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Another fine effort by employees

All Smiles at the cheque presentation were, (from left.) Auxiliary President June Mayze, Secretary Margaret Green, Appeal organiser Geoff Ryan and treasurer Phyllis Round.



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DEAF CHILDREN BENEFIT BY \$1722.25

The SEC's annual Central Gippsland Auxiliary Appeal for the Victorian School for Deaf Children received a sizeable boost on Friday, June 22.

An SEC employees cheque for \$1722.95 was presented to Auxiliary President June Mayze, secretary Margaret Green and treasurer Phyllis Round by appeal organiser Mr. Geoff Ryan.

The SEC's acting Secretarial Officer Neil Hustwaite also attended the informal function in the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre at Morwell.

FROM SEC APPEAL

Mr. Hustwaite said the appeal enjoyed wide spread support throughout the Latrobe Valley works areas because it was such a worthy appeal.

The money was from an appeal conducted within the SEC's Latrobe Valley works areas. It brought the Auxiliary's Central Gippsland total, for this year, to more than \$2,800.

Department totals were; Area Administration \$267.53, Engineering Ser-

vices \$512.49, Transmission Operations \$108,40, Coal Production \$191.81, and Power Generation \$643.23.

Auxiliary secretary Mrs. Green expressed the auxiliary's appreciation for the excellent support given each year by the SEC employees through out the Latrobe Valley to the appeal.

In the 13 years since the first appeal within the SEC for the Victorian School for Deaf Children, more than

\$11,500 has been raised by SEC employees.

The money attracts a generous \$4 to \$1 State government subsidy.

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Cover

ONE of the hundreds of Latrobe Valley students to look over the Annual SEC Career Exhibition was Moe High School student Katie Grimes. She is pictured with (from left) Electrical Operations Officer Howard Jensen and apprentice linesmen David Graham and Malcolm Smith. Full story page 7.

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History is made at Jeeralang

Jeeralang 'B' gas turbine station is making history.

As the cladding operation gets under way it's believed to be the first time that the French acoustic galvanised steel, backed with fibre glass, has been used in the Latrobe Valley.

The 212-tonne turbines and 160-tonne generators, which come fully assembled and tested from France represent the some of the largest loads ever to be brought into the Latrobe Valley.

It's the first time the French company Alsthom-Atlantique, who have the contract for the \$30 million project, have worked for the SEC.

The project which started in August 1978 is progressing on schedule with the first 80 megawatt turbine due to come on stream in November, and turbines two and three to follow in January and February.

The workforce at present numbers 118 but it will peak to 200 in August when ancillary works get under way.



WORKK is progressing steadily on Jeeralang 'B' gas turbine station south of Morwell.

Asbestos education program

A team of 45 employees who will conduct the Operations Group asbestos education program have completed a series of intensive training sessions.

The education program, which will cover all Operations Group employees, is scheduled to begin early in August.

Instructors selected from all works areas have attended three-day training workshops designed to provide detailed information on a program aimed at achieving the containment or replacement of all asbestos applications within the Operations Group no later than December 1980.

The workshops have also provided training in presentation and the use of visual aids.

Information sessions will be run for groups of about 30 employees at a time. Each session will relate to the particular asbestos working conditions likely to be

experienced by each group.

An audio visual presentation and written material have been prepared for use in the program.

The information sessions are scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

WOW! What a windmill

The biggest windmill in the world - with blades as big as Boeing 707 wings - has begun generating electricity.

United States officials hope the \$5.3 million experimental windmill will be the first step towards using

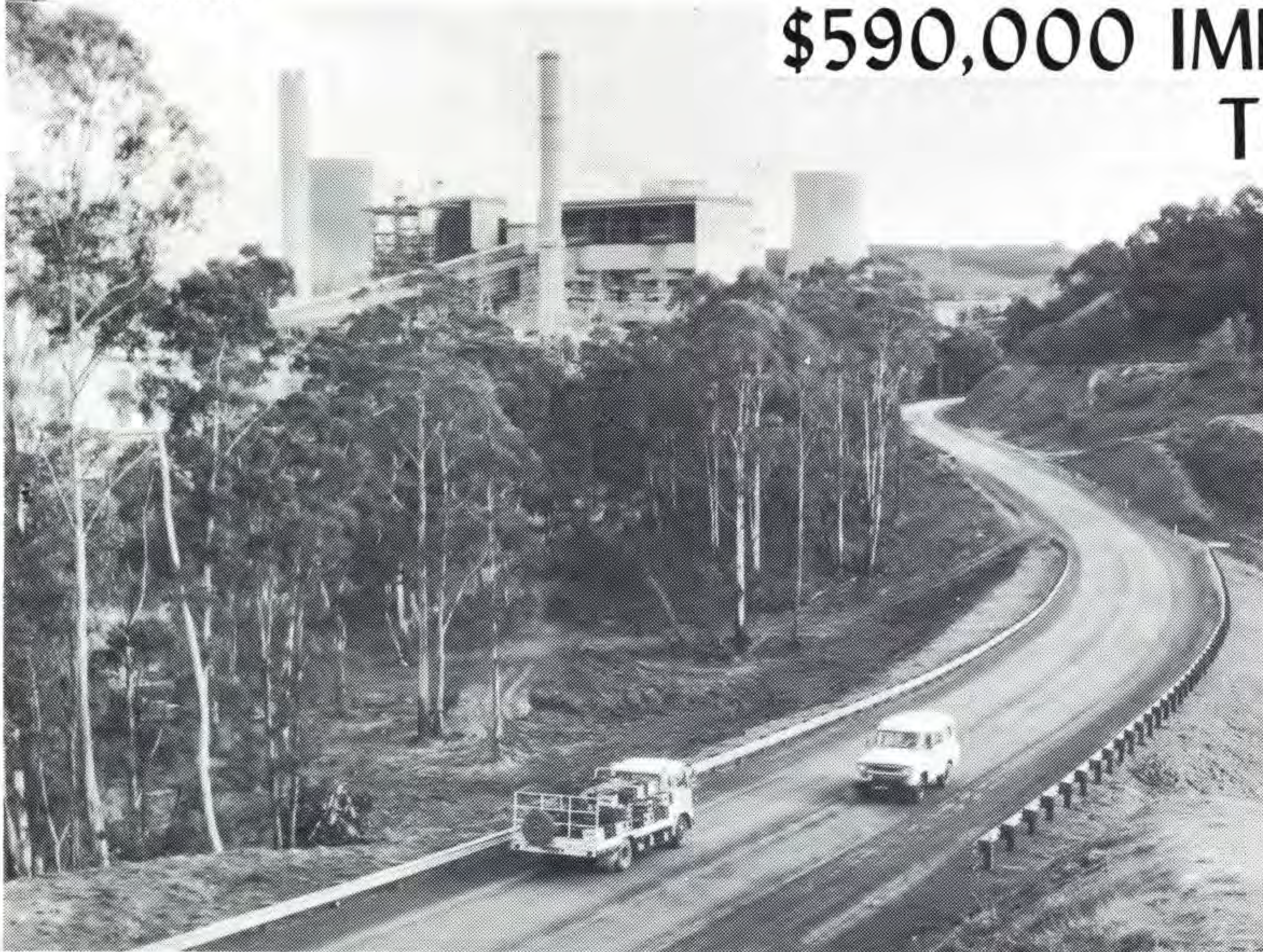
wind power as an alternative energy source.

Sited on top of the Blue Ridge Mountains, North Carolina, the mill will produce enough electricity for 500 homes when the wind blows at 40 kmh.

Officials believe this electricity will eventually cost less than that produced from coal, oil or nuclear fuel.

They estimate between four and six per cent of the United States electricity needs could be provided from wind by the year 2000.

\$590,000 IMPROVEMENT TO LATROBE RIVER ROAD



The new realigned Latrobe River Road linking Yallourn and Yallourn North will be sealed later this year.

The 1.6 kilometre stretch extends east from junction of Reserve Street and Latrobe River Road, and then south through part of an old Yallourn open cut area. It is in sharp contrast to the old winding road, with its series of sharp twists and bends.

Motorists now use a more direct route with only two curves, each with a wide radius.

Work on the \$590,000 road began in April last year under the supervision of Engineering Services Department. Forestry section carried out the extensive batter stabilisation work on the new road.

The project involved a 100,000 cubic metre cut and fill operation as well as the construction of the new road.

Electrical fitter Ken Downs receives his \$200 suggestion scheme cheque from Electrical Workshops Engineer, Geoff Hall.



The Latrobe River Road (pictured above) with Yallourn 'W' power station in the background.



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Ken is \$200 richer for suggestion

Electrical fitter Ken Downs is \$200 richer thanks to a suggestion he made through the Suggestion Scheme.

Ken's suggestion was to secure items for transportation, i.e. large rotors, motors,

and other transportable items, to all battery trucks and trolleys by fitting boeing truck winches.

Past practice has been to use rope or wire slings using turnbuckles to secure large objects for transportation.

This requires accuracy in determining the length and strength of slings, size of rope and obtaining turnbuckles. Both are time and labor consuming.

Ken's suggested method has several advantages including, time saving, labor sav-

ing, it's safe, ease of handling, no storage necessary, always at hand, minimum cost, and maintenance free.

Electrical Workshops Engineer Geoff Hall presented the \$200 Suggestion Scheme cheque to Ken.

Personal safety will not be compromised

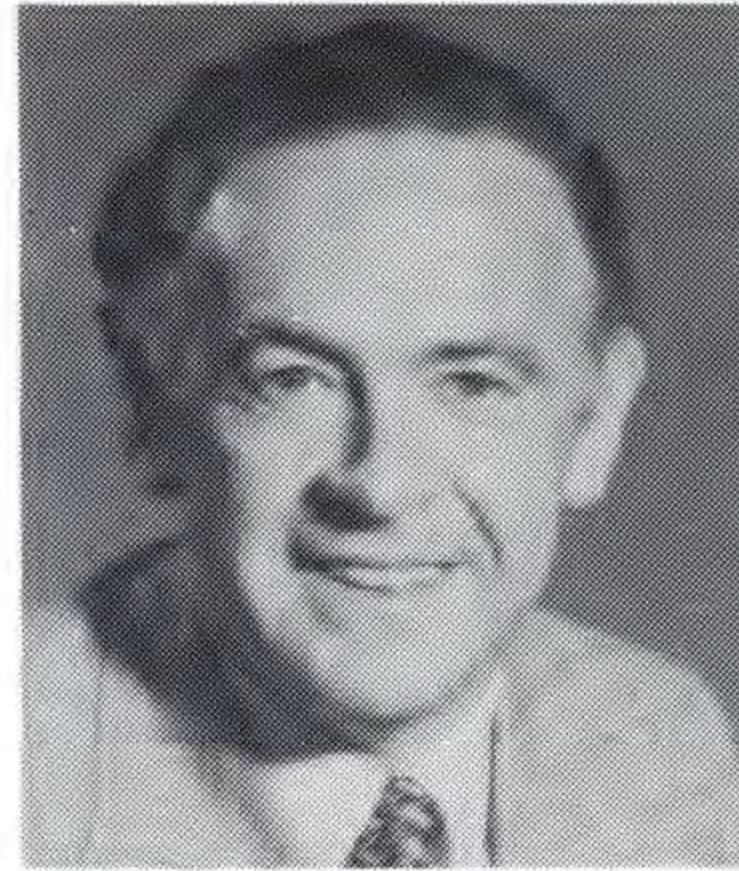
IN AN organisation such as ours, accidents are an ever-present threat. However, effective management, which includes a vital concern for people, will ensure that the factors leading to accidents are identified and controlled.

Good intentions need to be translated into action and our accident prevention policy clearly points the way.

Every project should be seen as a challenge to implement accident prevention policy; every hazard an opportunity to introduce safe practices; every person a reason for safety and every person a vital member of the safety team.

Management has the task of providing the drive, steering in the right direction and reviewing progress along the way.

All employees, as a team, have their part to play and together we can create a safer, better working environment.



Charles Trethowan,
SEC, Chairman.



Accident prevention policy

EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT with commitment and personal involvement at all levels is necessary to maintain a safe working organisation.

PERSONAL SAFETY MUST NOT BE COMPROMISED in the mistaken belief that other requirements are more important.

WORK SHOULD BE PLANNED AND CONTROLLED in such a way that hazardous situations are avoided.

THE FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING necessary to prevent accidents shall be provided as an integral part of every job.

TEAM WORK is vital in achieving our accident prevention goals.

Indians make history

Indian consulting engineers have won their first Australian contract.

Desein (New Delhi) Private Limited tendered successfully for the \$1.4 million contract to build the 4 km ash-line from Yallourn Power Station to Yallourn open cut and a return water system to the power station.

Executive vice-president

of the company, Mr. N. P. Gupta, will manage the project contract.

Pictured preparing the groundwork are (left to right) SEC carpenter Mick Burnett, Gary Wells and Frank Ross.

Work on the \$900,000 footing and foundations for the line to Yallourn 'W', began in March and is due for completion in October.



Letter to Editor

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank you — the SEC — for the kindness it showed my dog, the Afghan, that was found in your area and also for locating me.

I would also like you to thank Mr. Harry Luke (SEC Ranger) for me, who helped greatly in this matter.

Please accept my appreciation for the consideration you gave my dog and myself.

J. Martin
Warrigal Road
Mentone.



Doug Van Opijnen shows his strength by lifting on to his shoulders, Mario Gatt (left) and his brother Ian, during one of his training sessions at the Yallourn Technical College Hall.

DOUG'S AIM IS TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIA

To represent Australia in world weightlifting championships in four years time is the aim of Doug Van Opijnen of Newborough.

(fourth year apprentice fitter and turner) are also performing well at weightlifting.

A second year boiler-maker apprentice with the SEC, Doug is currently the Australian mid-heavyweight under 20 title holder.

Ian is the Australian under 14 champion, in his own bodyweight, and Mario, who has been lifting for six months, has managed to take out the Victorian country lightweight championship.

At 16 Doug's future in weightlifting is bright.

He also holds the Victorian under 17 and 20 titles and has won numerous trophies since he began weightlifting at the Yallourn Technical College two years ago.

Ian, Doug's younger brother, and Mario Gatt

FOR SALE

Second hand wardrobe and cane deck chair. CONTACT Greg Forte, Ext. 2451.

It has taken
16 years....
but it's been
worth it

Sixteen years of effort have finally paid off for the Morwell RSL Greens billiard team.

At the recent grand final of the Latrobe Valley Amateur Billiards Association they pulled off the premiership for the first time.

The present six man team who have been playing together for five years includes four SEC employees from Hazelwood power station.



Our picture (above) shows the winning line-up (left to right): Bob Davidson, operator; Alec Lawrence, electrical tool storeman; Peter Buckley, rigger, and Eric

Hutton, electrical plant section, maintenance overseer.

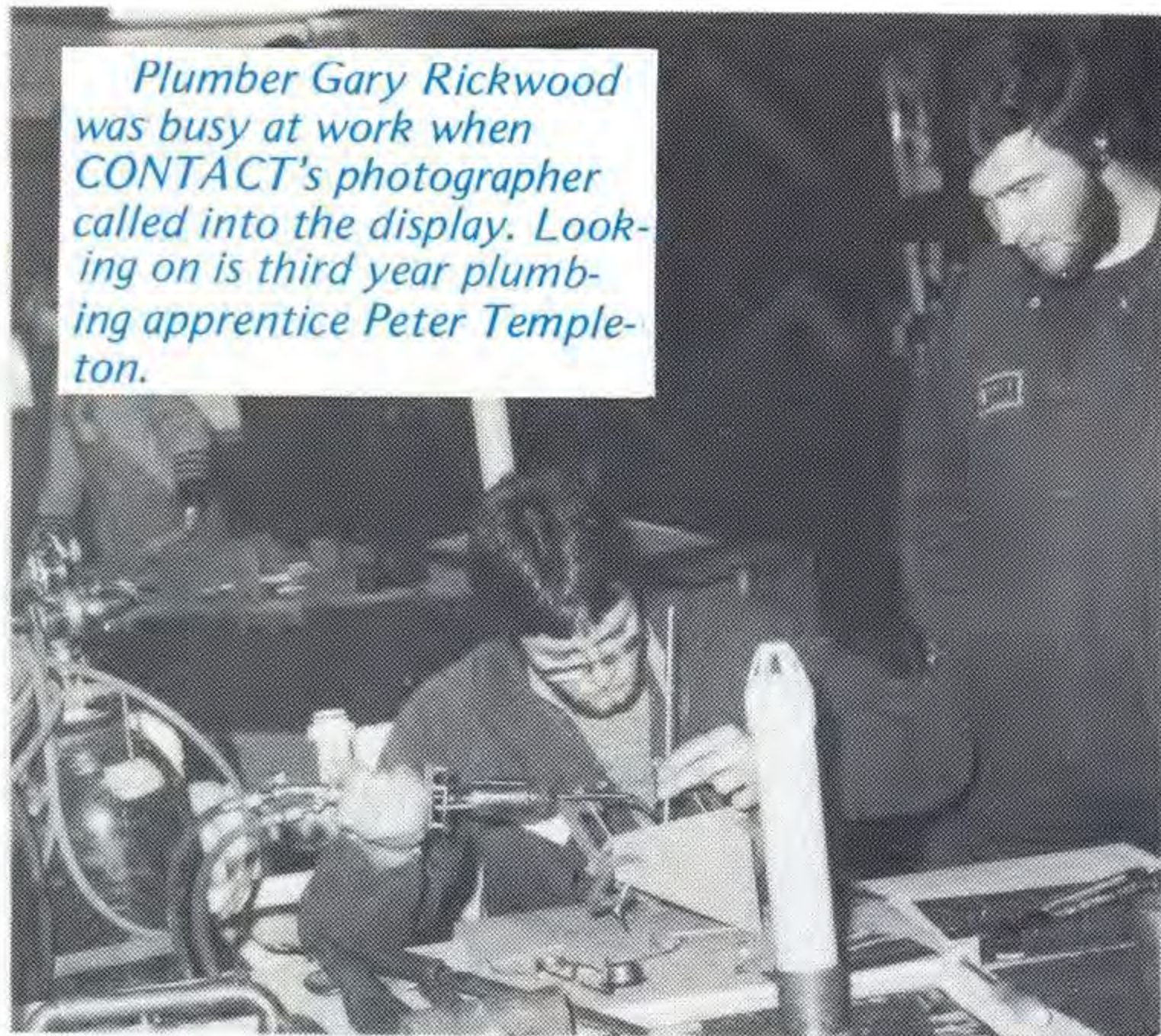
Other team members are Cliff Gaunt of Morwell and Danny Duggan who works at Yallourn 'W'.

A jubilant Eric Hutton said: "Brilliant. We finally cracked it".

They certainly did it in style, with a 5-1 win over Warragul Club Reds at Traralgon RSL.

2000 Gippsland people look over exhibition

Plumber Gary Rickwood was busy at work when CONTACT's photographer called into the display. Looking on is third year plumbing apprentice Peter Templeton.



More than 2000 people visited the SEC's career display in Morwell Town Hall from July 10-13 and the Commission was delighted with the interest it generated.

Training and Development Officer, Les Hunt, described the display as an "educative exercise to give schools, parents and students an idea of the scope of opportunities within the Commission so they can make an informed choice of career".

He emphasised: "Students who give up maths and science in favor of

Instructor Helmut Korav looks on as apprentice carpenters Ken Young (left) and Simon Van Der Weide go about their work.

other subjects run the risk of closing the door on career opportunities within the Commission and elsewhere".

More than 100 SEC employees manned the working display, which included many exhibits prepared by apprentices and gave students the chance to talk first hand with apprentices, trainees and supervisors.

Twenty Gippsland schools visited the display, and many students returned a second time with their parents.

Close to 300 jobs are available to young people in 1980. Two hundred and forty young people - apprentices, sub-professional, professional and commercial recruits - will start by January and 50 more in July.



SEC welcomes air quality policy

The SEC has welcomed ease of the EPA Draft policy for the Protection of the Air Environment of Victoria, Chairman Charles Trethowan said this week.

Mr. Trethowan described the draft as "a considerable achievement by the EPA and its consultants".

He said that for some years the SEC had sought more complete air environment guidelines.

"Planning future power stations has presented some difficulties in the absence of declared standards, and the draft policy should provide a very effective framework for resolution of some important questions. Initial study of the draft policy indicates that there are a

number of matters of detail which should be clarified or reviewed.

"Careful consideration will have to be given to balancing the needs of the community for reasonably priced energy, with the cost and effectiveness of various air pollutant control measures.

"The SEC pledges its support to the EPA in the work which needs to be done in the next few months in finalising the policy.

"We will be happy to cooperate by using our engineering and scientific resources to assist in resolution of the technical issues in which the SEC has some expertise.

"We note that the EPA's consultants confirm the view that the air quality in the

Latrobe Valley is generally satisfactory.

"Our own monitoring data has shown this, and we have made a tremendous investment in air pollution control equipment in our power stations to ensure that this remains so.

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CONTACT: Alex Wood, Ext. 3244.

"The draft policy identifies the Latrobe Valley as an area of special significance (an air quality control region) because of the projected enormous expansion in electrical generating capacity and other major energy projects which are foreseen for the future.

"The results of the major study of the Latrobe Valley air shed recently launched by the SEC, EPA and the LVW & SB will be the most effective means of keeping under review future air quality conditions in the Valley.

"From this it will be possible to progressively develop the required air quality control measures," Mr. Trethowan said.


**ENGINEERING
SERVICES**

Bill Shaw (centre) explains his award winning suggestion to Manager Engineering Services, Ray Greenwood (left) and Acting Yallourn Workshop Superintendent Geoff Fullard.

470 reasons to be happy with Suggestions Scheme



Bill Unthank and Bill Shaw are more than happy with the results of suggestions they made to the SEC Suggestion Scheme in fact there are 470 reasons why the pair are happy.

Bill Unthank received a \$350 award and Bill Shaw \$120 for their efforts.

A suggestion to modify C and D station feeder scraper bolts by Bill Unthank was simple but very practical. The bolts were modified to facilitate cotter pin drilling.

The modification required the first three bolt threads be machined to root diameters. This eliminates the difficulty in commencing drilling. It also makes re-screwing unnecessary. Under existing arrangements this has had to be done to clear the thread.

Bill Shaw's suggestion was to improve the gudgeon retaining pinholes in the gudgeon block on 26 and 33 tonne coal truck doors.

Manager Engineering Services Ray Greenwood presented the Suggestion Scheme cheques to the men in the Yallourn Central Workshops.

SEC comes to aid of ETSA

The SEC's Yallourn Central Workshops has come to the aid of the Electricity Trust of South Australia.

They repaired a bent shaft on a 120 megawatt Parsons turbine rotor from the Torrens Island power station near Adelaide.

The 12 tonne rotor was transported from Adelaide for repairs.

Special equipment was manufactured at Yallourn workshops, to enable the rotor to be turned without causing damage, as well as equipment required to heat the rotor barrel and to cool the stub.



The rotor was balanced at Hazelwood power station following the successful exercise, then returned to Torrens Island all within four weeks.

The tradesmen involved in the project were fitters, boilermakers/welders, machinists and electricians.

Bill Unthank had every reason to smile when Manager, Engineering Services, Ray Greenwood presented him with a \$350 Suggestion Scheme cheque in the Yallourn workshops.

SEC TO SPEND \$3 MILLION ON PRINCES HIGHWAY

Upgrading existing bridges and building new ones

MORE than \$3 million will be spent by the SEC in upgrading existing bridges and building new ones on the Princes Highway, between Melbourne and Loy Yang power station project.

Chairman, Mr. Charles Trethowan, said this week the work would be done for the SEC by the Country Roads Board.

Mr. Trethowan said that as road system had to be upgraded to carry the loads for Loy Yang, and the Princes Highway route was a practical one, the SEC had chosen it over alternatives.

"We believe Victorians generally will get greater benefit from improvements to the Princes Highway than to other roads we might have chosen," he said.

One of the major jobs will be the construction of a bridge over the Bunyip River, at Bunyip, at an estimated cost of \$550,000.

The Dandenong Creek bridge at Dandenong will be upgraded at a cost of \$320,000.

At Beaconsfield, some \$300,000 will be spent on improvements to the Cardinia Creek bridge, and near Pakenham, \$120,000 has been set aside for upgrading the Ararat Creek bridge.

Near Nilma, \$350,000 will be spent on the Little Moe River bridge and at Yarragon, bridgework across the Moe River will cost \$390,000.

Two other bridges to be upgraded are near Trafalgar, over Loch Creek and over Mosquito Creek at a combined cost of about \$230,000.

Some bridgework has already started, and upgrading of three bridges on the highway has been virtually completed.

Completed work includes upgrading the Narracan Creek Bridge (\$42,000), Eumemmerring and Toomuc Creek bridge (\$110,000) and Wirraway Street bridge in Moe (\$45,000).

A turning loop on the Mulgrave Freeway north of the Princes Highway at Dandenong is also complete at a cost of approximately \$60,000.

Mr. Trethowan said other improvements on the highway were being planned in co-operation with Morwell and Warragul Shire Councils.

"We have asked the Country Roads Board and the Shires to build on the basis of maximum loads of 560 tonnes gross. This provides for a 350 tonne payload.

"It will mean we will be able to move the largest component for Loy Yang - a 310 tonne generator transformer unit - and still have a reserve capacity for possible larger units in the future," Mr. Trethowan said.

He said lesser amounts would be spent along the route from Melbourne docks to the Latrobe Valley, upgrading culverts, street intersections, railway crossings and overhead street conductors.

The bridge strengthening program is intended to be progressively completed to permit the movement of a 214 tonne load in March 1981 and a 310 tonne load in September 1981.

De Campo Dr. open next month

FIRST stage of the new De Campo Drive access Road into Yallourn will be opened to traffic early next month.

Acting Engineering Services Manager, Max Williamson said this week a one kilometre section of new road from Haunted Hills Road to Coach Road would be winter-sealed within the next week.

Mr. Williamson said Boola Crescent, Tarwin Grove and Driffield Road would be closed to traffic when the new road opened.

Advancement of Yallourn Open Cut will require closure of the existing Yallourn access road - Hernes Oak Road late in August.

Earthworks have started on stage two of De Campo Drive from Coach Road to Church Street - which is expected to be sealed and open to traffic later this year.

Construction of the new road is estimated to cost \$420,000.

The late Bill De Campo who was the Assistant General Manager (Operations) for four years, was highly regarded throughout the Latrobe Valley, not least in Yallourn, where he took a special interest in the welfare of Yallourn residents and in the activities of Yallourn organisations.

His name will continue to be associated with Yallourn through the naming of the new access road.

Thinking of travel

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JACK VINES

Back from China

Manager Coal Production Jack Vines returned to the Latrobe Valley from his four week, Australian Government Coal Mission to China as CONTACT went to press.

He was one of eight Australian experts in the party.

During the mission the party visited mining operations and gave technical seminars in Mongolia, Northern and Western China.

CONTACT will have a story on his visit in the August issue.

\$485,000 amenities building is a goer

Coal Production maintenance employees have settled into their new \$485,000 amenities building at the Eastern end of the Morwell workshops.

The building, opened April this year, covers more than 1260 square metres.

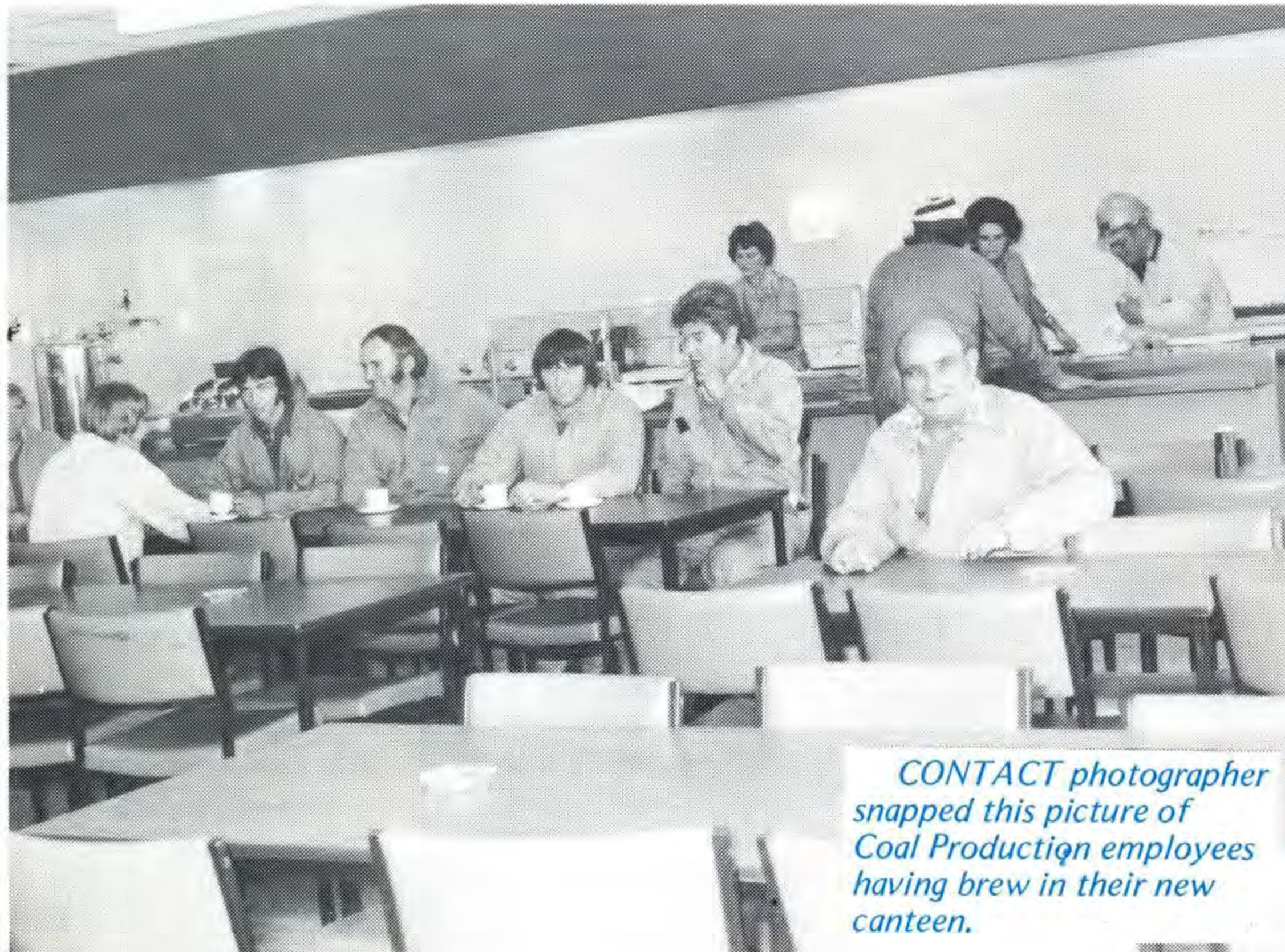
Included in the modern design complex, which has provision for more than 200 men, is a kiosk, canteen, locker room, toilets, showers and offices.

The new amenities block replaces the Hawkesley amenities hut next to Bay 1, which will be relocated.

Work began on the project in January 1978 and was completed in April this year.

FOR SALE

A six berth 16 feet Millard caravan in excellent condition. \$1000 - below list price. CONTACT: Ian Miller, 6 Francis St, Moe.



CONTACT photographer snapped this picture of Coal Production employees having brew in their new canteen.

Electrical ties with Thailand

Eight representatives of the Thai equivalent to the SEC will visit the Latrobe Valley this winter for training on exploration and development of brown coal open cuts.

The men from EGAT (Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand) aged 26 - 40 years are civil, mechanical,

electrical and mining engineers and geologists.

They will be based at Yallourn and Morwell open cuts during their visits from mid July to the end of October.

They'll investigate the planning of open cuts, evaluation and cost analysis, computer programming in

mining and coal handling systems.

The Thais are visiting Australia under the Columbo plan — a Federal Government sponsored scheme to assist Asian countries with technological training programs.

In the course of their five month Australian trip

they will also visit coal and electricity authorities in South Australia, West Australia and New South Wales.

And more visitors from abroad: two West German students arrived on July 19 to work for three months at the Morwell and Yallourn open cuts, under an International work experience exchange system.



AREA
ADMINISTRATION

Branch's future nipped in the bud

THIS padlock certainly closed the door on the branch's blossoming future . . . but it tells a story about the past.

Senior Patrolman Ed Keating of Yallourn spotted the padlocked branch on the ground one day at work.

"I found it above the old Yallourn open cut where the foreman's office used to be many years ago. There used to be a fence and a gate.

"Someone must have unlocked the gate and hung up the lock on a limb of a tree . . . and it's been there ever since.

"The branch is so thin where it's growing through the lock. It must have finally restricted

supplies of sap to the point where the branch withered and dropped off", he said.

Now the open cut is disused, the office has gone - and there's not

even a pine tree there anymore.

Ed Keating, a Narracan Shire Councillor since 1961, and twice past president, stands for re-election on August 9.



Churchill Fellowship to Mike Meany

It's been a good year for Yallourn apprentice training overseer (electrical) Mike Meany.

Last month he was awarded the coveted national medal for services to Australia and now he has received a Churchill Fellowship for 1980.

Mike will study engineering apprenticeship training in Great Britain.

He was one of 13 Victorians and the only Gippslander to be awarded a fellowship.

The fellowship will pay his air fares, all accommodation, all internal travel and incidental expenses while in Great Britain.

Mike, who will be away for 12 weeks, believes industry in Australia is about to enter a period where skilled tradesmen will be in short supply.

Beginning as an electrical apprentice, Mike has been with the SEC for more than 20 years.

Congratulations were in order when Jim (left) and Dennis (right) Meany met up with their older brother Mike earlier this month. Jim works at Hazelwood power station while Dennis is with Coal Production, Yallourn.





FOOTBALL MATCH PROVIDED PLENTY OF ENTERTAINMENT

Tests and Communications and Transmission footballers provided an entertaining afternoon for their many fans at the Yinnar football oval on Sunday, July 15, when they competed for the annual "Archie Marshall" Perpetual shield.

Transmission narrowly defeated Tests and Communications 5-5-35 points to 3-12-30 in a match which was described as "The Battle of the Bulge".

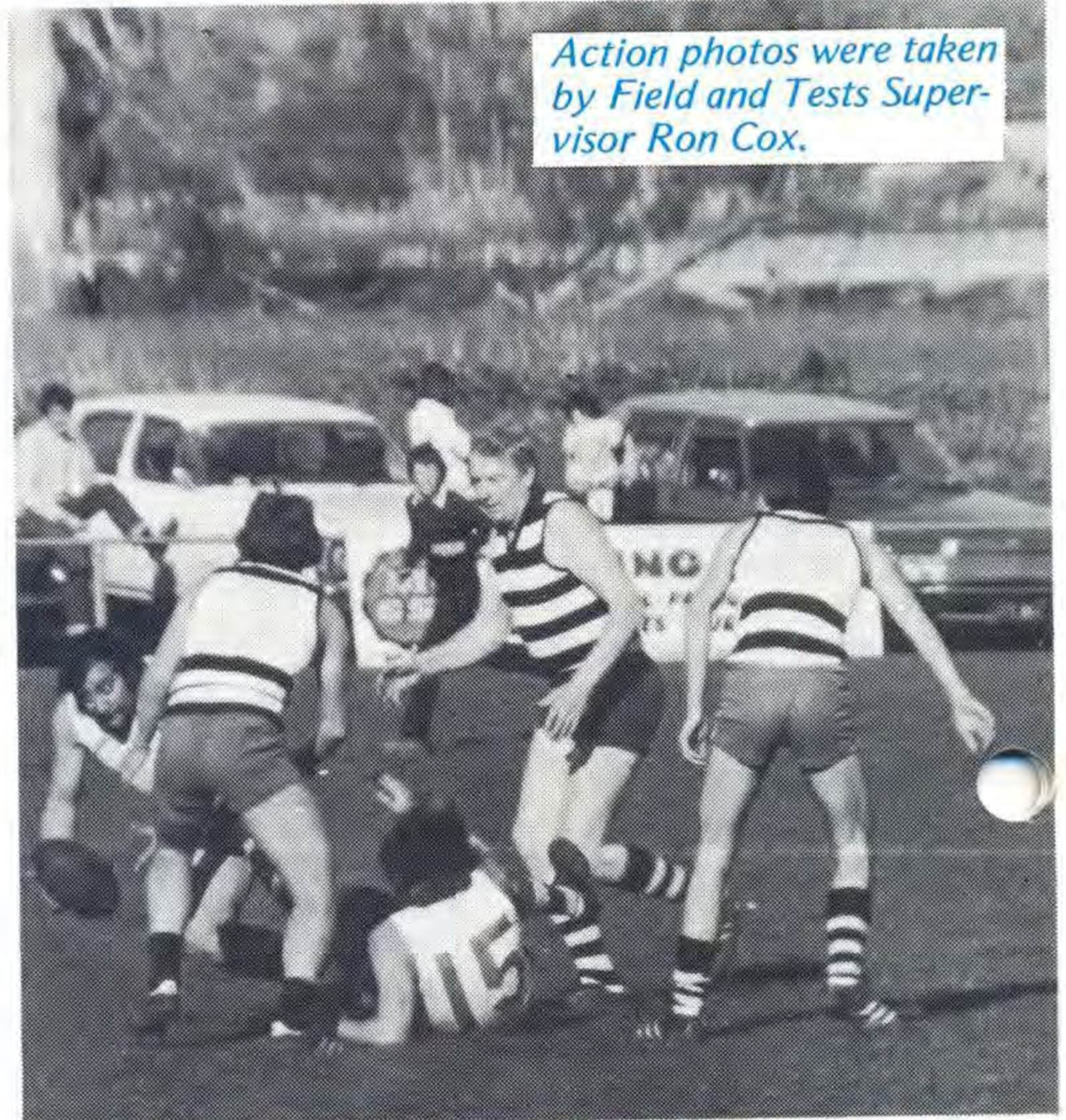
One highlight of the game was the ability of the former-soccer players to handle the "funny" ball as shown by the screamer of an overhead mark by "Up there Cazaly" Church in the dying minutes of the game.

Another highlight was the amusement provided by the desperate attempts of one "oldie" to control the ample girth of his opposite number (good on you Bob - it must have been a great party).

Spectators were thrilled by the play of the youngsters Bradley Cox, Michael Abson, Keith Church, Bruce Welsh and Iain Edmondson - their efforts were exemplified by Michael Abson valiantly clinging to his three sizes bigger opponent but not getting the "free" because he didn't retard the man - like a flag trying to pull over the flagpole.

Best of an even winning combination were Greg Trembath, Tolly Politcha, Geoff Horne, Gordon Bailey, Tom Aberlic and Tom Thompson. Tests and Communications Social Club best by Greg Elliott, Grub Meldich, Bob Bremner, Ron Crozier, Ian Little and Douce Doubajic.

An enjoyable barbecue followed the football match and again Transmission Social took the honors by outlasting their opponents around the fire (pity the wood ran out and you had to go home Alf).



Action photos were taken by Field and Tests Supervisor Ron Cox.

Joe Gatta breaks away from the pack, while Rodney Vogel (No. 3), Grub Meldich (No. 15), Gavan Edmondson (third from left) and Ralph Nelson (No. 9) look on.



Captain/coaches Gavan Edmondson (left, Transmission Social Club) and Bob Bremner (Tests and Communications) display the hard fought for Archie Marshall Memorial shield.

Douce Doubajic clears the ball under pressure from Tom Thompson, while Stan Urhane shades the sun from his eyes, roving is Michael Abson (far right).



POWER GENERATION

Mechanical Maintenance boilermakers Group 7A were all smiles after receiving their National Safety Council of Australia's pennant and certificate.



GROUP 7A ACHIEVE A SAFETY FIRST

Hazelwood power station's Mechanical Maintenance Group 7A has achieved a group first.

It has reached 100,000 man-hours without a lost time injury. Its previous best was 85,000 manhours.

This record represents more than two years without a LTI . . . not bad for a group of 38 employees, whose work involves a high hazard risk.

Their work involves general maintenance in main pulverising mills, coal feeders, coal chutes, boiler work internal and external and slot bunkers.

The group consists of boilermakers and trades assistants.

At an informal presentation function in the HPS lecture room Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson presented group representatives Doug Woods and Ian Dickason with the NSCA pennant and certificate.

Incidentally the group is still going strong and to date has knotted up 132,933 manhours.

FRANK TALKED HIS WAY INTO FINAL

Hazelwood Industrial Chemist Frank Percy of Morwell has won the Metropolitan semi-final of the Victorian Rostrum Clubs annual 'Joe Davis' Public speaking competition.

Representing the Morwell Rostrum Club No. 27 Frank competed in the semi-final at Telecom House in Melbourne.

Frank competed against seven other quarter finalists from Melbourne and metropolitan Rostrum Clubs.

The title of Frank's 10-minute speech was "Refuge of a weak mind" which had the correct balance of impact, humor and emotive appeal to win the competition.

Frank now joins Barry Ross (Principal Surveyor, Morwell) and Malcolm Grey (Formerly of GLV 10 Traralgon), who have represented Latrobe Valley in the final. This year's final was being held at Melbourne

University when CONTACT went to press.

During his three years with the Morwell Club Frank has gained experience in various executive posts including president. Currently he is club critic.

He also has drama interests and has played leading roles in a number of theatrical performances in the Latrobe Valley.

Frank says training in both public speaking and in meeting procedure together with other activities including competitions and debates is open to the public, either male or female over 18.

For further details contact either, Club President Bob Gaulton, Ext. 5508, John Hill, 3765, Roy Brenton, 5184 or Tom Davey, 5268.



Frank Percy proudly displays the trophy he won for winning the semi-final in Melbourne. Fellow Rostrum members Tom Davey (left) and Ian Borthwick add their congratulations.

SERVICE REGISTER

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

25 YEARS

Arnold Rumba	Central Workshops Yallourn
James Callaghan	Yallourn Power Station
Raymond Weston	Yallourn Open Cut
Henry Duff	Morwell Open Cut
Brian Simpson	Civil Works Yallourn
Kenneth Griffiths	Yallourn power station
Herbert Camm	Property Services, Yallourn
Theo Stroop	Yallourn Power Station
Bernard Gerrish	Central Workshops Yallourn
Norman Bowles	Yallourn 'W' power station
Arthur Newey	Transmission Services Latrobe Valley
Henry Lane	Hazelwood Power Station

30 YEARS

William Evans	Yallourn Power Station
Frank Daddo	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Rupert Bobsien	Central Workshops Yallourn
Arthur Furness	Yallourn Open Cut

31 YEARS

James Ludlow	Catering Yallourn
Denis Barry-Murphy	Yallourn Power Station

32 YEARS

Julius Tadday	Yallourn Open Cut
Frederick Blucher	Transmission Services, Latrobe Valley
Frank Williams	Civil Services, Yallourn
Colin Gordon	Yallourn Power Station
Keith Crooke	Yallourn open cut
Colin Somers	Hazelwood power station
Norman Maxfield	Transport Workshops, Yallourn

33 YEARS

Charles Spark	Yallourn Open Cut
Leslie Wurlod	Yallourn Power Station
John Embleton	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Ian Smith	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Andrew Smith	Material and Services, Yallourn

35 YEARS

George Theobald	Yallourn Power Station
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38 YEARS

Neville Lawrence	Yallourn Power Station
Irving Ballie	Civil Services, Yallourn

39 YEARS

John Arnold	Civil Services, Yallourn
John Haughton	Central Workshops, Morwell

41 YEARS

William Smith	Yallourn Power Station
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retirement



BERT LESTER

After more than 44 years working with the Commission Bert Lester is hanging up his hat — and he hopes to enjoy his new found leisure in the garden and fishing.

At an informal send off in the Morwell Workshops training centre his work mates presented him with a 'Whipper Snipper' to trim the less accessible corners of his garden.

Bert joined the SEC in 1934 and worked under his blacksmith father as a striker with Coal Supply in Yallourn.

In 1939 he was appointed fitter's assistant at Yallourn Power Station.

He was promoted to fitter in 1951 and in 1956 progressed to leading hand fitter in Morwell Workshop, a position he held till his retirement.

Bert's career has been studded with sporting successes.

He was a team member with Yallourn Football Club and a prominent cyclist.

Once a member of the Yallourn and Morwell Fire Brigades, he recalled the events of the 1939 and 1944 fires at his send off.

YALLOURN COUNTRY CLUB

The Yallourn Golf Club estate is to be officially named "Yallourn Country Club".

The name was agreed to by the steering committee of the Golf Club Estate and was approved by Narracan Shire Council in April.

It has been submitted to the Place Names Committee of the Department of Crown Lands and Survey for approval. Gazettal is expected by November.

retirements



TOM BRANIFF

Tom Braniff will continue to live on his Hazelwood North farm, in retirement, where he has lived for the past 30 years with his family.

He also intends to take an extended touring holiday to Queensland.

After more than 12 years of service with the Commission, Tom retired on June 22.

He began with the Commission in November 1967 as an office cleaner at Administration Morwell. Then he transferred to a cleaner at Hazelwood Power Station before being moved back to Morwell Admin in July 1973.

Later in July he took up the position of a greaser at Hazelwood power station before being appointed to operator at Hazelwood Power Station in November 1973. In 1977 he moved to the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation also as an operator and then back to Hazelwood in January 1978 as a greaser, the position he retired from.

At an informal farewell function in the Mechanical Maintenance, coal handling workshop at Hazelwood power station Mechanical Maintenance Engineer Col Harvey presented Tom with a portable electric drill stand and a wallet of notes from his workmates.



ARCH PATTERSON

Retirement won't keep Arch Patterson away from the SEC. He'll be back each week on a volunteer basis to promote the first aid competition within the Commission.

Arch joined the Commission in 1966 as a trades assistant with Coal Production, Morwell and in 1968 was appointed transport driver with mechanical maintenance at Morwell.

At a farewell function held in the new Morwell coal production maintenance canteen, the Workshops Area Social Club presented him with a wall clock, and Assistant Mechanical Maintenance Superintendent, Ian Moon presented him with a leather travelling case, a suit hangar bag and wallet of notes on behalf of his workmates.

Arch, a former Mayor of Ringwood, is senior vice-president of Morwell RSL and president of the Rats of Tobruk, a life member of the Morwell Tigers, past president of the junior football league and divisional superintendent of St. John Ambulance Cadets, an outstanding record of community involvement.

Any free time that he has Arch hopes to devote to fishing and gardening.

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Upgrading existing bridges

Mr. Trethowan said the SEC originally considered moving heavy equipment for Loy Yang by rail, but found it impractical, mainly because of lack of clearance between tracks and things such as platforms and railway bridges.

"Our investigations clearly showed that road transport was the best alternative available.

"Once it became obvious that by using the Princes Highway. The money spent on upgrading would also benefit many other Victorians, we chose it for the route," Mr. Trethowan said.

A move to Tuross Heads in New South Wales marked the retirement of Jack Corlett after 20 years service with the SEC.

Jack joined the SEC in 1959 as a fitter.

He was appointed foreman in the boiler house at Yallourn Power Station in 1964 and in 1975 he moved to the maintenance annexe where he remained until his retirement.



JACK CORLETT

At a retirement function in the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre in Morwell, workmates presented him with a radio cassette recorder.

Jack is a keen bowler and hopes to devote some of his new found leisure to the game.

WANTED

A flute to suit student.
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valley visitors

Japanese impressed with open cuts and Loy Yang



A delegation from the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry took in a day visit of the SEC's Latrobe Valley works area on July 11.

Their visit, which included a look over the Morwell open cut, and the massive Loy Yang project, followed discussions in Canberra with the Federal government on future oil from coal conversion.

The party was lead by Dr. Seichi Ishizaka, Director General of Agency of Industrial Science and Technology, while the Australian contingent was led by the Chief Executive, Victorian Brown Coal Council, Mr. Len Garner.

Mr. Garner also accompanied another Japanese party to visit the SEC earlier this month. Representatives from Nissho-Iwai (Coking coal Department) also looked over the Morwell open cut and Loy Yang.

Public Liason Officer Bob Bridle outlines the SEC's Latrobe Valley operations to Mr. Kamata and Mr. Tabuchi in the Latrobe Valley Visitors Centre Morwell.

As well as these special visitors, thousands of Victorian and inter-state school children also toured the SEC.

TWO POWER RECORDS ESTABLISHED THIS MONTH

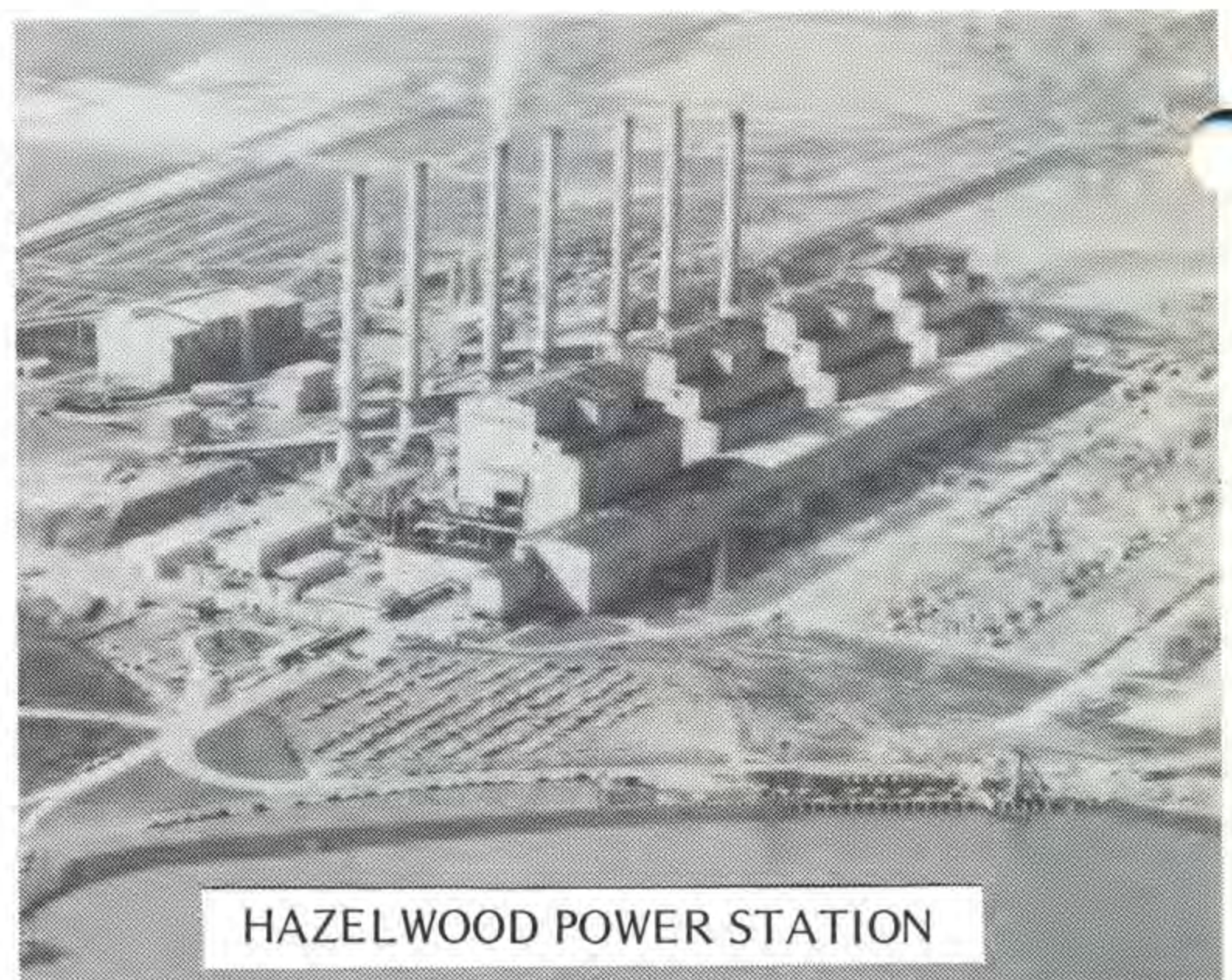
It's been a record smashing month in the Latrobe Valley.

Two new records were established during the month in fact within five days - Hazelwood Power station forged a new record for a longest continuous run on eight units and power output from the Latrobe Valley reached an all-time high.

Hazelwood power station began its record breaking run at 3 am on Thursday (July 12). It passed the previous record of 113 hours at 9 am on Monday (July 16).

Manager, Power Generation, Jack Robertson said, the eight units were kept going until late Thursday July 19, which brought the figure to 184 hours.

He said "The Hazelwood people are to be congratulated on a magnificent effort. So too are the employees at Morwell open cut who worked flat out to feed the power station with an average daily output of 56,000 tonnes of coal throughout the record breaking run". Production peaked on Monday (July 16) with 65,000 tonnes - an effort which



HAZELWOOD POWER STATION

came close to setting a new daily output record.

Friday July 13 saw a record power output of 2871 Megawatts from the Latrobe Valley. This smashes the

previous high of 2840 MW of July 24 1978.

The achievement is possible partly because of Jeeralang power station which came on stream in May.