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The bat money can't buy

One of our cricket buffs, patrolman Elmo Orchard, scored a valuable souvenir when he attended the Centenary match between Australia and England at Lords.

Elmo has already been offered \$400 for the souvenir bat he had signed by 46 of the retired cricket greats who were at the match . . . but it's not for sale.

"With great difficulty I fought my way through the many fans to get the autographs of among others pommies W Voce, 83, Alec Bedser, now in his 70s, and Brian Statham. The Aussies included Len Maddocks, Ian Chappel, Garth McKenzie and Bobby Simpson."

He also saw the Prudential Cup played at the Oval and Lords. "For me it was the experience of a lifetime to go to the mecca of cricket-although I wished we hadn't got thrashed both times!"

Elmo was away on long service leave for eight weeks during which time he visited his sister and her family, whom he hadn't seen in 20 years ago from Sri Lanka and there he umpired a few minor cricket matches.

Going back

He now plans to return to England in three years to see the World Cup at Lords.

Elmo migrated to Australia 20 Years ago from Sri Lanka and played a couple of seasons of cricket before taking up umpiring. Since then he has been involved in all Gippsland cricket associations including Traralgon District, Central Gippsland and Mid-Week Cricket Association.



"... the experience of a lifetime."

He takes part in SEC sponsored games including the annual match between the NSW Electricity Trust and 18 months ago completed an 18 month stint with the Women's Cricket Association. He travelled to Melbourne each weekend for that.

Elmo is currently umpires' secretary for the Latrobe Valley Mid-

Patrolman Elmo surrounded by the cricket souvenirs he collected during his visit to England for the Centenary Test.

Week Cricket Association. Other Commission employees on the committee are president Kon Jean of Hazelwood Power Station, secretary/treasurer John Lyon of Morwell Power Station and his assistant Richard Kaczkowski, Morwell.

The seven teams in the association are APM, Central Workshops, Hazelwood Power Station, Morwell Briquette, Morwell Power Station, Police and Yallourn W Power Station. The season started at the beginning of October and ends in March.

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Avid motor bike collector Ross Vinnell works on one of his vintage machines in his specially-built workshop. See story page 9.

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Linda is pictured above explaining part of the Commission's operations to a young visitor.

Giving the tours a woman's touch

Take note fellas, a touch of glamor has come to our contingent of tour guides with the recent appointment of former typist Linda Hall.

After 11 years with typing services, Morwell, Linda swapped her typewriter in September for a sturdy pair of shoes to become our first female tour guide.

And her presence has been well received by her six fellow guides and visitors alike.

A chatty girl with a bright personality, Linda was attracted to the job because it involves outdoors work and meeting many different people.

Starting from the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre at Morwell, each tour lasts about one and a quarter hours and visits the Morwell open cut, Hazelwood power station and Morwell Briquette Factory.

The visits usually begin with the audio-visual presentation at the visitors' centre — home base for the guides — which gives a brief rundown on SEC operations in the Valley.

"Then I am available during the tour to describe and answer questions on the different places we see," Linda explained.

As a typist, Linda moved around various sections at both Morwell and Yallourn gaining some understanding of operations, but she has certainly stepped up her learning over recent weeks.

She reads up on facts and figures and is constantly picking the brains of boyfriend Barry Harris, a foreman/rigger for ICAL at Loy Yang, for familiarisation on the new power station project.

This is not the first time Linda has walked into a male domain. Four years ago she was one of the first females to join the Army Reserves at Yallourn.

Once more attracted by the outdoor life, Linda spent four years in the 38 Field Squadron where she learned to use a machine gun and SLR rifle.

"I was an orderly room sergeant responsible for administrative work, but I did some driving and enjoyed attending the annual shoot and annual camp."

Linda left the reserves this year but has continued as brownie leader for the 1st Yallourn North Brownie Pack. She has been leader for 11½ years and before that was a brownie and guide herself.

Andrea has the recipe for success

The Commission's only female apprentice cook, Andrea Foster of Churchill, has been named the top first year apprentice cook at the Gordon Technical College.

Seventeen year old Andrea (below) won the coveted 1979-80 award from 130 apprentice from all over Victoria.

She was presented with her prize — a catering book — by president of the Australasian Guild of Cooks, Mr. Len Collins at an informal ceremony at the college on October 28.

Also at the function were Andrea's parents Mr. and Mrs. Bob Foster, the Commission's Apprenticeship Officer Chris Banfield of Yallourn and Canteen Supervisor Eric Billington of Yallourn.



Society history

Yallourn Hospital and Medical Society is compiling a history of its operations over the past 54 years.

Manager Mr. John Graham said the society was keen to collect as much written and pictorial information as possible.

He said anyone who thought they could help could contact him at the society's Newborough clinic, telephone 27 2555 or write c/o P.O. Box 105, Newborough.

All material would be returned, he said.



Commission electrical plant contract superintendent at Loy Yang, Mike Osmer has returned from a two week tour to Germany where he studied Siemens' design and installation work on German power stations.

"I especially studied their cabling and racking design and installation technique in relation to the cabling contract Siemens has at Loy Yang," Mike explained.

This major contract is for the installation of electrical equipment, switchgear, all cabling, earthing, lighting and power.

Mike said the trip gave him valuable insight into how Siemens will be running their contract at Loy Yang.

He was accompanied on the trip by Ron Williamson and Henry Wholman from Power Department, Monash House. While in Germany they also looked at four power stations at various stages of construction.

"These included Wilhelmshaven brown coal station on the North Sea, which is similar to Loy Yang but is powered by a 740 MW machine. Loy Yang's machines will be 500 MW."

They also inspected the Niederausem brown coal station and open cut in the Ruhr Valley.

"At Muhlheim in the Ruhr we saw the turbine alternator manufacturing works of Kraftwerk Union.

38th helps pave the way for big NATO exercise

Thirteen Commission employees were among members of the Yallourn based 38th Field Squadron Army Reserve unit who last month took part in a 14-day exercise in northern Queensland.

The exercise, nicknamed 'Normandy Ranger', was carried out 200 kilometres north-west of Rockhampton at Shellwater Bay.

More than 70 army personnel took part in the exercise to prepare roads, floodways and water points for a large NATO exercise 'Kangaroo 82' to be held early next year.

Power Generation, Engineering

Services, Coal Production and Gippsland Electricity Supply Region employees were involved.

They were: Corporal Russ Leaver, Lance Corporal Ray Curran, Sapper Max Bamford, Cpl. Wayne Smith, Lance Corporal Bruce McDonald, Sapper Des Oldis, Sapper Roger Andruschthak, Lance Corporal Tom Rigg, Sapper 'Slim' Somerville, Sapper Derek Shepley, Corporal Charlie Webber, Sapper Justin Stewart and Sergeant Gordon Nutt.

This was the first time the 38th Field Squadron had taken part in such an exercise in Queensland.



ABOVE: Some of the 70 army personnel who took part in the "Normandy Ranger" exercise north of Rockhampton.



LEFT: Heavy earth moving equipment preparing roads for next year's NATO exercise.

Fighters help the helpers

Commission employees who helped control the East Gippsland bushfires last month have rallied to support three organisations who helped them during the fire fight.

The Commission fire-fighters have donated \$492 to the State Emergency Service, Red Cross and Salvation Army in recognition of the back-up support they provided at fires at Briagalong, Bruthen and Genoa.

The money was donated by employees from forestry, communi-

cations, transport and civil works at Yallourn and Morwell.

Trevor Howell (Civil Works, Morwell) said: "The men were so appreciative of the support given to them by these hard-working and tireless volunteers that they felt that a donation would show in a small way that their hard work was not forgotten.

"When asked to reach into their pockets for the appeal the men's reaction was instantaneous and generous.

"When the men returned to base after fighting fires for many hours on end, the Red Cross, SES and Salvation Army personnel gave first aid, washed dirty clothing and provided food, around the clock.

"The efforts help restore your faith in human beings. Their support made the job of fighting fires just a little bit easier," added Trevor.

The money was handed over to the three organisations by employee representatives last week.



Pictured at a recent meeting are (from left) Matt Ruston, Tom Davey, Roy Brenton, George Loughborough and Noel Shears.

New Commission housing societies

Two new Co-operative Housing Societies are to be formed for Commission employees.

One society is for borrowers who are first home buyers; are building, or buying a new and previously unoccupied home; have a "bread-winner" income not exceeding \$275 per week; and who represent a family.

The second is for borrowers who have an average gross weekly income (excluding overtime) during the six months immediately prior to application not exceeding \$250 per week; are building or buying a house not exceeding 130 square metres (14 squares); are not sole persons without dependants; and who will use the loan before June 30 next year.

The maximum advance in both societies is \$25 000.

Some long term second mortgage loans up to \$5 000 are available from the Home Finance Trust. Interest rates vary with the income of the borrowers.

The Commission's Housing Society office is in the Training Centre Building in the Morwell Services Area, immediately north of the oil store and petrol pump.

Office hours are from 5-6.30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Prospective borrowers are invited to discuss membership of the societies personally with the secretary, Frank Hiscock, or by telephone (SEC extension 3460) during the above hours.

Speaking of Rostrum...

Commission personnel played an important role in the Morwell Rostrum Club No. 27 reaching its 1000th meeting last month.

In fact, 13 of the club's 14 members are Commission employees.

President Matt Ruston (Finance, Yallourn) said the club was formed 21 years ago and during that time has been of invaluable assistance to people who are required to speak at social occasions and business conferences.

Rostrum is designed for people — male and female — wishing to advance themselves in the practice of effective speaking and who hold that "freedom of speech, loyalty to truth, clarity of thought and love of the English language are of the utmost value to the community".

The Morwell club is currently

running a campaign to recruit new members. People interested in improving their confidence in speaking to groups or speaking in public should contact either Matt Ruston extension 4211 or Roy Brenton ext 5268.

Current Commission members are: president Matt Ruston (Area Administration), secretary Frank Norgare (Power Generation), treasurer Gerry Hunt (Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation), critic Roy Brenton (Power Generation), deputy critic George Loughborough (Power Generation), Rudolf Beilharz (Transmission Operations), Richard Elkington (Power Generation), Robert Gaulton (Coal Production), senior critic Tom Davey (Power Generation), David Stickney (Power Generation), Les Johnson (MBPI) and Clive Williams (Power Generation).



Two of the 'birds' from typing services have flown the coop.

In fact, Jill Hopkins and Ruth Boulton have really spread their wings.

Jill has left for an extended working holiday overseas and Ruth has left the area to live in the Northern Territory.

At a joint farewell in typing services Jill received an ensigned pen and money and Ruth a pen and set of saucepans.

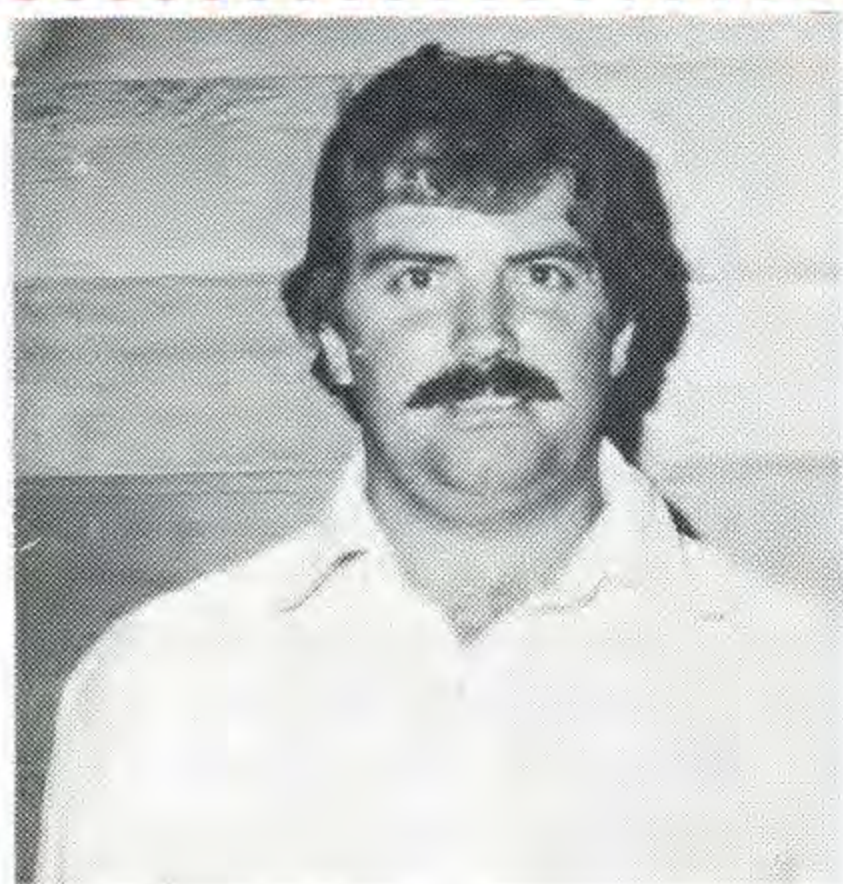
Both girls were well known in various departments as relief receptionists and secretaries.

Jill, 22, was with the Commission for five years. Before leaving Australia at the end of October a bon voyage party was held at her

parents' home in Moe. Jill's dad Harold Hopkins is a patrolman at Yallourn and brother Ian is a rigger, also at Yallourn.

Ruth joined the commission in 1977 from Moe High and a combined 21st birthday and farewell was held at her parents' home in Elizabeth Street, Moe. Among the 60 people there were her father Bill Boulton (instrument workshop, Yallourn), brother Peter, 25, (electrician, coal production, Yallourn open cut) and sister Leonie, 18, (CAO, Hazelwood Power station).

Jill and Ruth are pictured with secretarial officer, Neville Thompson, Co-ordinator typing services, Jane Hayton, and acting typing services officer, Mike Answerth.

COAL
PRODUCTION

Country team down to New Zealand

Commercial trainee with Coal Production Ken McQualter was a member of the Victorian Country cricket team which played the visiting New Zealand team at Traralgon on November 5.

Ken, who plays with Imperials in the Traralgon and District Cricket Association and is captain of the Commission's Latrobe Valley Social League side, was named 12th man for the match, played before a crowd of more than 1300 people.

Although Ken was "drink-waiter", he did have a spell on the field for 19 overs during the afternoon.

While fielding at point he caught New Zealand's top scorer John Parker for 55 off the bowling of young speedster Chris Hogan from the Sale-Maffra Association.

"Although I didn't take part in the whole match, it was still a thrill to be named in the 12 and to have the opportunity to play against test cricketers.

"It was a great experience!"

New Zealand, who batted first, scored 221 off 49.1 overs in only 175 minutes, while the Gippsland team could manage only 124 off 49.2 overs in 180 minutes.

The Victorian team was made up of Gippsland players from the VCCL zone 10 district.



More coal sent to Japan for tests

More than 500 tonnes of Morwell open cut coal is on its way to Japan for more oil from coal tests.

Coal Production Manager Jack Vines said the coal was excavated from the Morwell open cut and transported by a fleet of road haulage vehicles to a stockpile at the railway siding near the Morwell Briquette Factory in a four day operation.

It is the largest shipment of Morwell coal to be taken to Japan for oil from coal tests.

Briquette Distribution Superintendent, Ian McArthur said the coal was packed into 350, 1.5 tonne jute bags (specially made in Japan), then

stacked into 35 containers ready for shipping to Japan.

Modifications were made to an existing briquette hopper to fill the large jute coal bags.

The bag filling operation was carried out by briquette division personnel.

The coal shipment left Melbourne by container ship on October 23.

Above: Loading the coal into bags for shipment to Japan are (from left) Norm McDonald, Will Bell, Ken Allen all of Morwell and Alf Bampa of Churchill.



**ENGINEERING
SERVICES**

NEW CIVIL WORKS DEPOT

Preliminary works have started on the re-establishment of the Yallourn Civil Works Depot.

The \$2.5 million project is expected to be completed by 1986.

Civil Works Engineer (Headquarters) Gary Deppeler says the depot, to be situated north of the existing site in Eastern Road, will be established on a five hectare site.

Works will be carried out in six stages.

Stage one — site works and office block.

Stage two — amenities and car park.

Stage three — Forestry and gardening depot.

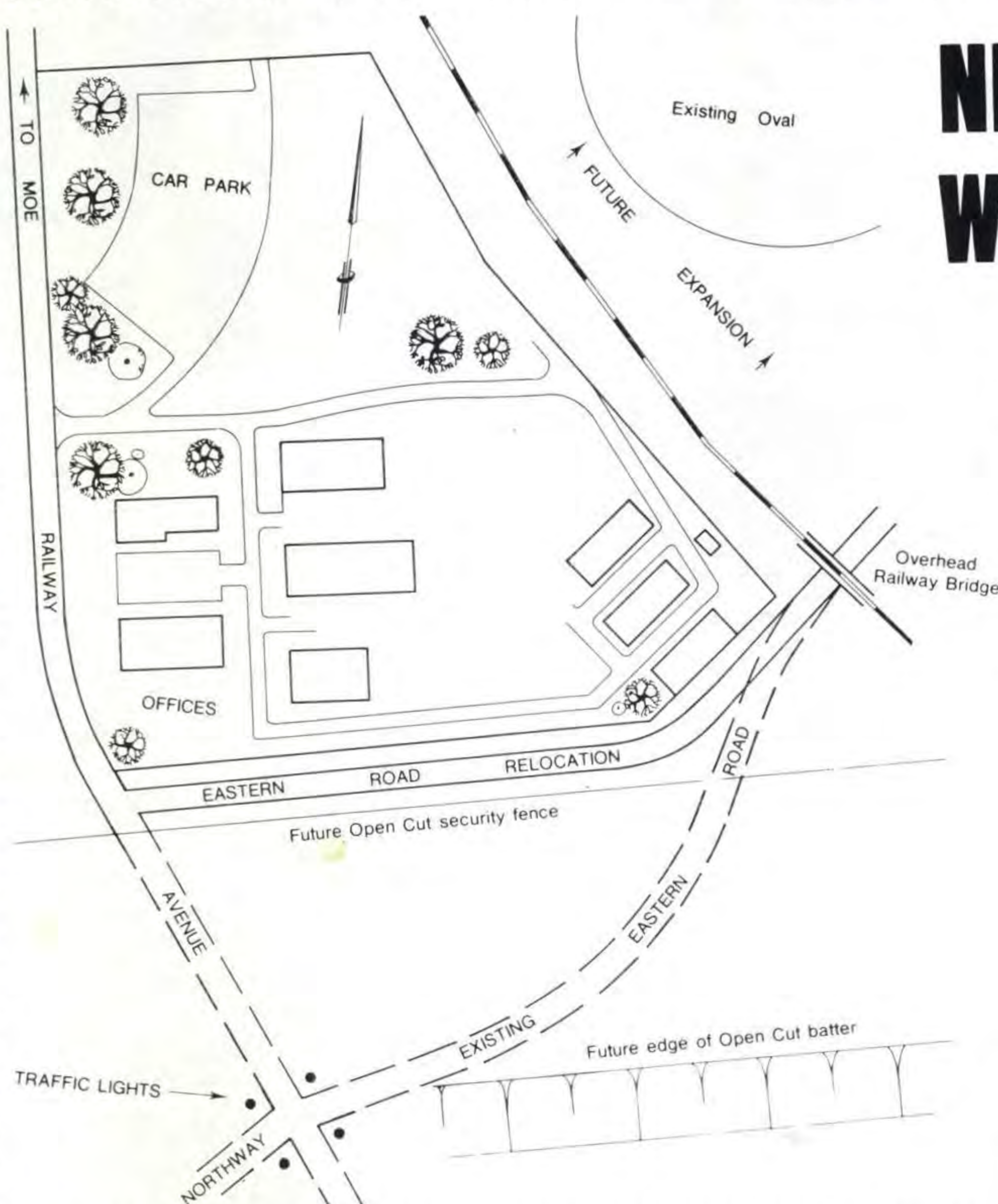
Stage four — Field Depot

Stage five — Plumber's workshop and

Stage six — storage areas.

The new complex will replace the old depot which was established in the 1950s.

Advancement of the Yallourn open cut has required establishment of the new depot.



Bitumen sprayer hits the road

Civil Works' new \$60 000 bitumen spraying truck should hit the roads early this month.

The impressive new International 1730, diesel powered truck, will replace the old AEC truck purchased second hand in the early 1960s.

Civil Works Supervisor Jim Webb says the 'Old Grey' truck was retired this month from the Commission after more than 15 years of untiring service.

"The new yellow truck has a 4500 litre capacity and was purchased from Matthews Bros. in Melbourne.

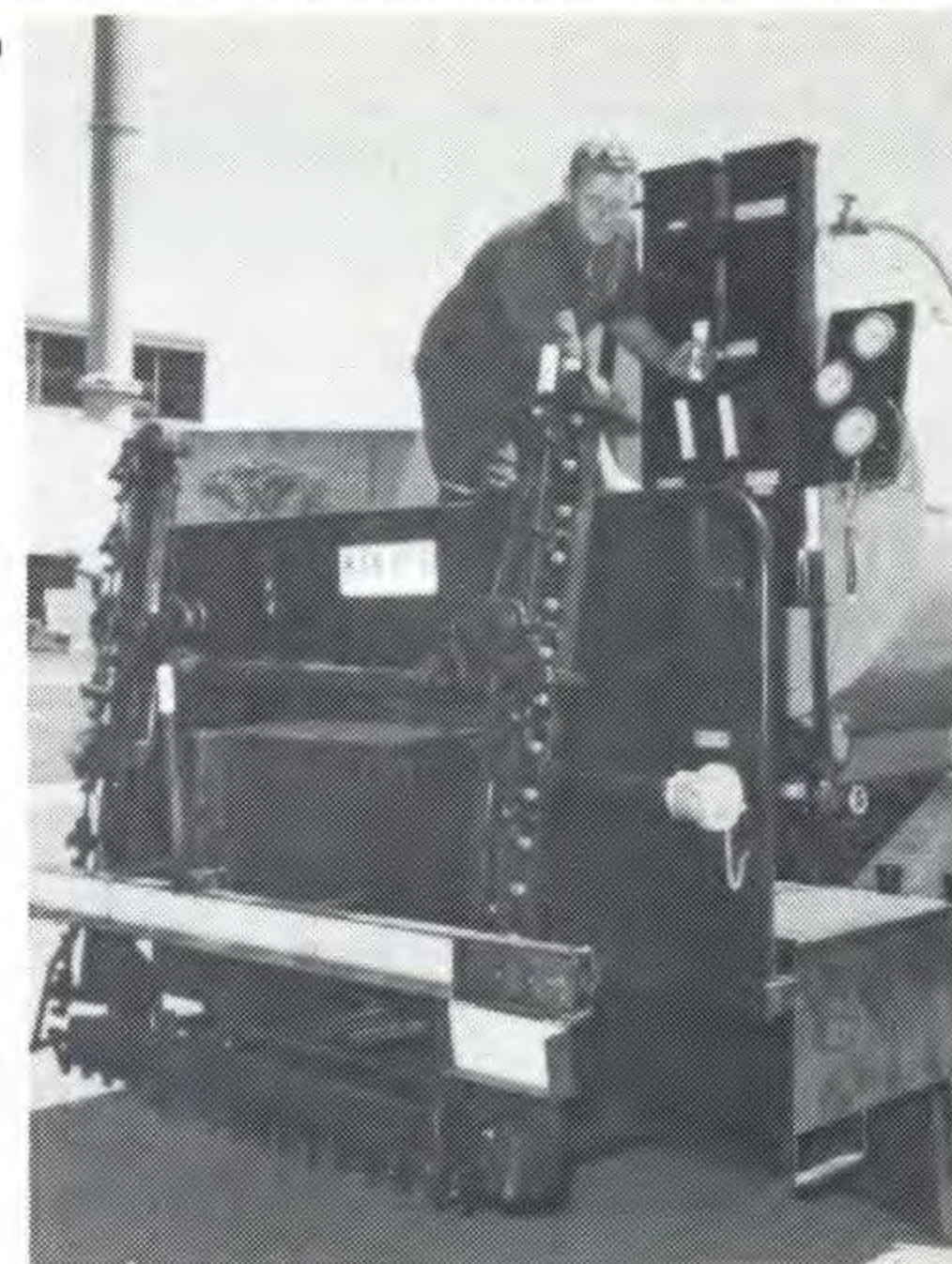
"One of its many features is a 4.8 metre fully circulating spray bar.

"The truck's first assignment will be sealing roads in the Yallourn open cut.

"It will be used for sealing roads in the Yallourn and Morwell works areas as well as Loy Yang."



Supervisor Jim Webb (left) and truck driver Dick Bakker were pictured with the new truck at Yallourn, this month.



Operator Dick Bakker makes some alterations to the sprayer before it was used in Yallourn last week.

Band is on crest of a wave

The Morwell Citizens' Band is enjoying a revival in interest after a serious slump which almost caused its demise.

Bandmaster is John Gould. He is an SEC engineer with Tech. Services MBPI at Morwell and of the 42 members, 30 are either employed by the Commission or are the children of SEC employees.

The band is currently holding a fund raising drive to assist with the replacement of uniforms and instruments.

Previous uniforms were very old. In fact, so old fashioned that the band was asked to play in the Walhalla Rotunda as a background for a Datsun commercial!

Instruments also wear out or need repairing and this can be costly. Prices can be as high as \$2500 for a Bb flat Bass, \$1000 for a trombone and \$600 for a cornet.

The band is holding an art, craft and hobby exhibition and sale in the Morwell Town Hall, Commercial Road, on Saturday, November 29 from 10 am to 4 pm. There will be a brass band march and playout plus a Lions Club diabetes check in the foyer.

Copperwork

Displays will include painting, lead-lighting, copperwork, lace making, soft toys and cushions. Refreshments will be on sale and admission is \$2.50 per family, \$1 adults and 50 cents, children.



Pictured before practice are some of the SEC employees in the band. They are (from left), Ian McKenzie, David Blair, Roger Rich, Bob McPherson, Joe Said, Bandmaster John Gould and Alf Warren.

The Morwell Citizens' Band has been playing for 93 years. It started in 1887 with bandmaster Mr. Burchall and continued with varying success until 1932 when the late Arch Forbes, SEC Yallourn, took over as bandmaster.

Arch revitalised the band and purchased a Hillman sedan to transport players to rehearsal and playouts. Locals were often amazed at the number of players and instruments that could be fitted into the vehicle!

'Forbsies Mob' enjoyed many successes through the 50s and 60s as a C grade band. They travelled extensively, competing in Tasmania, Ballarat and Bendigo. Arch was bandmaster until ill health forced him to retire in April, 1974, after a span of 41 years.

Other long playing SEC members have included Bill Whateley and Alf Elliott.

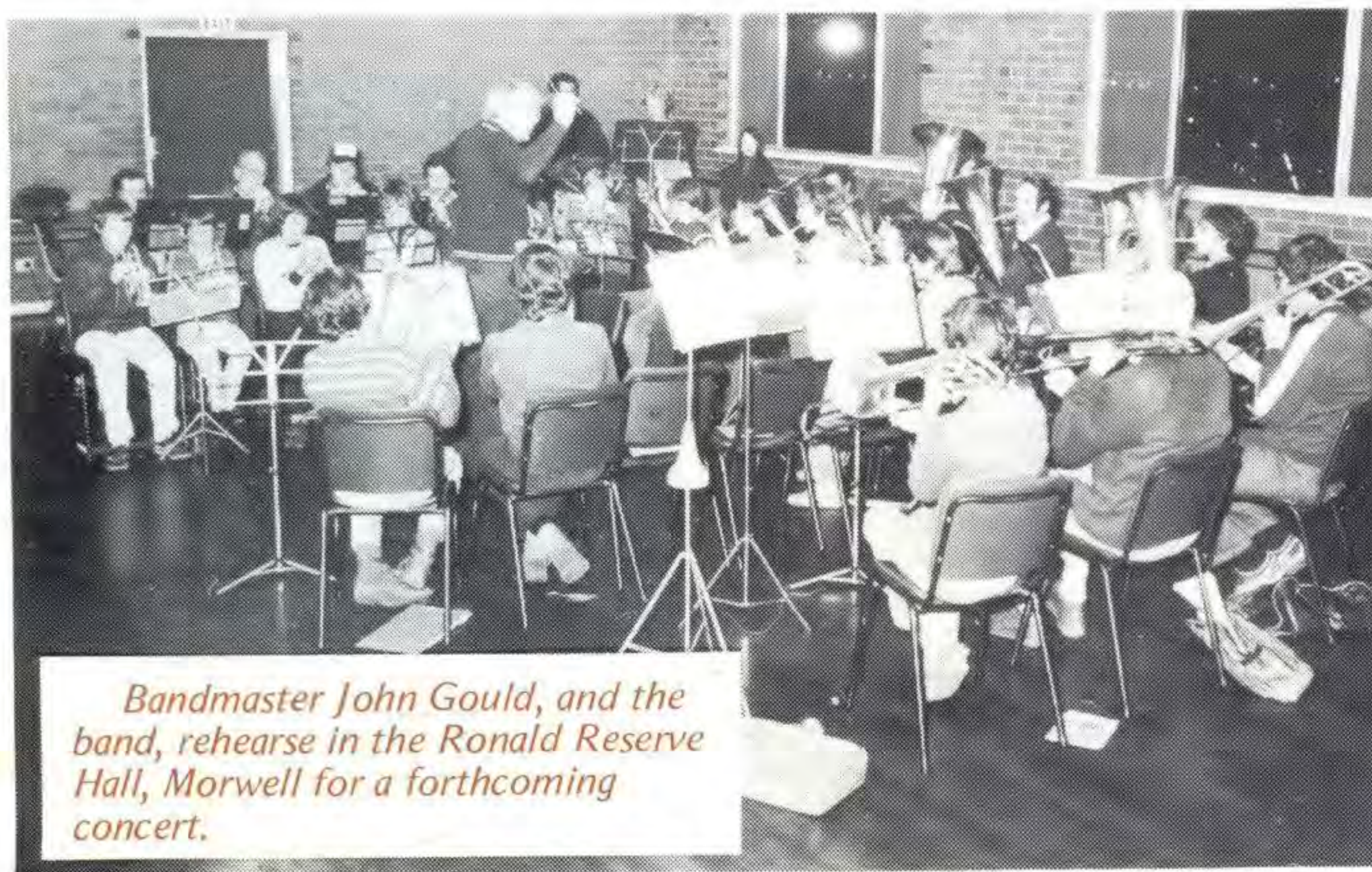
John Gould has been with the band for three years following in the footsteps of his father Gunner Gould, Yallourn. John has helped to revitalise the band and is especially pleased with the progress of the 22 junior members.

A wide range of music is played including popular, South American, musical comedy and traditional brass band music.

Brass bands provide an excellent opportunity for amateurs to learn a musical instrument without a great deal of expense. Visitors are most welcome to attend the Morwell Citizen's Band meetings held every Tuesday from 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm in the Ronald Reserve Hall. For further information contact secretary Judy McKenzie on 66 1412.

Senior members of the band employed at the SEC are David Blair, George Davis, Alan Daff, Alf Elliott, John Gould, Frank Johns, Robin Krause, Ian McKenzie, Bob McPherson, Roger Rich, Joe Said, Bernie Sheahan, Alf Warren and Clarrie Wilson. Juniors with SEC parents are John Buckley, Narelle Daff, Lisa Elton, Chris and Billy Johns, Stephen and Brian Lane, Robert McKenzie, Steven McPherson, Stephen Petschak, Ian Reynolds, Gerome Rich, Ian and Peter Wilbraham and Andrew Wright.

Margaret Johns is the wife of Frank Johns, a unit controller, and other band members are Sean and Steven Amiet, Ken Bettely, Ron Coster, Jim Corser, Darren Eldridge, Russel Lund, Billy McKillop, Bill Milner, Eric Norman, Anthony Slocum and Trevor Trewartha.



Bandmaster John Gould, and the band, rehearse in the Ronald Reserve Hall, Morwell for a forthcoming concert.

The Vinnell vintage collection

Ross Vinnell's parents were overjoyed when he left home. For them it wasn't a case of losing a son but regaining a garage.

Ross, 28, is an avid collector of vintage motor bikes. He had 18 at one stage but has narrowed it down to eight, plus the two Yamahas on which he travels to work at the Gippsland Electricity Supply Region, Traralgon.

Ross is an accountant on loan from Area Administration Department.

Before moving to a new home at Coalville recently, Ross had the bikes housed at various places. It took two truckloads and two trailer loads to move the bikes and assorted paraphernalia to a specially built 11 square garage at his new home.

Ross has fostered this interest in bikes since he was 12.

"It began when my older brother Bert (Yallourn Workshops) brought home a BSA 250 cc and gave it to me because he didn't want dad to know he had it."

Between the ages of 12 and 17 Ross had about 25 bikes, which he rode around paddocks and up and down the drive.

Oldest machine

"I got anything that went, keeping four or five at the one time and then getting rid of them."



Ross at work on one of his favorite machines.

At 17 he brought a 1942 Indian Chief 1200 cc V twin side valve, fitted with sidecar. He registered it and rode it around with L plates.

It was while chasing up parts for this bike that he came across one of his oldest machines — a 1922 Ace.

The other complete bikes he has retained for his collection are a 1922 Fafnir, 1929 Indian 4, 1934 Indian Sports Scout, 1938, 1942 and 1947 Indian Chiefs and a 1942 Scout. He rides a 1978 Yamaha 500 SR and a 1978 Yamaha 650 XS.

Ross aims to restore the bikes to their original condition. He buys the parts from as far away as New Zealand and the USA (most of his bikes were made there), and he even gets people writing to him for parts. One of his regular correspondents was sales manager for Ace in 1922.

Ross has been a member of the Victorian Motor Cycle Collectors' Club for 11 years and travels to Melbourne for the monthly meetings. Other Commission members of the club include Geoff Fullard, Workshop Superintendent, Yallourn, and engineer Brian O'Sullivan.

Limited time

The time Ross can spend on his hobby is limited at present. There is still work to be completed around his 3 ha property and he is also studying externally for his Bachelor of Arts degree from GIAE.

In 1968 Ross was awarded a bursary and started with the Commission in 1973 after gaining his Diploma in Business Studies. Before going to Traralgon in July he was an assistant training officer at the Yallourn Training Centre.

His wife Louise also shares his interest in bikes.

Louise is well remembered as the SEC's first female apprentice fitter and turner and has now almost completed her Certificate in Technology at Yallourn Tech. At the end of the year she will be a qualified engineering assistant in metallurgy.

The National Safety Council of Australia Industrial Safety 'Award of Merit' has been presented to the Cleaning Services Group (Morwell) in recognition of an outstanding safety performance.

At a dinner at the Morwell Visitor's Centre Materials and Services Officer Athol Robinson presented the group with a framed certificate and a personal memento for working five years without a lost time injury.

The NSCA has a planned accident prevention program operating.

Pictured at the presentation are Norm Russo, Gordon Lay, Roy Thompson, Vin Vella, Stan Morgan, Vin Bonnici, Dominic Padula, George Mejia and Mick Lukjanov. Front: Cleaning Services Officer Bob Leviston, Harry Vaine (Morwell safety representative), Alan Dewar, Ron Dyke and John Deery.





All smiles at the presentation ceremony were (from left) Barry Ryan, Hank Wegh, Chief Engineer Production Co-ordination Greg Lake, John Gillett (captain), Don McCuskar (coach) and Bob Hardaker.

Yallourn W wins Ops Group first aid final

Yallourn W power station's first aid team is the 1980 Operations Group first aid champions.

The team of John Gillett (captain) Barry Ryan, Bob Hardaker and Don McCuskar (coach) won the four team final, at Yallourn on October 16.

Runners-up were Kiewa Stations with Kiewa Transport third. Other finalists were Malvern Area and Morwell Open Cut.

The setting for the final was outside the Commercial Hotel at Glenrowan, where two men were installing lights. One man, a diabetic fell from a ladder dislocating his arm. The other patient received a pelvic injury and bruising to his lower right leg.

Teams had 15 minutes to prepare patients for conveyance by ambulance to hospital.

Patients were Bill Bodington and Graeme McWilliam. The adjudicators were First Aid Superintendent Ron Herbert and First Aid Instructor George Burley.

Chief Engineer, Production Co-ordination, Greg Lake presented the Ops Group Trophy to Yallourn W captain John Gillett.

Assistant Chief Engineer Transmission Operations Ian McDonald presented the Kiewa Station's team with the Transmission Shield.

Briquette sales office move

The Commission's briquette sales office is now situated in the Morwell Briquette Distribution Office.

The office, which has been located in Yallourn for the past 24 years, opened in Morwell on November 1.

Briquette Sales Officer Don Suckling can now be contacted on extension 3312.

Safety awards to W employees

Yallourn W power station has new members in the Tortoise and Intactoes clubs.

Power Station Superintendent Norm Bowles presented Brian Mathison and Dick Sheldon-Collins with their certificates last month.

Brian, a rigger at W station, was struck on the side of his safety helmet by a 218 kg steel plate which was being manoeuvred inside a precipitator. Brian's safety helmet saved him from injury.

This is the second time Brian has been enrolled in the National Safety Council of Australia's Tortoise Club. He was first enrolled while working at Yallourn power station in 1971.

Dick Sheldon-Collins, a transport driver at W station, qualified for membership of the Intactoes Club in August this year when he was moving steel guide bars at No. 3 ditch bunker. The 18 kg guide bars slipped but Dick's safety boots saved him from injury.

Power Station Superintendent Norm Bowles is pictured making the NSCA presentations to Brian (top) and Dick.





Blues take off L.V.S.A. snooker title



THE winning Blues combination (from left) Graham Hill, Eric Hutton, Cyril Metcalf, Stan Green, Peter Buckley and Bob Davidson.

When it comes to snooker, Morwell RSL Blues team is tops.

The team, which includes four Commission employees, won the 1980 Latrobe Valley Snooker Association grand final last month.

Team members are Eric Hutton (Hazelwood Power Station), Stan Green (Transmission Operations), Peter Buckley and Bob Davidson (Hazelwood Power Station), Graham Hill, Elders Metals, Morwell and Cyril Metcalf (ICAL).

Blues defeated Moe RSL Reds in a high standard final at the Traralgon RSL eight games to four. It was the Blues' second consecutive title win.

Team spokesman Eric Hutton said all players performed well, in fact, it was an excellent team effort.

APPRENTICE DAY. DEC. 5

The Minister for Labor and Industry Jim Ramsay and the Minister for Minerals and Energy Jim Balfour will be the official guests at the Commission's 1980, Apprentice Presentation Day, in Kernot Hall, Yallourn, on Friday, December 5.

More than 40 apprentices from the 196 first year apprentices will be presented with awards of merit and distinction in 13 trades.

The awards are made annually by the commission in recognition of the apprentices' scholastic and practical achievements in their specific trades during the year.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY

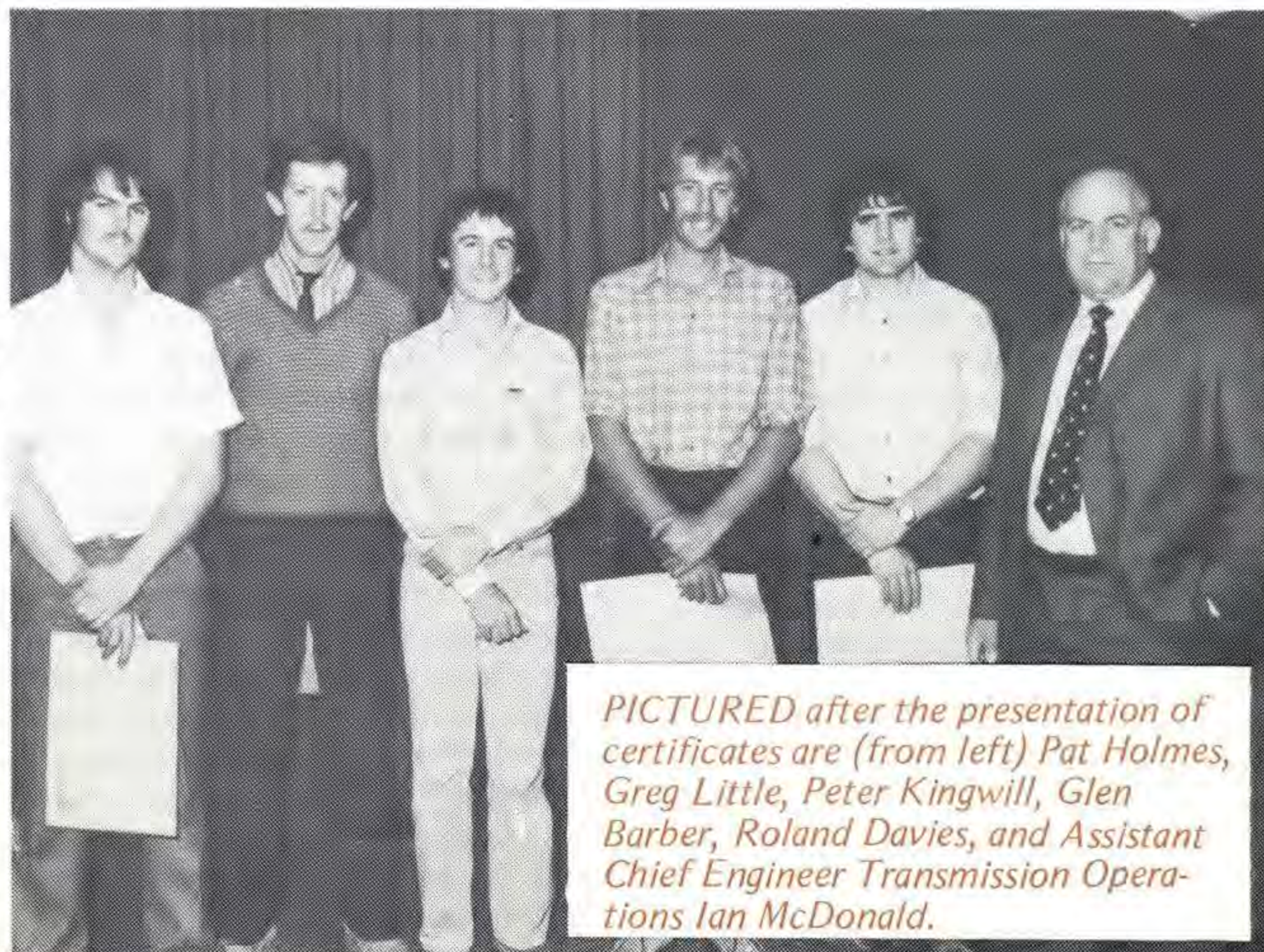
NINE electrical operators and engineering assistants were presented with their Certificate of Competency last month.

They were: Glen Barber, of Traralgon, Peter Kingwell, of Yarragon, Greg Little of Melbourne, Pat Holmes of Traralgon, Roland Davies of Newborough, Rodney Le-Lievre of Morwell, Alan Honecker of Warra-

gul, Neil Combridge of Warragul and Richard Vesty of Morwell.

Certificates were presented by Assistant Chief Engineer Transmission Operations Ian McDonald at an informal ceremony in the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre at Morwell.

All men will be employed within Transmission Operations Department at Yallourn and Morwell.



PICTURED after the presentation of certificates are (from left) Pat Holmes, Greg Little, Peter Kingwell, Glen Barber, Roland Davies, and Assistant Chief Engineer Transmission Operations Ian McDonald.

Chimney reaches skyward

This is the view enjoyed by workmen at the present top level of the first Loy Yang chimney. The chimney is set to take over as the site's highest structure.

The first of the Loy Yang power station chimneys is set to take over as the site's highest structure.

When completed the chimney will be a towering 254 metres high, making it Victoria's tallest concrete

structure and only 26 metres short of the tallest structure in the country, the Mt. Isa copper refinery tower.

It is now 93 metres high and the lift well is 115 metres. In comparison, Yallourn W stage 2 chimneys are 160 metres and the Hazelwood chimneys 137 metres.

The Thiess Hochtief joint venture has the contract for both A station chimneys. They arrived on site on November 26 last year with a crew of 34 men led by project manager Peter Scanlan.

The project features a system of climb form scaffolding being used for the first time in Australia and the Favco tower crane, being erected inside the concrete shell as it grows, is believed to be among the highest cranes ever erected in the world.

Each chimney will comprise 7500 cubic metres of concrete, 650 tonnes of reinforcing steel, 1500 tonnes of mild steel and 130 tonnes of stainless steel for the exposed neck of the chimney.

The external diameter of the base of the chimney is 24.85 metres.

This is reduced to 18.6 metres half way up. The wall measures 1.1 metres thick at the base, tapering to .33 metres.

Commission engineer Brian Gladman explained that the chimney grows in a series of three metre rings, poured in one go or a number of pours. The first complete ring took 223 cubic metres of concrete and from lift 47 onwards, 57 cubic metres is required. There are 85 lifts altogether.

Eglo Engineering via their Sale plant are subcontracting to Thiess Hochtief for manufacture, supply and erection of the four mild steel flues through which the boiler gases are exhausted.

"The flues stand on pedestals at the base of the chimney and are held in alignment by system of rollers braced back to the chimney shell. These rollers allow the flues to expand upwards, when they are heated by the chimney gas, and to cool," explained Brian.

Eglo will also supply and install the seven steel galleries and stainless steel roof.

Brian said the chimney height is decided following studies of wind conditions of the area. Three sets of aircraft marker warning lights will be placed on the Loy Yang chimneys.



High level storage tests successful

The first water has been pumped into Loy Yang's high level storage dam.

And on hand for the momentous occasion was Commission engineer in charge of the job Rob Stewart.

Rob said the pumps were successfully tested during September with six megalitres of water pumped in from Hazelwood Pondage.

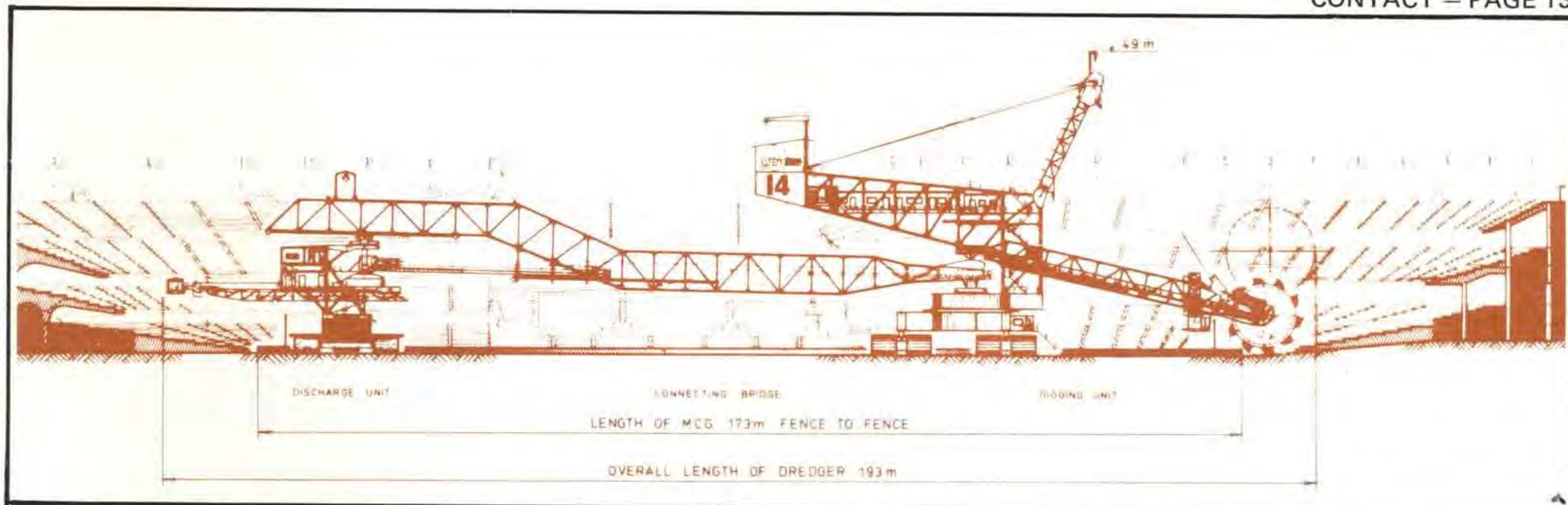
"Lewis Constructions is now waiting on parts from Sydney for operation of the gates. This should be completed by early November and then pumping will resume at a gradual rate to fill the 7000 megalitre storage dam."

Lewis, sub-contracting to Roche Brothers, is responsible for concrete outlet works on the dam including the 30 metre outlet tower.

The main contractor, Roche Brothers built the 40 metre high earth wall dam which measures 700 metres along the crest.

"They still have to complete some general tidy up work including road access for maintenance purposes. This should be finished by December," said Rob.

The high level water storage provides water for the Loy Yang cooling towers, fire services reservoir and ash pond. It is fed from two sources. Water from the Hazelwood cooling pond will be pumped through the newly constructed Brodribb Road pumping station at the rate of 100 megalitres a day and water from the Latrobe River at Yallourn power station will be pumped at the rate of 160 megalitres a day.



Tenders out for 2 more LY dredgers

Tenders have been called for the second two Loy Yang dredgers.

Dredgers numbers 16 and 17 are scheduled to come into service in May 1985 and November 1987 respectively.

Tenders close in March next year and the Commission expects to place an order by the end of August. Work would start on number 16 dredger late in 1983.

A number of companies are expected to tender for the dredger contracts.

The overall dimensions and capacities of the dredgers will be the same as dredgers 14 and 15, which with their arms extended would stretch beyond the goal posts at each end of the MCG (as shown in the sketch above).

They are about twice the size of the largest dredgers at present operating in the Latrobe Valley and will be capable of digging 60 000 tonnes of material a day.

Dredgers 14 and 15 are required to fuel the 2000 MW Loy Yang A station and 16 and 17 will boost the coal output to the level required for the completed 4000 MW development.

The first dredger (under construction on the erection site off Traralgon Creek Road) is now about 60 percent complete. More than 80 men are at present working on the dredger, which is expected to begin overburden removal within the next 12 months.

Above: The Loy Yang dredgers are big. This diagram of No. 14 dredger shows that it would stretch some 20 metres longer than the fence-to-fence length of the MCG. Dredgers 16 and 17 will be of a similar size.



Conveyors grow

Eglo-WOW is making progress on its conveyor contract at Loy Yang with a third of the work completed.

This joint venture has been on site since early this year working on the six conveyors simultaneously. The crew of 62 men are led by project manager Peter Cordwell.

Fuel Department mechanical engineer for the stage 1 conveyors, Greg Mitchell, said the conveyors are 4.5 km in length, have a two metre wide belt and will normally handle 8000 cubic metres per hour. Peak capacity is 10,500 cubic metres per hour of overburden.

The conveyors have two speeds — 5.3 metres per second for normal operation and slow speed 3.7 metres per second for removal of sticky overburden material.

Greg said to allow coal to be conveyed to the raw coal bunker, L115 conveyor can shuttle 90 metres between overburden conveyor L700 and rising conveyors L120 and L220.

There are two moveable conveyors, L100 in the open cut and L710 on the overburden dump, which will move in a series of track shifts as the open cut and dump progress.

"As an anti-pollution measure there is reclaim conveyor L700 R which will move any spill material from L115 back onto L700 for transportation to the overburden dump. In previous open cuts any spill material was washed down, but here we are trying to recover spill to prevent it polluting water sent to the settling pond," Greg explained.

There will be 20 km of conveyors in the completed open cut.

Pictured above: Erecting steel on the L115 conveyor are rigger Tony Barnfield, trades assistants Craig Jorgenson and Ray Dundon and foreman Ted Westbrook. In the foreground is boilermaker Steve Evans and trades assistant John Webster.

SERVICE REGISTER

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

NOVEMBER

25 YEARS

Werner Luckow	Mechanical Services, Yallourn
William Holden	Transportation, Yallourn.
John Vandriesum	Coal, Yallourn
Harold Smith	Yallourn Power Station
Domenico Messere	Morwell Briquette and Power
Alfred Cassar	Civil, Yallourn
John Contaxis	Coal, Morwell
Kevin Mullins	Yallourn Power Station
Austin Mullins	Transportation, Yallourn
Robert Chrystie	Coal, Morwell
Saviour Farrugia	Yallourn Power Station
James Connaghan	Morwell Briquette and Power
John Carruthers	Civil
Edward Tunn	Coal Headquarters
John O'Connor	Transmission Services, Yallourn
Michael Zarb	Construction Division

30 YEARS

James Pym	Mechanical Services, Yallourn
John Chisholm	Transmission Operations Yallourn
Alan Martin	Transmission Services Yallourn
Giovanni Deagno	Coal Yallourn North Extension
Damian Misiurka	Coal, Yallourn
Charles Chalmers	Mechanical Services, Yallourn
Alexander Johnston	Civil, Yallourn
Peter Perechoden	Yallourn Power Station
John McConachie	Transmission Services, Yallourn
Patrick Byrne	Yallourn Power Station

31 YEARS

George Cahill	Civil, Yallourn
Keith Cook	Coal, Yallourn
Harold Marshall	Yallourn North Open Cut
Waldemar Risol	Mechanical Services, Yallourn
Harry Lane	Civil, Yallourn
Herbert Kulbars	Morwell Power Station

Eric Brown
Leo McCarthy
George Gehrig
Maksymillian Basczuk
Harry Potter
Dmytro Niezgochkiy
Mirolaj Tabuczynski
Teodor Zyhajlo
John Todhunter
Ronald Todhunter
Thomas Warford

Keith Collins

William White
Charles Barnes

Sylvester Halket
Kenneth Passey
George Mayes

Morris Williams

Vern Wiggins
Noel Kingsley
Stelvio Lovison

James Pearless
Ronald De Carli

Clyde Loble
Ellis Johnson

Karl Smith

32 YEARS

Coal, Yallourn
Headquarters, Power Generation
Materials and Services, Yallourn
Civil, Yallourn
Civil, Yallourn
Yallourn Power Station
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33 YEARS

Mechanical Services, Yallourn

34 YEARS

Civil, Yallourn
Mechanical Services, Yallourn

35 YEARS

Yallourn 'W' Power Station
Yallourn Power Station
Patrol

36 YEARS

Coal, Morwell

37 YEARS

Mechanical Services Morwell
Hazelwood Power Station
Coal, Yallourn

38 YEARS

Mechanical Services, Yallourn
Civil, Yallourn

39 YEARS

Mechanical Services, Morwell
Transmission Operations, Yallourn

42 YEARS

Mechanical Services, Yallourn

retirements



JOE FLYNN

After 16 years with the Commission Joe Flynn is retiring to live in Inverloch where he plans to enjoy his hobby of fishing and take up lawn bowls.

Joe retired in September and was presented with a wallet and notes by Briquetting and Power Superintendent, Cyril Morellato at an informal farewell.

He joined in May 1964 as a pick and shovel man and then transferred to Morwell Briquetting and Power where he worked as a coal conveyor attendant, assistant press driver, cleaner, and operator, the position from which he retired.



DARBY BREMNER

Alec "Darby" Bremner intends to do some world travelling in pursuit of his shooting interests following his retirement in September.

He was presented with a grass slasher for his block at Cowes, a wallet and notes, and a special gift of a 'dix'. Specially manufactured and mounted, this unique animal features a duck's head, fish's body and fox's tail — three of the creatures Darby professes to be an expert at catching.

Darby joined the Commission in May 1950 as a lines assistant at Greensborough, Eastern Metropolitan Region. He was appointed fireman, General Services (Fire), Yallourn, in 1951 and 10 years later was made Assistant Fire Services Officer, Morwell. In 1963 he was appointed Fire Services Officer, General Services, Morwell, in 1964 General Supervisory Officer and in 1976 Fire Services Supervisor, Civil Services Division, Engineering Services, the position from which he retired.



FRANK HYLAND

A holiday in Ireland is among the early retirement plans of Frank Hyland.

Frank retired from the Commission on September 14 after 17 years' service. His hobby of pigeon racing will take up much of his spare time at his Morwell home.

He began with the Commission in November 1962 as a pick and shovelman with General Services, Morwell. In 1963 he transferred to Morwell Briquette Factory as a trades assistant and was promoted to shift rigger in 1964.

Frank retired as a trades assistant from mechanical maintenance section Morwell Briquetting and Power Division.

At an informal farewell function in the MBPI boilermakers tea room David Nixon presented Frank with an electric sander and grinder on behalf of his mates.

CONTACT ... CONTACTS ... CONTACT ... CONTACTS ...

TO LET

On site 6 berth caravan with annexe at Narooma. Available first three weeks of December and from end of January. Contact George Poole 2051 A.H. 27 3015.

FOR SALE

VW Beetle (1964), very good condition, 12 months registration — \$1200. M. Phefley, Morwell ext. 3443, AH 051 27 3885.

TO LET

Two bedroom unit in Moe — Separate kitchen, lounge, dining room, carport and backyard. Contact John Ciercan, ext. 5301 or 051 27 3704.

FOR SALE

Australian native plants. Limited number in 150 mm (6") pots including Grevilleas, Acacias, Brachychitons, Melaleucas, Hakea Laurina, Callistemons, Kunzeas, Pittosporums. \$1.40 each up to 19 plants; \$1 each 20 and over. Contact Ray Williams 3473, ah. 66 1306.

FOR SALE

One pair Nordica ski boots in good condition — size 9. \$40. One pair of navy blue ski overalls, size L, in excellent condition. \$30. Two sets of skis in need of repair and two stocks. \$20. Will sell separate. Phone Stephen Hall Ext. 5916. AH. 051 27 2649.

FOR SALE

Holiday house at Venus Bay. Two bedrooms, 6½ squares, fully furnished, including beds for 6 people, electric range and refrigerator, briquette HWS. Close to Venus Bay Lifesaving Club and beach. \$17 000 ONO

Contact Extension 3625.

FOR SALE

Lowrie Symphonic Holiday Organ. 4 channel, TGS1 with AOC. Magic Genie, full range of flutes, with built-in tape deck. Wow and many other features plus books. Cost \$5000, will accept \$2800 (no offers). Contact P. Somers, 13 Caldwell Street, Moe, telephone 27 5783 AH.



Rifle team shot down

The Commission's rifle team (pictured left) has suffered its first defeat.

Shooting against Lilydale as part of the Social League Golden Jubilee celebrations, the Commission team went down by the narrow margin of two points.

Eleven man teams shot over the 300, 500 and 600 yards ranges at the Moe Rifle Range.

The team scores were Lilydale 1557.9 to SEC 1555.104.

Ross Graham with an aggregate of 146.16 was the best of the Commission shooters and Don Walters with 147.8 was the best of the visitors.

A return shoot is being organised.

Morwell Briq. top Ops. golf team

Morwell Briquette and Power has taken out the inaugural Clem Joyce Shield for the top team at this year's social clubs golf championships at Yallourn.

The team's score of 208 (the top three individual scores — Tommy Grant 62, Col Lesiw 72 and Bluey Davis 74) gave it a one shot win over Transmission 209, followed by Yallourn power station 210 and Tests and Communications 211.

The championships at Yallourn on October 12 were voted an outstanding success.

Terry Jones (Civil Works, Yallourn) continued his recent top form to

score an impressive win in the men's 27 holes scratch event with 107.

Rex Hancock won the men's A grade 27 holes handicap with 100½; Tommy Grant took out the B grade 27 holes handicap with 98; Jack Vines the C grade 18 holes handicap with 67; and Gil McPhee the D grade 18 holes handicap with 62.

Norma Heddles won the women's scratch event with 83; Carol Boyce the A grade handicap with 65; and Norma Hutchinson the B grade handicap with 66.

AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce (far right) presents the winning shield to Tommy Grant (centre) and Bluey Davis (left).



LAPPIN SHIELD RETAINED

The Commission retained the Noel Lappin Shield in the annual clay bird shoot against the APM at the Morwell Gun Club earlier this month.

The 132 to 122 point victory makes it the fourth consecutive win over the mill.

Twenty-one Commission shooters shot-off to select a team of eight.

Team members were: Rex Baxter (Engineering Services Department) Captain Joe Attard (Power Generation) Glen Bennett (Engineering Services), Peter McGregor (Power Generation), Bernie Eddy (Transmission Operations) Dave Smith, John Griffin, and Tony Disisto (Power Generation).

APM's Resident District Manager Jack Marion presented the Lappin Shield to SEC team Captain Rex Baxter (above).

More than 70 people attended the successful social day.

