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New 'home' for Boyd mural in Morwell



Above: Latrobe Valley Arts Centre Director Tony Hanning (extreme right) and the Civil Works team involved in the mural removal.



The mural was removed in 16 pieces.

A Yallourn Civil Works team has engineered one of the most unusual elements of the Yallourn Resettlement program.

The unique Arthur Boyd mural has been removed from St. John's Anglican Church, Yallourn, and reinstalled behind the altar in St. Mary's, Morwell.

The mural, which is of casein and tempera paints on masonite, measures about eight metres wide by five metres. It was divided into 16 panels for the complex five day removal exercise in the second week of February.

About 30 former Yallourn residents among St. Mary's parishioners petitioned the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland for the transfer of the mural to their new church, which was especially designed to feature the mural.

Among the first to visit the mural in its new home will be the curator of Arthur Boyd's works from the New Australian National Gallery in Canberra.

The mural, which depicts The

Ascension, was commissioned in 1960 by St. John's Vestry for 800 pounds.

Director of the Latrobe Valley Art Centre, Mr. Tony Hanning, said: "It is a very important work.

"It is unlike any of the paintings that Arthur Boyd did. His work is generally free flowing, almost in caricature. This one is made up of rigid hard edged squares and circles, like a mosaic or a stained glass window. The background colors of blue and black reinforce the impression of stained glass.

"It is quite magnificent to sit down in a place as quiet as a church and contemplate a work of this stature. If you really look, through it all you can see a figure, with blood on his hands, you can see a heart and blood on his side", he said.

The Civil Works team which carried out the operation was led by Murray Walker, with carpenters Brian McEwan, and Peter Robson and apprentice painter Ron Copeland.

Riggers Max Baszczuk and Harry Lane erected scaffolding for the job.

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The holiday period has special significance for model railway enthusiast Hans Faubel. Every year Hans, with the help of his family, assembles this comprehensive lay-out. See story page 14.

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All systems "go" at Jeeralang B

Jeeralang 'B' gas turbine station's first 80 MW unit was due to come on stream as CONTACT went to press.

First ignition took place on Saturday February 9 with the run up to full speed following two days later.

First synchronisation was scheduled before the last week in February - with full load to be achieved three days later.

Synchronisation of units two and three are due at four week intervals in March and April with full commercial operation expected by May.

Supply and erection contractors are the French company Alstom Atlantique. Jeeralang B represents their first Australian contract.

Earthworks on the B station site in Bonds Lane, south of Morwell, started in August 1978. The construction workforce peaked in August 1979 at 200.

Landmarks in the past month's hectic countdown program included pressurising and commissioning the

gas and fuel oil systems, and commissioning the fire protection deluge system on unit one transformer.

Electrical connection to the State system is by a 220 kV tower line to Hazelwood Power Station switchyard.

The units, which can operate on natural gas, distillate or any mixture of the two, are connected up to the Bass Strait gas pipeline.

More than 3000 native trees and shrubs have been planted around the station in an extensive landscaping program.

The new station complements Jeeralang A which went into commercial operation between November 1978 and May 1979 with a generating capacity of 224 MW.

Whereas a coal fired station takes many hours to reach full load from a cold start, the Jeeralang stations can operate at capacity within minutes of starting up.

RENE'S NUMBER ONE!



Rene Mol and his kayak have again proven to be one of the best combinations in Australia.

The 28 year old Hazelwood power station fitter left no doubt about his expertise when he won the racing kayak single men's open section in the annual Red Cross Murray River canoe marathon.

Rene, from Churchill, who was third last year, says this year's

race was considerably harder because the river was very low.

More than 530 canoeists competed in the race — 50 of them in Rene's section.

Success hasn't come easily. Rene has been training for the past 12 months for the 400 kilometre race.

He's been running more than six kilometres a day and training on the Hazelwood pondage in his 11.8 kilogram (26 pound) Danish - made Ranger kayak for up to 2½ hours daily.

Rene is now training for the Victorian kayak titles to be held at Ballarat in March. He finished second in the 10,000 metre championship last year and is confident of taking off the title this year.

Following the Victorian championships it's on to the Australian titles in Stanthorpe, Queensland.

Rob Furmston, also from Hazelwood power station, finished third in Rene's section in the Murray River Marathon.

Craigburn to live on



The Craigburn cannon — "close as possible to its original condition."

The four-masted barque sailing ship Craigburn went down off Sorrento on May 9, 1891.

Eighty-nine years to the day, one of the ship's cannons will be officially handed over to the National Trust's Sorrento Museum — thanks to the efforts of Morwell Briquette and Power Installation shift fitter Mick Tutin.

A scuba diving enthusiast, Mick has recovered the cannon and various other Craigburn mementos.

Since discovering the Craigburn wreck in 1972, Mick has become something of an expert on the ship, as he illustrated in a Contact story in July 1978 soon after he began the long and involved process of restoration.

Mick has done most of the work himself but is quick to thank all those who have helped him over the past 2½ years.

"It's been a real team effort," he said.

By arrangement with the SEC some work was done in the workshops and the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education looked after some highly specialised electrolysis treatment.

The result of the effort — "close as possible to its original condition," says Mick proudly.

An official handing over ceremony is planned at the Sorrento Museum in May — and there will be no way of keeping Mick away.

Sheltered Workshop needs

The Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshop Association has started the New Year with an S.O.S. to the SEC workforce.

It is a two-pronged appeal for more money and more work.

Over the past nine years SEC employees have contributed nearly \$17 000 to the Sheltered Workshop Association through a payroll deduction scheme.

Authority has recently been granted to extend that scheme for a further three years, and the association is hoping that this will mark a period of increased support from SEC employees.

Association president is Max Williamson, Civil Services Engineer with Engineering Services.

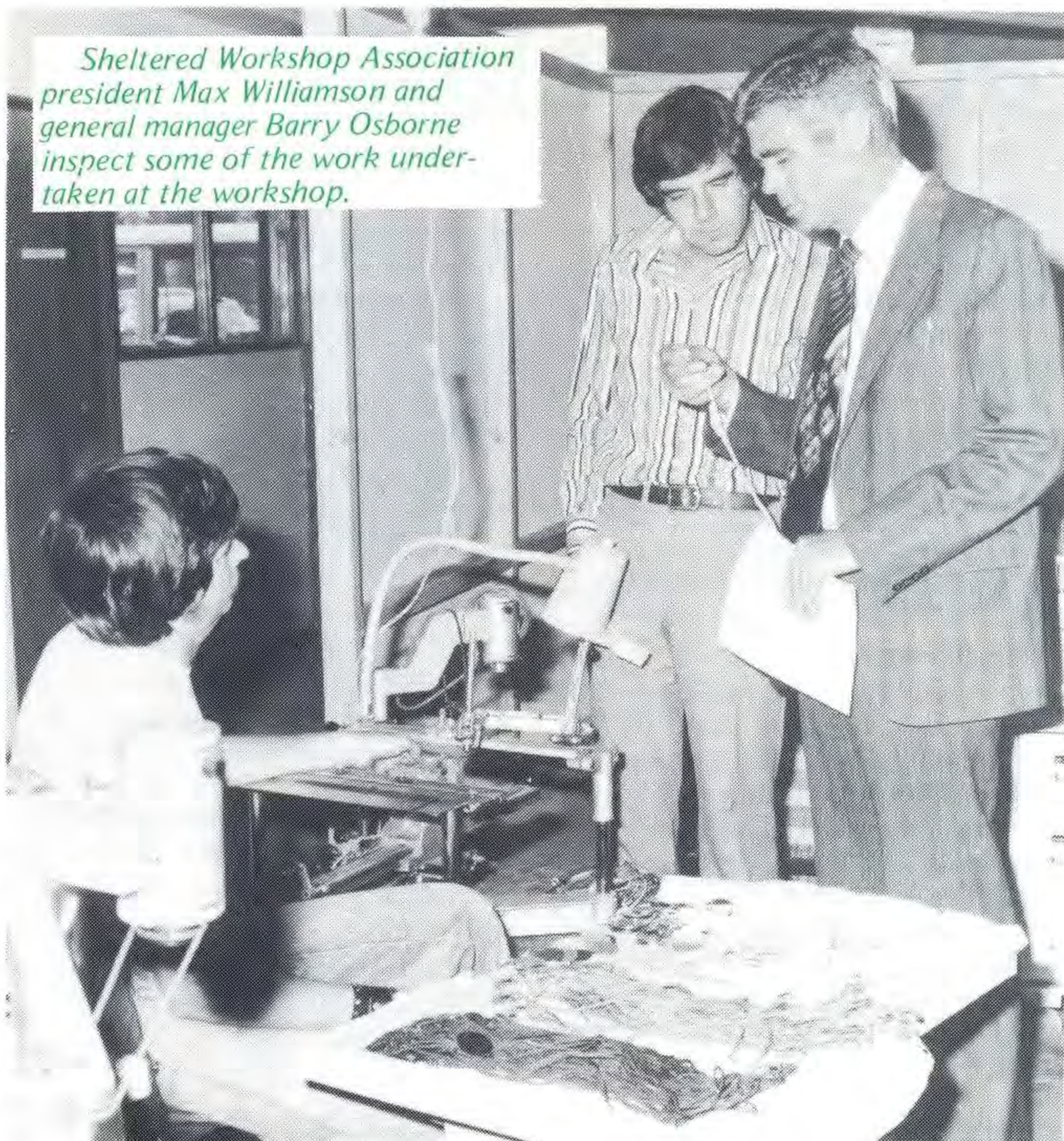
"In the past we have operated on low levels of losses which have been fairly easily met by donations from the public. Now we are in a pretty precarious financial state and urgent action needs to be taken," he said.

"Our budget income of \$160 000 aims to cover operating costs but there is no provision made for capital expenditure, and we look like falling well short of our target income this financial year.

"At present 420 SEC people are contributing \$3 800 a year through the payroll deduction scheme. This represents an invaluable source of income.

"But there are nearly 8000 people working within the Commission in the Latrobe Valley. Regular donations — even as little as 20 cents a week —

Sheltered Workshop Association president Max Williamson and general manager Barry Osborne inspect some of the work undertaken at the workshop.



Call for more work, more money

could make all the difference.

"Further contributions will help to offset our operating losses and provide urgently needed equipment. At the same time we need to increase

our work load to enable us to increase our productivity," he said.

General Manager of the Sheltered Workshops is Barry Osborne, formerly an engineer at Yallourn Power Station.

LATROBE VALLEY SHELTERED WORKSHOP ASSOCIATION AUTHORITY TO DEDUCT

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your help

"One of our main objectives is to increase the wages of our handicapped employees in line with increased worker productivity. Although we pay above the national average of \$10 a week the wages are still small.

"There are also a number of people on our waiting list whom at present we cannot employ because of a shortage of suitable work.

"For a handicapped person, having a job to go to and a wage to bring home is of immense value not only to the individual, but to his whole family," he said.

During the eleven years of operation the Sheltered Workshops have established a reputation to be proud of. They are best known for quality plastic and metal engraving and acrylic sign making. This is their chief source of revenue but occupies only a small proportion of workers because it requires a skill which excludes the majority.

"Other activities include waste paper collections and reclamation and cleaning of sugar bags. And it is in these labour intensive, repetitious jobs that we are hoping to expand our sphere of activity," said Barry.

At present 40 people, aged between 16 and 65 are employed in the workshops.

Max Williamson has been closely associated with the Sheltered Workshop Association since 1967 when he was appointed project chairman of the team set up by the Morwell Jaycees to investigate the possibility of establishing a workshop in the Latrobe Valley.

He was treasurer of the inaugural board of directors and has since served as vice president and president.

A number of other SEC personnel have played prominent roles in the development of the Sheltered Workshop Association including Don Bromilow, Ted Summerton and John Tilley.

Jack Clancy, an Investigations Engineer at Yallourn Power Station, has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors.

Anyone wanting further information about the Sheltered Workshops - particularly those in a position to put more work their way - should contact Max Williamson on ext. 3125.



People with plenty to smile about! Gary Smith (centre) and Phillip Willshire pictured in the civil drafting office with Chief Draftsman Jim Helms.

STATE'S BEST

Two Commission trainees have topped the State in their final Certificate of Technology exams — the first time that Commission trainees have scored such a coup.

Mechanical draftsman Phillip Willshire averaged an impressive 90 per cent in his exams. Forty-seven trainees sat the exam — 19 failed and the second placegetter was 12 marks behind with 78.

Phillip was awarded 95 per cent for his special project paper, 84 for theory and 91 for calculations. His special projects included the design of two incline conveyors to a chemical handling plant and a drive for a mixing machine.

Twenty one year old civil drafting trainee Gary Smith came top in his

section with 85 per cent — a two point lead over the next highest scorer.

Gary designed a sewage treatment plant and redesigned a local road system for his special projects.

Success in the exam qualifies them for graduate membership of the Institute of Draftsmen.

A delighted Philip said: "I was amazed when I heard my mark. I'm still trying to think how I did it. It was a lot of hard work — a year I wouldn't want to repeat."

They have studied for the certificate for four years — one year of full time and three years part time study at Yallourn Technical College, while working in the Yallourn drawing office.

The three - year - old giant

Loy Yang celebrates its third birthday this month, and next month the public will have a chance to see just how far the power station project has progressed.

The project site will be open to the public on Sunday, March 2.

Free guided tours will leave Traralgon Showgrounds taking in all the sites major features, between 9.30 am and 3 pm. Tours are scheduled to last just over an hour.

Car parking facilities will be provided at the showgrounds and service clubs have been asked to provide barbecue lunches and light refreshments.

Information displays will be mounted by the Commission and Traralgon City Council in the football club social complex.

This is the second opportunity the public has had to visit the site — and organisers are expecting about 3500 visitors.

February 1977 saw the start of the initial earthwork contract at Loy Yang.

The site has come a long way since then. Thirty-seven contracts are current on site and contracting personnel on site total 1530.



AREA
ADMINISTRATION

Let's take a walk

A walk with some school mates along the Macalister River turned Ross Smith into a bush walker almost over night.

"I went out the next day and bought a pack and haven't looked back since," said Ross, junior storeman at Morwell Stores.

"I like the bush. I've always liked it, going camping and fishing. Bush-walking is just fantastic."

If you ask him how far he's walked in the six years since bush walking "got to him" he'll grab a map of Australia and draw a circle around Victoria.

"Just let me put a circle around here. I've walked all over the State."

Ross is founder President of the Traralgon Bush Walking Club.

"The club's been going just under a year. It grew out of a Traralgon Tech School club. My group of friends all left the college — but we continued walking. So we decided to set up a club of our own," he said.

Already it has a healthy membership of 30 aged between 16 and 34.



Their 1979 program included 10 weekend walks into the mountains, up in the snow, along river gorges and by the sea.

"I think the best trip for me was climbing Mount Bogong — the highest mountain in Victoria. That's a real thrill. You feel as though you've really achieved something," said Ross.

Millionaires in Finance!

Area Administration Finance Division on January 31 notched up one million manhours without a lost time injury.

The division's 90 employees have worked for more than five years without a LTI. The division's last recorded injury was in September 1974.

Area Administration Manager George Bates congratulated the division on its fine record and commended the employees on their responsible safety attitude.

A function to recognise the million hour mark will be held at the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre, Morwell at which the division will receive the Safety Council of Australia certificate and plaque will be presented to the division.

POST OFFICE CLOSURE



Meet Chris Banfield, who was appointed apprenticeship officer towards the end of last year.

His brief is the welfare of the Commission's 650 plus apprentices — he's the man to whom apprentices or parents should direct their questions.

He is working alongside Peter Gracey at the Yallourn Training Centre and can be contacted on 62 2161 extension 2305.

Chris has first hand experience of the situations an apprentice can face — he joined the Commission in 1965 as an apprentice fitter and turner.



The Yallourn Post Office closed on January 31 after more than 50 years service to the people of Yallourn.

A postal delivery will continue to Yallourn residents from the Moe Post Office and stamps will be

available from Barry Slade's Milk Bar. A mail box will be established in front of the milk bar.

Postmistress Val Talbot serving Dorothy Taylor and her grandchildren Kristy and Charlene Howell on the last day of Business at Yallourn Post Office.



ENGINEERING
SERVICES

Syd, spuds - and a snake

Everything in the garden is NOT rosy — as SEC gardener Syd Osborne found out when he was digging his vegie patch, close to Morwell Administration buildings.

He narrowly avoided a third encounter of the closest kind with a red bellied black snake.

"I was about to pick up a hatful of potatoes. I heard a rustle of leaves — the snake was only about two feet away from me. I just stood there petrified. Then it snaked off into the vegies.

"I watched where it went and speared it with the garden fork," he said.

It's the second time Syd's been threatened by a snake in recent weeks.

"The other time I was cutting grass. I looked down and saw a snake wrapped about my foot. I kicked and kicked until it came off. I tried to run it over with the mower but it got away. These safety boots probably helped save the day," said Syd.

And the third time? "Last year Mick Booth, foreman gardener, nearly got bitten by one. It came right at him, and just missed his leg. I cut it in half with my spade."



Back at the scene of the fright, Syd posed for Contact with the red bellied black snake which nearly sunk its fangs into him.

Mower safety

Civil Works have started a campaign aimed at improving mower safety.

Ray Janiw, Engineer, Headquarters, has prepared a circular outlining the "dos" and "don'ts" of mower use.

Ray said there were a number of simple precautions many people fail to observe when mowing.

"Rotary mowers in particular are potentially dangerous machines because of the high speed at which the blades revolve," he said.

"Even though most of the safety precautions to be observed are simple and straight-forward, I'm sure people are guilty of not always following the safest procedures, whether they're using mowers on the job or at home.

"Mower safety and industrial safety in general have a common factor — common sense."

Pipeline to Loy Yang

The \$4.5 million low quality water pipeline from Hazelwood Pondage to Loy Yang is nearing completion.

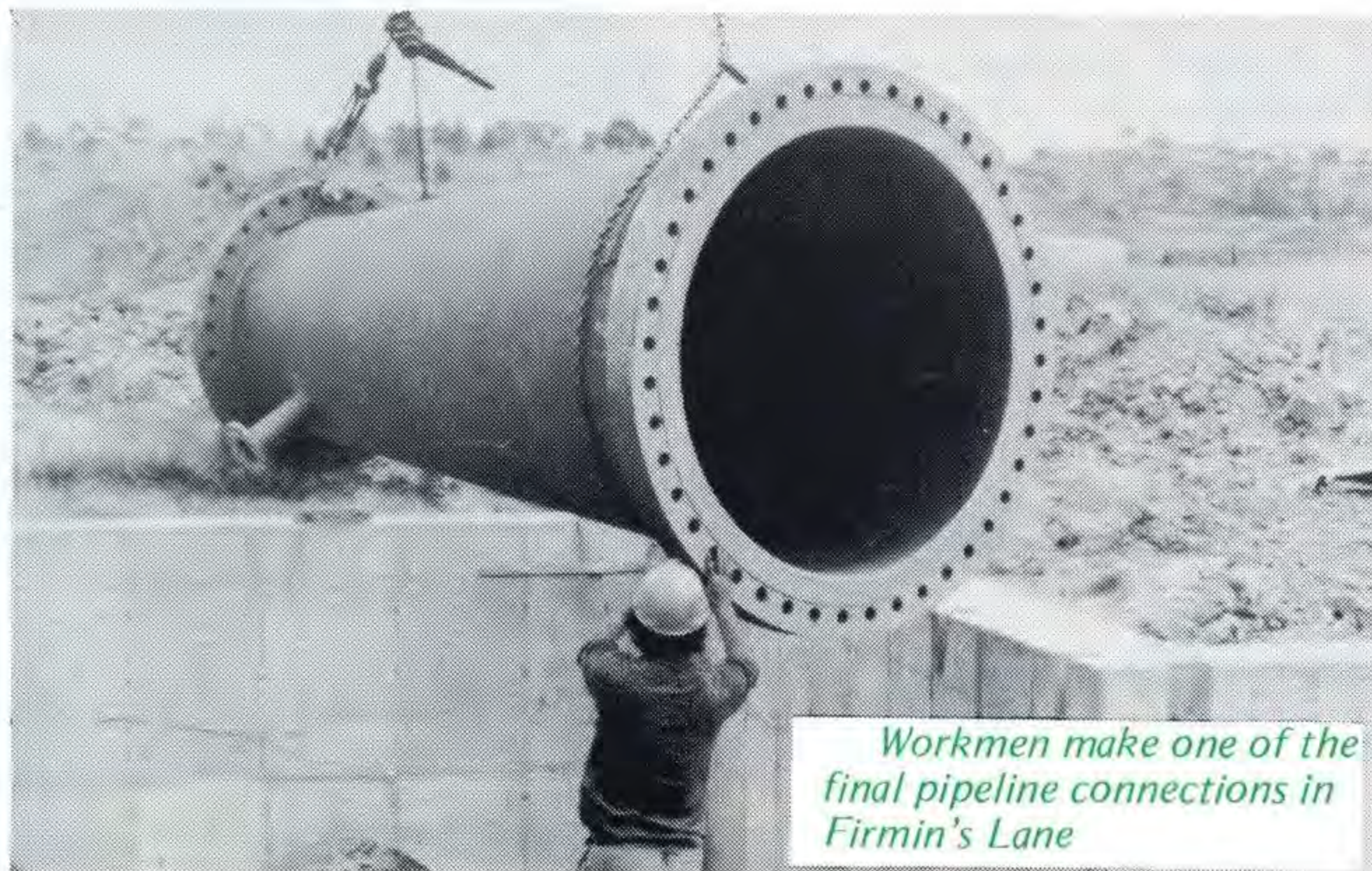
Work on the pipeline, which will supply low quality water to the Loy Yang project's high level water storage dam began in January last year. The water will be used in the Loy Yang cooling towers.

The 14 kilometre pipeline made up of six kilometres of 0.8 metre diameter pipes and eight kilometres of 1.4 metre pipes, was installed by Thiess Bros.

The specially pre-stressed concrete pipes were provided by Rocla, Traralgon, at a cost of \$2.5 million. Each five metre long pipe contains more than two kilometres of pre-stressed wire.

In association with the pipeline, a \$500,000 pumping station is being constructed at Hazelwood Pondage.

All works have been under the supervision of Civil Works, Morwell on behalf of Civil and Architectural Department. Civil Works personnel who have played major roles in the project are site engineer Bill Van Meurs, Harry Maxwell, Ron Draper, Ray Janiw and Peter Simpson.



Workmen make one of the final pipeline connections in Firmin's Lane



FIRST DAY AT WORK

APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES

More than 200 apprentices and technical trainees started careers with the Commission this year. Our pictures show some of them on their first day at work.

One hundred and fifty two apprentices selected from more than 800 applicants signed on January 15. They embarked on a three month probationary period which marked the start of a four year apprenticeship.

Most of the new starters were apprenticed to the mechanical trades — 55 fitters and turners, 35 boilermakers and four motor mechanics — with electrical trades accounting for 33. In addition to civil trades apprentices and instrument makers and repairers, an apprentice cook has been taken on for the first time in the SEC in the Latrobe Valley.

There are now about 650 apprentices being trained by the Commission in the Latrobe Valley in a total of 22 trades.

Welcoming the apprentices, Personnel Officer John Drewett drew attention to the need for safety and accident prevention.

He said there was evidence that in both industry and on the road the incidence of accidents resulting in apprentices being injured was increasing.

"The SEC is concerned about this trend and will be doing all it can to reverse it", he said.

He also stressed the continuing need for skilled tradesmen to meet future industrial requirements in Australia, Victoria and in particular

the SEC.

"Apprentices make up a very significant part of our workforce."

TRAINEE RECORD

A record 51 trainees started with the Commission on February 7.

Trainees include engineering and survey assistants, electrical operators, draftsmen and a communications officer. This year for the first time the Commission has taken on 13 trainee power plant operators and created two new categories of engineering assistants — civil and mechanical.

They were selected from about 200 applicants and bring the number of technical trainees currently in training within the Commission in the Latrobe Valley to 144.

The trainees will spend their first year in full time study at Yallourn Technical College. They will continue their studies toward the Certificate of Technology during three years work within the Commission before completing their traineeship.

Training and Development Officer, Les Hunt, told the trainees: "The technological demands of today and beyond will guarantee a place, particularly in the SEC, for people who pursue their studies.

"We have a significant investment in the young people in our training schemes and I urge you to take full advantage of the facilities available to ensure the successful completion of your traineeship.

1. The SEC's first apprentice cook in Latrobe Valley Andrea Foster wasted no time in getting down to work. She is pictured cooking lunch on her first day with the Commission with head cook George Gehrig.

2. Apprentice fitter and turner Anthony Motta is pictured signing on with Apprentice Foreman Clem Stephens.

3. Armando Vitale is the first technical trainee appointed to the new category of engineering assistant (civil).

4. Two Yarragon youths were appointed survey assistants: John Williams (left) and Doug Borland.

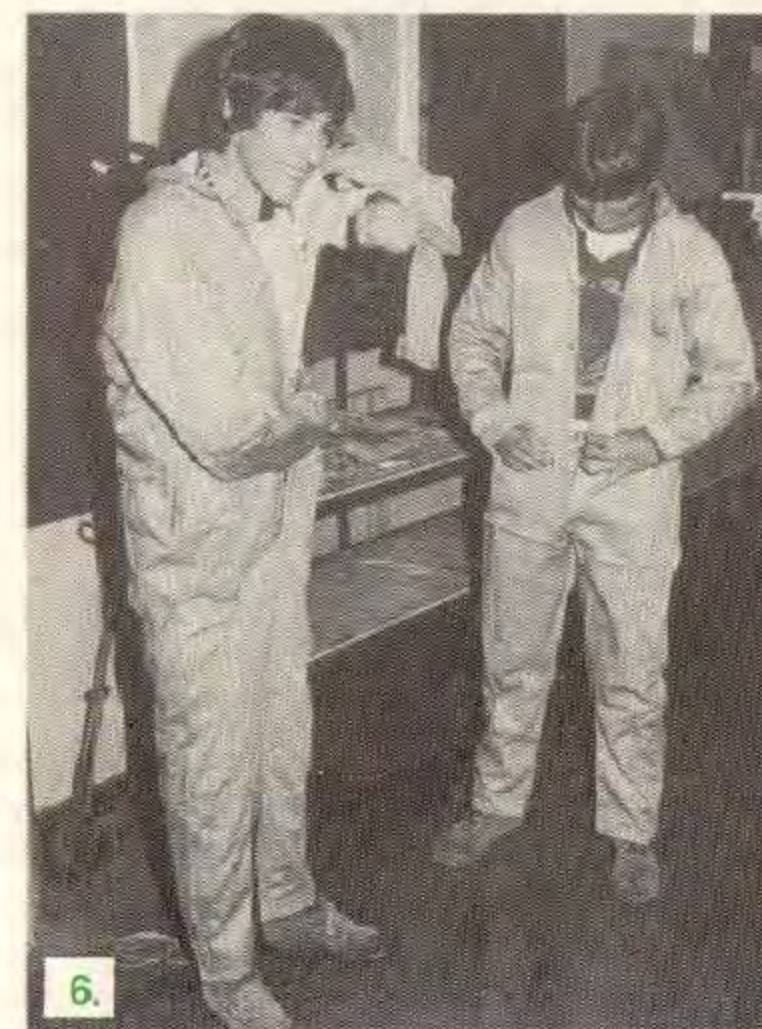
5. The 10 engineering assistants (electrical testing) are Stephen Young,

Douglas Stenhouse, Bill Madden, Judy Stewart, Michelle Wright, Stefan Dundek, Jeff Puts, David Andrews, Stephen Sutton and Ricky Waite.

6. The first day's program included the issue of protective clothing. Trying on overalls are Guiseppa Albanese and Michael Cassar.

7. Apprentice training supervisor Ken Horton helps Bill Taylor, apprentice fitter and turner, fill in his signing on forms.

8. Thirteen trainee power plant operators were taken on for the first time this year. They are Brett Dorz, Martin Domzalski, Russell Nicol, Anthony Bajada, Glenn Livesey, Neville Carrington, Jeffrey Rigby, Neil Hecker, David Elkington, Mario Farrugia, Paul Walden, Ian Wright and Stuart Glen.





POWER GENERATION



Big changes in Power

The retirement of three senior Power Generation officers early this year has resulted in a number of staff movements within the department.

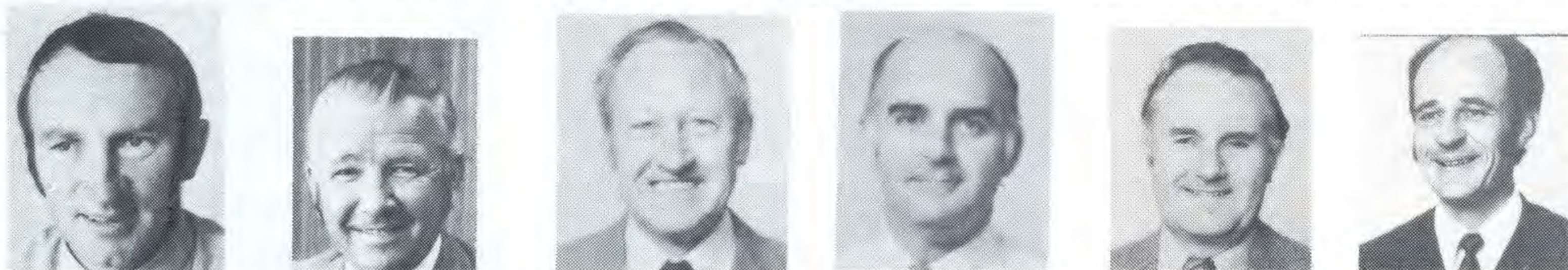
Power Generation Manager Jack Robertson and Power Station Superintendent Loy Yang Liaison Ron Court both retire this month and Hazelwood Power Superintendent Arthur Ewen will be on leave

from April before retiring early next year.

The resultant changes include: Don Clark has been appointed Deputy Power Generation Manager; Alan Castelow to Power Engineer; Bryce McRitchie to Power Superintendent Loy Yang Liaison; John Hutchinson Yallourn Power Station Superintendent; Norm Bowles Yallourn 'W' Power Station

Superintendent; Bruce Johnston Hazelwood Power Station Superintendent; Col Harvey Yallourn Assistant Power Station Superintendent; Alf Obersby Yallourn 'W' Assistant Power Station Superintendent; and Peter Euman Assistant Power Engineer.

Appointments began to take effect from January 14 and will be completed by April this year.



32 YEARS LATER...

In 1948 John 'Jock' Hutchinson was appointed Yallourn Power Station Superintendent. Now, 32 years later, his son John has been appointed to the same position.

It is believed to be a Commission first for a father and son to be appointed superintendent of the same power station.

John junior received his appointment recently and will take up the position on March 11.

'Jock' Hutchinson who worked with the Commission for more than 30 years, began as a draftsman, then worked as an engineer at Yallourn power station before taking a Melbourne appointment with Generation Branch in 1937. He was appointed Richmond Power Station Superintendent in 1948.

'Jock' was a keen sportsman, and was honored with life membership of the Yallourn Tennis Club and the



Yallourn and District Cricket Association. He was also a member of the Yallourn Golf Club and Chairman of the Yallourn Ovals Trust for many years. He died in 1956 aged 53.

John junior joined the Commission in 1956 as a cadet engineer at

Yallourn Power Station. One of his ambitions was to become a power station superintendent.

John has worked in three Latrobe Valley power stations — Yallourn, Hazelwood and Morwell.

He was Mechanical Maintenance Engineer, Yallourn in 1974 then acting Deputy Morwell Superintendent in 1975. He moved on to Assistant Power Station Superintendent at Hazelwood from 1976 to 1978 before being appointed Assistant Power Engineer, Headquarters, in 1979.

John has also been an active sportsman. He played football with Fitzroy in 1957-58 and Yallourn from 1953-66, coaching the Blues in 1962-63. He played Country Week Cricket with the Central Gippsland Cricket Association.

John is a Major in the CMF and is President of the Latrobe Valley Association of SEC Social Clubs.

Pictured (above left) is new Yallourn Power Station Superintendent John Hutchinson. Inset: 'Jock' Hutchinson.



First - up win to Stephen

Stephen Witchell, apprentice electrical mechanic at Yallourn, is the inaugural holder of the H.C. Bennet Memorial Shield.

The perpetual shield is an encouragement award to be made to the first year electrical apprentice who shows the most determination and effort in his first year. It commemorates Charlie Bennet, who joined the SEC in 1945 and was instructor in the electrical apprentice training centre from 1968 until his death following a heart attack last year.

Making the presentation, his widow, Mrs Thais Bennet, said: "He was very dedicated to his job. He thought a lot of the apprentices — especially those who really tried hard."

Pictured alongside Stephen and Mrs Bennet is Transmission Operations Apprentice Training Overseer, Mike Meany.

Power line safety - it's up to us all

Recent accidents within the works area and on SEC construction sites have highlighted the dangers associated with high reach vehicles working near overhead power lines.

Each of these accidents was potentially fatal. None could have happened if established safety procedures had been followed.

Transmission Operations bear the brunt of the accidents, with responsibility for breaks in transmission and the time and cost of repair.

Assistant Chief Engineer, Transmission Operations, Ian McDonald said construction sites were the biggest concern at present.

"There we are dealing with people — contractors — who are unfamiliar with Commission activities.

"Whilst contractors are made aware of the problem areas and the procedures to be followed before commencing work, we can't always be sure that they fully inform their sub contractors. This requires constant vigilance by Commission personnel on site.

"At Jeeralang and at Loy Yang colored boards and flags are hung

from structures over roadways to draw people's attention to the fact that there are power lines crossing the road. And, if they are in danger of contacting lines, they will hit these warning signals first."

The main hazard concerns vehicles like tipper trucks, transporters carrying big diggers and excavators, truck mounted or mobile cranes.

Most accidents happen because people are not aware the lines are there, are unaware of the height of the reach of their machines or have forgotten, for instance, that their truck tray is still elevated.

Regulations and permits clearly set down safety procedures and minimum safety margins which must not be infringed.

Ian said their other problems lie with high voltage transmission lines distributing power around the State.

"We have to be vigilant for fire hazards, checking that no trees or limbs of trees come close to conductors and that undergrowth below the power lines is kept to a minimum.

Mid - Week cricket

The race is on for places in the Latrobe Valley Mid-Week Cricket Association finals.

With four rounds to play, five sides were fighting neck and neck for the final three places in the "four".

Four of the five sides left in the race are from the SEC — Morwell Briquette, Yallourn "W", Morwell Power Station and Central Workshops.

The Mid-Week ladder after 17 rounds read as follows: APM (bonus points 121/total points 198), Morwell Briquette (117/181), Police (107/179), Yallourn "W" (109/175), Morwell Power Station (106/159), Hazelwood Power Station (89/113); MMC (53/55).

Workshop lunch

More than 80 retired Yallourn workshops personnel attended the annual Christmas luncheon in the workshops canteen on December 20.

Organised by the Workshops Social Club, each retired person received a free Christmas lunch and a box of chocolates.

SERVICE REGISTER

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

JANUARY

30 YEARS

Hugh Moore	Yallourn Open Cut	Harold Hopkins	Patrol Yallourn
Alex Marino	Transport Workshops	Joe Kirkup	Coal Production Yallourn
	Yallourn	Lawrie Shipp	Morwell Briquetting and
Jim McEwan	Morwell Power Station		Power Installation
Bert Riches	Yallourn Power Station	Allan Jenner	Survey Morwell
Bill Mathews	Civil Works Morwell	Bill Martin	Yallourn Power Station
Lance King	Transport Workshops	Ken Castell	Morwell Briquetting and
	Yallourn		Power Installation
Alan Norman	Civil Works Morwell	Brian Baillie	Yallourn Open Cut
Bob Willett	Yallourn Open Cut		
Noel Shears	Yallourn W Power Station		
Lindsay Matthews	Yallourn Power Station		
Ron MacKenzie	Yallourn W Power Station		
John Mussared	Hazelwood Power Station		
Clive Williams	Power Generation		
	Headquarters		
Bert Rye	Coal Production Yallourn		
Ian Collins	Yallourn W Power Station		
Walter Lennon	Yallourn Open Cut		
Bernie Owers	Central Workshops		
	Yallourn		
Bill Raymond	Hazelwood Power Station		
Doug Henry	Central Workshops		
	Yallourn		
Keith Cook	Yallourn Open Cut		

31 YEARS

Ian McDonald	Transmission Operations		
	Morwell		
Gavan Edmondson	Transmission Operations		
	Morwell		
Don Clark	Power Generation		
	Headquarters		
Trevor Simberg	Materials Morwell		
Bill Adams	Property Morwell		
Jack Brown	Coal Production Loy Yang		
Clem Joyce	Assistant General Manager		
	(Operations)		
Tom Knox	Yallourn Open Cut		
Doug Spinner	Yallourn Power Station		
Hec Kennedy	Yallourn Open Cut		
Les Hibbert	Transport Workshops		
	Yallourn		
Tim Ryan	Yallourn Open Cut		

32 YEARS

Tom McKendry	Yallourn Power Station		
Juozas Silainis	Yallourn Open Cut		
Stasys Petrauskas	Yallourn Open Cut		
Juozas Sestokas	Yallourn Open Cut		
Keith Taylor	Coal Production Loy Yang		
	Liasion		
Bob Dunlop	Yallourn Open Cut		
Arnold Siinmaa	Yallourn Open Cut		
Roy Wardley	Morwell Briquetting and		
	Power Installation		

33 YEARS

Alan Dell	Yallourn Power Station		
Alex Skinner	Yallourn Open Cut		
Frank Fletcher	Jeeralang Gas Turbine		
David Davies	Coal Production		
	Headquarters		

34 YEARS

Pay section Morwell
Hazelwood Power Station
Civil Services Morwell
Yallourn W Power Station
Civil Works Yallourn
Yallourn W Power Station
Yallourn W Power Station
Morwell Briquette Factory
Yallourn Open Cut
Yallourn Power Station

35 YEARS

Central Workshops
Yallourn
Yallourn Open Cut
Personnel, Morwell
Coal Production Loy Yang
Liasion

36 YEARS

Morwell Briquetting and
Power Installation
Transmission Services
Yallourn
Transport Workshops
Yallourn
Yallourn Open Cut

37 YEARS

Central Workshops
Yallourn
Coal Production Morwell
Morwell Briquetting and
Power Installation

38 YEARS

Transmission Services
Yallourn
Transmission Services
Yallourn
Yallourn Power Station
Transport Workshops
Yallourn

39 YEARS

Transport Workshops
Yallourn
Civil Works Yallourn
Drawing office Yallourn
Yallourn Open Cut
Material and Services
Morwell
Electrical Workshops
Morwell
Finance Yallourn
Morwell Open Cut

40 YEARS

Arthur Brogan
Transmission Operations
Morwell
Hazelwood Power Station

41 YEARS

Syd Squires
Central Workshops Morwell

42 YEARS

Bert Forbes
Yallourn Power Station
Central Workshops
Yallourn

43 YEARS

Norm McGuinness
Joe Metcalf
Central Workshops
Yallourn

44 YEARS

Kevin Watts
Central Workshops
Yallourn

Laurie Baker

Yallourn Open Cut

FEBRUARY

30 YEARS

Yallourn Power Station
Yallourn North Open Cut
Civil Works Yallourn
Civil Works Yallourn
Yallourn Open Cut
Yallourn Power Station
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Morwell Briquette and
Power
Yallourn Open Cut
Yallourn Power Station
Morwell Briquette and
Power
Electrical Lab. Yallourn
Hazelwood Power Station
Personnel-Morwell

Norm Rea
Bill Shankland
John Manicola

Thomas Knight
Roy Brenton
Jack Mullins

Frank Howard
Ted Jonston

Leo Donovan

Harold Stevens
Trevor Whitmore
Frank Hill
Eric Hornsby
Bob Young
Stan Sowa

Silver Sabrinskas
Charles Wells
Bruce Johnstone
Bill McKendry
Bruce Akers
Brian Hill

Chris Laird
Richard Hewat

Harold Young
Jack Huxtable

Col Glen

Norm Boys

Norm Harwood

Bob Cole
Charlie Manicola

Cyril Morellato

Noel Church
Eric Hanson
Stan Wright
Geoff Hanson

Bob Meredith

John Scully
Bryan Moore
Arthur Oxley

Cec Smith

Jim Sagar

Jack Orr
Murray MacRae

Bill Johnson
Ian Hamilton
Alan Daff
Lawrie Porter

Les Haines
Bill Robinson

Ted Gannon

Les Potter
Bill Stephens
Richard Sagar

Les Kite
John Weir
Kevin Noy

Kevin Noy
Jim Dyer

Norm Spittall
Bill Crossman
Alan Walton

Bob McDonnell

Alan Hemming

Jim Coyle
Keith Lawrence

Wally Melbourne

Henry Taylor

Alex Howlett

Civil Works Hazelwood
Electrical Workshops
Morwell
Morwell Briquetting and
Power Installation
Civil Services Yallourn
Yallourn Open Cut
Yallourn Power Station
Central Workshops
Morwell
Central Workshops
Yallourn

34 YEARS

Yallourn Power Station
Morwell Briquette Factory
Engineering Services
Morwell
Area Services Morwell

35 YEARS

Central Workshops
Yallourn
Power Generation Morwell
Coal Production Morwell

36 YEARS

Yallourn Open Cut
Drafting Yallourn
Yallourn W Power Station
Central Workshops
Morwell

37 YEARS

Yallourn Open Cut
Finance Yallourn

38 YEARS

Transport Workshops
Yallourn
Yallourn Open Cut
Morwell Briquette Factory
Morwell Briquetting and
Power Installation
Yallourn W Power Station
Morwell Open Cut
Public Relations Morwell

Public Relations Morwell
Civil Services Hazelwood

40 YEARS

Civil Services Yallourn
Power Generation Morwell
Drafting Yallourn

41 YEARS

Industrial Relations
Morwell

42 YEARS

Morwell Briquetting and
Power Installation

43 YEARS

Civil Works Yallourn
Central Workshops
Yallourn

44 YEARS

Central Workshops
Yallourn

45 YEARS

Morwell Power Station

48 YEARS

Morwell Briquetting and
Power Installation



COAL
PRODUCTION

The Faubel Express just keeps rolling on

When it comes to model trains, there isn't much that Hans Faubel of Moe doesn't know.

The Morwell open cut Planning Officer has been a model train enthusiast for more than 30 years.

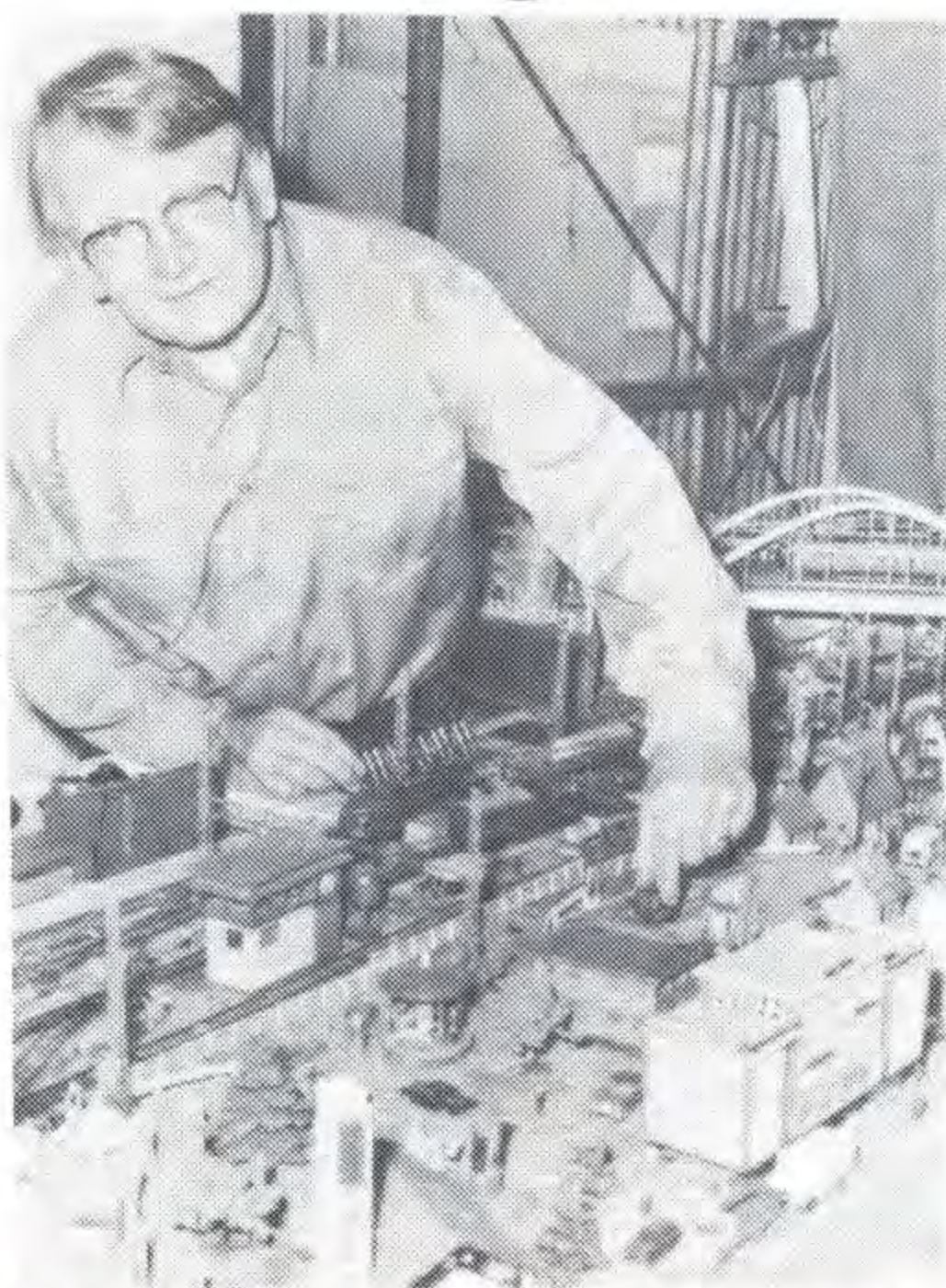
The highlight of his year comes at Christmas when he proudly displays his huge rail complex.

And a big job it is too, taking more than four months to get all the intricate pieces together.

Hans doesn't have to do all the work — he has willing helpers in sons Matthais, 27 and Stephen, 21.

Hans began his model-train hobby in Germany with one train. He now boasts 14 trains and numerous other units. His pride and joy is a Rheingold Express which he brought in Germany.

The rail layout is based on real-life rail design principles, with three stations, main tracks, branch lines, goods yard, sidings and loco shed.



The layout is even fitted out with overhead power supply for the 'E' class locos.

A signal control block system allows operation of up to eight trains and shunting locomotives.

Hans has gone to great lengths to make the set as life-like as possible. The scenery includes a township, tunnels, bridges, ramps, streets, farms, a forest, lights, a wedding party in front of a church, maintenance gangs, farm stock, slot cars racing through the streets and even an accident scene with an ambulance, nurses and a victim.

Hans' wife Aneliese also takes an interest in the trains. But according to Hans, she plays an even more important role in looking after the catering.

Hans Faubel at work on his model train lay-out.

Social club in the swing

Members of Loy Yang SEC Social Club got 1980 off to a swinging start with a golf day at Morwell Golf Club on Sunday, February 3.

Twenty four people teed off in the four grade event with trophies awarded to the winner and runner-up in each section.

'A' grade winner was Len Crozier (C&A) with a gross score of 88; 'B' grade — Peter Jenkins (C&A) 96; 'C' grade — Stewie Miller (Survey) 101; and 'D' grade — Rob Stewart (C&A), 120. Top woman scorer was Betsy Brown with 97. Florence Crozier won the nearest the pin event, and the NAGA trophy went to Ken Kwan of C&A.

Coming events in the social club diary include bookings for the Shoe String Theatre's production of the French play, *The Happiest of the Three* at Traralgon Theatre on February 23. Tickets cost \$4 which includes cheese and wine in the theatre foyer beforehand.

The Social Club plans to enter a team in the SEC Latrobe Valley Cricket Lightning Premiership.

THEY'RE A SAFE BET



Coal Production employees at Yallourn North Extension Open Cut are maintaining their excellent safety record. By the end of last year they had worked more than nine years without a Lost Time Injury.

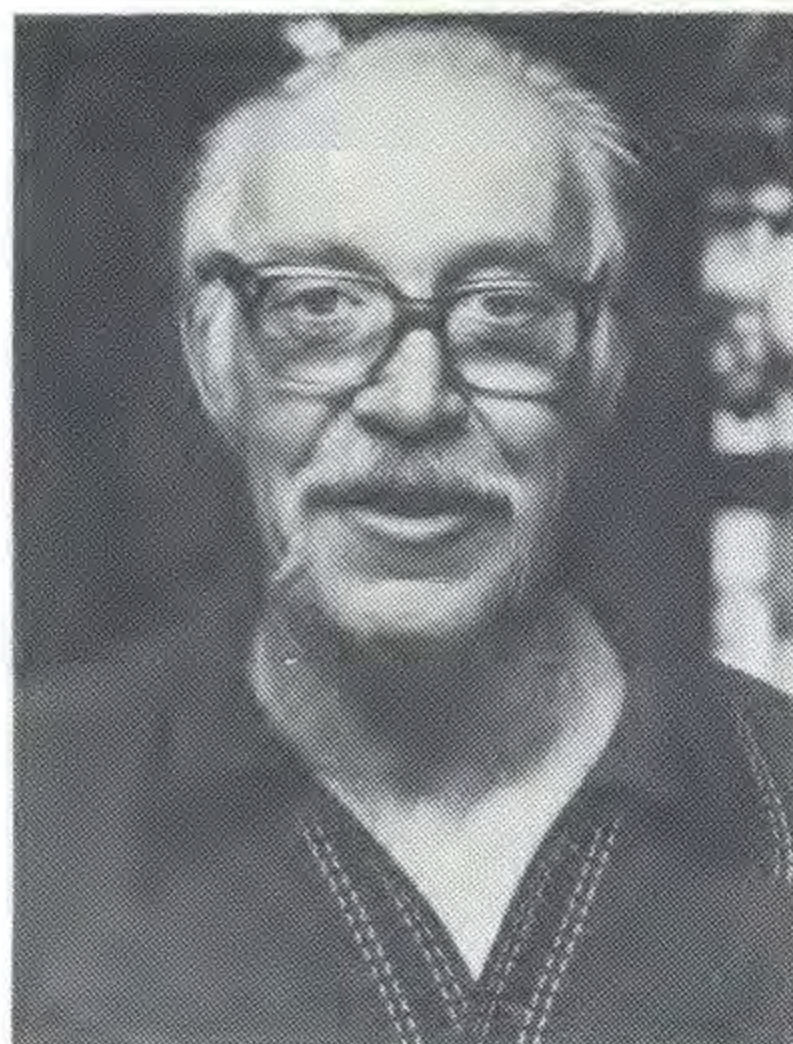
Auxiliary Operations Engineer-in-Charge Brian Francis presented the National Safety Council of

Australia's plaque and certificate to Yallourn North Extension overseer Ernie Mitchell at an informal function in the West Mess Yallourn.

Section members are: Wally Joyce, Ralph Marshall, Alec Ciechorski, Johnny De Agnoi, Charlie Kelava, Mick Ryan, Hec Kennedy and John Stanbridge.

RETIREMENTS

JIM COLLINS



Jim Collins intends to enjoy his hobbies of gardening and shooting in retirement at his new home at Delmaney, near Narooma, New South Wales.

After 23 years service, Jim called it a day on January 2. He began with the Commission in July 1956 as a mechanical fitter with Morwell Central Workshops. With the advent of shift work in 1958 he was transferred to shift as a mechanical fitter, the position from which he retired.

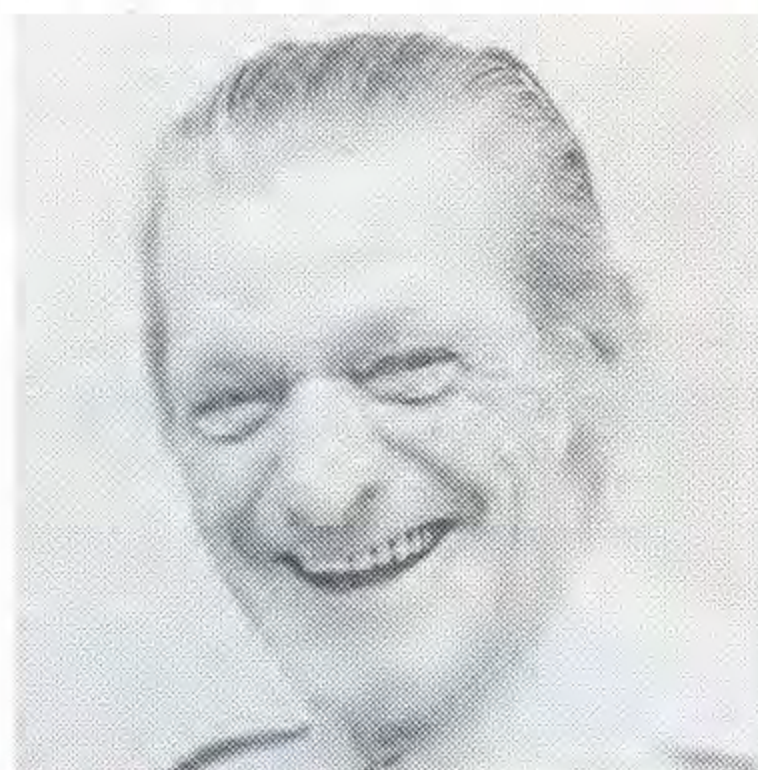
At an informal farewell function in the Morwell workshops canteen, Yallourn Workshops Superintendent Geoff Fullard presented Jim with a travelling bag and a wallet of notes on behalf of his workmates.

DICK LLOYD

Morwell patrolman Richard "Dick" Lloyd retired on December 7 after 14 years service with the Commission.

At a farewell function held in the Morwell Patrol Office, patrol supervisor Ray Houghton presented him with a sandwich maker and an envelope of notes on behalf of his workmates.

Dick joined the Commission from the Gas and Fuel Corporation in November 1965. His retirement plans include a trip to England with his wife.



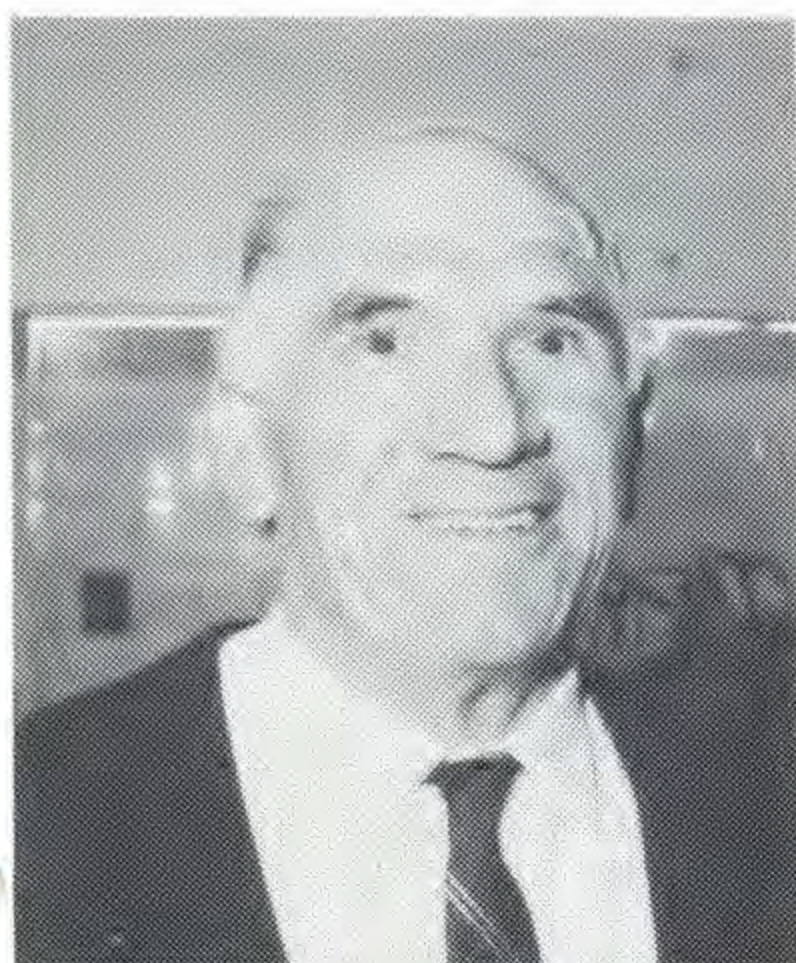
GUS MYLES

A holiday in England figures prominently in the early retirement plans of Gus Myles.

Gus retired on November 3 after more than 25 years service. Beginning as a fitter at the Yallourn Power Station in May 1955 he was promoted to leading hand in April 1956, the position from which he retired.

At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn C Station canteen, Mechanical Maintenance Engineer Peter Shaw presented Gus with an electric drill and a wallet of notes on behalf of his workmates.

He will continue to live at Newborough.



CHARLIE STRONG

Commission Charlie Strong called it a day on November 23 after more than 41 year's service.

Charlie began his Commission career as a laborer in April 1938 with Maintenance Coal Supply. During the following 10 years he worked as a tipman, loco driver and fire services laborer.

In November 1948 Charlie was promoted to Shift Foreman in the Yallourn Open Cut and eventually to Foreman in 1952. He transferred to Morwell open cut in October 1955 as a foreman and was appointed Fire Service Officer in October 1956. Promotions to Overseer (October 1964) and Supervisor (February 1968) followed. He retired from the position of Fire Services Officer.

Charlie and his wife have retired to Phillip Island where Charlie intends to enjoy his hobby of fishing.

At an informal farewell function in the Morwell Coal Production office canteen Morwell Open Cut Superintendent Ian Runge presented Charlie with a gift on behalf of his workmates.



Contact contacts

FOR SALE

Honda Civic three-door manual saloon. Very good condition, radial tyres, radio cassette, 65,000 kilometres, full service history. \$3000 or near offer. CONTACT Henry Verbene on 2972.

FOR SALE

1973 Holden HQ V8 panel van. New motor, good tyres. Sound condition. All reasonable offers considered. CONTACT: Brenda Simpson ext. 2458.

FOR SALE

Drum kit, suit beginner \$95. Ph. G. Stredder. Ext 2826.

FOR SALE

Caravan — Windsor Honeymooner (8.5 metres x 2.4 metres) electric brakes, double island bed, front loose lounge, electric oven and fridge gas hotplates, range hood, raised roof. Ideal for couple or single person. \$4,500, CONTACT G. Stredder Ext. 2826.

FOR SALE

6' x 3' Eagle Remac table — matt black tubular frame, wood grain laminated top complete with six chairs with brown vinyl upholstery. \$200—Contact Frank Carter, Ext. 4191.

FOR SALE

Silent Knight kerosene refrigerator, also fitted with electric element to run off power. \$70 or nearest offer.

IXL 101 slow combustion stove \$80. L. Leitch ext. 3743.

FOR SALE

Subaru 4WD 1600. December '76. Pampered life. Genuinely superb condition. 58,000 km. \$4200. Details R. Gaulton, phone ext. 5507. O.N.O.

WANTED

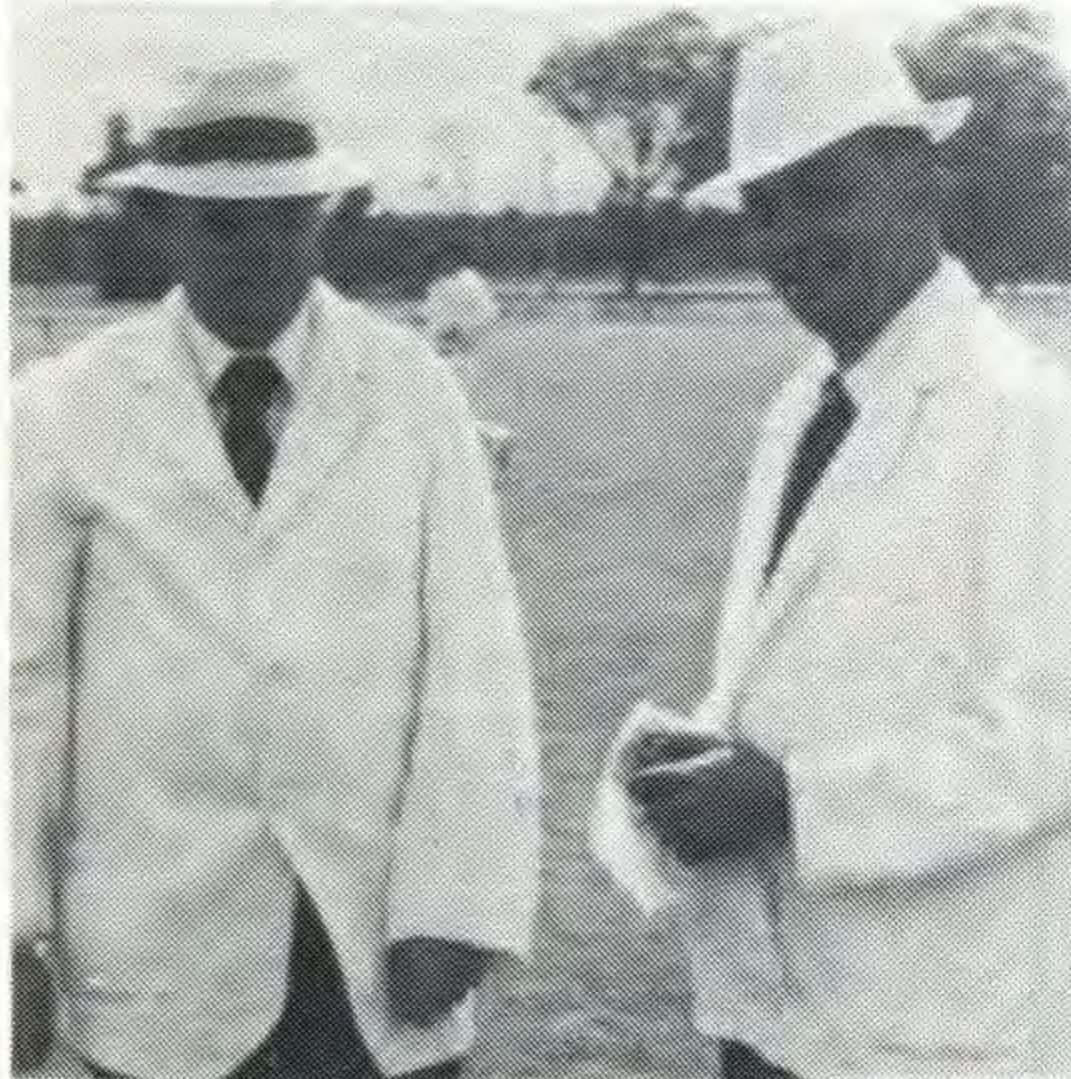
Someone who knows how to play mahjong. Contact F. Hepplestone, Morwell switchboard.

TO LET

Venus Bay holiday house — all mod cons, will accommodate six people. Available at Easter and May school holidays. Phone J. Ballard Morwell Ext. 3736.

THANKS

Mrs. Rite Scholes and family wish to thank all those who remembered George and expressed their sympathy at his death in so many ways.



Cricketers' delight

ABOVE: Action from the Gippsland — Bendigo match at Yallourn.

LEFT: Umpires Stan Ciercan and Elmo Orchard who controlled the SEC — Sydney County Council match on the Latrobe Valley.

Cricket has taken the sporting spotlight in the Commission in the past month.

A visit by a Sydney County Council team, preparation for the annual lightning premiership, Social League matches, Country Week and a big inter-association game at

Yallourn have involved a number of Commission people.

The Sydney County Council team played two matches — one in the Latrobe Valley and one in Melbourne.

The first game at Yallourn saw the Commission's number two team go down narrowly to the visitors. But the Commission's number one team tasted sweet revenge in the main match at St. Kilda Cricket Ground when it scored a thrilling one wicket win.

Two Latrobe Valley players shone in the match — Ian Watson from Hazelwood power station picked up four valuable wickets and Ken McQualter, Area Administration, took four catches — none of them off Watson's bowling.

The teams will clash again in Sydney in two year's time.

In the SEC Social League competition, the Latrobe Valley finished the season at the top of the table and won its way into the grand final with a semi final win over Brooklyn.



Latrobe Valley representatives in the SEC team which went down narrowly to Sydney County Council at Yallourn (from left) Evan Rowlands, Merv Cox, John Webb and Trevor French.

Lightning premiership

More than 150 cricketers are expected to compete in the SEC's annual lightning cricket premiership at Yallourn on Sunday, March 2 starting at 9.30 am.

Last year's premiership was won by a Coal Production side, which defeated Hazelwood Maintenance by four runs.

Teams entered play a minimum of three matches, followed by a final on No. 2 oval.

Players in areas where team participation is impossible should contact John Mussared (ext 5257) who will allocate them to teams.



Valley players in the Successful SEC first eleven, Ken McQualter and Ian Watson, are pictured with (from left) Sydney County Captain Ron Crippen, Social League vice president John Hutchinson and Merv Cox.