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Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

Pictured with some of the scientific German course students are course tutor Harold Elmore (front left) and Ernst Pasternak, trainee instructor (front centre).

For four hours, twice a week strange guttural noises can be heard coming from the wing three conference room in the Morwell Administration Building.

Twenty representatives of Coal Production and Power Generation Departments have gone back to the 'classroom' to swot up on scientific German.

A nineteen week course has been launched to give selected Commission personnel a comprehensive understanding of technical German.

It has been organised by Training and Development through the Gippsland Institute and initially the course leader is Harold Elmore, former head of the German department at RMIT.

Training and Development Officer Les Hunt said: "This is an important skill requirement because of increasing contact with German equipment and technology."

Trial Run

"To some extent this course is a trial run. If it proves successful we are hopeful that it may be possible to institute a more permanent course at GIAE."

Power Generation Manager Don Clark said it was particularly important for people who deal with technical articles written in German to have the ability to identify quickly areas of interest without having to go through the expensive and time consuming translation exercises — which often turn out to be of questionable benefit.

Commented Jack Vines, Manager Coal Production, and himself a course student: "Thorough knowledge of scientific German is a great asset in our field."

"A lot of technical expertise is available in German and without



a thorough grasp of the language it is difficult to evaluate the worth of information in scientific papers.

"For instance some of the German journals we get in our library are devoted to the technology of brown coal winning. It is very important to follow any new developments in the field."

"Also we periodically send people to Germany on travelling scholarships or to study new developments and it is most important for them to be able to maximise on that experience for the benefit of the Commission."

Initial advanced course members include from Coal Production Ian Runge, Gordon Stewart, Ian Newnham, Murray MacRae and Bob Odgers; and from Power Generation Richard Elkington, Leo Van Donk, Brian Gregory, Gerry Basten and David Hankinson.

Coal Production's representatives on the intermediate course include Jack Vines, Peter Braun, Brian Ryan, Don Wakefield and David Eves; and from Power Generation Karl Esser, Terry Cox, Geoff Anderson, Max Griffin and Bernd Bukolt.

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Cover

This astonishing 'soft sculpture' depicting hilarious duo Laurel and Hardy captivated many of the visitors to the Monash House Social Club Arts Festival this month. The award-winning exhibit was one of many from the Latrobe Valley. For details of local prize-winners see article on page 3.

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Shaun in Australian team

Eighteen year old Commission apprentice carpenter Shaun O'Neill has been selected in the Australian under 19 volleyball team to compete in the Asian Games in Korea early next month.

This is the third time he has represented Australia.

Standing about 190 centimetres tall Shaun is a spiker in the strong Australian team which is expected to be one of the strongest in the 16 nation competition.

According to Shaun who plays with Ubangi in the Latrobe Valley Volleyball Association, the Chinese, Japanese and Korean teams will be the hardest to beat. Before leaving for

Korea, the team will play in the Pacific Championships in Canberra, and will then leave on an 11-day tour of Japan.

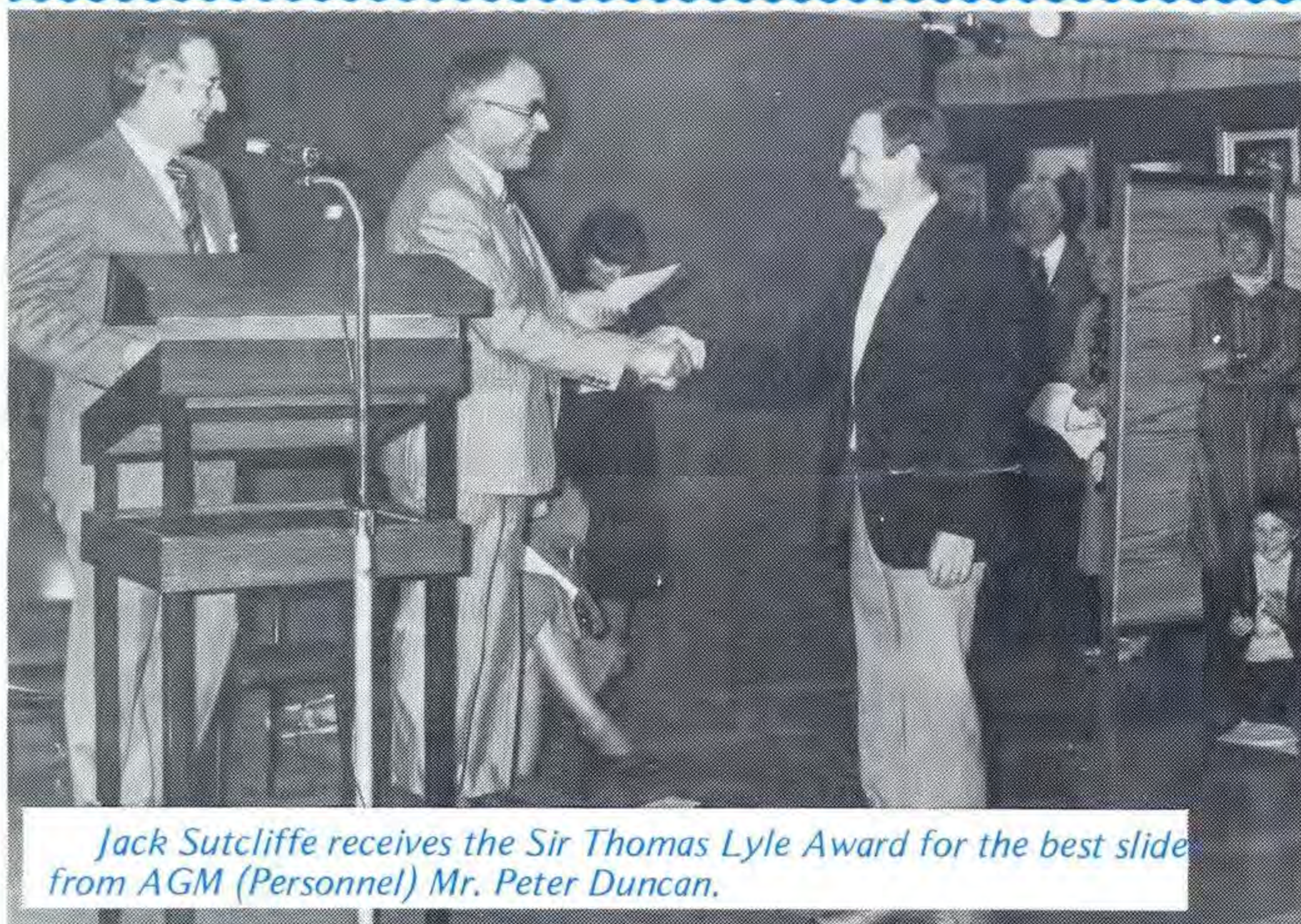
"But with the excellent lead-up we have planned, we should finish in the first six," he said.

"I'm hopeful of performing well in the Games because the World Volleyball Games are to be held in Algeria next year and I'd like to be in the Australian team.

"Being selected in the Australian team to tour Asia is the highlight of my volleyball career."

Fund-raising functions are planned to help pay Shaun's trip expenses.

Anyone interested in donating should phone 34 3055.



Jack Sutcliffe receives the Sir Thomas Lyle Award for the best slide from AGM (Personnel) Mr. Peter Duncan.

Special Housing release in Traralgon

Fifteen Latrobe Valley Special Housing Project homes have just been released for sale in Traralgon.

These houses complete the Traralgon section of the development, which is designed to ease accommodation pressures associated with development projects in the Latrobe Valley through the construction of moderately priced homes.

Work has recently started in Churchill on a further 42 houses which are scheduled for completion by Christmas.

The Traralgon houses, priced between \$34 060 and \$37 825, are located in Bowden Court, Stuart Street and Farrington Parade.

Finance options open to Special Housing Project Home buyers include funds from a Special SEC terminating building society or through banks which have made special funds available for the project.

In some cases second mortgage finance of up to \$5000 may be available through the Home Finance Trust and under certain circumstances applicants may be eligible for a subsidy.

Full details of the project together with finance and application procedures are available from Sales Officer Ken Woff and his assistant Brenda Mitchell on 34 2244 extension 3539 or at Wing 2 in the Morwell Admin Building.

The art of Hazelwood

They're an artistic lot at Hazelwood Power Station!

Prizes awarded to entrants in this year's Monash House Social Club's art festival reveal a wealth of talent among the power station's staff.

Unit Controller Jack Sutcliffe carried off the Sir Thomas Lyle award for the best slide.

Jack's been an enthusiastic photographer for a quarter of a century and is a long time member of Gippsland Photographic Society.

He described his winning entry 'Dianna' as "a figure study based on shadows and three primary colours."

"I've competed before in competitions and I think you get to know the sort of things they're

looking for — impact, composition and technical excellence."

Jack, who uses a 12 year old Minolta SRT 101, will put his \$50 prize money towards the cost of a close-up attachment.

Last year's winner, Noel Shears, who is Hazelwood Power Station's Operations Engineer, won a \$15 commendation for his slide 'Misty Morning', an early morning shot of Yallourn 'W' taken while he was the station's ops engineer.

Honors in the craft section went to Anya Hankinson, the wife of David, Acting Special Projects Engineer at Hazelwood Power Station. Her 'soft sculpture' 'Laurel and Hardy' won the \$100 Francis Clement Award, topping a field of 98.

They're not just playing in the Park

Six young Commission employees are on their way up in the music world.

Once they've downed tools at work they pick up their instruments to line up as the Pariah Park rock band — which is fast acquiring a reputation as one of the best groups in Gippsland.

Lead guitarists are Dennis Rea, trades assistant in the Yallourn open cut and Tony Burns, a rigger at Morwell Briquette and Power. Murray Sanders, an electrical fitter in the Yallourn workshops, is the group's drummer. Chris Bishoff, a cleaner in the Morwell open cut, is featured on keyboards and leading vocalist is Trevor Fletcher, boilermakers

Sheltered W'shop says thanks

The Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshop Association will be able to buy vital equipment thanks to a number of Commission employees.

Association President Max Williamson, (Engineering Services) said that 52 employees credited their safety points to the Sheltered Workshops when the Commission's Uniform Safety Award Scheme was terminated in July last year.

"Individual donations totalled \$829, which is a very significant contribution to association funds. On behalf of the association management I'd like to offer our sincere thanks to all concerned."

- Commission employees responded 'magnificently' to the Latrobe Valley Sheltered Workshop Association's SOS for funds early this year.

Max Williamson said the fund raising campaign launched in February yielded additional donations from Commission personnel by \$1200 a year: "We are extremely grateful to all the new subscribers — some of whom responded very generously.

"But we would also like to acknowledge our indebtedness to our long-term supporters some of whom have been contributing 5 and 10 cents a week towards the project since we started. We plan to approach some of these long standing donors to see if they could consider increasing their contributions," he said.



trades assistant in Hazelwood power station.

They say the bookings are coming in 'thick and fast' and that they are on the point of laying down a tape — the first step towards embarking on recording careers.

Between them they have several years band experience — but they've only been playing together for 10 months.

Along with traditional rock and roll numbers their repertoire includes original compositions penned by Tony and Chris.

Every Friday and Saturday night you'll find them performing somewhere — regular bookings take them as far afield as Lakes Entrance, Warragul and Inverloch. They've even been featured at Morwell's Hotel Motel and the Miners' Rest in Wonthaggi — traditionally reserved for top line Melbourne bands.

Pictured above practising for a big night, they are (left to right) Chris Bishoff, Dennis Rea, strapper Phil Whykes, Robert Boothman, Trevor Fletcher, Murray (Strang) Sanders and Tony Burns.

Co-op honors 10 years' service

Morwell Co-op has honored the Commission's Ray Linton for 10 years' outstanding service.

Ray, Yallourn steel construction workshop supervisor, has been a member of the board of directors since 1970 and had a three year stint as chairman from 1977 to 1979.

Co-op chairman Tom Lawless presented Ray with a digital watch at a ceremony staged in Morwell's RSL club.

Said Ray: "It was a tremendous thrill. It's a beautiful watch — I've not owned one since I was 23.

"I believe strongly in the co-op movement. It's taken dedication over the years to keep the Morwell Co-op operating. I've been proud to have been associated with it, and a number of SEC personnel have given invaluable support to the movement."

Ray said the Co-op was founded in Morwell in 1956 'in a tin shed in Wallace Street.'

"I was one of the early members, joining in 1958. It was started to



give a better deal to the public. Nowadays the chain stores keep prices low — but the co-op is the only locally owned supermarket. The co-op has 2000 shareholders and is a \$2 million trading business," he said.



Spreading word on job prospects

More than 1000 secondary and technical school students were among visitors to the Commission's third annual careers' exhibition held in the Morwell Town Hall last month.

And by all accounts it was a great success.

Training and Development Officer Les Hunt said people generally seemed impressed by the scale of the display and the depth of interest shown by those manning the stands in visitors' queries.

"It is apparent from the response that the message about the importance of maths and sciences to Latrobe Valley career opportunities is at last getting through to parents, students and career teachers.

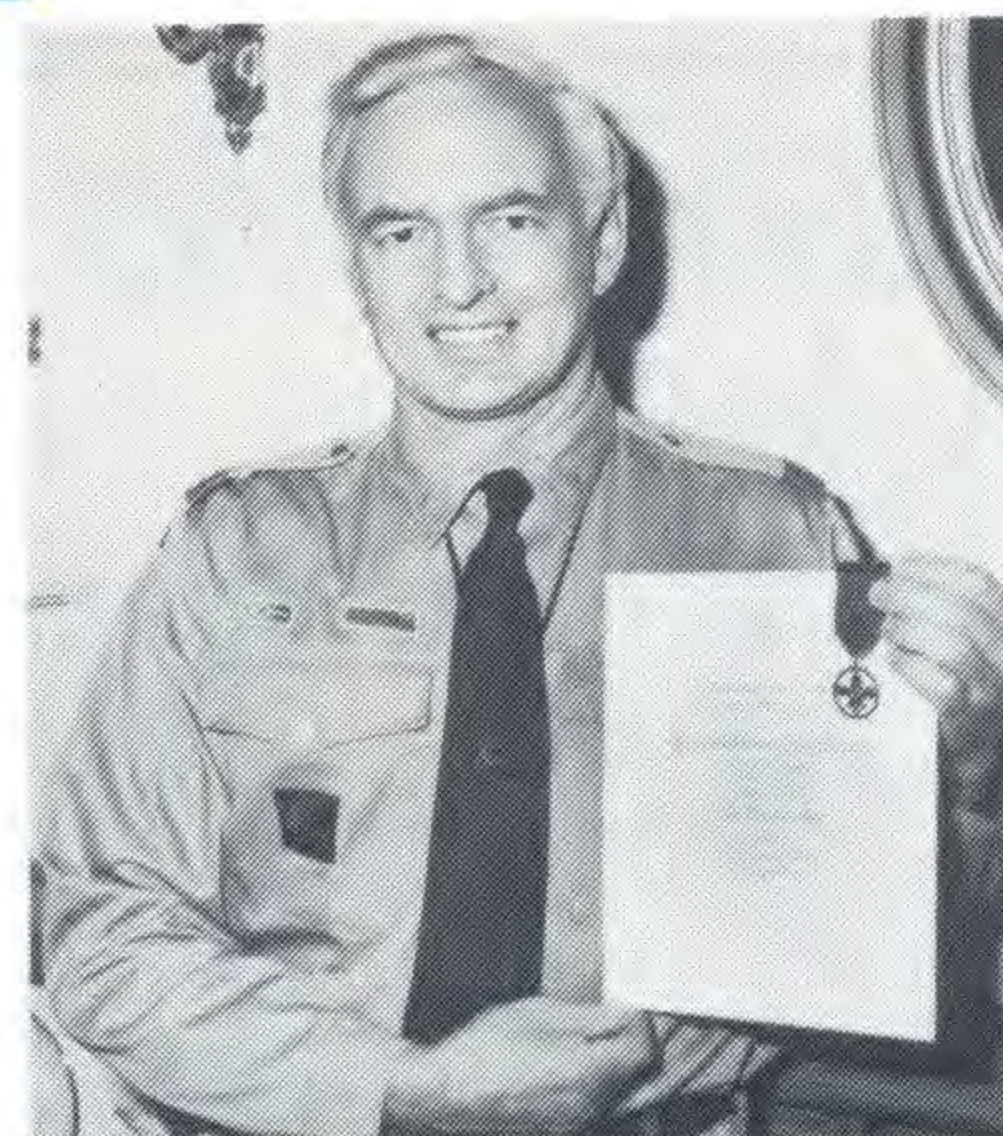
"Educational programs like this career display and our work experience scheme — (this year 200 will have the opportunity for two weeks work within the Commission, taking part in a continuing work experience program for fourth form students) — all assist in developing an

appreciation at school leaver level of the importance for students to equip themselves with appropriate qualifications to be able to take their place in a technical skills oriented workforce.

"The record apprentice intakes of 1980 will be increased even further in 1981 in an endeavor to assist the supply of skilled tradesmen in the Valley.

"But there are also increased opportunities in the technical and professional areas. Parents and students should make sure they consider all career options and not just opt for apprenticeships as a means of getting a job if their skills lie in these other areas," he said.

Pictured at the careers exhibition with Area Administration Manager George Bates (far right), who performed the official opening ceremony, are (left to right): Ken Passey, foreman; Roy Huke, second year apprentice instrument maker; John Bounds, leading hand instructor; and Ashley Hiscock, second year apprentice instrument maker.



38 years' scouting

After 38 years involvement with the scouting movement, Col Leviston (driver, transport, Morwell) has called it a day.

Col has been a member of the scouts continuously since joining the 1st Morwell Cub pack. After moving through scouts and senior scouts, he then spent eight years in the Captain Hurley Rover Crew at Yallourn.

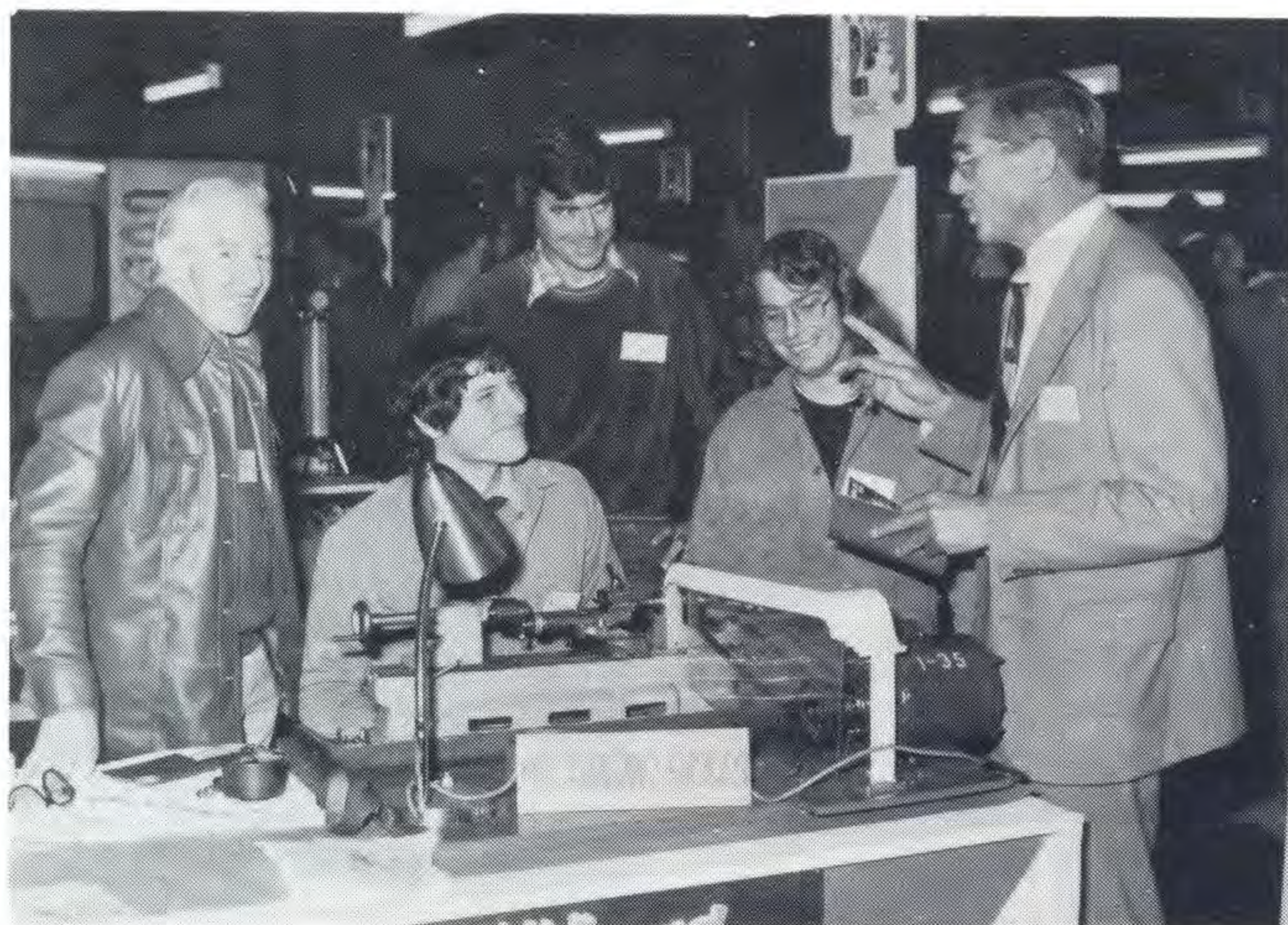
His first leader job was as assistant scout master at 1st Morwell in 1952, then in 1959 he was assistant rover leader, 1st Yallourn, then scout master, 1st Yinnar in 1960.

In 1962 he became District Scout Master, responsible for the Morwell and central district which included Yallourn and Traralgon and in 1966 he was appointed group scout master at Yinnar. Two years later he became Senior Scout Leader at 1st Morwell, and then Venturer Leader. From 1977 Col was District Rover Leader.

Col was awarded the Medal of Merit in 1978 and holds the Long Service Decoration and Bar for his services to scouting.

Col's scouting background has held him in good stead for his part-time interest — controller of the Morwell-Traralgon Unit of the State Emergency Service.

Scouting is in the family — Col's wife Shirley has worked with guides and brownies for 16 years, his son Bruce is a scout and daughter Leonie a guide.



COAL
PRODUCTION

Searching for 'the other face of Sir John'

A major hunt is on for anyone who met Sir John Monash.

The search party has been launched by Hans Faubel, technical officer in the Morwell Coal Production Planning Group.

He is collecting material on the Commission's first chairman, and former General of the Australian Military Forces, in an effort to present "the other face of Sir John".

"I don't feel the full picture of this great man has been presented yet. Talking to people who actually met him and talked with him would be very helpful in piecing the picture together," said Hans.

Hans said his interest was initially sparked when he discovered that Sir John's ancestors - "rabbis for hundreds of years" - came from the same home town as his own grandparents — a small East German town that is now a part of Poland.

"The more I find out about him, the more intrigued I become. He fascinates me. He must have been an outstanding man.

Details

"He must have been a very dominating person — although he was well liked — and anyone who actually spoke with him is likely to remember those conversations and some of the views he expressed.

"He took an interest in minute detail. During the Great War he was advancing German lines when he ran into an unusual German railway gun. Even in those exceptional circumstances he made a very detailed description of it observing so many little things.

"He was caught up in an era of challenging engineering developments, notably the introduction of reinforced concrete — but he rarely made mistakes," said Hans.

Anyone who has information they think might help Hans should contact him on extension 5410.



Hans Faubel . . . searching for the 'other face' of Sir John Monash.

\$16.8m. contract for conveyors

The Commission has let a \$16.8 million contract for the supply and installation of two new coal conveyor systems in Yallourn open cut.

The conveyors, with a total length of about 9.25 km, will replace an existing rail link with dredgers in the open cut. After they are brought into service during 1983 and 1984, all coal transport in the open cut will be by conveyor.

Johns Perry Industries Pty. Ltd. has the contract for the installation of the conveyor plant, which will take place progressively as the open cut develops.

Each conveyor system will comprise a movable conveyor about 1800 m long and two fixed trunk conveyors. The conveyor belts are 1400 mm wide and will

operate at a speed of 6 metres a second. Each system is designed to carry a continuous coal output of 3600 tonnes/hour.

Associated plant being supplied with the conveyors includes travelling hoppers for receiving coal from the dredgers and loading to the movable conveyors, hydraulically operated jacking equipment and skids for shifting the movable conveyor drive heads, and electrical and civil works.

The new conveyors will supply fuel to both Yallourn and Yallourn W power stations. After completion of the Yallourn W project, annual coal production from the Yallourn open cut is expected to rise from 15 million tonnes at present to more than 23 million tonnes by 1984.



ENGINEERING
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Entertainment? Ask Mooney

Meet the entertaining Mr. Mooney.

For more than three decades, the 'jack of all trades of the theatre' has been delighting Gippslanders with celebrated acting performances and award winning productions on stage, while Commission employees may know him best for his work behind the scenes at SEC balls and the first aid competitions.

Perc Mooney, Administrative Clerk at Morwell Workshops, says he's been an actor all his life, through school, in Army reviews and with the Morwell Players since he was demobbed in 1946.

"The 1950s and 60s was a terrific era for the theatre. In those days every whistle stop down the line had its own drama group. The Morwell players was for ever on the road to take part in competitions and festivals all over Gippsland and in Melbourne.

"It was a heyday for theatre in rural Victoria. We won Moomba twice and won the Veran Irving Perpetual Award for the best country group three times in succession — we kept the trophy," said Mooney, as he's known to his colleagues.

All types

Mooney has appeared in 'literally hundreds of productions' — "at one time I was in three one act plays at once — my learning capacity is no longer what it used to be".

His roles have embraced all theatrical types — but his favorites are dramatic character roles.

He recalls his most memorable parts as the roles of Charles, a blind man in *The Paragon*; Alf, the drunken ex-serviceman who misbehaves



on Anzac Day in *The One Day of the Year*; and Poppa in *The Shifting Heart*, which reflects the problems faced by the Australian immigrant community.

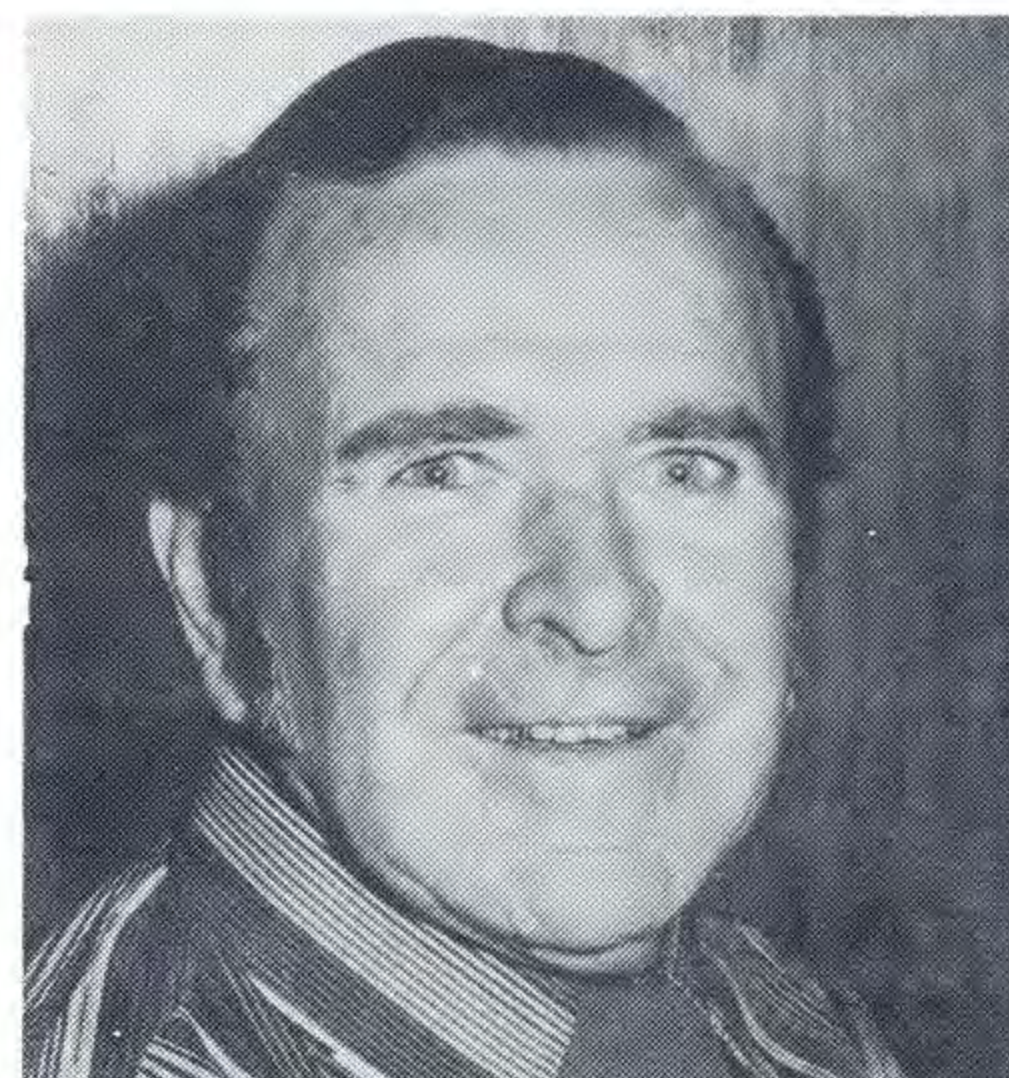
Coaching

Mooney, who boasts the distinction of having been coached by Robert Morley at a summer school, reckons that to be a good actor you must be 'first and foremost an exhibitionist'. "Secondly, you must be keen and creative but also you must be a keen observer of people and their mannerisms," he said.

"If I'm doing a character, I go out and look for someone to model it on."

Currently president of Morwell Players (he's held all the offices there at least once) he attributes the decline in rural theatre largely to the community's greater mobility with 'wheels' and to the impact of television.

His talents have been put to significant use within the Commission



since he joined in 1949. His first involvement was in the decor for the SEC balls — the most notable occasions being those on the theme of the Space Age, the Japanese evening (based on a set from *The Mikado*) and a Drawing Room set.

Safety sets

More recently he has had a major part to play in setting the stage for the Commission's first aid competitions — laying out the stage, master-minding the act and training the patients.

"I got a lot of satisfaction out of that — I feel we've really achieved something there," said Mooney.

"Primarily I regard acting as a valuable relaxation," says Mooney, who works hard after hours on the hobby farm he "hacked out of the near-virgin bush at Boolarra" where he lives with his wife Jean, another stalwart of the Morwell Players as front of house organiser.



The Yallourn drawing office has chalked up an impressive safety record.

The 103-strong section worked for more than 965 000 manhours without a lost time injury between June 1975 and May this year.

The section includes draftsmen, drafting assistants, clerical staff and photographers whose daily work takes them onto dredgers,

into open cuts and power stations.

At an informal function in the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre at Morwell Engineering Services Manager Ray Greenwood presented section safety officers Harry Bridge and Harry Bazzinotti with a National Safety Council of Australia plaque.

Left: Displaying the NSCA plaque are (from left) Harry Bazzinotti, Ray Greenwood and Harry Bridges.



Trainee storeman Wayne Butler of Morwell, filling a vehicle at the Yallourn petrol station.

Stores play vital role



Paul Emery from Municipal, Yallourn collects goods from storemen Mike Nelson (centre) and Paul Biggs (right).

Gathered around one of the Stores counters are nine members of Yallourn stores, (from left) back row: John Carlson, Jack Heyfron, Trevor McColl, Robert Grima, and Allan Lucas; Front row: Peter Barnes, Steve Kane, Max Muetagh and Richard Welsh.



Checking off stock in the Yallourn store is trainee storeman Alan Frost of Morwell.



Processing paperwork are three of Stores' female staff members (from left) Theresa Ruane of Morwell, Mary McAulley of Moe and Jan Ellis of Morwell.



Storeman and stores safety representative Peter Barnes checking the stock of gas bottles.

In an organisation like the SEC there are two basic ingredients vital to a successful operation — labor and materials.

And in the Commission's Latrobe Valley works areas, the supply of materials is a big business.

Materials supply comes under the control of Materials and Services Division and includes two main sections — Yallourn stores (95 employees) and Morwell stores (88).

Materials and Services Officer Athol Robinson says the stores must ensure that the right materials are in the right place at the right time.

"The role of stores is growing in responsibility, and the sheer volume of materials being handled demands a smooth, efficient operation," he said.

The Commission's Latrobe Valley stores currently stock a massive 15,000 general purpose items — and that doesn't include the wide range of pre-charge material items.

On top of that, the stores stock some 43,000 items of spare equipment.

Over the past 12 months the stores have carried out about 412,000 transactions. Items handled ranged from general hardware to the most sophisticated equipment; from pin-size goods to 17-tonne conveyor belts.



Stores supervisors (from left) Spencer Goss of Newborough and Alan Wilson of Morwell discuss the latest computer readouts on stores stock.



Storeman John Setby passes a requisition form to truck driver Jim Collyer.



New standard bus fares

All Commission industrial bus route standard fares will rise from September 1. The cost of a strip of 10 tickets will increase from \$3.00 to \$4.00.

Area Administration Manager George Bates said the fare rise had resulted from general operational cost increases associated with providing industrial bus services.

"However, spiralling costs mean the standard fare tickets still compare more than favorably with the cost of travelling to work by private car," he said. (The standard fare covers all SEC industrial routes serviced by the Latrobe Valley Bus lines).

Existing tickets are valid for use on industrial routes until midnight Sunday September 28.

Fares for trips inside works areas (for example, No. 2 Gate to Hazelwood power station) will also increase on September 1, from 22 cents to 30 cents per trip.

For further details on the fare increases contact Ted Kennedy, Area Services, extension 4212.

Yallourn W suggestions bring cash

Three Yallourn W power station employees are each \$100 richer following suggestions made earlier this year to the Commission's Suggestion Award scheme.

Ron Nicholas (Unit Controller), Robert Nosowski (Fitter) and Paul Burley (Fitter) are pictured receiving their award cheques from Yallourn W Power Station Superintendent Norm Bowles.

Their suggestions were:
Ron: that rubber strips be replaced

with teflon strips on the Yallourn W fuel handling scraper chain-bars on spillage conveyors.

Paul: That a permanent sump pump be installed in each circulating water pump pit.

Ron: A turbine protection system for Yallourn W turbines.



Briquette changes planned

Production of conventional household briquettes at Morwell Briquette Factory will be discontinued later this year — but briquettes will still be available for domestic use.

Assistant General Manager (Operations) Clem Joyce said today the factory would switch to the production of only industrial type briquettes in December.

The industrial type briquette is smaller than the household type but is suitable for domestic use," he said.

"Morwell Briquette Factory was not built to produce two types of briquette but it has been possible to do so as long as there has been a comparable demand for both types.

"Demand for household briquettes has dropped significantly since the early 1970s when some 450 000 tonnes were produced annually at Morwell.

"Now, of the approximate 1.2 million tonnes annual production at the factory, only about 80 000 tonnes are household briquettes.

"The increasing imbalance in the demand for the types of briquette has created substantial handling problems at the factory.

"Handling facilities for household briquettes have been underloaded while those available for the industrial type have been stretched to their limit even to the point where there have been wasteful spillages.

"Until now it has been possible to avoid a loss in total briquette production by making more household briquettes than required, with the excess being sent to the old Newport C power station.

"This will be no longer possible once the gas-fired Newport D station is commissioned and Newport C is shut down."

"The decision to end production of household briquettes will also mean the closure of the packaging plant at the briquette factory. Demand for packaged briquettes has fallen progressively and last year amounted to less than 8 000 tonnes.

"Employees in the packaging plant will be transferred to other positions in the briquette factory," he said.



TRANSMISSION OPERATIONS



Jeff is tops

Fourth year Commission refrigeration apprentice Jeffrey Cook has been selected the best country refrigeration apprentice for 1979.

Jeffrey was presented with his award at an official function conducted by the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology's (Mechanical Division) Department of Refrigeration Technology in Melbourne recently.

LEFT: Pictured at the function were (from left) the SEC's Electrical Services Engineer Keith Griffiths, Jeff, Apprenticeship Officer Chris Banfield and Jeff's foreman David Blythman.

Social Club hat trick

Transmission Social Club and Tests and Communications Social Club vied for the "Archie Marshall" Shield at the annual football match at Yinnar recently.

Captain Coach of the victorious Transmission Social Club team Gavan Edmondson reported:

"An interesting game played with fire and enthusiasm kept spectators on the edge of their seats until the end.

"Although Transmission Social Club won by 9-11-65 to 4-11-35, these scores were no indication of what was a well contested game.

"The following awards were made at the barbecue following the game.

Tests and Communications:—
Best player award — Glen Elliot;
goal of the day — Brett Pearson;
mark of the day — Richard Zupecki;
"dirtiest" player — Rolf Saggars;
most on the ground — Ian Dumble;
G.E.N.T. Award (Game ended - no touches) — George Regulski.

Transmission Social Club:—
Best player — Ray York; goal of the day — Joe Bolton; mark of the day — Les Cauchi; "dirtiest" player — Gavan Edmondson;
most on the ground — Shared by Tom Thompson and Hugh McGregor
and G.E.N.T. Award — Frank Bennett;



Above left: Transmission Social Club team coach Gavan Edmondson gives his players a tongue lashing at three quarter time. Players (from left) Roger Reiske and Chris Richardson look on.

Above: Two of the many spectators at the match were George Ballard and his daughter Linda.

Left: Opposing Captains Gavan Edmondson (left) and Douce Doubajek are pictured with "Archie Marshall" Shield after the match.

The Jeeralang success story

Frank Fletcher gets a special kick out of driving down the Midland Highway these days.

"It gives me a real sense of achievement to know the Jeeralang Gas Turbine Stations are in operation," he said.

And why not. For the past three years, as Jeeralang's Construction Superintendent, he has had the satisfaction of watching the Commission's newest power station emerging from the muddy cow paddocks in Bonds Lane, south of Morwell, to produce 464 MW of vitally needed electricity for Victoria.

The project's successful completion was celebrated with the handover of the final unit of the Commission's first gas turbine power station project.

Team effort

The formula for success: "It has been a great team effort," said Frank.

The two stage gas turbine station was conceived as an emergency measure to bridge the 'generation gap' caused by the delays to other power station construction projects throughout the state.

Turnkey contracts for A station's four 56 MW units went to German contractor Siemens and for B station's three 80 MW units to French contractors Alstom Atlantique.

"The Siemens job (which started in July 1977 with units coming into commercial operation progressively between November 1978 and May 1979) went precisely to schedule; the French job was completed in 22 months — a couple of months over their target but a month less than A station.

"Progress on the job has been very good. It has had to be because the station was designed to fill a specific energy shortfall. Any delay to the construction program would have dramatically reduced the station's usefulness to the Commission.

Satisfaction

"The Germans in particular were thrilled with the productivity at Jeeralang which they said was as good as they've achieved anywhere in the world. I am proud to be associated with a comment like that.

"I think we've been able to achieve this because the gas turbine station has been a small, compact and fast moving project — the construction team has been able to identify with the progress of the job. The men get the satisfaction of actually seeing



it going up in front of their eyes. The French machines arrived pretty much preassembled. So we were able to physically install a turbine in a matter of hours.

Another notable feature of the project has been the remarkable team spirit. There has been a conscious effort to develop this right from the start across the board from the men on the job to their head office counterparts.

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"We've had very good service out of all of our subcontractors, in particular mechanical subcontractor Simon Carves, Siemens (electrical) and Donpra (civil). And the support of my staff has been tremendous."

When Frank walked into the job of supervising the construction program in 1977 he was compeltely changing the direction of his 31-year career with the SEC.

"I began work in Ballarat as an electrical operator on the old Ballarat A station. We used to put a lot of energy into squeezing out a total of 6 MW from four 1.4 MW briquette fired turbos. Things have come a long way since then. Just this month I was in Sydney looking at two 660 MW

generators at Vales Point power station," he said.

From Ballarat Frank moved through Richmond, Newport, Hazelwood and Yallourn stations — "In fact I've worked on every power station in the state, bar Morwell and the old Geelong.

"I followed all the power stations as they were closing down, or retiring plant. It's quite a twist to come from that background to building a new station," said Frank.

Hobby farm

Off the job Frank is an enthusiastic hobby farmer. He and his 'accountant' wife Elvie, (she learnt her figures during her 10 year career with the SEC in Bendigo) breed beef yearlings on their 75 ha property at Boolarra where they live with their three daughters — Anne (studying for a post graduate Diploma of Education at GIAE), Jane (studying at GIAE for a science degree) and Helen (a student at Mirboo North High School).

Past sporting glories include membership of the Ballarat Rowing Club and a Victorian Championship lightweight eight.

Nowadays he concentrates on golf. He's a committeeman at Mirboo North where he currently heads a working team restoring a Yallourn house for the golf club's curator.

BALLAST BOOM IN POSITION

Progress is booming at the Commission's dredger erection site off Traralgon Creek Road.

The recent lift and positioning of the 140-tonne ballast boom marked a significant stage in the Loy Yang giant's development.

The 32-metre boom, bolted to the tower structure is now the highest part of the machine.

Three cranes — of 120, 110 and 200 tonne capacities — were used in the complex 4½ hour manoeuvre, which involved lifting the boom 23 metres and travelling it more than 30 metres.

Manufactured in Sydney, the boom has been freighted to Traralgon and assembled on site over the past couple of months.

The installation of the ballast boom clears the way for the positioning of smaller booms which pivot off the superstructure, including the bucket wheel boom and the connecting bridge conveyor. These are scheduled for completion by the new year.

Platform

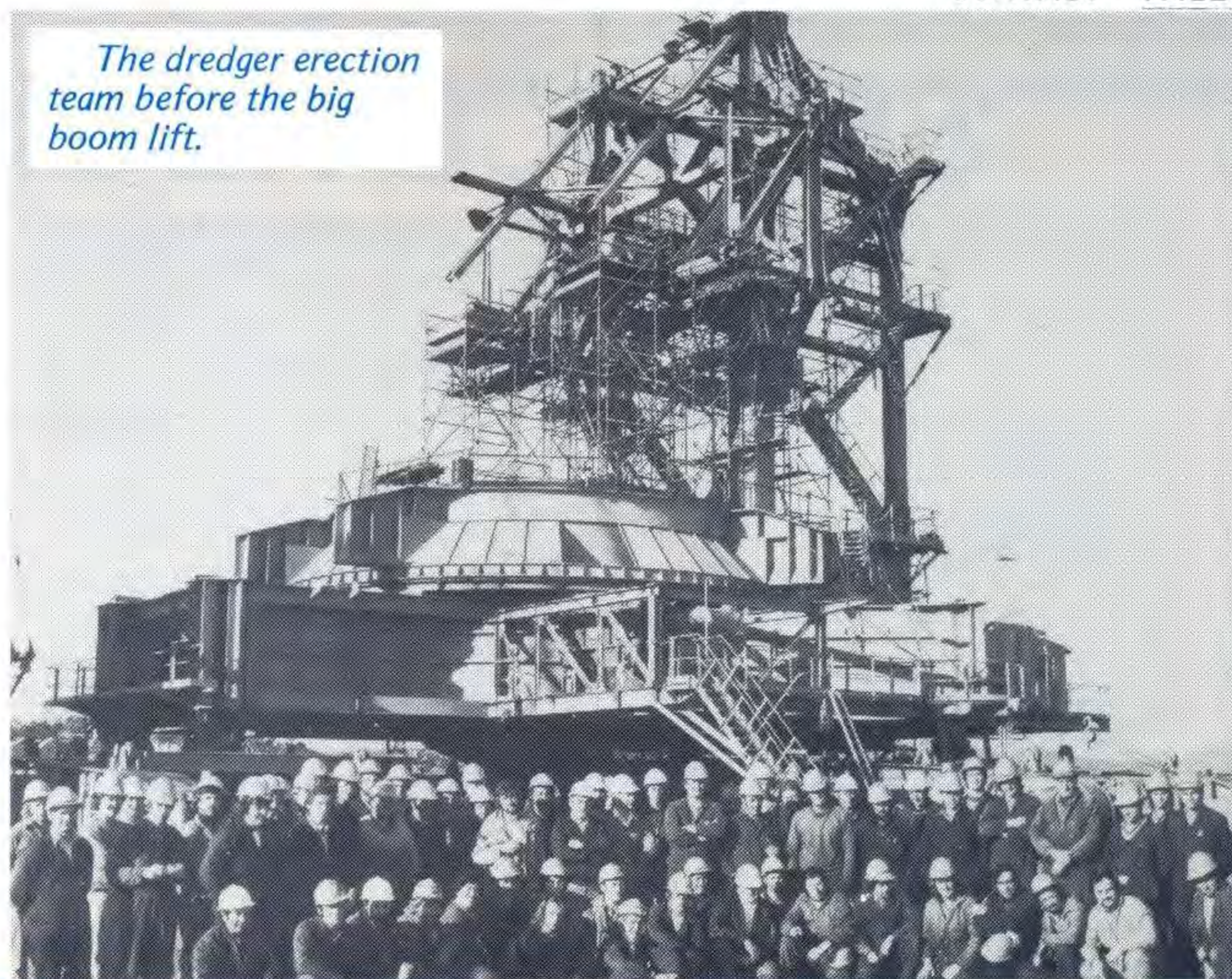
Then the way will be clear for the installation of the counter-weight box which will hold about 450 tonnes of ballast to balance the machine, made up of 50 kilogram cast iron blocks.

The positioning of the platform on the loading unit marked another construction landmark. The platform connects the underframe and superstructure of the loading unit. It supports the discharge end of the connecting bridge and the discharge conveyor boom.

The dredger is being erected by Transfield under subcontract to Krupp. Siemens has the electrical installation sub contract.

The team is now roughly half way through the dredger construction program which started in July last year.

The dredger erection team before the big boom lift.



Hat trick to Mason

Berwick contractors C. D. Mason scored a hat trick when it came to Loy Yang contracts.

Their work is concentrated in the services area of the SEC's power station development site, where they are making excellent progress on the coal production offices, transport workshops and gate house contracts.

Mason has a total on site workforce of 68. A major element of the contracts is the construction of steel framed and clad buildings — largely single storeyed — in reinforced concrete floor slabs, calling for the placement of 3,700 cubic metres of concrete and 580 tonnes of structural steel.

Along with the administrative building, depot and vulcanising workshop, the contract calls for the construction of the 1,070 square metre control centre to house the computer which will mastermind the operation of the conveyors, dredgers and all other open cut equipment.

A feature of the control centre is the circular external staircase that gives access to the visitors' viewing balcony with a spectacular command of the open cut.

Coal Production Superintendent, Loy Yang, Bob Odgers said: "The whole complex has been designed from a point of view of centralising our operations and improving interdepartmental communications.

"These offices will accommodate a maximum staff of about 300. There are plans to expand our facilities to the north in line with the development of the open cut, and with the construction of Stage 2, scheduled for 1985, we would be looking at a total workforce of about 500."

Mason's second contract began in February, 1980 and calls for the construction of 2 244 square metre transport workshops, which will service Loy Yang's vehicles and plant.

SEC Transport Engineer Peter Elliott said: "Within four years of operation we anticipate a fleet of 200 vehicles and 160 major items of plant at Loy Yang.

"A major feature of the workshops is the sub floor, servicing area, 15 metres long and 2.6 metres deep, which will enable the simultaneous servicing of four trucks with people working above and below floor level.

"This area is fitted with a specially designed ventilation system to ensure clean working conditions. And another novel feature is the waste oil collection system.

"Another unusual feature of the design is the installation of the continuous electrically operated vertical folding doors that are three quarters glazed. These were chosen partly because we were very keen to emphasise natural lighting inside the workshops, and an additional benefit is that workers can see what's going on outside. The doors also enable maximum utilisation of the floor space inside the workshops," said Peter.

AUGUST

St. Aidan's church

In fact, the Anglican Diocese allocated \$55 000 of the \$212 000 compensation payment to the St. Aidan's complex.

Yallourn Open Cut

retirements



BOB HENDERSON

After 29 years service with the Commission Bob Henderson retired on August 1.

In retirement Bob intends to enjoy his hobby of flying kites and relaxing at his Cowes holiday home.

Bob began with the Commission in July 1951 as an electrical Mechanic in the Morwell workshops. He was reclassified a leading hand in 1952 before being transferred to Electrical Construction, Yallourn in July 1953. In September 1954 he moved back to Electrical Services, Morwell.

A further promotion to foreman came in 1955, and overseer in 1965. Promotion to supervisor was received in May 1970, the position from which he retired.

At an informal farewell function in the Morwell Coal Production workshops' canteen, Morwell open cut Coal Production Superintendent Bob Lethlean presented Bob with a power saw on behalf of his workmates.



JOE WHITMORE

Joe Whitmore, overseer with Coal Production, Yallourn, retired on August 10, after 40 years with the Commission.

At a retirement function held in March, acting Coal Production Superintendent Bruce King, presented Joe with a barbecue and a garden setting for his Newborough home.

Joe plans to devote his attention to his garden, and looks forward to more time with his wife, Eileen and family — which includes five grandchildren.

Joe joined the Commission in 1940 as a laborer in Yallourn open cut. He worked as a greaser, bedman and coal dredger operator before being appointed to staff as a foreman in 1959. He was promoted to overseer grade one in 1966 and grade three in 1977.



OWEN O'BRYAN

Owen O'Bryan will continue to live in Morwell in retirement.

After 42½ years with the Commission Owen called it a day on June 20. He began his career in September 1937 as a laborer at the Yallourn Briquette Factory.

During his long career Owen worked in various positions including, boiler clipper, winch driver, rigger cleaner, greaser, coal conveyor attendant, fireman, motor driver, tractor driver, boiler attendant, fitters assistant, tanker driver, and turbine plant attendant.

Owen was appointed a leading hand fireman at the Morwell power station in December 1967, the position from which he retired.

At an informal farewell function in the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation's canteen, MBPI Superintendent Cyril Morellato presented Owen with a digital clock and a wallet and notes on behalf of his workmates.

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

FOR SALE

50 acres at Carrajung. Two permanent dams and a creek. \$30,000. Contact: Klaus Luetjens. Loy Yang 71 0454.



Four — 14" wheels and tyres — in as new condition suit any car including Austins. \$25 each.

Austin 1800 engine block in very good condition, also clutch housing gearbox and transmission \$100.

Maton Spanish guitar in good condition \$50.

Contact — Sid Osborne, 23 Butter Street, Morwell.

FOR SALE

H.J. Holden Sandman panelvan, recently resprayed, reshod, Christmas registration expiry, as new, A1. Very low kilometres. \$4,500. GENUINE REASON for sale.

Unregistered four cylinder Wolsely sedan, new unassembled short motor supplied as spare, many other spare parts, heads, blocks, shockers, clutches, spare diff still assembled in banjo housing, would restore well. \$250 THE LOT.

Tinted laminated windscreen to suit model holdens from HQ, HJ,

HZ, HX, to latest holden. \$120.00

Air Conditioner (for motor car) All fittings supplied, good American brand, will bolt straight into LC and LJ model Holden Toranas but could easily be adapted to suit any other vehicle \$280.

Complete assembled Holden 186 motor with spare 179 sump, carby, linkages, fan, flywheel, all supplied. \$120.

CONTACT: Brian Karapulka, Ext. 3113 Morwell Briquette Factory, or 3 Dawn Gve., Traralgon.



Big catch lands big trophy

Area Administration Executive Assistant Dennis McGrath has won two of the South Gippsland Game Fishing Club's major trophies for the 1980 season.

Currently working in Melbourne, Dennis won the awards for his catch in March of a 60 kilogram Black Marlin at Bermagui on the New South Wales south coast.

In fact Dennis won trophies for the highest point scoring interstate angler and the most meritorious marlin. He was presented with trophies at the club's annual presentation evening in Leongatha recently.

The magnificent marlin was caught on a Fenwick game rod using a Gladiator 60 game reel with a 15 kg breaking strain line.

Using a live 3kg (6lb) striped tuna for bait the marlin took the bait only five minutes after it was lowered into the water — 20 minutes later it was landed in the boat.

During the winter months in Melbourne Dennis is carrying out routine maintenance on his boat for next season's fishing trip to the world famous marlin grounds of Bermagui.

Golden Jubilee social clubs' golf day

1980 marks the Commission's Social Club League's golden jubilee.

Part of the celebrations include the seventh annual Latrobe Valley Association of Social Clubs' golf day.

About 200 golfers are expected to take part in the tournament to be held at the Yallourn Golf Club on Sunday October 12 — and organisers are planning a social dinner dance in the Yallourn club rooms to follow the activity on the greens.

This year's tournament will see the introduction of the Clem Joyce Shield for inter social club competition. It will be presented by the AGM (Ops) for the best three scores from a four-man social club team.

Main event of the day is the Latrobe Valley championship when Leigh Hancock, apprentice fitter and turner at Yallourn Power Station, will defend his title for the best scratch score over 27 holes.

Other events include A, B, C, D grade and women's stroke competitions and novelty events such as longest drive and nearest the pin.

Entry forms will be available from social club secretaries from September 1 to 29, with the championship draw on October 2.

Entry fee of \$5.50 includes green fees and 'a good lunch'.

Civil Works' — golf champ

The 1980 Civil Works knockout golf champion in Morwell's Day Labor Engineer John Webb.

He defeated Barry (Yarra) Richmond, a driver with Civil Works Yallourn, in the final staged at Morwell Golf Club on Sunday August 3.

Twenty-six golfers took part in the tournament.

A stableford event attracted 20 entrants. Winners included Garry Downes (36 pts); George Fullwood (nine out, 17 pts); Mac Dalglish (inward nine, 19 pts and nearest the pin); Jack Brennan (secret nine, 16 pts) and Julie McConnel won the women's trophy.



Marching to a national title

Tim Harris (Stores, Yallourn) has 10 girls and he's proud of them all.

His girls are the Australian National marching champions — the Moe RSL McMillans.

All aged under 12, the team took off the National title in Launceston, Tasmania recently. They are the first country team to win a national title.

The McMillans have taken out a prestigious double, winning the State title early this year.

Two other Moe teams also performed well — the Gippslanders finished fourth and the Latrobettes 29th out of 49.

A leading hand storeman at Yallourn, Tim was manager of the team and Donna his daughter was a member of the winning team. His other daughter Kylee is a member of the Latrobettes. Several team members are daughters of Commission employees.

Tim says the club has recorded several outstanding achievements since it was formed three years ago.

ABOVE: Australian champions, the Moe RSL McMillans: Back Row: Donna Cousins, Donna Stephens, Stacey Konias, Linda Kerkvliet, Terri Gardiner. Front Row: Sue Hunting, Kellee Noppert, Donna Harris, Tracey Manning, Sharon Bouse, Karen Chuck.