

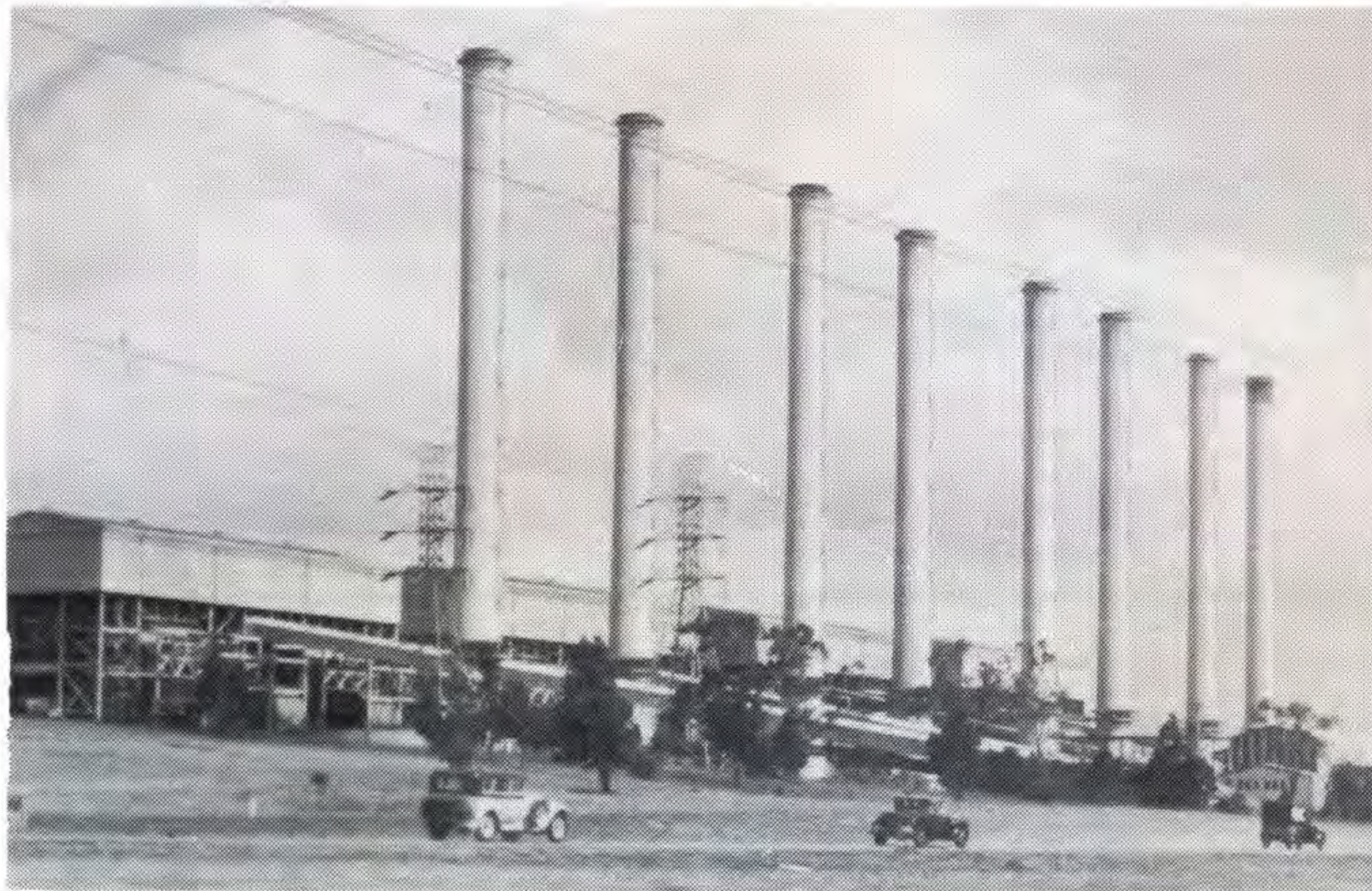
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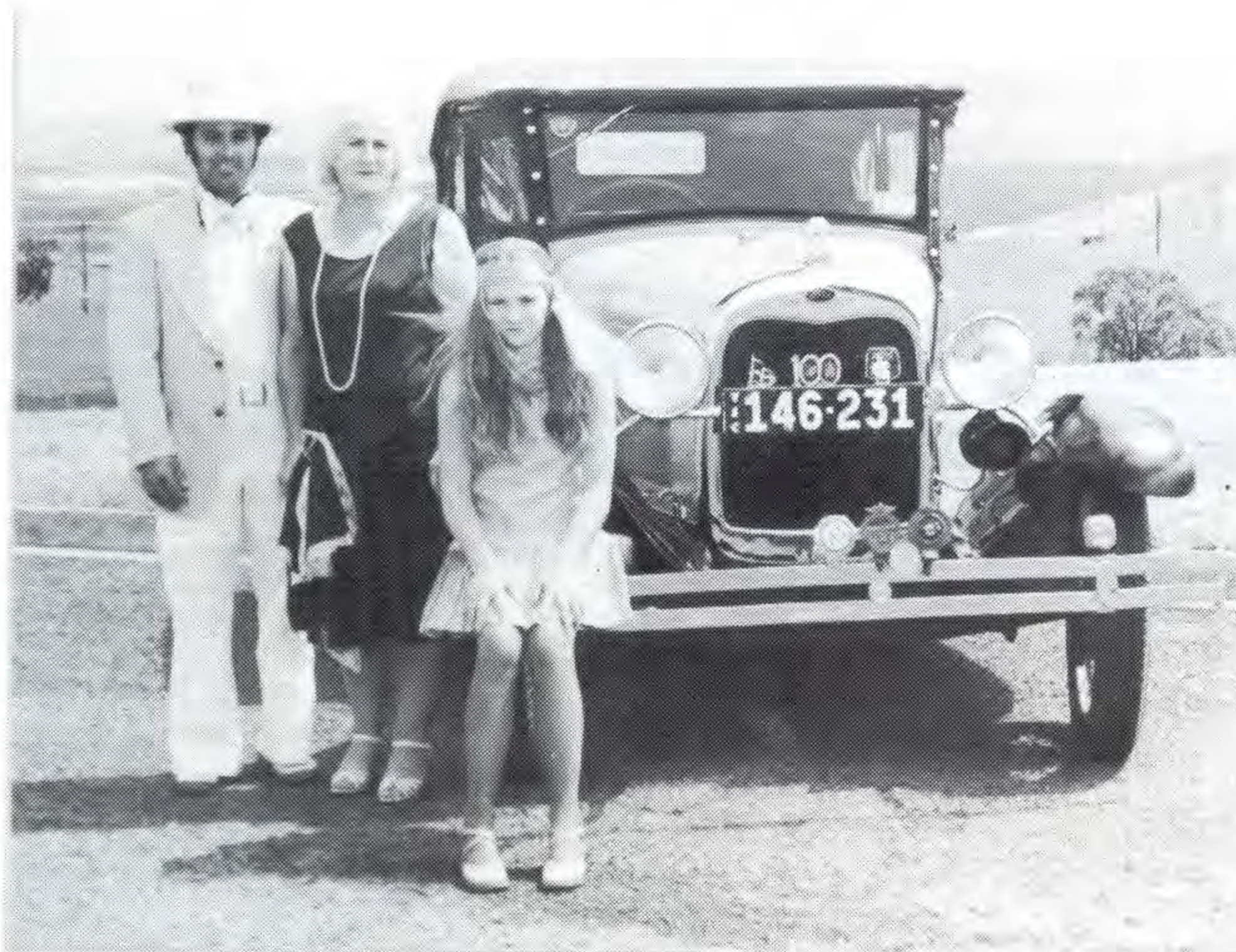
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Above: The old meets the new — vintage cars make their way past Hazelwood power station.

Below: Dion Schembri, his wife Eileen and daughter Annette, 12, in period costume with their 1928 'A' model Ford.



A very vintage visit

More than 100 vintage and veteran cars and motorcycles from all over Australia visited the SEC on Sunday February 24.

A trip around the Morwell works area, taking in the open cut, Morwell briquette factory and Hazelwood Power station, was the first item on the program for 'Go Gippsland 1980' the title of this year's national annual rally for veteran and vintage vehicles.

Among local enthusiasts is Dion Schembri, a trimmer at Morwell Power Station, who devoted a week's rec leave to driving his 1928 'A' model Ford along with the other old gentlemen of the road on trips to Walhalla, Yarram, the Tarra Valley and Bulga national park, Glenmaggie and Seaspray.

Dion has been hooked for six years.

He bought his steel-framed Ford in 1974.

"I've driven it up to Queensland. I've even towed a caravan behind it. They made good cars in those days," he said.

"A lot of vintage cars were wood. This one's all metal. It's all original — the body's never been off the chassis," said Dion.

Now a member of Gippsland Historical Automobile Club and the Vintage Drivers Club, he's kicking himself about the old cars he ran into the ground as a teenager.

"We had a 1932 Chev Roadster and another old car. In those days it didn't occur to me they'd be worth anything," said Dion.

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Taking part in the 7th Field Engineer Regiments' Boola Boola camp, north of Tyers, this month were these four Latrobe Valley SEC employees (from left) Sapper Peter Townsend, Sapper Tony Istchuck, Sapper Lionel Perry and Sapper Jim Brown. See story, more pictures pages 8-9.

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A big one that didn't get away

A life time dream came true for Dennis McGrath and Les Hunt (both from Area Administration, Morwell), while fishing at Bermagui on the New South Wales South coast early this month.

They hooked a 60 kilogram (132 lb) black marlin about 30 km south of Bermagui off Montagu Island.

Dennis caught the marlin on his Fenwick game rod using a Gladiator 60 game reel with 15 kg breaking strain line.

Using a live 3kg (6 lb) striped tuna for bait the marlin took the bait only five minutes after it was lowered into the clear blue water. Then the 20 minute back-breaking battle to land the black beauty began.

After a couple of runs and several characteristic tailwalking, twisting mid air jumps, the fish gave in to the two Gippsland anglers.

As Dennis brought the marlin into the side of the boat Les gaffed him and together they heaved the huge fish on board.

Once on shore the silvery black marlin was weighed-in at the gantry where the customary photos were taken with the proud anglers alongside.

This was their first marlin catch but they intend making sure it won't be the last — the experience of catching the marlin was one they will never forget!

Dennis hopes to have the marlin's head stuffed and mounted as a trophy for his lounge room.

Les did alright for himself too. He hooked a two-metre 28 kg bronze whaler shark, also off Montagu Island.

The proud big game fishermen Dennis McGrath (left) and Les Hunt with their catch.



Minister opens nursing home

The new \$1.3 million 50-bed geriatric nursing home at the Latrobe Valley Hospital, Newborough, has admitted its first patients.

The nursing home, to which Commission employees have made a significant contribution, was officially opened by the Federal Minister for Social Security Senator Dame Margaret Guilfoyle (left) on Sunday March 16.

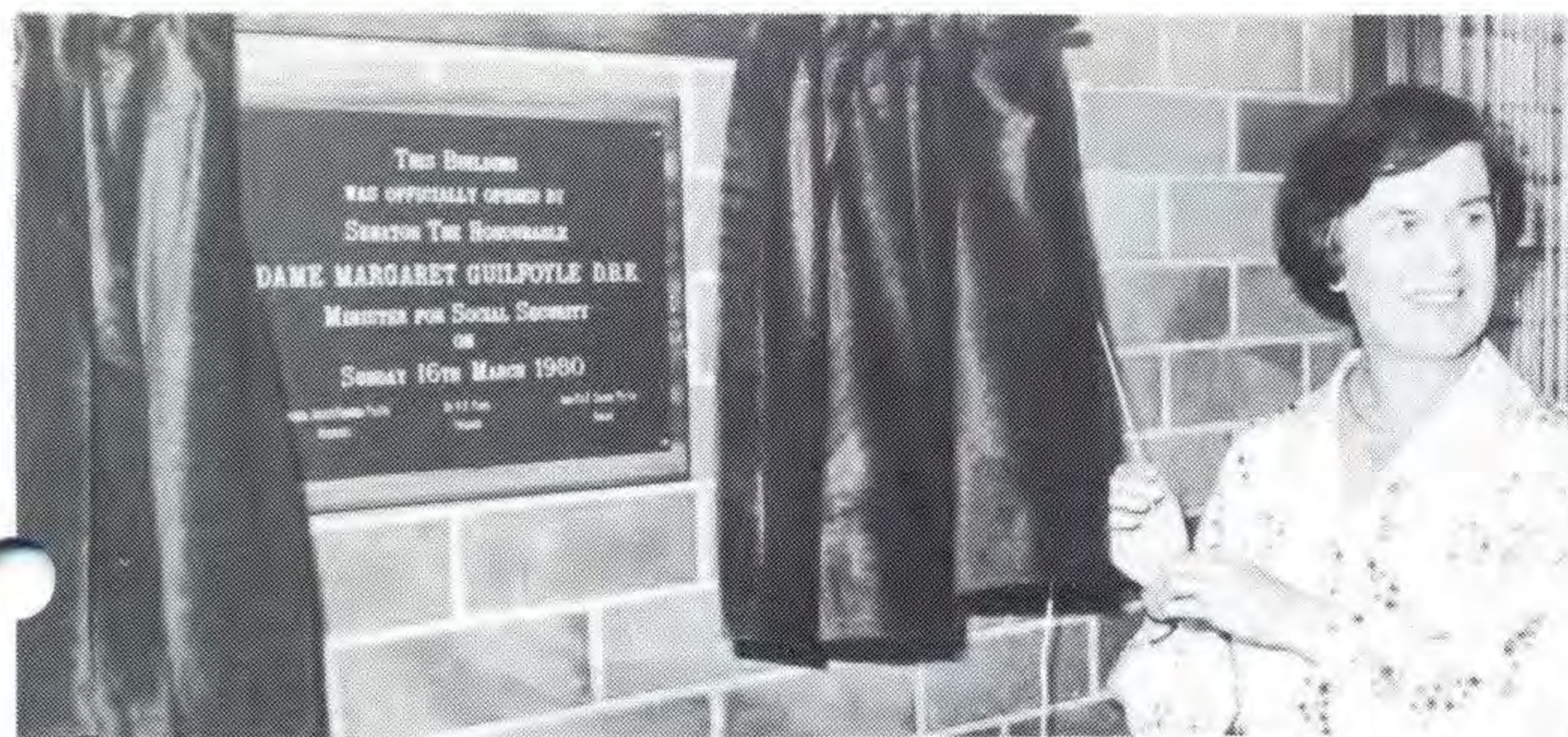
Area Administration Manager George Bates, who is Chairman of the Care of the Aged Nursing Home Project team, said at the opening that the facility would provide continuing care with comfort and dignity for the frailest aged.

"Development of this home would not have been possible if it hadn't been for the magnificent response from the Latrobe Valley community," he said.

"The community has pledged a total of \$490 000 while the Federal Government's grant was \$590 000.

"The contribution by Commission employees has been outstanding. They have pledged \$168 000, of which \$133 000 has already been received.

Mr Bates described the response to the nursing home appeal, as "heartwarming".



Loy Yang eye safety campaign

The National Safety Council is launching an eye safety campaign at the Loy Yang construction site for the month of April.

Their aim is to draw attention to the high incidence of eye injuries among industrial and domestic accidents — and to promote safety procedures.

The campaign will be launched by SEC Construction Engineer

(Power) Don Bromilow at a reception at Traralgon Club on March 31

NSCA's national director Mr. Frank Turley will be the keynote speaker at the function and an eye safety film and slides will be screened.

The month's program at Loy Yang centres on a comprehensive poster campaign and the circulation of stickers carrying the slogan "Protect your eyes on and off the job".



Above: The fleet of buses operating from Traralgon Showgrounds was kept on the move. About 90 bus loads of people went through the Loy Yang area.

Below: Loy Yang Social Club found a ready market at the open day for its tee-shirts depicting Loy Yang. Club president Rob Stewart (right) an engineer with Civil and Architectural Department at Loy Yang, is pictured with fellow engineers Robin Tiplady and Bruce Cook, both from Power Department.

Bottom: A model illustrating how the Loy Yang project will look when completed was a popular attraction at the open day. Here public liaison officer Alec Wood explains details of the project to a group of visitors.

Loy Yang draws big crowd

Sunday, March 2 was the day of the great Loy Yang invasion.

More than 3500 people — some from as far away as Geelong, Ballarat, Melbourne and Lakes Entrance, plus a sprinkling of overseas visitors — attended the construction site's second public open day.

The open day was organised jointly by the Commission and Traralgon City Council.

Information displays in the Traralgon Football Club's new social complex at Traralgon Showgrounds, outlined the Loy Yang development

and City Council activities.

Guided bus tours operated regularly from 9.30 am, taking visitors on an hour-long tour of the project which included the open cut, raw coal bunker, Loy Yang A power station construction area, the ash pond and fire services reservoir.

Traralgon service clubs provided barbecue lunches and light refreshments.



Two oak trees recently planted in the grounds of the RACV's Healesville Country Club have a Yallourn background.

The history of the oak trees, planted by RACV President Sir Cecil Looker, goes back to 1937 when acorns from the Royal Oaks in Windsor Great Park, England, were sent to the RACV by the Automobile Association of Great Britain to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

Several trees germinated from part of the consignment of acorns and were planted in Lake Avenue, Yallourn.

The two trees planted at Healesville have been germinated from the Yallourn trees.



AREA
ADMINISTRATION

Apprentice project boost to Fire Services

Sixty-four first year Yallourn workshop apprentices have chalked up a Commission first and they're proud of it.

The apprentices — boilermakers, fitters and machinists — have constructed three 4500 litre capacity slip-on fire tankers.

The tankers will be used by Fire Services on the rear of trucks around the works area.

Apprentice Training Supervisor Ken Horton says the exercise was ideal for apprentices.

"It included working with drawings, using their own initiatives and numerous skills," Ken said.

"The on the job experience gained by all apprentices was invaluable," according to Ken.

Work began on the three tankers in late August last year, and was completed early this month.

The project has been so successful that this year's first year apprentices have been asked to construct another two tankers.



Apprentices at work on the fire tankers in the Yallourn workshops.

YOUTH WORK TRAINING

SCHEME EXTENSION



Jessie Bonnici works on her telephone answering technique during a session at the training centre.

There have been some new faces around Area Administration Department in the past few weeks.

Six girls, aged between 16 and 18 years, embarked on the Special Youth Employment Training Program with the Commission in February to gain experience and training in clerical and telephone-receptionist capacities. Ten more young people were scheduled to begin this month.

The Commission is extending its training of young people under the program.

Young people taken on to gain work experience under the 17-week program are now getting additional instruction in interview and telephone techniques and basic personal contact skills.

The Commonwealth Employment Service administers the Commonwealth Government sponsored scheme which sets out to reduce the large numbers of unemployed young people in country areas by helping them develop job skills through work experience in positions created for training purposes. It is open to people between the ages of 15 and 24 who have been out of full time education for four out of the last 12 months, have been unemployed for four months out of the last 12 months and who are registered with the CES.



The six girls who began with the Commission in February under the SYETP scheme — Ursula Danek, Debbie Dey, Mary Lasaga, Leonie Riddick, Debbie Werner and Jessie Bonnici.



Archbishop at Yallourn

The Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne, Robert Dann, visited the Yallourn Workshops on Friday, February 29 to catch up on some family history.

He was making his first visit to the workshops where his uncle Ernest Dann worked as workshops superintendent for a quarter of a century — between April 1921 and December 1946 when he retired.

And there to chat to him were still a few men who had worked in the workshops in the time of Ernie Dann, including Mr. Bert Forbes

The Archbishop was accompanied by the Bishop of Gippsland, Graham Delbridge. Their guide at Yallourn was Workshops Superintendent, Headquarters, Charlie Prust, also a former superintendent of the Yallourn workshops.

After lunching with SEC officials the Archbishop's party visited the \$2.8 billion Loy Yang power station site. The tour also took in the Yallourn and Morwell open Cuts, and Yallourn 'W' and Hazelwood power stations.



Archbishop Dann chats with Bert Forbes who worked with Ernie Dann.



Robin's hobby begins to bloom

A passing interest in orchids has developed into an engrossing hobby for Morwell Coal Production administrative clerk Robin Bavington.

Robin now has more than \$2000 worth of orchids in a glass house at his home in Canfield Crescent, Traralgon.

His interest in orchids goes back about 15 years when his father and mother grew the flowers.

Today he has nine different species from all over Australia and even some from overseas.

Robin says his favorite species are

the cattieyas and cunbidums. The cattieyas are from Hawaii and the cynbidiums from Europe.

He aims to increase the number of species in his collection over the next few years.

Robin's wife Karin and children Tania, 7, and Sonia, (pictured above) also take a keen interest in his hobby.

Robin says there are moves being made at present to establish a Gippsland Orchid Club based in Sale.

People interested in joining should contact him on extension 5301.

Social Club **scholarships**

The Morwell Power Station and Briquette Factory Social Club will sponsor 16 secondary school student scholarships this year valued at \$800.

Social Club secretary Wally Hughan says it is the first time the club has sponsored such a scheme.

Four scholarships will be awarded

- Form 3 \$30,
- Form 4 \$40,
- Form 5 \$50,
- Form 6 \$60.

Scholarships will be available to children of social club members.

Each applicant will be interviewed by an independent panel and scholarships will be awarded following an assessment of scholastic achievement, personality, ambition and personal circumstances.

Applications for scholarships closed last week and scheme winners are expected to be announced before the May school holidays.


**ENGINEERING
SERVICES**

\$200 000 new painters' workshop

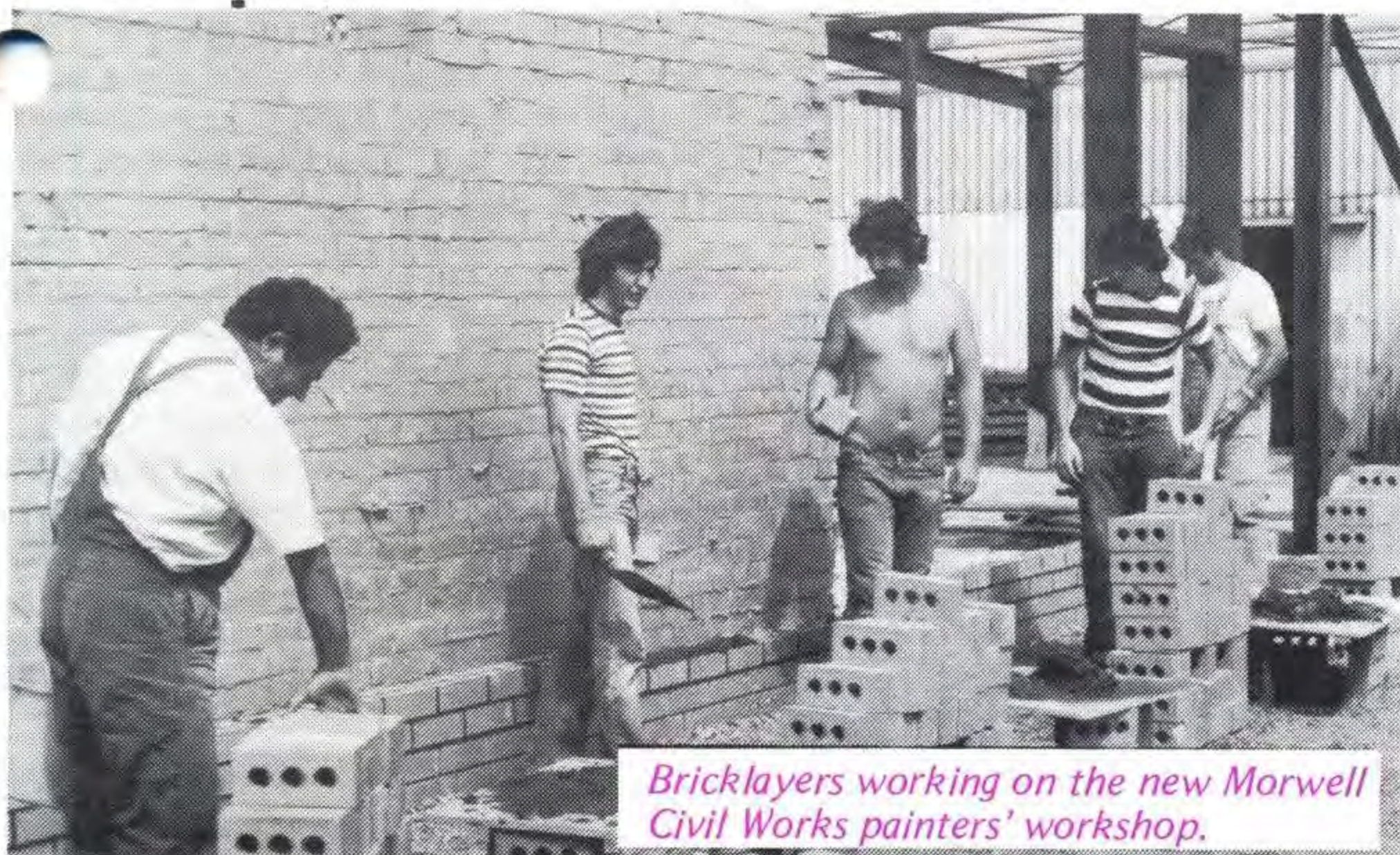
Work on a new \$200 000 Morwell Civil Works painters' workshop and amenities building is well advanced.

The 530 square metre contemporary design building is being constructed by Commission day labor next to the Morwell Civil workshops.

The workshops will include a spray painting booth, paint store,

amenities areas, offices and a spacious workshop for 20 painters. Other features include floor heating, an air conditioned dining room, toilets and locker room.

Civil Works Engineer Ian McBain said site works began in November last year with work expected to be completed by August this year.



Bricklayers working on the new Morwell Civil Works painters' workshop.

THE FINAL BIG SPLASH

The Yallourn swimming pool will close for the last time at the end of this month.

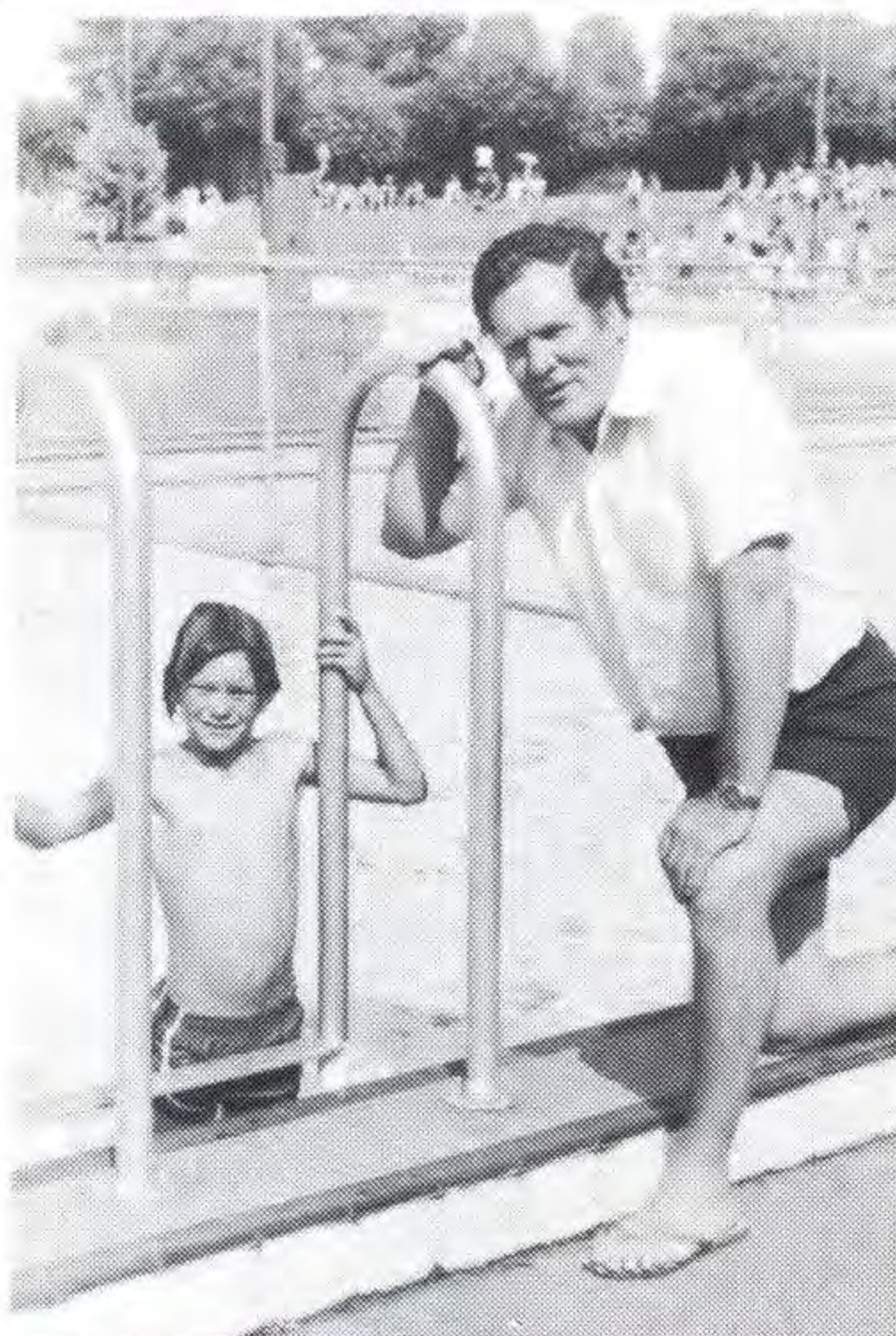
The pool, which was opened in 1959, is due to close on March 29.

Since the pool was opened in 1959 more than 1 236 000 people have passed through the turnstiles. The highest daily attendance of 8621 was at a one day carnival in 1969.

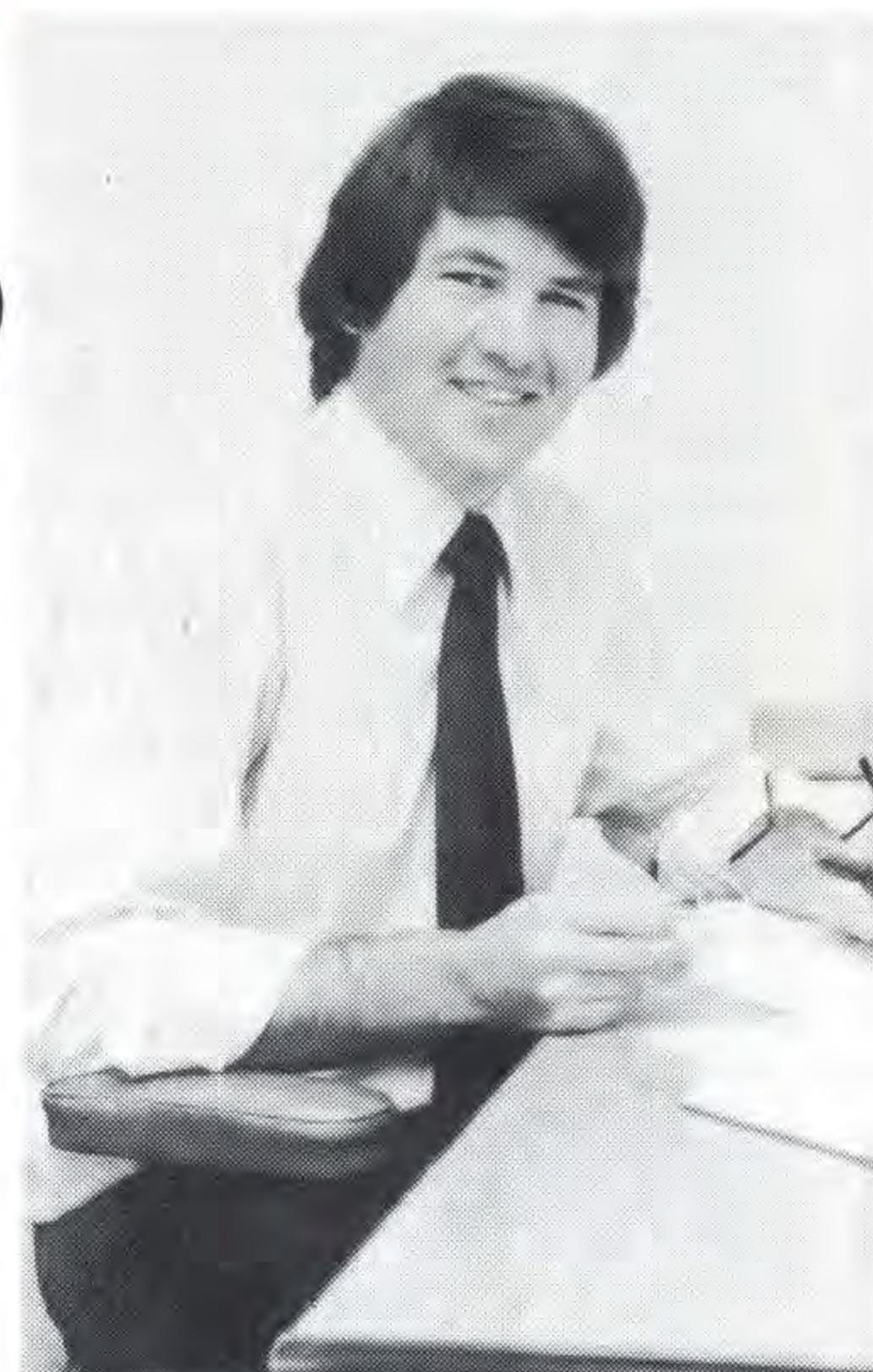
The pool had its most popular season in 1967-68 when more than 95 6000 visited the pool.

The pool complex has had six supervisors; Bill Ley (1959-64), Otto Fook (1959-66), Ross Gliddon (1964-66), Bill Jensen (1966-79), Terry Swindon (1966-80) and Ralph Koss (1979-80).

The last carnival to be conducted at the pool was on February 28 this year when the Yallourn Technical school conducted its annual inter-school swimming sports.



Pool supervisor Terry Swindon pictured with Yallourn Technical School student Graham Curtis, of Newborough, at the final school swimming sports to be held at the pool.



Engineer back from LVW&SB

A six-month secondment to the Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Board at Traralgon has been extremely valuable to Engineering Services Headquarters Group engineer Neville Smith (above).

Neville, who has been with the Commission for two years, says the secondment was the first of its type, but won't be the last.

The stint with the LVW & SB was arranged through Engineering Services Manager Ray Greenwood, who is a member.

The six month secondment was designed to give Neville experience and valuable interface with Board employees and to gain knowledge of the Board's operations.

The SEC has extensive dealings with the LVW & SB.

Neville spent time in many different areas of the Board's operations, including water supply and sewerage disposal, scientific laboratory, working with monitoring systems and day labor supervision.

He also spent a week with the Environment Protection Authority (LVW & SB is the EPA's local agents) studying licensing procedures.

Getting away from it all—Army style



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1. —Preparing to serve lunch to the 230 personnel at camp were (from left): Corporal Charlie Webber, Private Liz Scotchmoor, Pte. Robyn Burley, Pte. Ian Kinnear and Pte. Frank Taylor.



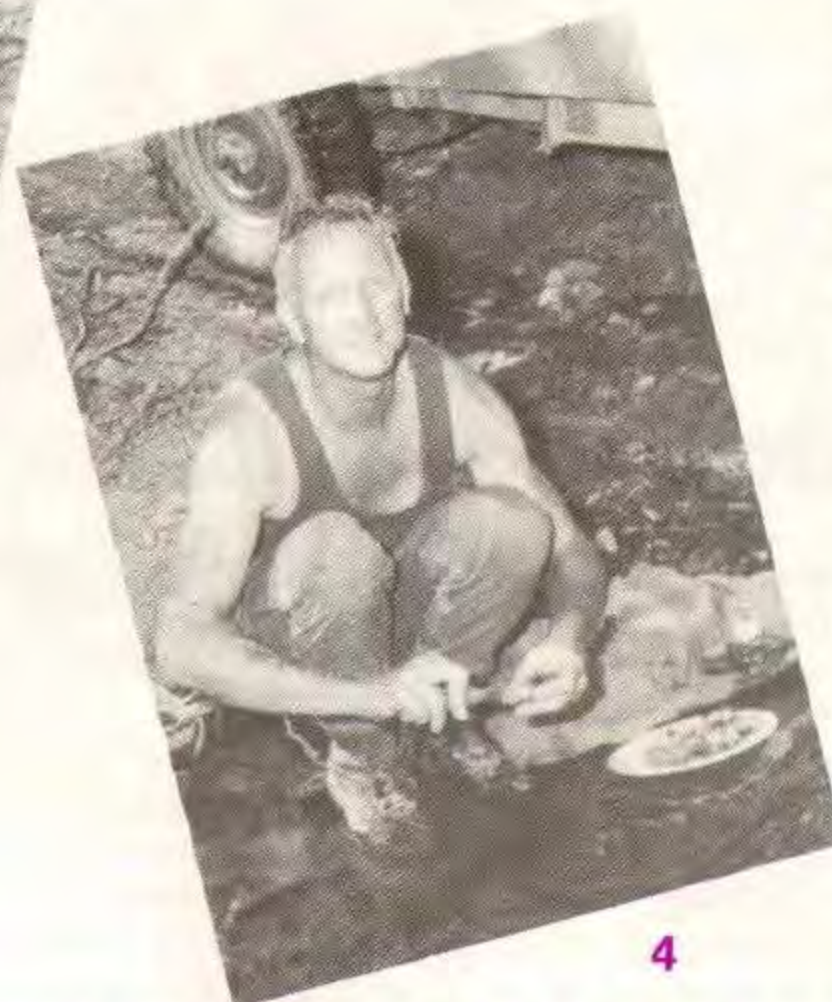
2. —Carrying out some of their daily duties at the camp were Sgt. Linda Hall (left) and Pte. Wendy Haustorfer of Morwell.

3. —Spr. Jimmy Brown (with chain-saw) carries out work on Scorse's bridge while Lance Corporal Phil Hugh (left) and Cpl. Fred Riess look on.



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4. —Cpl. 'Snow' Musgrove, the longest serving member (28 years) of the unit, pictured shelling oysters for lunch in Rintoul Creek.



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Fifty-eight Latrobe Valley employees, members of the 7th Field Engineer Regiment Army Reserve, went bush for a fortnight early this month.

They were among 230 members attending the unit's annual camp in the Boola Boola State Forest, 12 kilometres north of Tyers, near Traralgon.

The Commission contingent was made up of 26 employees from Power Generation, 12 from Engineering Services, 9 from Area Administration, 5 from Coal Production, 3 from Transmission Operations and 3 from the Gippsland ESR Branch. In addition, there were 2 SEC contractor employees at the camp.

The Regiment upgraded two existing, but unusable, Forest Commission fire tracks and constructed a timber bridge — Scorse's Bridge, named after Lieutenant Bob Scorse, who supervised work on the bridge — over the Rintoul Creek.

The work carried out by the regiment will assist fire-fighters in gaining access to the rugged bush area.

Lieutenant Colonel Tom Davey (Technical Services Engineer, Hazelwood Power Station) and Major John Hutchinson (Yallourn Power Station Superintendent) were in charge of the camp.

Other Commission employees attending the camp were:

WO2 Cameron (Area Administration), SSGT Harris (Power Generation), SGT Hall (Area Administration), CPL Sokcevic (Coal Production), PTE Haustorfer (Area Administration), SGT Draper (Area Administration), CPL Webber (Power Generation), PTE Taylor (ESR, Traralgon), SPR Boehmki (Coal Production), WO2 Gerrish (Power Generation), SGT Hamil-

ton (Engineering Services), CPL Armstrong (Engineering Services), LCPL Boyanton (Power Generation), SPR Budge (Power Generation), SPR Townsend (Engineering Services), SPR Mangion (Power Generation), CPL Smith (Power Generation), CPL Pasquali (Area Administration), SPR Somerville (Engineering Services), SPR Bertoli (Coal Production), SPR Johnston (Engineering Services), SPR Wright (Power Generation), SPR Sheply (Power Generation), SPR Tisher (Coal Production), SPR Lewis (Power Generation), LT Scorse (Transmission Operations), SSGT Goss (Area Administration), SGT Wakefield (Power Generation), CPL Musgrove (Area Administration), SPR Stewart (ESR, Morwell), LCPL Curran (Engineering Services), SPR Gordon (Power Generation), SPR Hough (Engineering Services), SPR Rigg (Power Generation), SPR Marmara (Power Generation), SPR Ipsen (Area Administration), SPR Dart (Engineering Services), SPR Bridgeman (Transmission Operations), LCPL Hough (Engineering Services), SPR Cook (Power Generation), SPR Townsend (Engineering Services), SPR McEvoy (Coal Production), SPR Perry (Power Generation), SPR Andrushtchak (Power Generation), CPL Riess (Power Generation), SPR Newton (Area Administration), SPR Hedt (Power Generation), SPR Istchuck (Power Generation), SPR Stanbridge (Power Generation), SPR Brown (Power Generation), SPR Dalrymple (Engineering Services), LCPL McDonald (Engineering Services), LT Meany (Transmission Operations), SGT Haines (Power Generation), SPR Oldis (Power Generation), WO2 Haines (ESR, Morwell).



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5. —Carrying out preparation work for Scorse's Bridge (from left) are Staff Sgt. George Harris, Lt. Mike Meany and Lt. Bob Scorse (after whom the bridge was named).



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6. —Enjoying a cup of tea at the Rintoul Creek camp are (from left): Staff Sgt. George Harris, Major John Hutchinson, Sapper Des Oldis and Lieutenant Mike Meany.

7. —Spr. Peter Virtue, who works for SEC contractors Electric Power Transmission of Churchill, prepares to sound the make-shift camp fire alarm.



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8. —The bridge gang taking measurements and levels on Scorse's Bridge.



Retiring Power Generation Manager Jack Robertson (seated) looks through an album of photographs outlining his career, with Chairman Charles Trethowan, AGM (Ops) Clem Joyce and Don Clark, who has taken over as Power Generation Manager.

Simple solution - big reward

A simple solution to a consistent problem has proved financially rewarding to four former Hazelwood power station workmates.

The four men worked together at Hazelwood in the early 1970s. Alan Kirk (boilermaker overseer) and Barry Dunn (unit co-ordinator) are both still at the station. Doug Wood is now Asbestos Co-ordinator at Yallourn power station and Reg Coad, formerly boilermaker overseer at Hazelwood, is now retired.

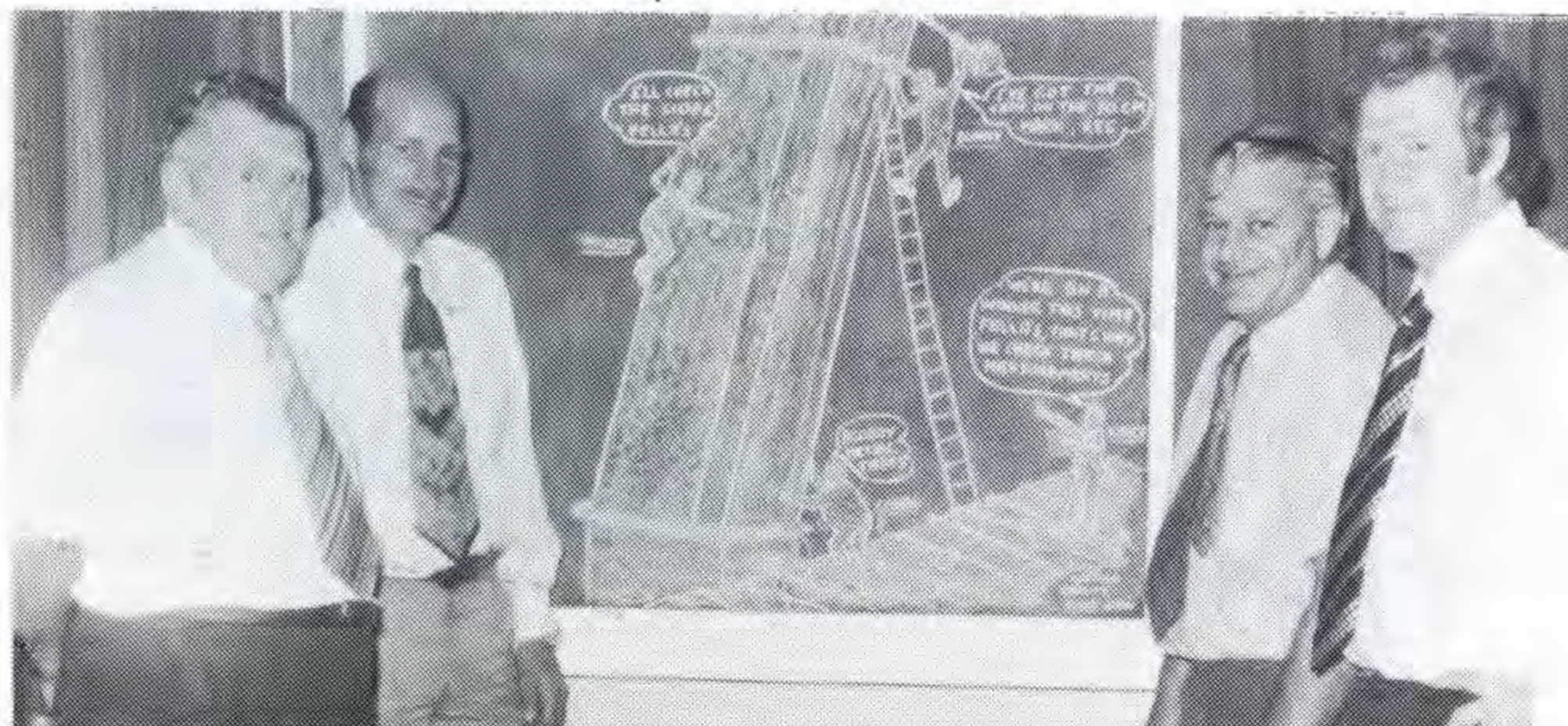
While at the station the men developed a solution to coal-shute wear problem.

Hazelwood power station super-

intendent Arthur Ewen presented each man with a cheque for a quarter share of a Suggestions Scheme Award of \$3000.

Arthur said the solution devised by the four men demonstrated the simplicity by which employees could improve their working environment and at the same time become eligible for an award through the Suggestions Scheme.

Below: Alan Kirk, Barry Dunn, Doug Wood and Reg Coad with a "pictorial" explanation of their successful Suggestions Scheme contribution prepared by one of their workmates.



Power Generation Manager Jack Robertson retired last month after 32 years service.

Jack was farewelled by more than 230 people at a function in the Yallourn Golf Club on Tuesday February 26.

Chairman Charles Trethowan and Assistant General Manager (Operations) Clem Joyce paid tribute to Jack's contribution to the Commission and the community.

Mr Joyce said Jack's approach to many complex problems of human relations, his consideration for his own personnel and his determination to put people before all other considerations earned him a commissionwide reputation.

Jack played a major role in community organisations – he was a councillor on the Yallourn Town Advisory Council for 15 years and was foundation president of the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education Council (he is still an active member of the council).

Jack began his Commission career in November 1947 as assistant engineer construction branch, Kiewa.

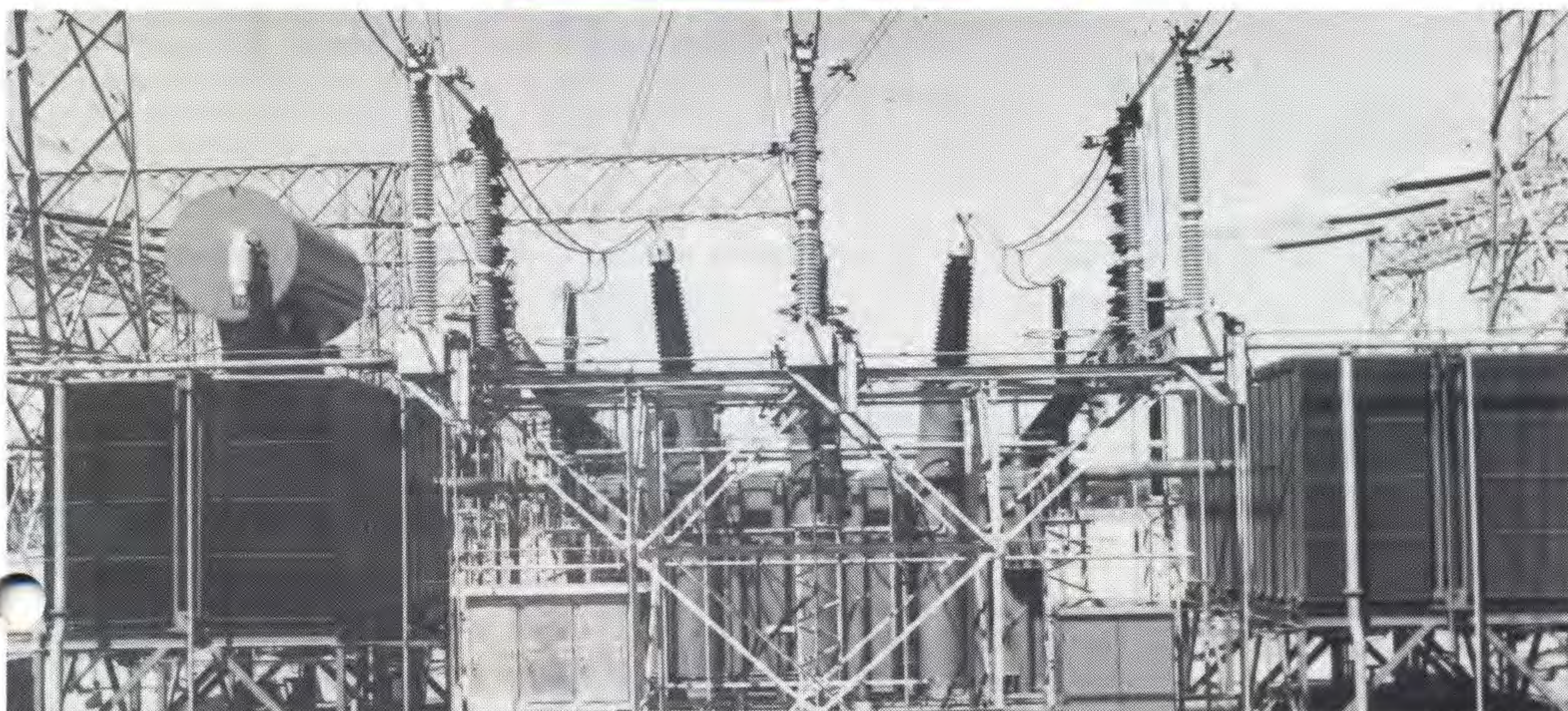
His contribution to power generation in the Latrobe Valley began during his time as Construction Engineer, with the completion of Yallourn 'D' station and the construction of 'E' station.

In 1962 Jack was appointed Assistant General Superintendent (production) under General Superintendent Brigadier John Field.

Appointment as Assistant General Superintendent (Power) followed in 1963 and he was retitled Power Engineer in 1967 and Regional Power Engineer in 1970. He also spent a period of five months in Melbourne as Acting Chief Engineer Power.

A major Commission reorganisation in 1974 resulted in the formation of the Operations Group of Departments and Jack was appointed Manager Power Generation, heading up the largest single department in the SEC. It was from this position he retired.

At his farewell function Jack was presented with a pair of binoculars, two reclining rocking chairs, a set of electric clippers and two photo albums, mementos of his time with the SEC. His wife Cath was presented with a sheaf of flowers.



System boost

Jeeralang B gas turbine station's first 80 MW unit was synchronised into the State system on March 1 - and the other two units are running close behind.

Contractor Alstom Atlantique has now embarked on the final trials with handover to the SEC expected in early April.

The trial run that precedes commercial operation includes a 200 hour run at capacity output and 20 consecutive successful starts.

Electrical connection from the +0 MW gas turbine station to the

State system is via a 220kV tower line to Hazelwood Power Station switchyard.

Unit 2 was run to full speed during mid-March with synchronisation into the State system due about the end of the month.

Unit 3 is programmed for first ignition and run to speed after Easter.

Members of Alstom Atlantique's Gerard Nosari and Claude Guinet working on a control panel at Jeeralang B.



Transformer installed

A new 170 tonne three phase 220/500 kilovolt auto-transformer (above) at the Hazelwood terminal station is now in service.

The \$1.1 million transformer has been installed to increase transmission capacity from Hazelwood terminal station to the metropolitan area.

The huge transformer, brought to the Valley by a specially constructed low-loader, was made in Scotland by Parsons-Peebles.

It was transported to Australia by ship from Scotland via Hamburg, Germany.

The transformer is also a part of the recently installed Hazelwood power station to Hazelwood terminal station 220kv line.

Valley golfers in Melbourne

Six Latrobe Valley Transmission Operations golfers competed in the old electrical branch golf tournament at the Keysborough Golf Club on February 11.

They were Ivan Harris, Dave Westie, Joe Morris, Les Thomson, Arthur Brogan and Phil Watts.

It was only the second time that Latrobe Valley employees had competed in the popular and successful tournament.

More than 30 golfers took part in two events.

SERVICE REGISTER

MARCH

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

	25 YEARS		
Ted Allison	Transmission Operations Yallourn	Vin Cameron	Central Workshops Yallourn
John Andrew	Coal Production Yallourn	Ken Hender	Coal Production Yallourn
John Neal	Yallourn Power Station	Len Rawlings	Transmission Services Yallourn
Charles Farrugia	Coal Production Yallourn	Bill Slade	Yallourn Power Station
Anthony Baldacchino	Yallourn Power Station		
Brian Coyle	Forestry, Yallourn		
Bolislav Cyran	Survey Morwell		
Clarence Finnemore	Yallourn Power Station		
Joe Maselli	Morwell Briquette and Power		
Don Massaro	Yallourn Power Station		
Phil Monacella	Morwell Briquette and Power		
	30 YEARS		33 YEARS
Stephen Gural	Yallourn 'W' Power Station	Bruce Hutchinson	Industrial Relations Morwell
Michael Hrynyszyn	Yallourn Power Station	Fred Badenhope	Coal Production Morwell
Jim Ireland	Secretarial Yallourn	Ken Cooper	Finance Morwell
Joseph Galea	Yallourn Power Station	Frank Hiscock	Finance Morwell
Emmanuel Ellul	Yallourn 'W' Power Station	Bob Whitford	Yallourn Power Station
Charles Mallia	Yallourn 'W' Power Station		
Frank Balzan	Yallourn Power Station		
Peter Vella	Civil Works Yallourn		
John Zarb	Yallourn Power Station		
	31 YEARS		34 YEARS
John Lawson	Power Generation Headquarters	Bill Vanderfeen	Transmission Services Morwell
Bob Miller	Morwell Briquette and Power	Don Foster	Hazelwood Power Station
John Bielajs	Finance Yallourn	Vern Collings	Personnel Morwell
Frank Mazur	Transmission Services Yallourn	Claude Whitbourne	Public Relations Morwell
Doug Tee	Coal Production Morwell		
Tony Liczak	Yallourn Power Station		
	32 YEARS		37 YEARS
Ron Allpress	Coal Production Headquarters	Don McAlister	Yallourn Power Station
Ian McArthur	Morwell Briquette and Power		
Norman Ross	Coal Production Yallourn		
			39 YEARS
		Maurie Rodda	Central Workshops Yallourn
			40 YEARS
		Ken Woff	Secretarial Morwell
		Jim Shaw	Civil Works Yallourn
			42 YEARS
		Ron Ralston	Coal Production Yallourn
		Gordon Taylor	Hazelwood Power Station
			45 YEARS
		Keith Parker	Yallourn 'W' Power Station

A tunnel, a railway and a mole. They sound a far cry from a power station development site - but they are key ingredients in one of Loy Yang's most unusual contracts.

Codelfa-Codgefar's fire service pipeline contract calls for the construction of Loy Yang's only tunnel. The 665-metre tunnel is being built with an extraordinary shield boring machine - dubbed 'The Mole' - especially imported from New Zealand.

It is only the second time such a machine has been used on a tunnel contract in Victoria. And the railway system, used for muck cartage, was previously used in the Melbourne underground loop project.

The Codelfa-Codgefar contract involves the construction of 4.5 kilometres of concrete pressure pipelines, together with a series of valves and man-holes to regulate the flow.

The pipes, which range in internal diameter from 2.25 to 0.9 metres, will carry water from the fire service reservoir to the open cut for fire prevention purposes - and have the capability of pumping the water back to the reservoir.

The contract also calls for the construction of another 1.3 km of pipeline for drainage.

Project Manager is Michael Filipesco. Commenting on the pipeline he says: "A pipeline is a pipeline. The difference with this one is that it is a pressure pipeline, designed in most parts to withstand a 140 metre head of pressure.

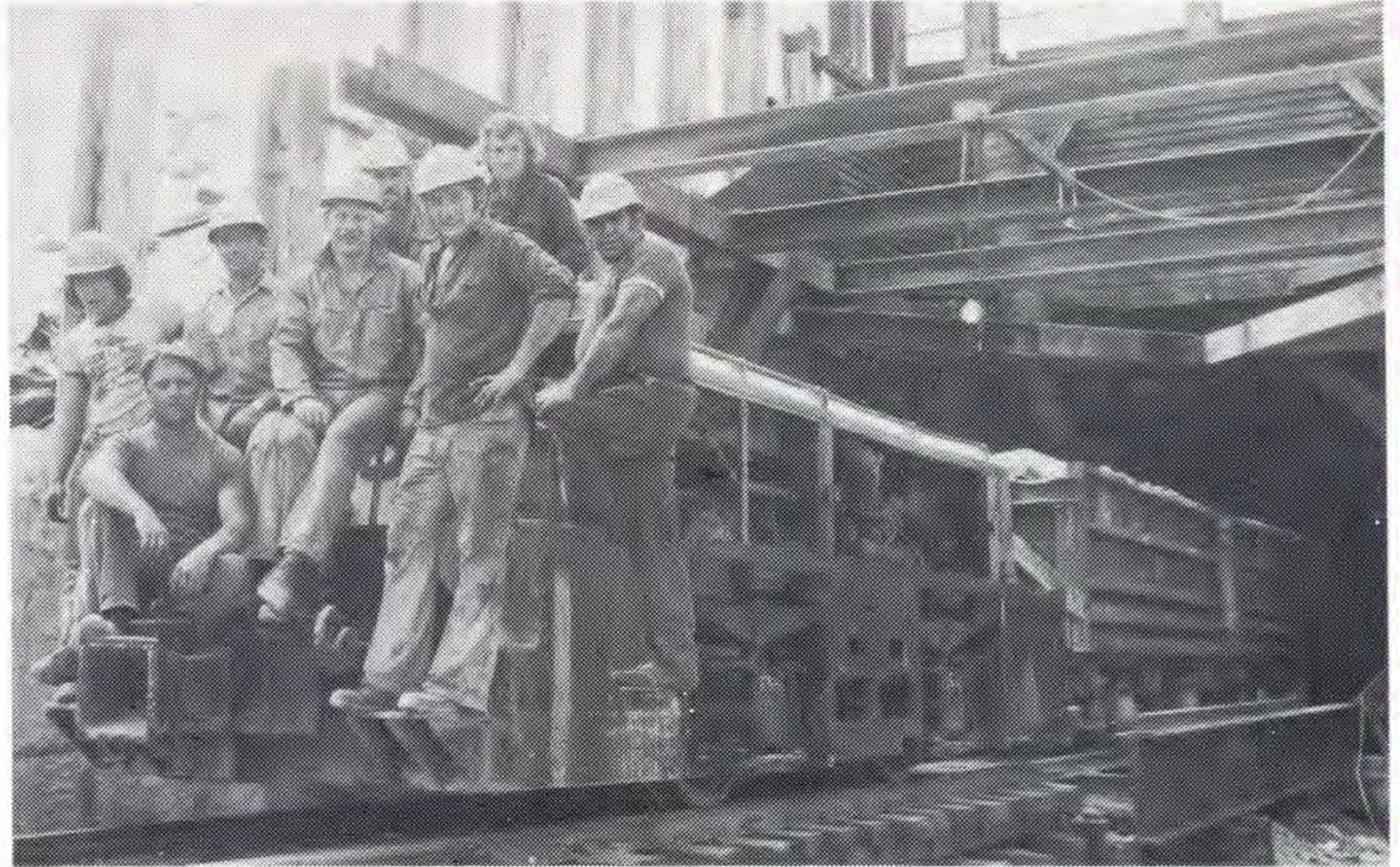
"But it is the tunnel that makes this project very unusual for Loy Yang."

Michael knows a lot about tunnels. He has spent about 12 years in tunnel construction - the last four and a half with John Connell, Engineering Consultants on Melbourne's underground loop.

"That is the only other contract in Victoria to have used a similar shield boring machine.

"This particular machine was built by Robbins in America for a Codelfa-Codgefar job in New Zealand - and they imported it especially for the Loy Yang contract," he said.

The shield boring machine measures 4.2 metres in diameter. Ground conditions permitting, it is boring its way forward at the steady pace of seven metres in 24 hours, displacing about 126 cubic metres of solid excavations. Thirty-six men operate round the clock shifts.



Lunchtime marks a welcome return to the open air for the tunnel construction team. Pictured (left to right) are Manfred Buckard, Colin Barratt, Supervisor Horst Buckard, Lothar Huelsebus, Raul Lalut, Richard Karataina, David Hogarth and Feliciano Gutierrez.

Mountain moving "mole"

Codelfa-Codgefar Engineer, Rob Hendry, said: "It is designed specifically for boring in soft and sandy soils. The machine operates beneath a protective shield which protects workers against the danger of subsidence.

"It is powered by electrically driven hydraulic pumps and the cutting head consists of tungsten carbide teeth arranged along six radial arms which oscillate through 180 degrees.

"Thirteen hydraulic rams use 300 gallons of oil to exert 2000 psi to manoeuvre the mole forward. After cutting the dirt, it uses its 'arms' to push it onto a conveyor system rising to an overhead dump station, which discharges the muck to carts below.

"When the muck has been cleaned out, the machine erects precast tunnel segments, each of which weigh - in the order of two tonnes. In the wake of the machine, the railway track is installed," he said.

The 4.4 metre diameter tunnel will house the pipeline together with walkways on either side.

Oval work progressing

The new Yallourn North oval - the replacement for Yallourn No. 1 oval - is expected to be ready for football by winter, next year.

Narracan Shire Council is at present preparing drainage and irrigation systems on the ground in preparation for sowing down to grass in April.

Preparation of the turf wicket is expected to be completed by the end of April.

Major earthworks on the site between Purvis Road and Howletts Track were completed early last year.

More than 45 000 cubic metres of earth was moved in a cut-fill operation.

An Independent Arbitrator's report following the SEC's decision to relocate major Yallourn facilities recommended that No. 1 oval be relocated at Yallourn North.

SEC Freemason annual dinner

Gippsland SEC Freemasons will conduct their third annual fraternal dinner at Kernot Hall, Yallourn on Saturday, April 19.

Serving and retired Freemasons have been invited to attend.

Chairman Charles Trethowan and former Commissioner Sir Roger Darvall will be guests at the dinner.

Guest speaker will be Sir Lance Townsend, a former Grand Master of Victorian Freemasons.

retirements



FRANK BARFOOT

Frank Barfoot's hobby of showing his champion pug dogs will be taking up much of his time in retirement.

Frank, who will continue to live in Newborough, retired from the Commission after 29 years on March 6.

Frank began his Commission career in June 1951 as an engineer's clerk with Morwell Administration. He was transferred to Administration, Yallourn from 1952-54 where he was reclassified to clerk. He returned to Morwell in October 1954.

Frank was reclassified to commercial administrative officer with General Services, Morwell in February 1969. With the establishment of Engineering Services Department, Frank was upgraded and transferred to Civil Works section, Morwell, Civil Services Division, the position from which he retired.

At an informal farewell function in the Latrobe Valley Visitor's Centre Services Engineer (Civil) Max Williamson presented Frank with a gas cooker and accessories, a wallet of notes and a cooler, on behalf of his workmates.

BERNIE BORDER

Bernie Border will continue to live in Moe in retirement.

Bernie retired from the Commission on February 2 after 29 years service. His hobby of golf and just plain relaxing will be taking up most of his time in retirement.

Bernie began his service as an electrical fitter at Kiewa in December 1950. Four years later he resigned and worked with a private contractor for a short period before rejoining the Commission as an electrical mechanic

VIC LEECH

Vic Leech began his 41 years service with the Commission as a laborer with Coal at Yallourn in February 1938.

Vic, who retired from the Commission on January 29, worked in a number of jobs between 1938 and 1948 including, laborer, greaser, shute driver and shovel operator.

In January 1951 he was transferred to a position as a driver with transport, Morwell, and in August 1968 he was promoted to leading hand driver.

Vic was retitled leading hand articulated driver in August 1969, the position from which he retired.

In retirement Vic intends to enjoy his hobbies of golf and fishing.

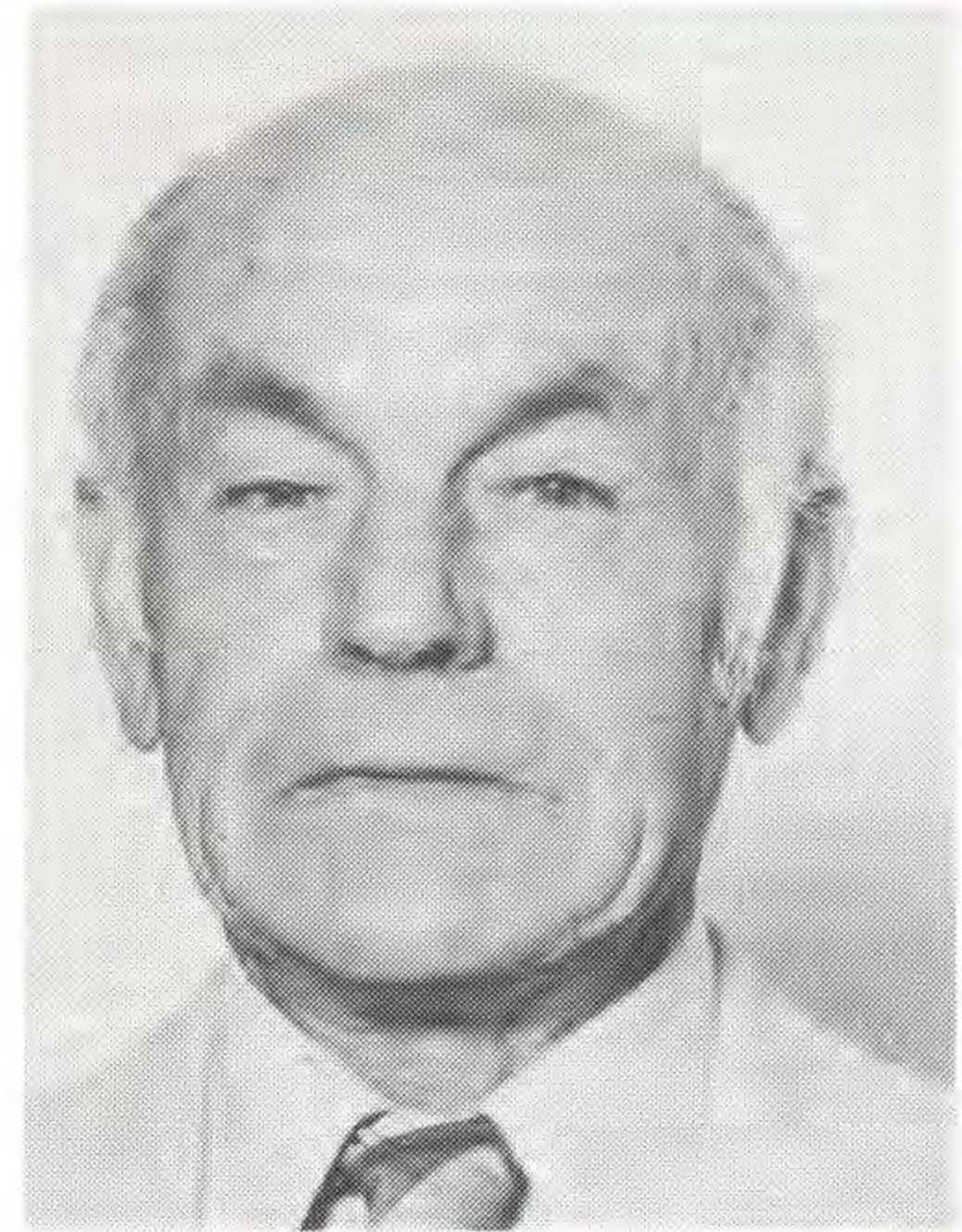
At a farewell function in Morwell Training Centre, Area Services Officer John Archibald presented Vic with a golf buggy on behalf of his workmates. Vic's wife Jean was presented with a sheaf of flowers.



at Yallourn power station in March 1955.

In May 1955 Bernie was appointed Assistant Operator, Electrical Operations, Yallourn. He received a series of promotions until he was appointed Electrical Operations Officer, the position from which he retired.

At his farewell function in the Latrobe Valley Control Centre, Assistant Chief Engineer Transmission Operations Ian McDonald presented Bernie with a golf bag and a bottle of whisky on behalf of his workmates.



MURRAY GRIXTI

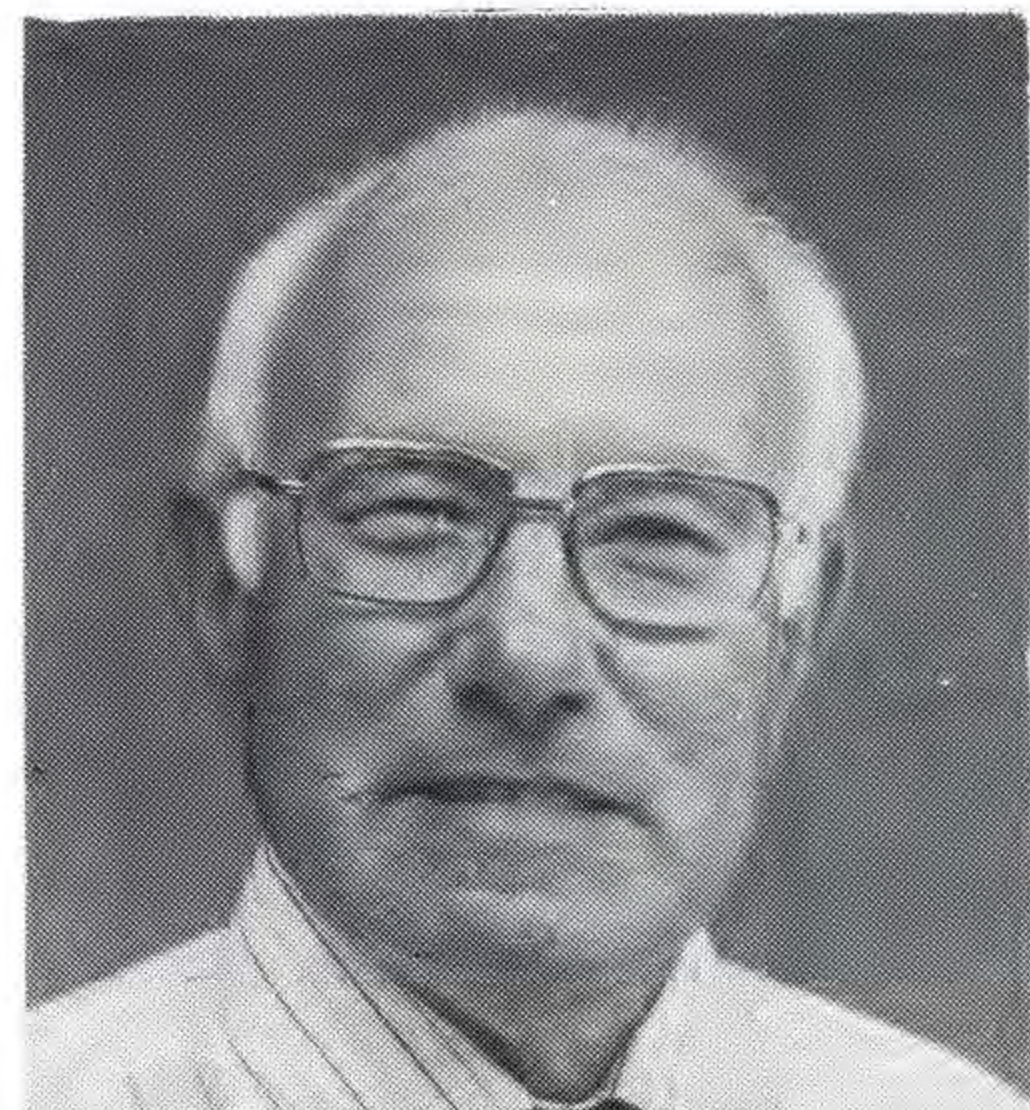
A holiday in Malta is among the early retirement plans of Mario Grixti.

Mario, who retired from the Commission after 15 years service on January 27 also intends to enjoy his hobby of gardening.

He began as a laborer with general services, Yallourn in January 1964 and transferred to the Yallourn briquette factory, as a laborer, in January 1965.

Between 1965 and 1969 Mario worked in a number of positions at the briquette factory including cleaner, greaser, and loader. He transferred from the briquette factory to a position of trimmer at Hazelwood power station in December 1969 and was promoted to operator in November 1973, the position from which he retired.

At an informal farewell function in the Hazelwood power station's conference room, Stations Operations engineer George Loughborough presented Mario with wallet and notes on behalf of his workmates.



RETIREMENTS



LAURIE BAKER

A holiday touring Europe and Grand is high on the list of retirement plans of Laurie Baker and his wife June.

Laurie, who will continue to live in Morwell, retired from the Commission on February 14 after more than 44 years service.

He began his long Commission career in January 1936 as an apprentice electrical fitter completing his apprenticeship in 1941 and then transferring to the position of electrical draftsman in 1946.

In December 1949 Laurie was appointed as an engineer with Electrical Services, Yallourn and then moved through various engineering positions in Electrical Construction, Yallourn, until September 1955 when

he was appointed Electrical Supervisor Morwell open cut.

From December 1963 he carried out the duties of Electrical Superintendent Morwell open cut until 1969 when he was appointed Operations Superintendent, Morwell open cut.

In February 1973 Laurie was transferred to Yallourn open cut where he acted as Assistant Coal Production Superintendent. He was appointed to the position in February 1975.

At a farewell function in the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre Morwell, Coal Production Manager Jack Vines presented Laurie with a Jason reclining chair, an electric sander and a photo album.

RON COURT

After 41 years service with the Commission Ron Court retired on February 14.

Ron began with the Commission in January 1939 as a laboratory assistant at Yarraville laboratory. Early in 1942 he was appointed electrical operator with Electrical Branch, Power Production Department.

He spent 11 months at Sugarloaf-Rubicon and was later transferred to Kiewa where he was one of two initial operators at No. 3 power station.

After periods with Tests and Protection and Electrical Branch's Design and Construction Department, he joined the Generation Branch as an engineer (electrical) in April 1955. He was appointed Richmond Power Station Superintendent in February 1961.

In March 1962 Ron moved to the Latrobe Valley as Assistant Power Station Superintendent Morwell, followed by a period as Assistant



Power Station Superintendent Yallourn and in May 1967 he was appointed superintendent at Yallourn 'W' power station. This appointment involved a lengthy secondment to Power Department.

He was again seconded to Power Department for one year as an Operations Consultant and on return to the Latrobe Valley continued his involvement with new project developments by taking up the role of Power Station Superintendent, Loy Yang Liaison, the position from

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which he retired.

In retirement Ron intends to enjoy his hobbies of yachting, gold-panning and photography. Ron and his wife Beres are at present enjoying a safari type holiday in Central Australia.

At a farewell function in the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre, Morwell, Assistant General Manager (Operations) Clem Joyce presented Ron with a 35 mm camera on behalf of his workmates.



Area Administration Manager George Bates presents Hazelwood general office captain Allan McDonald with the lightning premiership cup.

Seven run win to Hazelwood

Hazelwood general office won a thrilling Association of SEC Social Clubs annual lightning cricket premiership final at Yallourn on Sunday, March 2 by seven runs.

In front of a large crowd at the Yallourn No. 2 oval, Hazelwood defeated the Morwell Administration team in the last over of the match.

Morwell batted first and scored 3/86 with Jim Watt knocking up 38 not out and Ray Williams 18 not out. Best bowlers for Hazelwood were Ian Watson 1/17, Dave Maxwell 1/16 and Allan McDonald 1/11.

Hazelwood reached 93 for the loss of only one wicket with the man of the match Bruce Mathieson scoring a well compiled 52 not out. Paul Coffey contributed 20 and Ian Watson 10.

The only wicket-taker for Morwell was Ken McQualter with 1/22.

Area Administration Manager George Bates presented the premiership trophy to Hazelwood captain Allan McDonald.

Thirteen teams (150 players) competed in the successful day.

Lightning premiership trophies winners were: fielding — Tom Weller (survey); batting — Jeff Knowles (Hazelwood maintenance) 128 run aggregate, which included one innings of 68; and bowling — Lloyd Lewis 6/22.

Highlight of the day was the bowling performance of Laurie 'Truck' Williams (Hazelwood) who took four wickets in five balls, including a hat-trick.

Ninety play in social clubs bowls tourney

A rink skippered by Roy Campbell (Coal Production) won the Association of SEC Social Clubs annual mixed fours bowls tournament at the Morwell Recreation Centre on March 2.

Other members of the rink were Reg Campbell, Rene Corti and Ian Campbell.

Runner-up was the rink of Andy Smith, Margaret Morris, Agnes Smith and Jock Morris; George Donnett, Mrs. J. Quinlivan, Joan Donnett and

Mr. J. Barrett made up the rink which finished third.

More than 90 bowlers competed in the successful tournament conducted in ideal weather conditions.

Highest score in any one game was that by Dave Spittall's rink. The lowest score went to Emy Hansen's rink, while the spider event was won by Mrs Flo Ardern (women) and Mr. A. Howling (men).

