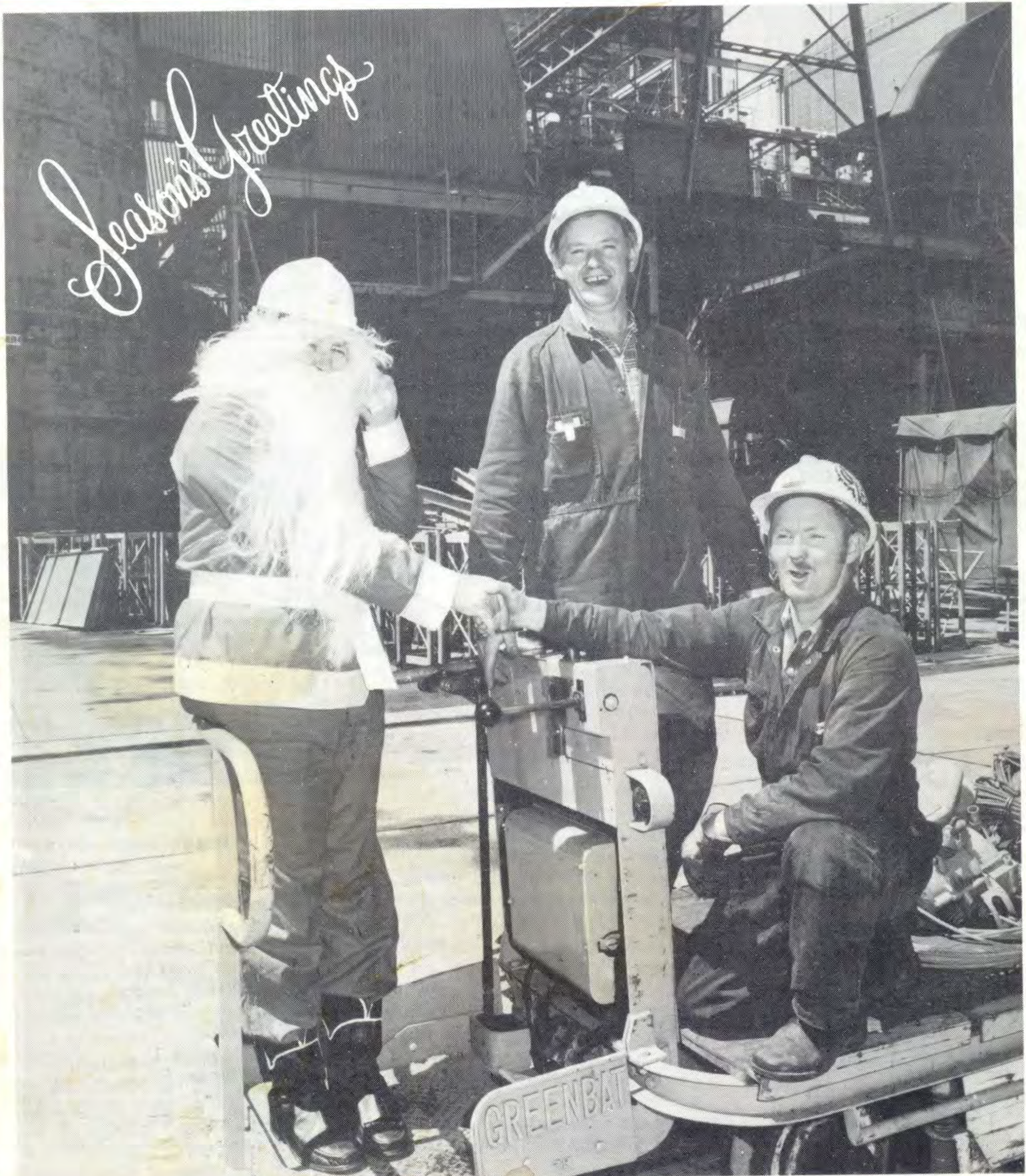




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Top: One of the more popular events at the picnic was shaving the balloon competition. Three of the contestants were (from left) Lyn McKay, Felicity Bridge and Dot Prokop.

Above: Enjoying a swing at the picnic are (from left) Jared McNair, Amanda Poulson, Peter Poulson, Sally-Ann Poulson and Tony Marland.

Main office Xmas picnic a success

More than 130 people attended the Yallourn Main Office Social Club's annual Christmas picnic at Boolarra on November 9.

Held on 'Darkie' Wilson's property the picnic according to Social Club President Harry Bridge, "was a resounding success."

Highlight of the day was the arrival of Santa Claus, in the Boolarra Fire Brigade's fire truck, at 3 pm. He gave out presents to more than 70 children.

Other attractions were a 40 metre slippery slide, a merry-go-round and a large earthball.

Novelty events included an iron-man race, gumboot throwing competition, flat races, and a shaving the balloon contest.

Two year-old Lockland Henderson receives his present from Santa Claus, while his father Jim, looks on.



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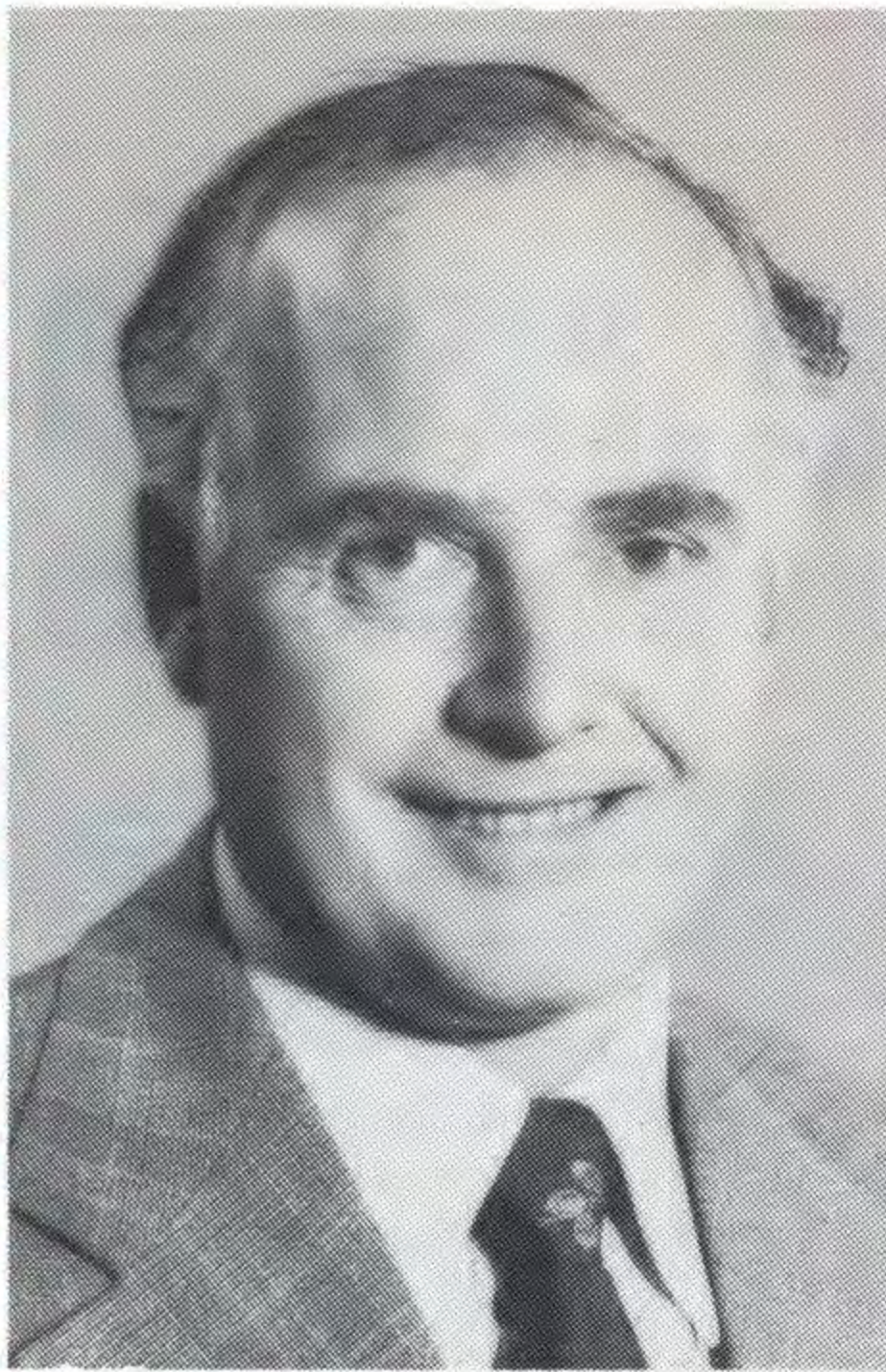
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CHRISTMAS came early this year for Hazelwood Power Station riggers (from left) Ben Lewis and Tom Rigg both of Traralgon when they met up with Santa Claus along side the Station early this month.

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Christmas Message

IT SEEMS no time at all since we were enjoying Christmas festivities last year — such is the pace of life these days — a couple of blinks and a year has gone by.

Once again I have much pleasure in taking this opportunity to record my sincere appreciation for the contribution made by Operations Group personnel throughout the year.

1980 has been a difficult year in many respects; there have been plenty of challenges — however, I think that most of these have been successfully met.

We are now on the threshold of a period of major development with increasing levels of activity in the Latrobe Valley.

Achievement of this development in harmony with our objective of maintaining the L.V. environment will present many more challenges. I look forward to your continued co-operation in meeting those new challenges.

May I wish every member of Operations Group and your families the compliments of the season and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Clem Joyce AGM (Operations)

Drifffield project inquiry early '81

A Parliamentary Public Works Committee inquiry into the Commission's proposed Drifffield brown coal power station project is expected to be completed early next year.

The proposed project would consist of two 2000 MW power stations, each with four units of 500 MW, and a new open cut.

Similar in general appearance and physical characteristics to Loy Yang, except that development of the open cut would curtail a major diversion of the Morwell River, the Drifffield project also involves an overburden dump in the worked out section of the Yallourn Open Cut.

Preliminary estimate of the direct capital cost of the power stations, open cut, Morwell River diversion and ancillary works is \$3500M (September 1980 costs).

Additional power

The PPWC is expected to be asked to consider:

- the need for additional power station capacity, and alternative means of generating such power, and,
 - an evaluation of the Drifffield project, including the question of longer range planning implications for the Latrobe Valley coal fields.
- It is envisaged that the PPWC will report to the Governor-in-Council

in time for its recommendation, if approved by Cabinet, to go before State Parliament in the Spring session of 1982.

The Drifffield project designed to follow Loy Yang — which is currently scheduled for completion in 1991 would provide the additional power generation capability necessary to meet growth projected for the 1990s and to replace plant reaching the end of its economic service life.

Municipal councils

Consultations have already begun with State Government departments and agencies, municipal councils, community groups and individuals. These will continue throughout the inquiry in efforts to ensure co-operation among the various agencies involved; a thorough assessment of all aspects of the project and that full information is placed before the inquiry.

Drifffield was one of three brown coal alternatives evaluated by the Commission.

The other two were Maryvale, north of Morwell township, and Flynn, east of Loy Yang. Drifffield was assessed as having advantages over both.

The Commission has also evaluated other energy alternatives, including black coal, uranium, oil, gas, hydro and wind. All these studies confirmed the advantages of brown coal.

Consultants have been retained to prepare an Environment Effects Statement describing the economic, social and environmental effects of the proposed project for presentation before the PPWC.

The EES is expected to be published about August 1981, through Ministry for Conservation procedures.

CONTACT

THERE will be no January issue of CONTACT.

The next issue will be in February, 1981.

CONTACT would like to wish its readers a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.



U.K. VISITORS IMPRESSED

Five members of the English House of Commons toured the Commission's Latrobe Valley works areas last month.

The parliamentarians took in the Latrobe Valley visit as a part of a three state, (ACT, South Australia, and Victoria), tour of Australia.

The party was led by Mr. John Osborne, MP for Hallam (Sheffield). They toured the Morwell open cut and Loy Yang Power Station Project as well as looking at the the audio visual display in the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre at Morwell.

Coal Production Manager Jack Vines (left) points out the geographical features of the Latrobe Valley to the visitors.

Be aware of summer holiday

With the summer and the holiday period with us, there is need for all to take stock and give a few moments thought to those activities that all of us will become involved in.

Leisure hours mean leisure activities, some quite lazy and sedentary, some highly active, with a wide range in between. No matter what you choose to do there is always something that can upset your leisure pleasure, some simply annoying, some quite tragic or traumatic.

AWARENESS

In any pursuit that we follow whether it be to race a motor bike, sail a boat, fly a kite, belt a ball, cast a line, climb a mountain, wander in the wilderness, watch a bird, tip a tin, or lie in a hammock, all of these things have some hazard for the unwary; there are rules that apply and procedures that we must follow. These procedures become automatic if we practice the procedure often enough.

- The first lesson in accident prevention is to learn the rules and procedures and be able to identify the hazards. Having identified the hazards, we then have to LEARN "HOW TO MANAGE THE HAZARDS".

hazards

BY SEC'S ACCIDENT PREVENTION OFFICER, RICK CROOKES.

Even the most sedentary pastimes can be hazard-ridden for the unwary. Consider lying under the shade of a tree on a hot summer's day – wonderful and relaxing – but is it safe? Did you consider the environment, the bull ants running up and down the trunk? Or the cormorant perched above? The wasps nest nearby, the motor cycle tyre marks on the ground? the people belting golf balls across the field?

- The second rule is then to perceive the environment, to recognise influences that might upset the activity we plan to pursue and make some allowances for them.

THE RANGE OF OUR ABILITY

How good are we really to do the things we want to do? Its a bit foolhardy to follow the well known Australian expression "Av'ago Mate" unless we have some idea of our abilities and skills and the problems we can get into if it does not happen the way we imagined it should.

Take sailing a yacht for instance, light breeze, beaut day, sailing's a

push-over, no need for life jackets, we can get a sun tan on the way, sailing's fun, pleasant, relaxing. But did you hear the weather forecast fine, mild, change expected with 40 knot winds ahead of the change. How well can you handle a sail boat in a strong wind? Can you identify signs of an impending weather change?

- Third rule, don't venture beyond your capabilities and allow for contingencies and the unexpected.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

For any pursuit, it is wise to learn the rules, the dangers, the skills to be mastered, the things that can go wrong, the nature and characteristics of the equipment involved. It is wise also to seek expert guidance and advice particularly so in the more complex activities.

Remember some recreations and sports take years of persistent effort to master the skills required, you can not expect to be expert in your early attempts.

- The final rule of accident prevention is you cannot shed your cares and responsibilities in your leisure pursuits. Most require a high level of concentration, anticipation, judgement, foresight and developed skill. So follow the rules, play it "cool" and have a happy holiday.



**ENGINEERING
SERVICES**

Bomb shelter or fire dam!

Here's another relic from Yallourn's early days which was recently uncovered by some surprised workers.

The men uncovered the hole when they were excavating for the new car-park for the Yallourn Civil Works Depot which is being relocated.

It's either a bomb shelter or a fire dam which was placed north of the old Yallourn Tech College during World War Two. Apparently, a series of these bomb shelters and dams were located around the town.

Two metres deep, it is nine metres wide at the top and slopes down at the sides to measure five metres wide at the bottom. It is its size that has Contact puzzled about its origin.

It's total length is not known because workers didn't need to finish uncovering the hole to excavate for the carpark which will be 15 metres wide and will hold 150 cars.

The hole was uncovered on October 23 by six Jeffrey's men, three sub-contractors, SEC engineer Barry Woods and foreman Bill Nelson. It was filled with soft clay, top soil and sand and had to be uncovered to build the carpark over the top.

Perhaps one of our older readers can help solve the puzzle for us. We can be reached on 34 2244, ext 3228.



New lathe first in Latrobe Valley

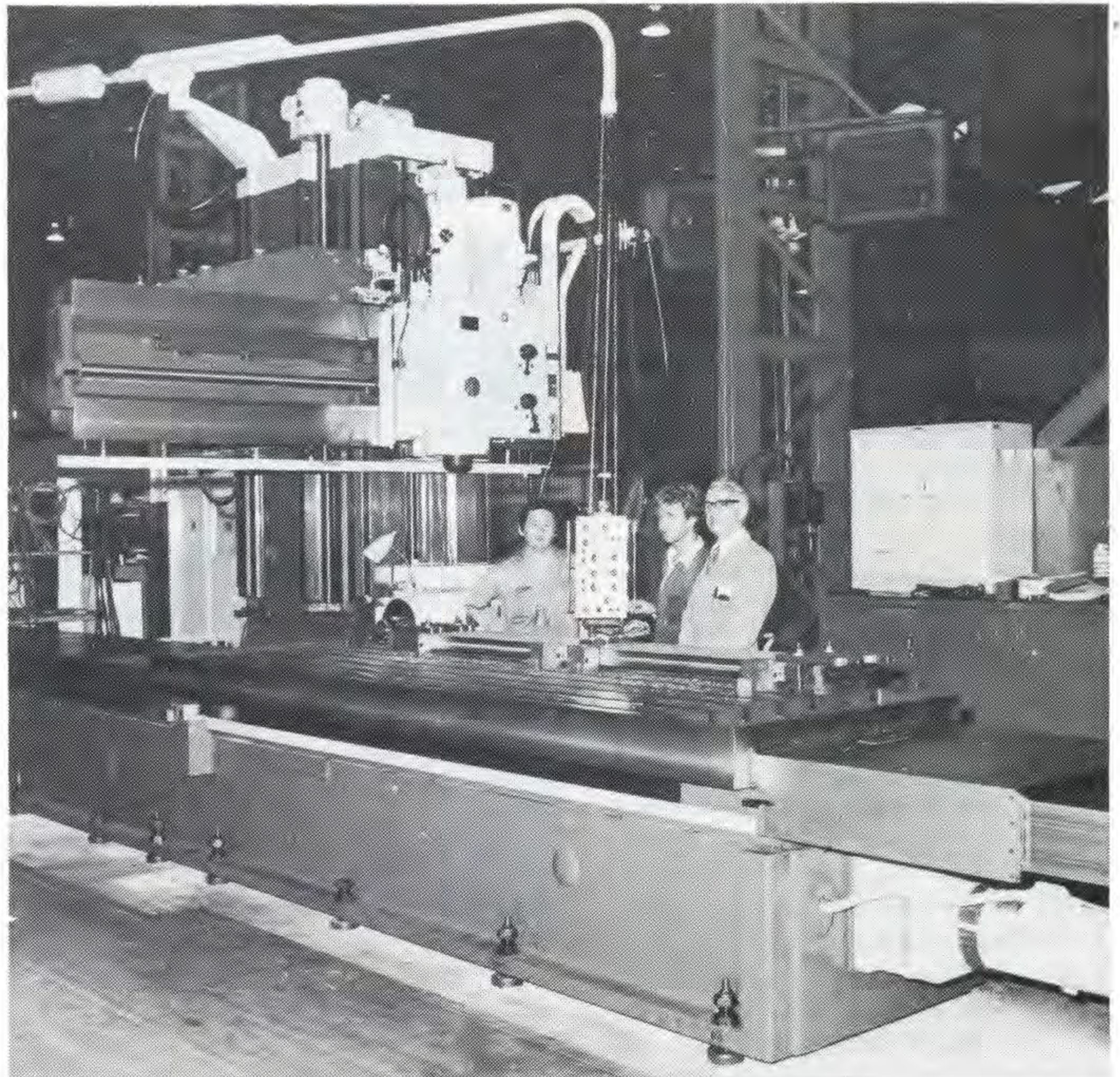
A \$234,000 plano-milling machine, the first in Latrobe Valley, has been installed at the Yallourn Workshops.

The machine, manufactured in Japan by Kotubuki Industry Co. Ltd., arrived in parts on October 27 and was assembled in the workshops by Hitoshi Katayama, an engineer with Kotubuki at its head office in Kyoto.

Hitoshi worked at Yallourn for three weeks and was assisted in the assembly by fitter Geoff Darvell and trades assistant Heinz Boden.

Prior to leaving he was taken out to dinner and presented with souvenirs of Australia by the workshop men.

The new machine does the job of both a planer and a milling machine and was purchased especially for the Yallourn W power station mill armouring.



Hitoshi is pictured with machine operator Peter Williams and foreman Albert Reed.



**POWER
GENERATION**

'W' safety awards

The National Safety Council of Australia's Industrial Safety Awards of Merit were recently presented to 66 men from Operations for having worked 7½ years (365,896 manhours) without lost time injury.

The presentation was made over two nights at the Yallourn Golf Club with 33 men attending each occasion.

The Yallourn W charge engineers, unit controllers and assistant unit controllers each received a personal gift from Acting Manager Power Generation, Alan Castelov and, Power Station Superintendent Norm Bowles.

Below: Acting Manager Power Generation Alan Castelov (right) presents the NSCA certificate and plaque to Charge Engineer Bill Fletcher.



Yallourn Civil Works foreman Bill Nelson is the latest employee to join the Tortoise Club of Australia.

National Safety Council of Australia presented him with a membership certificate and a special lapel badge, last month. The club's purpose is to promote the wearing of hard hats.

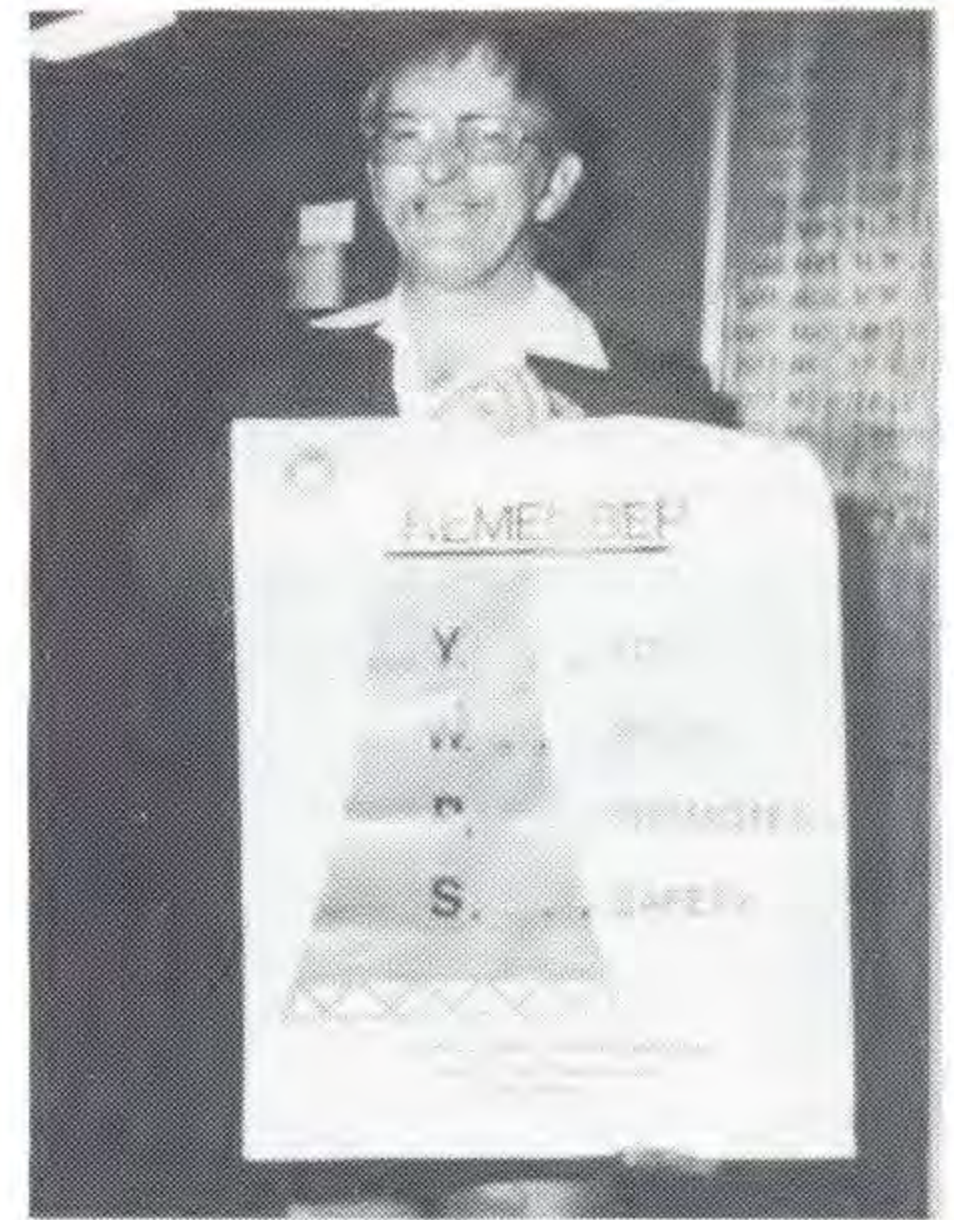
Bill avoided serious injury in an accident near the Yallourn Power Station this year because he was wearing his hard hat.

A worker was lifting an air hose from the C, D and E Station ash pit as Bill approached him from behind. As the worker was finishing his task he flipped the remaining length of hose out of the pit and it hit the back of Bill's head when he crouched to avoid the blow.

Fortunately he was wearing his hard hat and part of the blow was absorbed by the rim of the hat.



Charge Engineer Len Coleman receives the NSCA certificate and plaque from Yallourn W power station Superintendent Norm Bowles.



SAFETY SLOGAN -A WINNER

YALLOURN W power station's Fuel Distribution Officer Bob Staley is \$50 richer after winning a safety slogan competition at the Station.

Bob submitted the slogan 'Remember Your Work Promotes Safety'.

The competition was conducted over two weeks and copies of Bob's winning poster have been printed and placed around the power station.

He received his prize from Acting Generation Department Manager Alan Castelov at an informal function at the Yallourn Golf Club last month.

SEC Freemason's Dinner-March '81

The fourth annual Gippsland SEC Freemasons' fraternal dinner will be held at Kernot Hall, Yallourn on March 28 next year.

The dinner will be one of the last functions to be held in Kernot Hall, scheduled to close at the end of March.

Organisers expect more than 200 people to attend the dinner, which is open to serving and retired SEC Personnel. Freemasons' wives will be invited to the dinner for the first time.

Further information will be available early next year.

The annual fraternal banquet, normally held at Dallas Brookes Hall in Melbourne on the last Friday in October, will be held on Friday, November 13 next year.



Research into family tree took 10 years

Hugh McGregor has spent the last 10 years researching his family tree – a fruitful task if ever there was one.

In fact, Hugh's tree is a veritable forest producing some 2000 off-shoots in just Australia.

His well written history is on the McGregor's from Trevor Street in Ballarat and, as a measure of its worth, Hugh was asked to present a copy to Sovereign Hill, Ballarat, for their records on November 14.

Hugh explained that his tree stems from Alexander McGregor who arrived in Australia from Scotland in 1854 with his parents, James and Ann, three brothers and four sisters.

Alexander arrived on the Black Eagle clipper ship and went to live in Ballarat until he died and he had the distinction of being the first house remover to use draught horses".

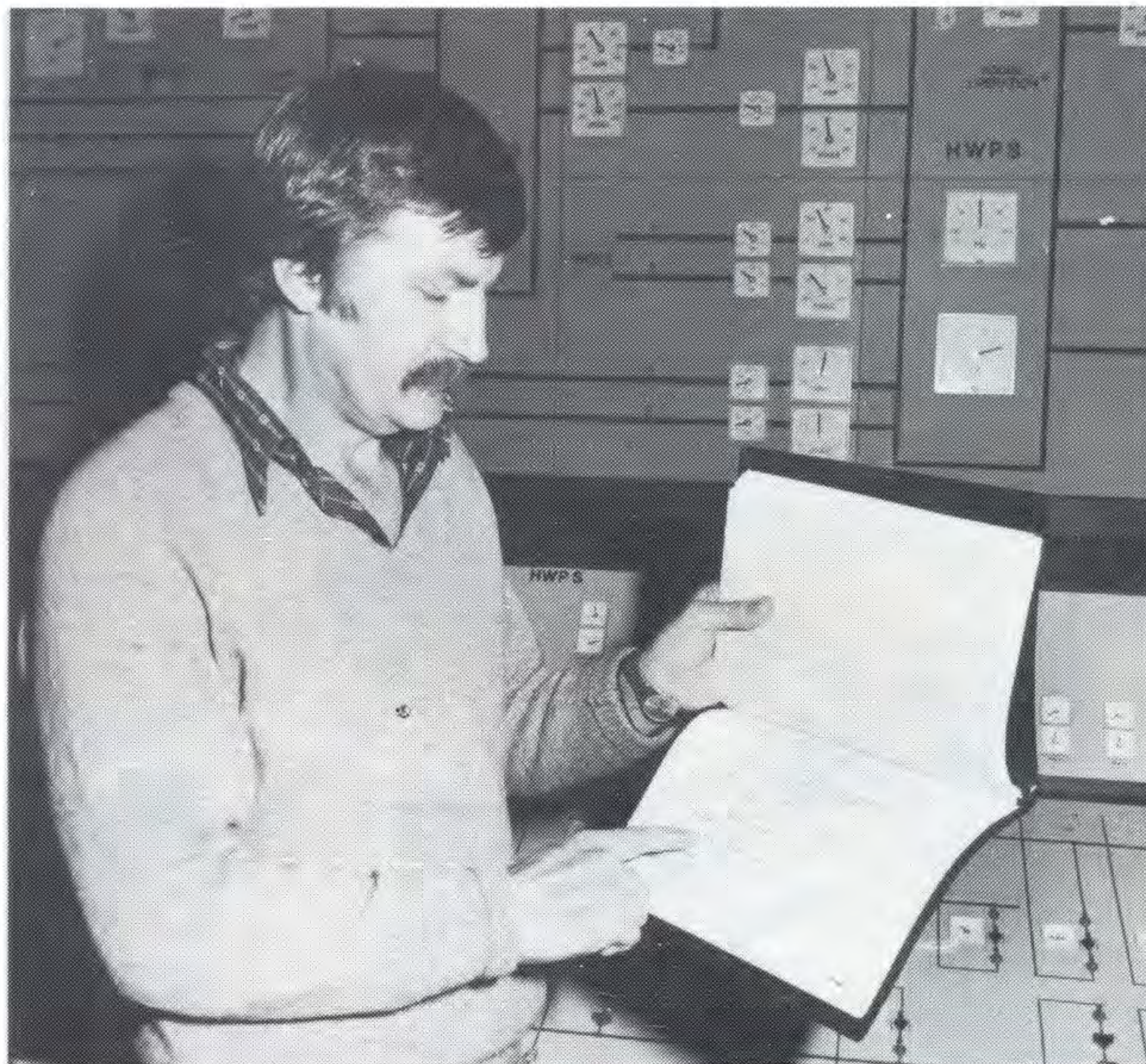
Alexander had eight sons and one daughter of whom Hugh's grandfather, William, was the sixth son. William was then classed an engineer, but today would be called a fitter and turner.

Sawmiller and Carpenter

He had three sons and three daughters and Hugh's father Angus was the eldest son. He was a sawmiller and carpenter in Ballarat and had two sons Hugh and John, a Ballarat motor mechanic.

Even though they don't have quite the large scale families of their forebears, Hugh and his brother have made sure the line will continue. Each has two sons and John also has two daughters.

While most of the family still remains in Ballarat – at one time there were eight McGregor families living in Trevor Street – Hugh branched out when he came to the Valley in 1963.



He started with the SEC as a trainee electrical operator and three years ago was made a mobile operator based at the Latrobe Valley Control Centre, Morwell. He lives in Morwell with his wife Joan – also of Scottish decent – and sons Cameron, 8, and Scott, 5.

Hugh became interested in starting a family tree in 1970 after talking to one of his aunts and during the next eight years spoke to many relatives and acquaintances.

He spent many hours researching and compiling his history. One whole week was spent in Melbourne Library looking up births and deaths.

"I was fortunate to have one aunt who kept everything that came her way. She has many family momentos that were useful to me," he said.

Hugh now plans to spend another 10 years working on Alexander's brothers and sisters histories who came to Australia with him and in two years time would like to visit Nairn in the Scottish Highlands where many of the McGregor's still remain.

105 FISH CAUGHT IN FIVE DAYS

Four Transmission Operations employees were among a party of five who recently caught 105 fish in five days from the Dartmouth Dam in Northern Victoria.

They were: Alan Scott, Ian Burgess, Dusan Dubajic and Reg Heide. The other member was Norm Abbott (Hazelwood Power Station).

The party caught 96 Brown and Rainbow trout and nine Macquarie Perch. Alan Scott landed the heaviest trout, a four kilogram beauty on light gear using a two kilogram breaking strain line, the bait was mud-eye.

The anglers averaged 10 hours fishing a day.

According to Norm Abbott, "It is the second consecutive year the party has made the 600 kilometre round trip from Morwell to Dartmouth . . . but it has been worth it.

"With a catch of more than 100 fish, averaging two kilograms, in five days the size of next years party could be considerably bigger."



1980 - THE YEAR AS 'CONTACT' SAW IT



Loy Yang dams nearing completion

Two of the biggest and most important civil contracts at Loy Yang — the fire services dam and ash pond — are rapidly nearing completion.

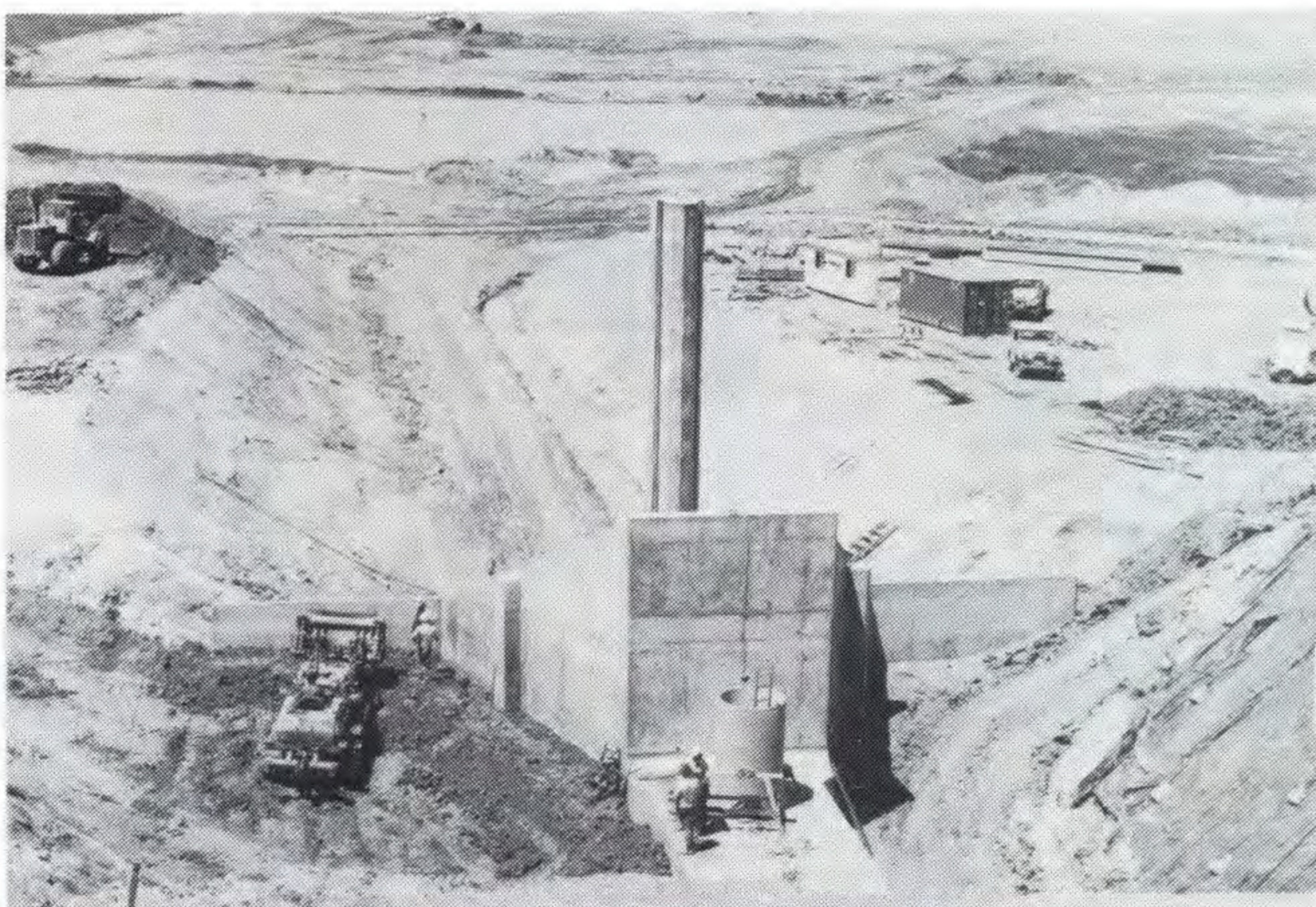
Aided by the long spell of dry weather, Thiess Bros has made steady progress on both projects.

All that remains to be done on the fire services dam is construction of 500 metre long road across the crest of the fire services dam to complete perimeter access. This will be completed by the end of the year.

The dam is unique in that it is wet on both sides because it forms the fire services reservoir and part of the ash pond storage.

The bulk of earthworks are now completed at the ash pond and all that remains is completion of the rip rap placement on the up-stream face, construction of a 1400 metre long road across the top and about 1500 cubic metres of concrete work for the ash line supports and inlet structures. All work should be completed by next March.

With the completion of most earthworks, Thiess has reduced its workforce on the project from 90 men to 60.



Above: The fire services dam already contains a small quantity of run-off water, in the foreground is the flood gate tower and outlet structure built by Thiess which will be backfilled with clay and rip rap facing. The Codelfa-Cogefar tunnel can also be seen.

The fire services dam measures 500 metres along the crest and 24 metres high in the centre and has a storage capacity of 4000 megalitres. Some 400 000 cubic metres of earth fill were used in its construction — all taken from the excavations — together with 90 000 cubic metres of imported sand and rock.

This dam is fed with low quality water from the high level reservoir in Clarke's Road and discharges via the fire services outlet and the Codelfa-Cogefar tunnel into the open cut. The overflow discharges via a spillway into Flynns Creek.

Adjacent to the fire services dam is the ash pond which measures 1400 metres along the crest and 40 metres at the highest point.

Lightning cricket

The 1981 SEC Social League Golden Jubilee cricket lightning premiership will be conducted at Yallourn on Sunday, March 1 starting at 9.30 am.

Team nominations including a \$10 bond close with John Mussared, c/o Hazelwood power station, ext. 2557 on Wednesday, February 12.



It was all smiles after the formalities were over for the six apprentices who won awards of distinction at the presentation day.

AGM Operations, Clem Joyce was pictured congratulating the only female recipient Andrea Foster. With them (from left) are; John Lee, Jeff Hicks, David Henson, Joseph Farrugia and Bradley Stayches.

Distinction awards to top apprentices

Six first year apprentices received awards of distinction at the SEC's annual apprentice presentation day in Kernot Hall, Yallourn on December 5.

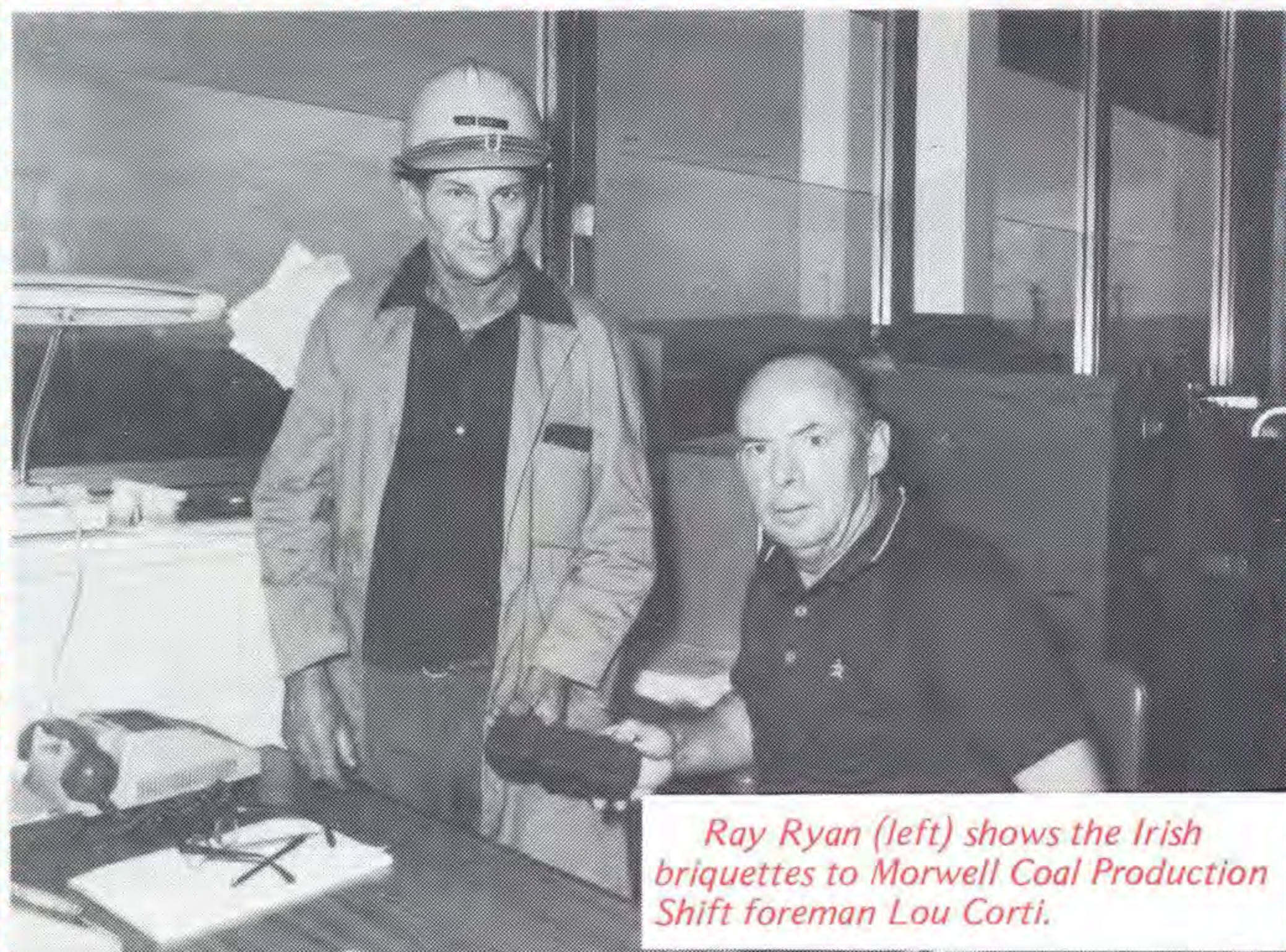
They were Jeff Hicks (carpentry and joining), Andrea Foster (cookery), Bradley Stayches (fitting and turning), David Henson (refrigeration mechanics) and John Lee and Joseph Farrugia (electrical mechanics).

Assistant General Manager (Operations) Clem Joyce presented the distinction awards along with 31 awards of merit.

The function was attended by 196 apprentices and 150 parents from all corners of Latrobe Valley and Gippsland.



COAL
PRODUCTION



Ray Ryan (left) shows the Irish briquettes to Morwell Coal Production Shift foreman Lou Corti.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF IRISH BRIQUETTES!

Have you heard the one about the Irish briquettes . . . well they are real.

Morwell open cut foreman Ray Ryan who recently returned from a three month holiday in Ireland, his homeland, brought some Irish briquettes back with him.

They are made from peat, not coal, and are used extensively throughout Ireland for home heating.

Produced in small briquette factories in Southern Ireland they are

also used extensively in industry.

According to Ray the brownish briquettes burn quicker than the Morwell briquette.

The majority of Ireland's coal is imported from Poland and is very expensive, making the cheaper peat briquette popular.

Ray returned to Ireland to visit his parents and family, who live in County Wexford, 100 kilometres south of Dublin.

New world briquette throwing champion

The second annual world briquette throwing championships sponsored by the Commission were an outstanding success.

Conducted by the Yallourn North Lions Club, which includes a number of Commission employees, the titles were conducted on a reserve at Yallourn North.

The new world champion is David

Gee of Morwell, who threw the briquette 58.61 metres to defeat last years record throw by four metres.

David's name has been submitted to the Guinness Book of Records.

Gold, Silver and Bronze mounted briquettes were presented to all section winners.

Plans are already under way for the third annual championships.

ROCHE BROS ALL SYSTEMS GO

It will be all systems go for Roche Brothers in the New Year on its civil contract for the 'B' Station earthworks and services at Loy Yang.

The contractor is gearing up for an onslaught of work during the summer and will start two shifts on January 5.

Since arriving on site on October 6 Roche prepared a contractor's area, has done some stripping of ground, and started placing select fill on the 'B' station bench.

As well, haul roads are being constructed including one for truck access from the bench to the overburden dump which will also include two armco culverts.

Excavation has started for these twin culverts which will stand side by side and will be made of 6 mm corrugated steel panels bolted together.

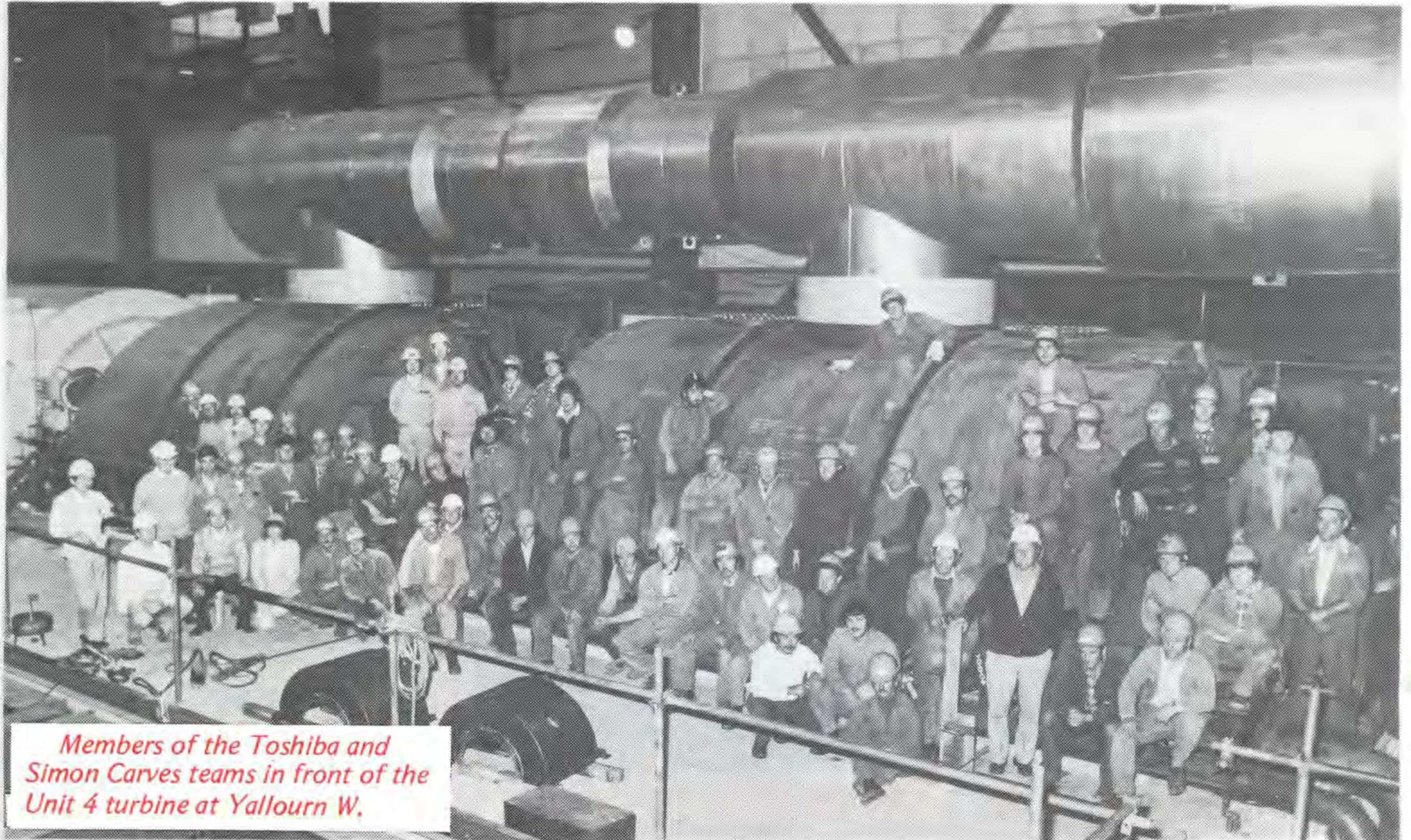
Each culvert will be 9.830 metres wide by 6.750 metres high and road clearance within will be 5.2 metres high by 5.775 metres wide. They will be operating by April 1981 providing a divided road for the 75-tonne dump trucks.

Roche will be excavating 3.5 million cubic metres from the 'B' station bench of which 1.2 million cubic metres will be used for fill. The remaining two million cubic metres will be carted to the overburden dump.

Roche now has 45 people on site and an extensive range of plant, including the fleet of eight 27 cubic metre elevating scrapers it used for construction of the high level storage dam at Loy Yang. As well as the trucks there are rollers, bulldozers and graders.

The SEC has four men on site led by engineer Marcus Taylor with engineer Peter Jenkins, supervisor Ron Bassee and foreman Forbes Stewart.

A soil testing contract is now being let which will employ a laboratory staff of about 10 working two shifts. Upon the SEC's request they will be testing soil samples throughout the duration of the contract and reporting back to the SEC.



Members of the Toshiba and Simon Carves teams in front of the Unit 4 turbine at Yallourn W.

Yallourn W, Unit 4 ready to accept first steam

The unit 4 turbine at Yallourn W is now mechanically complete and ready to accept first steam.

Toshiba and its erection sub-contractor Simon Carves have made great progress on this fourth turbo-generator, completing the mechanical program two weeks ahead of schedule.

The only work remaining on the turbine is lagging and painting.

Toshiba's contract was for the erection of two 375 MW turbo-generators, made in their Yokohama factory in Japan, and auxiliary plant manufactured in Australia.

The company started on site on unit 3 in November 1977 mechanically completing it in June, 1980. Target date for first steam is April 1981.

Work on unit 4 started in April, 1979. Mechanical erection was followed by oil flushing and then rehabilitation of the turbine. Now both unit 3 and 4 are on preservation until blow through of steam from the boilers is achieved.

Site team

Toshiba has a five-man on site team led by site manager "Yoshi" Yoshimura who has been at W station on and off since 1970 when Toshiba began its first contract. The company has supplied all four turbo-generators for stages 1 and 2 of W station.

Others in the Toshiba team are assistant site manager "Kashi" Kashiwabara, turbine supervisor Norm Fakuda, commissioning engineer Nick Nashu, instruments supervisor Sam Kazakaya and office girl Gillian Miller.

The Simon Carves workforce, which is now 70, peaked at 82 with 13 boilermakers, 11 fitters, 20 riggers, 3 crane drivers, 29 trades assistants, one peggy and 5 supervisors.

The team is led by site manager Terry Donaghy, chief supervisor Don Lyons, turbine erector Herbert Mocnik, piping supervisor Alan Hill, piping foreman Fred Mayer, erection foreman Frank Costabile, rigging foreman Stan Schodowski, turbine foreman Terry McKinely and stores Jimmy Armstrong.

Jim Haylock was the SEC mechanical engineer on the contract and Bob Shaw his supervisor.

TRARALGON SHOW

The SEC's successful display at this year's Traralgon Show, last month, concentrated on two areas vital to all Latrobe Valley residents — future planning and employment opportunities with the Commission.

Area Administration Manager Mr. George Bates said people who visited the display were able to discuss their queries with appropriate officers.

"In the area of future planning, we believe it is essential that all sections of the community have a thorough understanding of development projects

already under way and options for the future, in order that they are able to contribute to the planning process.

"We are doing all we can to ensure people have that knowledge.

"The Commission released a discussion paper early this year indicating the possible scale and location of Commission developments over the next 50 years or so.

Mr. Bates said the Commission's discussion paper would be of great value in the preparation of an overall strategic plan for the Latrobe Valley.

A sophisticated transporter

THE MOST sophisticated machine of its kind in the world is now operating at Loy Yang.

Eglo-WOW has completed assembly of the moveable drive head transporter made especially for the SEC's Loy Yang project by Weserhutte Pty. Ltd. in Germany.

Weserhutte has made only three others — One is in Greece and the other two in the USA. Because this is the latest machine, it is the most sophisticated with the largest load capacity.

Greg Mitchell, SEC engineer on the job, explained that it has been specially manufactured to SEC specifications.

It arrived in parts on August 22 on 11 semi-trailers weighing 200 tonnes including packing and spare parts.

"It and a second transporter, which will be included in the next conveyor contract, will be used to carry the six moveable drive-heads

that will be eventually operating in the Loy Yang open cut. The first drive head arrived in mid-September and the second one is due soon," said Greg.

Each drive head weighs 360 tonnes, but the transporter's maximum carrying capacity is 450 tonnes. It also has a draw bar pull of 100 tonnes for towing plant around site.

The transporter is mounted on crawlers driven by a Mercedes Benz V12 diesel engine with hydraulic transmission.

Maximum speed

It is 11.4 metres long by 10.4 metres wide and its minimum height is 2.6 metres. It can raise the load 800 mm. It has a maximum speed of 30 metres per minute unloaded and fully loaded its maximum speed is 15 metres per minute on the flat and five, metres per minute on a grade up to 1:5.

Greg explained: "As the dredger moves along the face of the open

cut, every month or two the conveyor is moved, necessitating the moving of the drive head. At Yallourn and Morwell open cuts it takes four bulldozers to move an average sized drive head, but it would take 20 bulldozers to move those at Loy Yang, hence the need for the transporter."

He said Weserhutte also employs another system of transportation whereby a series of hydraulic lifting cylinders are attached to the drive head. However, the transporter provides a much more efficient and faster service.

Pictured (below) on the transporter are some of the crew who worked on its assembly (back) trades assistant John Rooney, fitters Rob Norder and Gary Davey, trades assistant Mick Phillips and (front) rigger Joe Munro, crane driver Bill Wells and Weserhutte technician Werner Windmann.



Marcus is Loy Yang's high flyer

New SEC engineer at Loy Yang, Marcus Taylor, is a real high flyer.

He owns his own plane, a Cessna 206, and is on the way to becoming an instrument rated commercial pilot.

Mark has been flying for 14 years and has had the plane for a year.

A six seater, high wing aircraft with 310 hp fuel injected engine, it is currently on loan to a charter company in Albury and he will fly it to the Valley early next year.

Mark has still to pass his last two theory examinations for an instrument rating, but has had to push



study aside temporarily due to the upheaval a change of job and new home brings.

He started at Loy Yang on October 13 working on Roche Brothers C102A Contract for the 'B' station earthworks and services. He took over the helm from SEC engineer Rob Stewart who is now working on the Hazelwood Power Station number 4 ash pond.

Mark joined the SEC in April 1979 and spent 18 months building the regulating dam and three surge control dams and finishing off civil

works for the 150 megawatt hydro-power station at Dartmouth.

This is the first time Mark has worked in the Valley. Originally from Geelong, he has worked on a wide range of engineering projects in the Western District, Ballarat, Melbourne, Dartmouth, and Morree in NSW.

He and his wife Jane, a part-time speech therapist with the Education Department in Traralgon, have bought a small property at Cowwarr. They have two children Alan, 7, and Mandy, 6, who attend school at Heyfield.

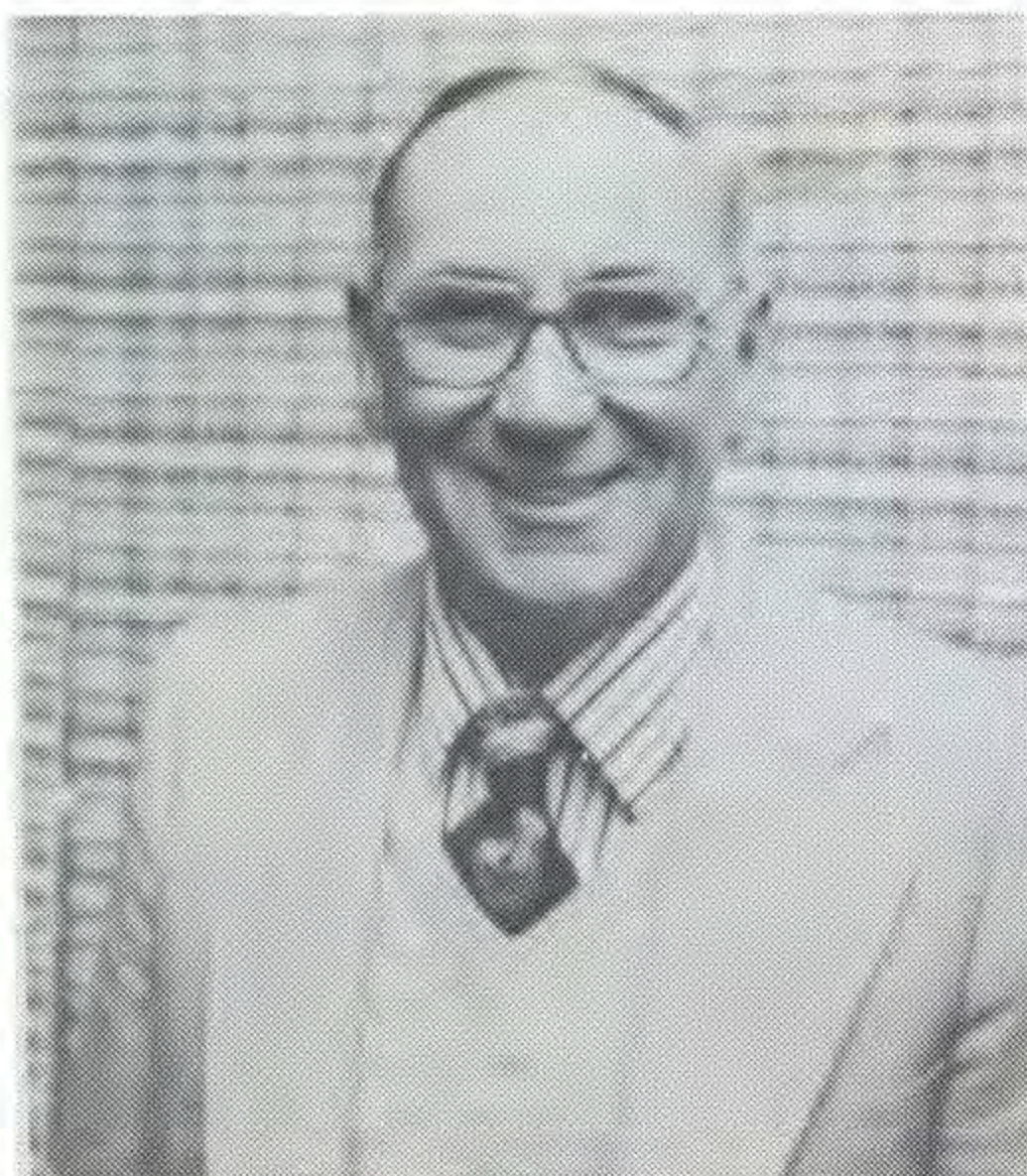
SERVICE REGISTER

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

DECEMBER

	25 YEARS		34 YEARS
John Grieve Donald Flanigan	Coal, Morwell Central Workshops, Yallourn	Lyall Horton Gilbert McPhee	Coal, Yallourn Field Services, Transmission Operations
Demetrio Kaminis Gerben Terpstra	Coal, Yallourn Morwell Briquette and Power	Tom Oswald	Transport Workshops, Yallourn
Anthonius Smit Frank Solodczuk	Yallourn Power Station Administrative Services, Yallourn	Ronald Jessup	Electrical Services, Yallourn
Pierino Moretti	Morwell Briquette and Power		
Alan Cameron	Stores, Morwell		
	30 YEARS		35 YEARS
Donald Grant Carmel Muscat	Civil, Yallourn Morwell Briquette and Power	John Morris	Operations Transmission Ops
Lewis Cilia Mariano Chetcuti Eric Grant Carmel Borg Raymond Love	Hazelwood Power Station Yallourn Power Station Yallourn W Power Station Administration, Yallourn Coal, Yallourn	Ray Tate	Operations Transmission Ops
	31 YEARS	Keith Fletcher	36 YEARS
Frederick Lloyd Angelo Cassar Jack Wilson Alexander Leitch	Yallourn W Power Station Coal, Yallourn Coal, Morwell Yallourn Power Station	Aubrey Douglas	Morwell Briquette and Power
	32 YEARS	Robert Stevenson	38 YEARS
John Passey	Central Workshops, Yallourn	James Knowles Vincent Walker	Transport Workshops, Yallourn Management Engineering Services
Maxwell Strong Petro Janiw Myehajlo Andryczak Norman Foley Athol Minster George Sherman John McIntosh Vlades Kozeniauskas William Wood Tady Nosowski	Coal, Yallourn Coal, Yallourn Yallourn W Power Station Patrol Coal, Morwell Coal, Yallourn Coal, Yallourn Coal, Morwell Patrol Coal, Morwell	Les Barton Robert Crookston Douglas Amos John Stevens	39 YEARS
	33 YEARS	Royden Pryke	Headquarters, Coal Morwell Briquette and Power Property Services Coal, Yallourn Yallourn Power Station Coal, Yallourn
Bruce Coghlan	Transport Workshops, Yallourn	Charles Bowler	41 YEARS
Donald Casey Kevin Randall Alfred Clark	Yallourn Power Station Coal, Yallourn Operations Transmission Ops		Civil, Yallourn
Thomas Grubb	Stations Transmission Ops		42 YEARS
		John Walker	Electrical Workshops, Morwell
			43 YEARS
			Coal, Yallourn

retirements



BOB JOBLING

At an informal farewell a gift of wallet and notes was presented by Cyril Morellato, Superintendent Briquetting and Power, to Bob Jobling in appreciation of more than 33 years service to the SEC.

Bob joined the SEC in August 1947 as a shift engineer at Briquette Production, Morwell. In 1956 he was appointed senior shift engineer, in 1959 maintenance engineer, briquette production, and in 1960 factory operations superintendent. In 1963 he was appointed assistant briquette production superintendent, Morwell Briquetting Division, and while in that role was reclassified to engineer class 5, the position from which he retired.

He will continue to live in Morwell where he will concentrate on his hobbies of golf and lawn bowls.



ARTHUR SCOTT

Some 200 past and present SEC employees crowded the central workshop canteen to attend the farewell for boilermaker Arthur Scott who retired in October after almost 39 years with the Commission.

Also at the function was Arthur's wife and family including one daughter who travelled from South Australia for the occasion. Arthur's main interest is fishing and he was presented with a voucher for fishing gear by Acting Workshop Superintendent John Dunken.

Arthur joined the SEC in 1944 as a fitter's assistant at Yallourn Power Station, worked in construction at Yallourn as welder and driver, a mobile crane driver at Yallourn Central Workshop and a laborer and tractor driver at Forestry, Yallourn.

In 1959 he was appointed a boilermaker at workshops, Yallourn, and in 1960 was transferred to central workshop, Morwell as welder on shift. He worked on shift for five years and then transferred to day work as operator of the automatic welding machine. He retired from this position.

RON COLLINGS

Ron Collings is retiring to the Mornington Peninsula following his retirement in October after 20 years service.

He joined in February 1960 as a cleaner at Morwell Briquetting and Power and remained there working as a coal conveyor attendant, bunker attendant, assistant press driver and operator, the position from which he retired.

He was presented with a wallet and notes by Briquetting and Power Superintendent, Cyril Morellato.



HARRY POTTER

Civil services engineer Max Williamson presented a watch and fishing gear to driver Harry Potter on his retirement from the SEC after 31½ years service.

The farewell was held for Harry at the civil works depot canteen, Yallourn, and was attended by 50 people.

Harry joined the SEC in 1948 as a driver at construction, Yallourn, and in 1955 was appointed a driver at Forestry, Yallourn. In 1959 he was made a leading hand, then a leading hand tractor driver in 1962 and machine float driver in 1969, from which he retired due to ill health.

Harry and his wife have retired to Newborough.

For Sale

Boys Bicycle, size 20" wheels, would suit 7 year old and over, can be simply made into girl's bicycle by removing the centre bar, good condition, only 18 months old. Price \$60. Contact: 26 George Street, Traralgon, 3844. Phone: 74 2968.



A trailer-sailer yacht in excellent condition. Timpenny 670' complete with a trailer and 7.5 H.P. mercury outboard and many other extras. Launched March 1979. \$9 500 ONO. Contact Bob Yeo, phone 46 4370.



UNDEFEATED CRICKETERS HEAD UP LADDER

WITH only two games to be played, the Latrobe Valley SEC Social League cricket team is undefeated so far this season.

Captained by Ken McQualter, vice-captain is Merv Graham, the team has performed well, recording easy wins over Richmond, Flinders Street, and Brooklyn.

The wins have assured Latrobe Valley a place in the grand final at the St. Kilda Cricket Ground on February 22, next year.

The teams first win was against Richmond. Latrobe Valley scores 6/240 (John Webb 64 not out, Ken McQualter 40 and Paul Coffey 40) defeated Richmond 76 (Neil Meredith 3 for 6 and Ian Watson 2/18).

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The LV's third victory was against Brooklyn. LV scored 7/175 (Greg Trembath 38, Paul Coffey 23, John Webb, 26) defeating Brooklyn 84 (Neil Meredith 3/18 and Dave Maxwell 2/9).

The last match before Christmas was played on December 7 against Computer Services. Results will be in the February issue of CONTACT.



Ten pin bowling is Dave's game

Dave Napier has come a long way since striking out in ten pin bowling.

A shift foreman with mechanical maintenance at Morwell Open Cut, Dave has just returned from Adelaide where he managed the Australian Men's ten pin bowling team in the Asian Zone Championships.

The six man Australian team comprising members from Victoria, NSW, Queensland and South Australia competed against teams from nine other countries including Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, South Korea, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Guam and the Phillipines.

The championships were held from November 30 to December 2. The Asian Zone is part of the Federation International Des Quilleurs which also includes the American Zone and European Zone.

For the past five years Dave has been Southern Zone director of the Australian Ten Pin Bowling congress. This zone includes the Latrobe Valley, Warrnambool, Colac, Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo and Shepparton.

In 1978 he was fortunate enough to attend as an Australian delegate

the FIQ Asian Zone meeting in Bangkok the last year the FIA world meeting in Manila.

He has been president of the Latrobe Valley Ten Pin Bowling Association for the past seven years and is also a member of the Victorian State Ten Pin Bowling Committee and the Victorian State Junior Ten Pin Committee.

Scottish born Dave came to Australia in 1951 and began playing bowls in 1966 in the Shiftworkers' League. He ventured into administration in 1968.

He still plays bowls about three times a week at Morwell with the Shiftworkers and Hepcats Leagues.

His wife May has been playing for the same time and as a member of the winning B grade team, the Morwell Ten Pins, defeated 147 other teams at the Australian Championships held in Canberra in October.

However, Dave declares the best bowler in the family is their younger son David, 22, who is almost an open class bowler. He works at the Morwell Workshops.

ART FESTIVAL

The 1981 SEC art exhibition, run in conjunction with the Latrobe Valley Festival will be conducted in March next year.

The theme will be 'Gippsland — Industry, agriculture, energy and people'.

Information and entry forms can be obtained by writing to or phoning Mary Blowers, Public Relations P.O. Box 195, Morwell, 3844, ph. 34 2244, extension 3244.

Closing date for entries is Friday, February 20, 1981.