralgon chats with Chairman Charles Trethowan during the inspection of the Morwell Stores area. Also pictured are (from left), Materials and Services Officer, Athol Robinson and Commissioner Johnston (far right).



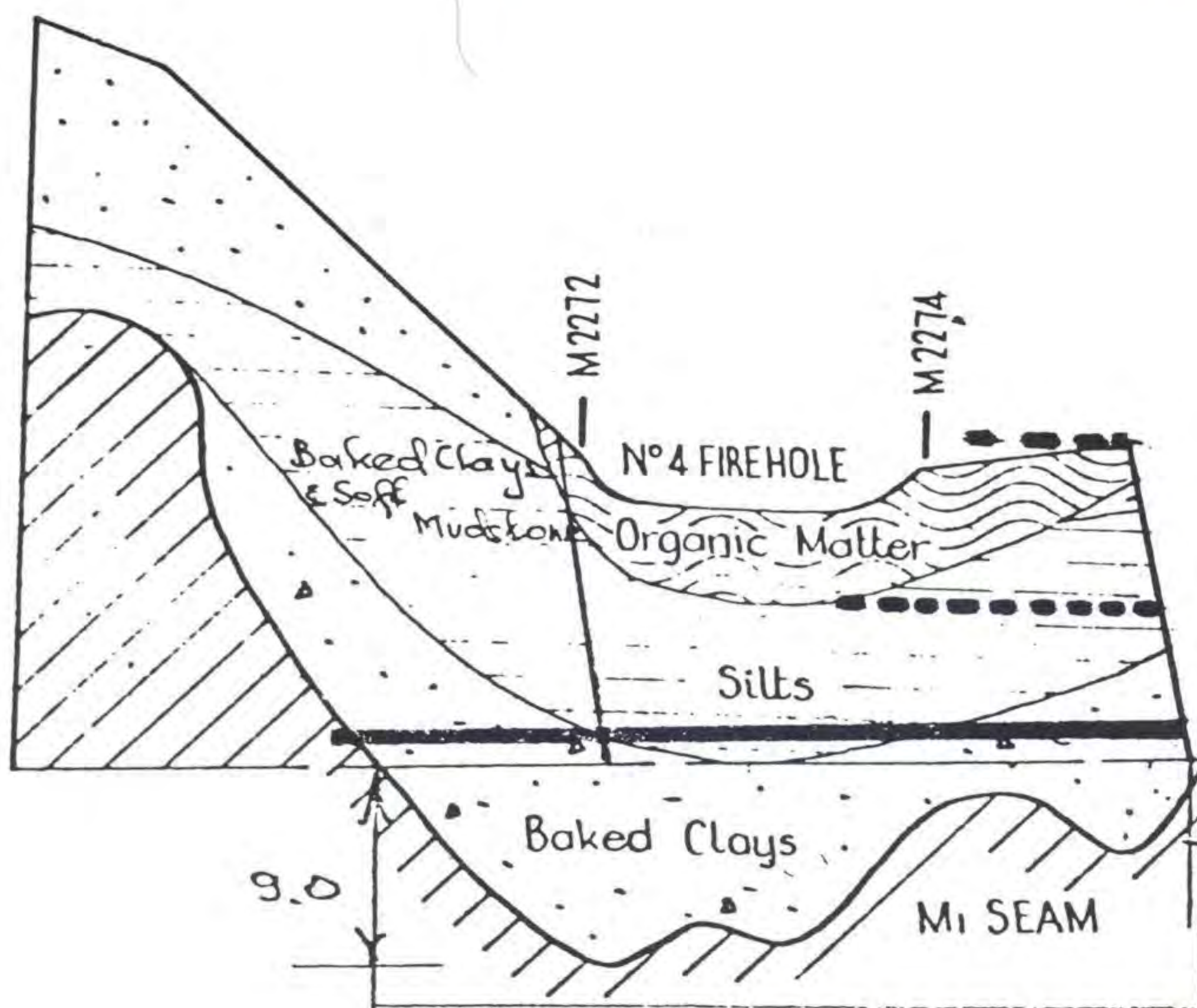
6. Loy Yang site engineer Graham Teese points out some features of construction work on the Loy Yang 'A' power station bench to (from left), Manager Gippsland ESR Herb Trevenan, AGM (Supply) Bob Chapman, AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce, and Commissioner Robert Millar.

7. Boilermaker Peter Badenhop, of Morwell, talks over an assignment with Chairman Charles Trethowan.





COAL PRODUCTION



Above: This diagram shows a sectional view of Morwell open cut No. 4 firehole — or the "bottomless pit" as it has been better known.

Right: An aerial photo of the bottomless pit taken in 1976 when the initial draining operation began.



The "bottomless pit" is no longer bottomless.

The pit, on the western edge of Morwell open cut, has been the subject of local myth for many years.

Numerous animals — and at least two people — were supposed to have drowned after becoming stuck in silt surrounding the pit.

But a pumping and excavation program has revealed little more than a horse's jaw-bone and the skeleton of a water-bird.

The pit is actually a firehole in the coal which developed over tens of thousands of years.

Most fireholes have filled up completely with clay, but the "bottomless pit" — possibly because of longer burning and a topographic subsidence at some stage — had layers of baked clay, silt and organic matter, and a surface depression filled with water.

The bottom of the pond was clogged with reeds, which gave people the impression it was bottomless.

The water was actually only about five metres deep.

Removal of the pond and firehole became necessary as the open cut overburden face approached.

Bores were sunk in a de-watering operation to enable No. 10 dredger to move in and dig out the hole.

The digging out operation began in January and is now almost complete.

COLOR CODE FOR COAL

When it comes to fashion, Coal Production Department must be leading the way within the SEC with its introduction of colored safety helmets in Morwell and Yallourn open cuts.

The helmets come in seven different colours ... all with a special purpose.

The helmets enable instant identification of

personnel from the various Coal Production section ... and the helmets go a step further by carrying the names of individual employees.

The color code is:—

Red — Fire Services.
Green — Auxiliaries.
Blue — Electrical Maintenance.
White — Mechanical Maintenance.

Orange — Overburden and Coal Operations.
Grey — Administration.
Yellow — Safety Adviser.

The decision to color code open cut sections is part of a general program to facilitate open cut operations. A new system of signposting has also been introduced for transport within the cut.

TRANSMISSION
OPERATIONS

RSPCA needs more members

Sue Carr has an interesting hobby — animals, and its one she takes very seriously.

A commercial administrative Clerk with stations section, Yallourn, Sue has always liked animals and in particular dogs and horses.

It was this love which attracted her to the work carried out by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Sue who is now an active member of the RSPCA, is attempting to establish a Latrobe Valley branch, along with the active assistance of fellow SEC employees Fran Pringle (Morwell Stores) and Bob Duljas (Coal Production, Yallourn).

Sue says the Latrobe Valley is in desperate need

of a branch. (Main functions would be to enlist the aid of people willing to:—

- * investigate cruelty reports,
- * foster animals until a home is found for them, and,
- * raise funds for the RSPCA, which is a voluntary non-profit organisation.

The RSPCA's aim is to train people to care for their animals.

"Animals, like humans can bear only so much strain, and their need for food drink and exercise is as great as in human need," Sue points out.

Anyone interested in joining the RSPCA should contact either Sue Carr ext 2622 or Mrs. Dorothy Drover, Ph. 34 4940.

Windies win by 41 runs

Transmission Ops conducted its own World Series Cricket match on February 11.

The Windies (Tests and Communications Social Club) defeated the Cavaliers (Transmission and Tests Section) by 41 runs in a limited over match at the Yinnar football ground.

The Wonderful Windies (186 runs off 28 overs) proved too strong for the Courageous Cavaliers 145.

Bob Bremner 28 top scored for the Windies. Others to get among the runs were; Joe Gaffa 26, Ken Healey 24, Ian Burgess and Douce Dubajec 19.

Cavaliers wicket takers were: Barry Stothard 1 for 5, 'Chad' Hing 1/2, George

Ballard 1/8 and Bernie Eddy 2/10.

Cavaliers top scorers were: Gordon Bailey 25, Adrian Boulton 25, Jack Arnold 23 and Gavan Edmondson 22.

The Windies bowlers were: George Ragowski 3/5, John Fanke 3/6 and Ian Little 2/1. Man of the Match award went to Bob Bremner who retired when he had scored 28 runs, and took five smart catches as wicketkeeper. He also had a bowl and finished with the figures of 0/5.

An enjoyable barbecue wound up an interesting day for the many cricketers and families and man of the match Bob Bremner has promised to go home earlier next year.



Top performers of the SEC Social League cricket premiership team (see story p.2) were, from left, batsman Ken McQualter, bowler Trevor French and the best finals performer, John Webb.



AREA
ADMINISTRATION



TRAVEL SERVICE IS \$1 MILLION INDUSTRY - BETTS

The SEC Credit Union Travel Service, introduced in Morwell and Melbourne late last year, is proving a popular innovation....

.... and with good reason.

It saves members' time, effort and money.

The travel service, operated in conjunction with Stewart Moffat World Travel Service, offers members the full range of package tours and the facility to arrange individual tours.

A three per cent travel allowance deducted from the tour prices is returned to the member.

The allowance does not apply on point-to-point travel, such as a flight from Melbourne to Sydney without accommodation.

Experienced travel consultant Bob Dickins of the Morwell office, points out that the service is not restricted to Credit Union members in Latrobe Valley or Melbourne.

"Any member of the Credit Union can ring us from anywhere in Victoria with their travel requirements and we will make all the bookings," said Bob.

The Credit Union Travel Service operates from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

Through it members can arrange to have passports collected without the usual agent's fee and can obtain travellers' cheques.

Social club secretaries can also organise package tours for groups.

SEC Credit Union manager Howard Betts estimates that travel is a \$1 million industry within the SEC.

"By having our own travel service, we are able to offer one stop holiday shopping at a discount to all our members," he said.

FOR SALE

One Metters Electric Stove. Ideal holiday house \$100 ONO. CONTACT: John Ambrosini, Morwell Ext 3111.

Snakes alive...!

Storemen at Hazelwood Stores know how to deal with unwelcome visitors especially snakes!

A 90 cm copperhead found in a drain near the store early this month finished a very dead second after tangling with Jack Sheahey (Storeman) and George Bird (Crane driver).

Jack and George put a broom to very good use in disposing of the viper.

Jack said it was the first snake he had seen in the area.

TOP AWARDS TO SEC CRICKETERS

SEC cricketers have once again performed well in the Latrobe Valley Mid-Week Cricket Association.

Central Workshops batsman Keith Roberts has taken out the batting average and aggregate, scoring 810 runs at an average of 90.

The bowling aggregate was won by Yallourn 'W's Lloyd Lewis with 40 wickets.

The fielding award went to Graeme Whitney of Morwell Briquette, with 12 points.

Batting aggregate: Keith Roberts CWS, 810 runs; Lloyd Lewis, Yallourn 'W',

469; Norm Warren, Morwell Briquette, 393; Andy Cairns, Hazelwood Blacks, 383; Geoff Roberts, CWS, 377; Eddie Dudek, Hazelwood Black, 309.

Batting average: Keith Roberts, CWS, 90; Brian Kesby, CWS, 75.6; Geoff Roberts, CWS, 54.

Bowling aggregate: Lloyd Lewis, Yallourn 'W', 40; Andy Cairns, Hazelwood Black, 38; Peter Mason, Morwell Briquette, 35; Stan Wilson, Morwell Briquette, 34.

A full report on the Mid-Week final will be in the April issue of CONTACT

SERVICE REGISTER

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

February

25 YEARS:

Bruce Ponting	Area Administration, Yallourn
Campbell Gale	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Peter Griffiths	Civil Works, Yallourn
Albert Weire	Coal, Yallourn
Alan Cairns	Yallourn power station
John Govers	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Frank Doderico	Yallourn power station
Keith Hodges	Yallourn power station
Barend Kraal	Hazelwood power station
Basil Loughnan	Yallourn power station

30 YEARS:

Eric Hornsby	Yallourn power station
Robert Young	Property Services, Yallourn
Stanislaw Sowa	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Servacius Sabrinskas	Coal, Yallourn
Francis Howard	Coal, Morwell
Edward Johnston	Transport Workshops, Yallourn
Leo Donovan	Central Workshops, Yallourn
Harold Stevens	Yallourn power station
Trevor Whitmore	Hazelwood power station
Frank Hill	Coal, Yallourn
Charlie Wells	Transmission
Bruce Johnstone	Coal, Morwell
William McHendry	Yallourn 'W' power station
Bruce Akers	Coal Headquarter, Morwell
Brian Hill	Civil Service, Survey

34 YEARS:

Jack Orr	Power Generation
Murray MacRae	Coal Production Head- quarters
James Sagar	Yallourn Workshops
James King	Transportation, Morwell

35 YEARS:

William Johnson	Coal, Yallourn
Allan Daff	Yallourn 'W' power station
Laurie Porter	Mechanical Services, Morwell

36 YEARS:

Bill Robertson	Finance Area Adminis- tration
Leslie Haines	Coal, Yallourn
Robert Male	Yallourn Workshops

37 YEARS:

Edward Gannon	Transport Workshops, Yallourn
Leslie Potter	Coal, Yallourn
William Stephens	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Richard Sagar	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Les Kite	Hazelwood Power station
John Weir	Coal, Yallourn
Kevin Noy	Public Relations, Morwell
James Dyer	Civil Works, Morwell

39 YEARS:

Norm Spital	Civil Works, Yallourn
Bill Crossman	Power Generation
Alan Walton	Drafting, Mechanical Services

40 YEARS:

Bob McDonnell	Personnel, Area Adminis- tration
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41 YEARS:

Alan Hemming	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
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42 YEARS:

Keith Lawrence	Mechanical Services, Yallourn
James Coyle	Property Services, Yallourn

43 YEARS:

Walter Melbourne	Yallourn Workshops
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44 YEARS:

Henry Taylor	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
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47 YEARS:

Alex Howlett	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
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BOWLERS HIT THEIR STRAPS



Left: Col Glen lays down a well-judged forehand bowl during the tournament, which proved a highly successful social outing.

Below: Coal Production bowls stars Joe Kirkup (left) and Stan Goding were in great form at the SEC Association of Social Clubs' bowls tourney. With a little help from their friends — Vi Kirkup and Hilda Cook — they collected trophies for the highest game card for the day.

More than 110 bowlers competed in the second annual SEC Association of Social Clubs' bowls tournament at the Morwell Bowling Club Recreation Centre earlier this month.

The successful mixed fours tournament was won by a team skippered by Jack Dummet. Other team members were Jes Dummet, Ian Campbell and Mrs. Vary.

Runners up were Bill Salisbury (Skipper), Tom and Flo Arden, Alice Williams and third was Rob Lennox (S), Tina Lennox, Bob and Joan Shaw.

Highest score went to Joe Kirkup (S), Vi Kirkup, Stan Goding and Hilda Cook.

Lowest score: Alec McCartney (S), Kitty McCartney, Jim and Tina Martin. Ernie Seabourne won the spider event.

Trophies were also presented to the eldest couple: Dave and Myrtle Spittall, of Morwell and the oldest woman, Edna Williams, of Morwell.

Association of Social Clubs' secretary Rod Doig presented trophies to winners at the evening dinner dance.



Below: You've got to be in it to win it ... which was as good a reason as any for this group to look so happy about the bowls situation.



retirements



PAT BRODIE

The first six months of Pat Brodie's retirement will be taken up with a holiday in his home land Scotland.

Pat will then return to Morwell to live with numerous visits to his holiday home at Inverloch.

Pat began his 26 years service with the Commission as a builders laborer in the Yallourn workshops in December 1952.

He then moved on to a skilled builders laborer in January 1953, later becoming a painter.

In January 1959 he transferred as a painter to General Services, Morwell. He also worked as a painter with Briquette production and Civil Works, Morwell, the position from which he retired.

At an informal farewell function in the Morwell Workshops training centre, Civil Works Engineer Ian McBain presented Pat with a radio cassette complete with several Scottish tapes — just to get him in the right mood for his overseas trip.

FOR SALE

Sunwagon campervan. 4 berth, all accessories. Excellent conditions — \$1300. CONTACT: F. Roncan, Survey (Yallourn). Extension 2434. A/H 27 4461.



GEORGE CASSAR

Among George Cassar's early retirement plans is a holiday in Malta.

After 27 years with the Commission, George decided to call it a day on January 9 this year.

He began with the Commission in June 1952 as a laborer with Morwell Stores. He worked as a laborer until becoming a storeman in 1954 and then a tripper with Coal, Morwell in 1959.

While with Coal Production, George has worked in a number of different jobs.

During a farewell function at the Morwell Coal Production offices, Coal Operations Overseer Tom O'Neill presented George with a cassette radio, a clock and a wallet and notes from his workmates.

GREG BRYLYCZ

Greg Brylycz will continue to live in Newborough in retirement.



He retired from the Commission on January 9 after more than 15 years service.



TIM FOGARTY

Pictured with Tim is a former YPS supervisor, Dick Sullivan.

An overseas trip is often the first priority on the program for SEC employees ... but Yallourn Power Station Services Overseer Tim Fogarty is reversing the trend.

He'll stay at home in Yallourn North to welcome an overseas visitor, a married daughter now resident in America.

Tim, who retired on February 6, completed a round of three functions before finally ending an SEC career spanning 50 years, all of them spent in the Yallourn area, mainly at Yallourn Power Station.

He began as a pickman in the Yallourn open cut in February 1964.

Soon after beginning as a pickman he was transferred to the position of platelayer in the open cut, remaining there until retirement.

At a farewell function in the Auxiliary depot canteen, Engineer in Charge, Auxiliary Operations, Brian Francis, presented Greg with a wallet and notes on behalf of his workmates.

First engaged as a "nipper" — Lad Laborer — in 1929, Tim became apprentice boilermaker two years later and served as fully fledged boilermaker from 1936 until appointment as Leading Hand in 1951.

Promotion to foreman in 1970 was followed by reclassification to Overseer, Grade 1 and final promotion to Overseer, Grade 2.

Tim's 50 years of service was formally recognised at a function in the YPS C Station canteen, where Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson presented him with a gold watch on behalf of the SEC.

An album of photos tracing the development of Yallourn Power Station will bring back many memories for Tim, who was also presented with a gas barbecue by Mechanical Maintenance Engineer Col Harvey.

A bouquet of flowers was presented to Tim's wife Cath.

FOR SALE

Block of land 18 metres by 36 metres in Bridles Estate, Morwell — 15 Tambo Crescent. CONTACT: D. Krohn 34 2629 or Ext. 3232.

valley visitors



West German oil from coal mission

A party of top level West German Government and industry representatives had a first hand look at Latrobe Valley brown coal developments last month.

The party was in Australia to present the results of a preliminary study preceding a full feasibility study into the development of plants to produce oil from Australian coal.

Accompanied by Minerals and Energy Minister Mr. Balfour, Commission representatives and officers of the Victorian Brown Coal Council, the party toured Morwell and Yallourn and the Loy Yang project.

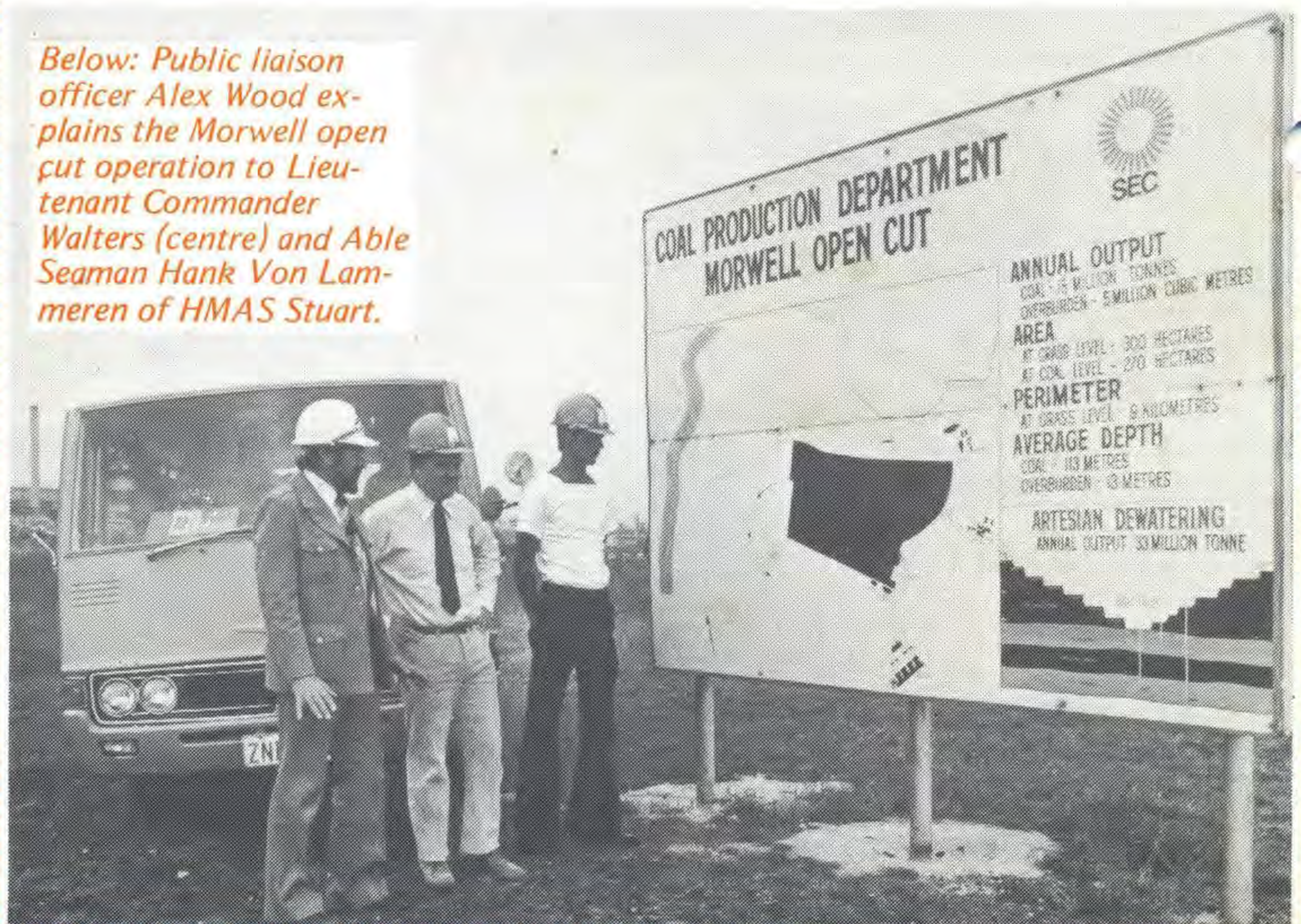
At a dinner in the Latrobe Valley visitors centre at Morwell on February 22 they met local Federal and State MPs as well as representatives of local government and others connected with brown coal developments in the area.

The West German party was led by Professor K. H. Imhausen of Imhausen-

Chemie and Dr. A. Ziegler of the West German Ministry of Research and Technology.

Pictured are (from left) AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce, Professor Imhausen, Minerals and Energy Minister Mr. Balfour and Dr. Ziegler during an inspection of Morwell Open Cut.

Below: Public liaison officer Alex Wood explains the Morwell open cut operation to Lieutenant Commander Walters (centre) and Able Seaman Hank Von Lammeren of HMAS Stuart.



AHOY THERE !

Twenty Royal Australian Navy electrical technicians from the destroyer escort HMAS Stuart found themselves a long way from the ocean waves early last month.

Led by the ship's commanding officer, Lieutenant Commander Richard Walters, they spent a day in the Latrobe Valley inspecting Commission undertakings.

For the sailors, who are more familiar with power generated within the confines of a warship, the tour was an eye-opener on a grand scale.

HMAS Stuart, which arrived at the Williamstown Naval Dockyard early in February, will be decommissioned in April. The ship is at the dockyard to undergo a 2½ year modernisation program.