



# CONTACT

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# SUNNY QUEENSLAND

Former SEC employee Ernie Slingsby who now lives in Hervey Bay, Queensland dropped CONTACT a few lines this month . . .

Dear Sir,

Since retiring in 1968 I have lived in sunny Queensland. It is amazing to find so many former Latrobe Valley Commission employees with the same idea.

We went on a cruise recently on the Fairstar and while tripping the

light fantastic one night and combining it with some arm bending exercise we met some people we hadn't seen for 16 years – Mick and Rose Booth – Mick used to work with Reg Thomas. So we had company for the remainder of the cruise.

Then while in Manila I met Vin Thomas, another former Yallournite, it's a small world isn't it.

Hope this news will be of interest.

Yours truly,  
Ernie Slingsby.

Commission employees are helping with the Lions share of the work at Yallourn North.

Of the 24 members in the Yallourn North Lions Club, 16 are SEC employees led by secretary Jack Draper from Morwell Briquetting and Power Division.

The club performs services and raises money each year for various charities, mainly the Latrobe Valley Nursing Home at Moe, which has so far received \$6500.

Jack said one of their money raising functions for the home is the monthly bingo at the Yallourn Bowling Club, run by Yallourn Power Station employees Don McAlister (supervisor) and Tom McAllister, (overseer).

Other SEC members include Alf Vella (Personnel, Morwell) who edits the monthly newsletter, Jock Twaddle (Transport Workshops, Yallourn), John Morris (Overseer, Electrical Operations) and Unit Controller Rudy Boskma.

"The club's main fund-raising event is the annual art show held on the Queen's Birthday weekend in Monash Hall. The biggest art show this side of Melbourne, last year it raised \$2600 for various causes," explained Jack.

An acquisition prize is awarded and the club recently donated this year's winning entry, an oil painting by Trafalgar artist Gwen Bone, to the nursing home.

Future club events include the bi-annual citizenship night at Monash Hall on October 9 at which all service clubs in the town will participate.

"We are also finalising details, for the second Yallourn North Community Fair to be held in early November at Monash Hall and Yallourn North Sports Oval. This will again feature the annual world briquette throwing championship."

Club meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays at the Yallourn North Primary School.

## EMPLOYEES PULL THEIR WEIGHT



PICTURED are Yallourn North Lions Club members (from left) Brian Downey (Unit Controller), secretary Jack Draper (Morwell Briquetting and Power Division), Alf Vella (Personnel), Tom McAllister (Overseer Yallourn Power Station) and Tony Daddo (Briquette Distribution).

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#### Cover

YALLOURN Power Station shift worker, Stan Aiten, is pictured leading Brett and Elizabeth Kelly on ponies Lindy and Buttons. With them are Anthony and Nyarie Puts on Misty and Shelley. The ponies belong to Stan's workmate Fred Gibbs of Moe who raises money from children's rides for the Latrobe Valley Nursing Home Appeal. See story page 6.

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## More emission control equipment for Yall. W \$6.9M contract let to Flakt

The Commission has let a \$6.9 million contract for the installation of additional emission control equipment at Yallourn W Power Station.

Flakt Australia will begin the installation of char collectors early next year.

Power Generation Manager Don Clark said the char collectors would operate in conjunction with existing electrostatic precipitators to overcome the problem of the emission of small partly burnt coal particles from Yallourn W Power Station.

Mr. Clark said a pilot char collector had been undergoing tests at Yallourn W since December last year to enable thorough design

evaluation before proceeding with a full scale installation.

"In addition to the installation of char collectors, modifications have already been made to the precipitators, improving performance and increasing the range of coal they can satisfactorily handle."

Mr. Clark said modifications carried out at Yallourn W Stage 1 had been incorporated in the design of Yallourn W Stage 2.

"Stage 2 precipitators, costing \$22 million, will be more than twice the size of Stage 1, providing not only a much larger collection area, but also enabling flue gases to pass through at a slower velocity, increasing the

efficiency of the dust collection."

Mr. Clark said a \$4.3 million program involving the installation of multi clone collectors at Yallourn C and D stations was also well advanced.

In addition, the new 40 000 tonne raw coal bunker will eventually help emission control at the Yallourn stations.

"The coal won from the Yallourn open cut is variable in relation to its stack emission problems. The new bunker incorporates some facility for directing the more difficult coal to those units best able to handle the particular problems," he said.

## Eric puts out briquette fire in Sth. Korea

Eric Driscoll will long remember Tuesday, August 26 as the most exceptional day in his time as Fire Services duty officer.

Eric's phone started running hot from 6.40 p.m. with three urgent calls related to — wait for it — a briquette fire in Korea!

To cap it off, the final call was direct from an engineer in Korea.

Eric said the first call was from the Latrobe Valley Control Centre, which had been contacted by the SEC Control Centre, Melbourne, with a request on how to deal with a fire in a briquette storage area in Korea.

• (Briquettes are being shipped to Korea to provide heating for school classrooms and boilers. The contract could be worth more than \$30 million and is for the supply of up to 800,000 tonnes of briquettes over the next 5½ years.

The first shipment of 11,000 tonnes left for Korea on the "Oregon Rainbow" a couple of months ago.)

"Fifteen minutes later I got another call from Police Headquarters in Melbourne also related to the briquette fire. The police had been asked to follow it up by the Australian Embassy."



*Eric Driscoll — long distance fireman.*

But neither of these calls quite prepared Eric for the final one at 7.30 p.m., which came direct from Korea to his Morwell home.

"After the initial surprise, I was able to clearly give advice on the recommended fire procedures to the Korean engineer who rang me," he said.

There have been no more calls so, presumably, Eric's information enabled the fire to be extinguished.

Eric said the fire was in a six metre pile of briquettes.

"I told them to expose the burning briquettes and remove them from the heat with a front end loader, then douse them with a fine spray of water to cool them and at the same time minimise the risk of explosion."

## Apprentice intake up 40 per cent

THE Commission will increase its Latrobe Valley intake of apprentices by more than 40 per cent next year, confirming its position as the largest employer of apprentices in Victoria.

An additional 89 apprentices will be employed, bringing the total intake for 1981 to 307 (22 trades), the largest ever by the Commission in the Latrobe Valley. In addition, the Commission will increase its number of technical trainees by 16 to 73.

The apprentice intake will bring the total number of apprentices being trained by the SEC in the Latrobe Valley to more than 800, more than half of about 1500 in training with the Commission throughout Victoria.

Area Administration Manager George Bates said the increased apprentice intake would help meet the expected demand for tradesmen within the Commission during the next few years.

### Important role

"The SEC has an important role to play in training apprentices. As the major employer in the Latrobe Valley, we recognise that our contribution is highly significant.

"Other Latrobe Valley employers should also be taking a serious look at increasing their number of apprentices, especially in the metal trades area, which is vital to the Valley's future."

# ENGINEERING IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

Engineering is a family affair for two husband and wife teams now working with the Commission in the Latrobe Valley.

Gordon and Ann Stewart are electrical engineers and Andrew and Merren Cliff mechanical engineers.

Anne's start at Coal Production, Morwell marked the second time she and Gordon have worked together with the Commission. One week after migrating to Australia from the United Kingdom 13 years ago, they began work together at Head Office, Melbourne.

Gordon continued his service and at the end of 1970 the family came to the Latrobe Valley. Anne had already stopped work to look after their children Rachel, 12, and David, 10, both pupils at Newborough East Primary School.

During the 12 years she was away Anne kept busy with a variety of activities, including a year tutoring electrical engineering part time at the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education at Churchill.

## Maintenance

Meanwhile, Gordon started in transmission in October, 1970, and in 1971 transferred to Coal Production. He has been with Loy Yang Liaison for 3½ years.



*Merren and Andrew Cliff pictured in their Newborough home last week.*

Anne and the children have made two trips back to England — the first time in 1975 when she attended a Women Engineers and Scientists' Conference in Poland.

In July, 1976, the entire family returned to Europe when Gordon won an SEC Experience and Study Award to Germany. His study was centred on maintenance of the

Frimmersdorf Brown Coal Open Cut operated by the Rheinische Braunkohlenwerke A G in West Germany.

"We were away for eight months and spent a few weeks before returning to Australia with our families in Ireland and England," said Anne.

The two were married 13½ years ago after meeting on a holiday in Ireland with other young people from their firm. They both worked for Associated Electrical Industries in Manchester, Anne designing transformers and Gordon working in tap-changes.

Anne obtained her Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical) from Sheffield University and Gordon graduated from Queen's University, Belfast, with a Bachelor of Science (Engineering).

Merren Cliff, Power Generation, Morwell, has the distinction of being the first woman mechanical engineer to graduate from Monash University.

Both she and her husband Andrew graduated as Bachelors of Engineering (Mechanical) from Monash at the end of 1974 and were married in December.

After graduating Merren worked for three years for International Computer Limited followed by two years at the MMBW South Eastern Purification Plant.

She joined the SEC in the Valley when Andrew was seconded to the Latrobe Valley from head office in December.

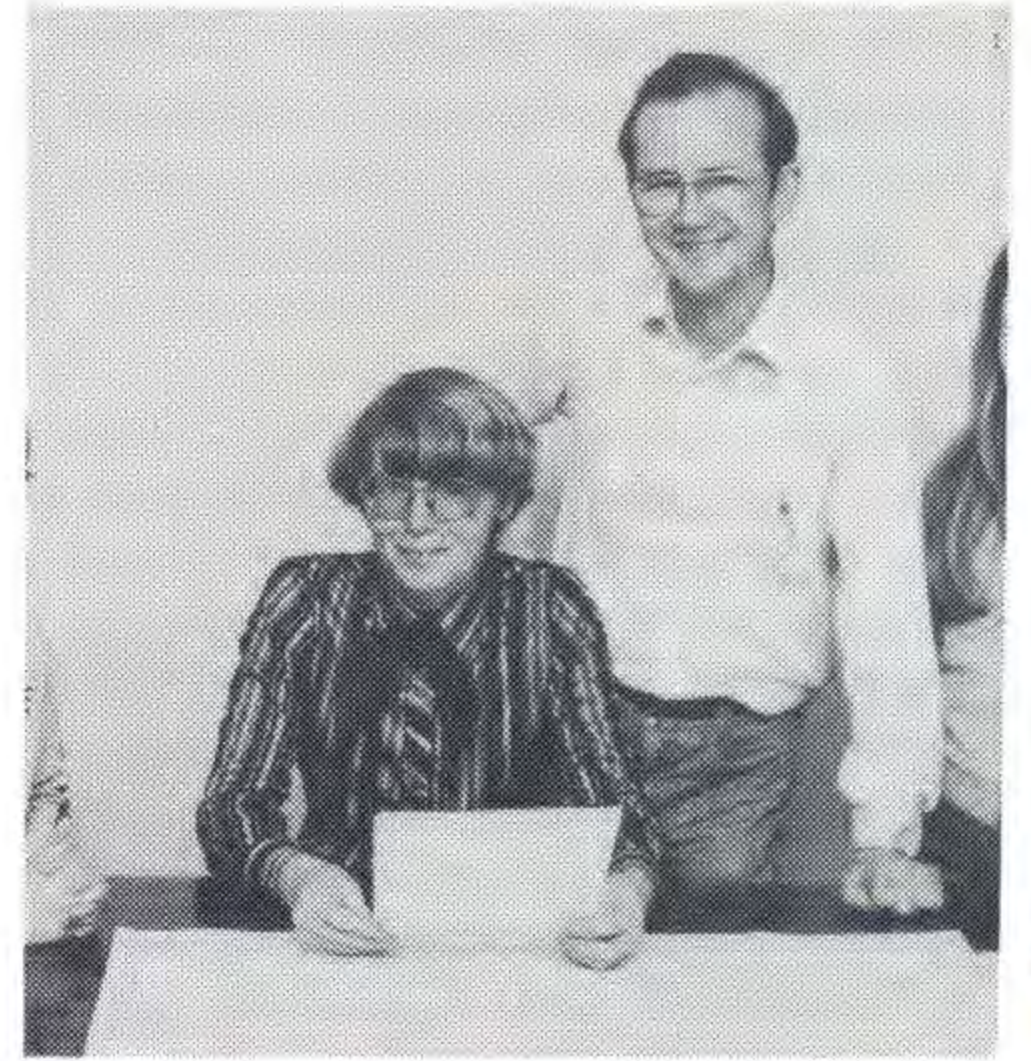
"Ever since graduating I have worked with computers and my work at Morwell involves developing systems to process operational data gathered at the Newport, Yallourn W Stage 2 and Loy Yang Power Stations," Merren explained.

Since joining the Commission a third of her time has involved work with the data logger at Newport.

Andrew has always worked for the Commission and was on an SEC cadetship at university. His cadetship took him to various sections including Power Department and Production Co-Ordination at head office.

Still based with Power Department Services Division, Head Office, he will be in the Latrobe Valley for at least 18 months working as site engineer on various contracts. These are mechanical dust collection and ash plant at Yallourn Power Station, Hazelwood carbonation plant, the installation of the Yallourn W Trial Mill, Morwell Briquetting and Power precipitation sludge plant and pipe line to the Hazelwood ash pond.

## AFFAIR



*Gordon and Anne Stewart (above) were studying some electrical drawings, when CONTACT arrived at their home this month.*

A third woman engineer employed at the SEC in the Latrobe Valley is Julie Burton, 24, who works in the electrical plant at Yallourn W.

Julie is a qualified electrical engineer and is now completing her Degree of Engineering (Electro-Mechanical) at the GIAE. She has been with the SEC for six months.

## Graduating

All three women said they could see no reason for the very low percentage of women graduating as engineers in Australia. They agreed that the courses are no more difficult for women than men and that the career is both satisfying and diversified.

"It is a shame that more Australian women don't take on engineering. In other Western countries the percentage of female graduates is slightly higher and in the communist countries it is an accepted career among women," explained Anne.

The annual SEC's Freemasons fraternal dinner will be held in the Masonic Centre, Albert Street, East Melbourne on Friday, October 31 at 6 p.m.

All Latrobe Valley brethren wishing to attend should contact Bob Soutar ext. 3415 or 3348 before September 30.

Buses will leave the Morwell Masonic Temple, Hazelwood Road, Morwell at 3 p.m. and will pick up on route.



## *A hobby in close-up*

Seen at the other end of the camera for a change is Commission Stores Officer Brian Pett-Jones who has had much success over recent years with his amateur photography.

Brian has been with the Commission for nine and a half years and has been a photography buff for almost seven years.

Three years ago he and a friend covered real estate and wedding photos in the area and now his weekends are taken up with sports and general photos.

"I really like taking sports pictures, especially football shots," he said.

One of Brian's favorite subjects now is also his young son Dale, seven months.

Brian owns a couple of cameras and at one time operated his own dark room at home, but now uses other facilities elsewhere. He and his family live in Traralgon.

Brian's photos have been published in Contact and he does some sports coverage for the Latrobe Valley Express. He was also recently approached by the State Emergency Services to take their accident photos in the Latrobe Valley area.

## **New SEC employment offices**

The Commission's new employment office in the Morwell commercial area is now in full swing.

The office, at 213 Princes Highway, is open from 8 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. daily.

The employment office was previously located in wing one of the Morwell administration building.

Opening of the new office was designed to improve security and is part of a scheme to centralise

employment-related matters.

The office incorporates two interview rooms which will be used in the selection process for next year's annual apprentice, technical trainee and commercial intake.

Facilities are available throughout the year for interviews for the range of skilled and unskilled wages positions offered throughout the Commission.

## *Evan to head Apex in Traralgon*

Area Administration Senior Industrial Relations Officer Evan Bain (below) is Traralgon Apex Club's new president.

Evan has been a member for four years and was inducted as president at the handover meeting held at Phelan's Restaurant, Traralgon. He had served on the board for two years.

Evan said the club had one of the biggest memberships in Australia and that last year it raised about \$12 000 for local charities.

"We are now finalising details for the promotion of a home show in Traralgon in November and the annual Christmas stocking which raises about \$5000 for various charities," he said.

The club has been going for 32 years and its three aims are service to the community, citizenship and social fellowship.

Evan lives in Traralgon with his wife Brenda and children Julianne, Carolyn and Anthony.





## Local charities benefit from Fred's hard work

Yallourn shift worker Fred Gibbs is doing a great job for local charity with help from a loyal group of four-legged friends.

Fred has a dozen ponies which he hires out for children's rides at local events, donating the proceeds to the Latrobe Valley Nursing Home Appeal.

He proudly states that in the past year he has raised \$433 for the appeal.

He was a popular attraction at last year's W Station Christmas break-up and attended various functions during the year for organisations like the Moe Football Club and Moe Fire Brigade.

He is booked to entertain children at the remaining Moe Racing Club meetings for this year, and will make a return appearance at the 1980 W Station Christmas party on December 14.

### Three years ago

Fred has been associated with horses for years and started acquiring his latest group of ponies about three years ago.

"It began when I got Misty, a little chestnut, from a farmer because he was chasing cows. Now I have his mother, brother and sister among my horses!"

The horses are kept on SEC land near the Hernes Oak Oval, but Fred would eventually like to obtain land in Moe so he can open a riding school for children.

He receives help from his work-mate Stan Aiten and Stan's wife Marie and young off-siders like Nyarie Puts.

Because he doesn't profit from the rides, Fred covers his costs by selling foals. He has three mares in foal at present.

Fred has been with the SEC for 14 years and lives in Baw Baw Street, Moe. His son David (Municipal, Yallourn) and his wife Betty share his interest in horses.

- Employees who have not donated to the Latrobe Valley Hospital's Nursing Home Appeal, and would like to, can do so by filling in the payrolls deduction form on Page 12.

*Fred Gibbs is pictured with Anthony Puts, 10, his sister Nyarie, 7, Elizabeth Kelly, 4, and her brother Brett, 7 riding four of the ponies. Fred works with the children's fathers.*

## Record breaking winter

It's been a record-breaking winter for Coal Production Department.

Yallourn open cut set the scene on July 23 when dredgers 8 and 12 combined to set a new daily coal production record of 66,498 tonnes, bettering the previous best by more than 1000 tonnes.

Then on August 8 the three Latrobe Valley open cuts set a new

## Response to Faubel plea encouraging

Hans Faubel, Technical Officer in the Morwell Coal Production Planning Group, has had an excellent response to his plea in August Contact for information on Sir John Monash.

He has received phone calls and letters to help him in his effort to present the more personal side of the Commission's first chairman and former General of the Australian Military Forces.

One letter from Mr. J. H. Davis of Dromana, who had personal contact with Sir John, read:

"Although he was of the highest SEC and army rank it was never beneath him to enter any discussion and I once heard him surprise the late James Watkinson (former electrical foreman) with his intimate knowledge of the circuitry and control system of the 132KV switch-gear, right down to the color code of the multicore control cables."

### Yallourn Hotel

Mr. Davis said Sir John usually visited Yallourn on Wednesdays, staying at the Yallourn Hotel.

"On favorable nights it was his practice to stroll down Broadway in his old dyed army greatcoat and listen to the local band playing in the rotunda," he recalled.

Hans has also been offered information by Moe Town Clerk Bob Pugsley, and staff at the SEC library.

He is also looking forward to meeting an 85 year old Armadale man who knew Sir John when he worked at the Herman Research Laboratory, Richmond.

Latrobe Valley daily production record of 123,586 tonnes of coal Morwell open cut produced 67,200 tonnes (dredgers 9, 10, 11, and 19), Yallourn open cut 55,700 tonnes (dredgers 6, 7, 8 and 12) and Yallourn North extension 686 tonnes.

To top it all off, the output from Latrobe Valley open cuts in both July and August exceeded three million tonnes.


**ENGINEERING  
SERVICES**


Chief Draftsman Jim Helms presented six newly-qualified draftsmen from the Yallourn drawing office with their Certificates of Competency.

The certificates are awarded after the draftsmen complete four years of study and on-the-job training.

The first year of training is full-time at Yallourn Technical College plus half a day a week at a special Commission instruction school. In the following three years they receive on-the-job instruction while attending college part-time, working towards the Technician's Certificate in Drafting.

*Pictured here with Training Services Officer Ken Martin and Jim Helms after the presentation are, back (l to r) Gary Smith (Civil), Chris Van Lambaart (Civil), Roy Pentland (Electrical). Front — Phillip Willshire (Mechanical), Rodney Hardy (Electrical). INSET — Ian Busch (Electrical).*

## Computer planning system

A computer-based planning and scheduling system is being installed at Yallourn Central Workshops.

A mini computer, the only one of its type in the Commission, is expected to begin its working life in early October.

After freighting from the USA, the computer will spend a month in Melbourne for development and programming checks before it arrives in Yallourn.

Designed to improve the efficiency in the workshops scheduling system and speed the handling of customer inquiry, the system is being installed following detailed studies of similar systems available throughout the world.

Peter Elliott, Ian Nethercote, and Keith Lawrence were involved in framing recommendations for the type of system to be installed after paying particular attention to those used by Vickers Ruwolt and Mt. Isa Mines.

Ian Nethercote, who is responsible for implementing the new scheduling system, described the IBM 8100 as one-sixth as powerful as the Monash House mainframe computer.

"It has disc storage capacity of 58 megabytes — equivalent to the information contained in four Melbourne



telephone directories — and it can be extended if necessary.

"It will be fed with information from six associated video display units to be located at various locations around the shop. It is distinctive in that you can 'talk' to it from remote locations, including Melbourne.

"Two transmission lines are at present used to operate the system, one through the Morwell data entry station for daily scheduling, and one directly linked to the Monash House IBM Mainframe for data modification.

"The system should be established

*Ian Nethercote (left) explains the new equipment to (from left) Dave Hobden, Bruce Tassell, Keith Lawrence, John Davis, John Van Der Meulen, Charlie Lucknow, Mike Andrijczak, Jim Collins and Arthur Grech.*

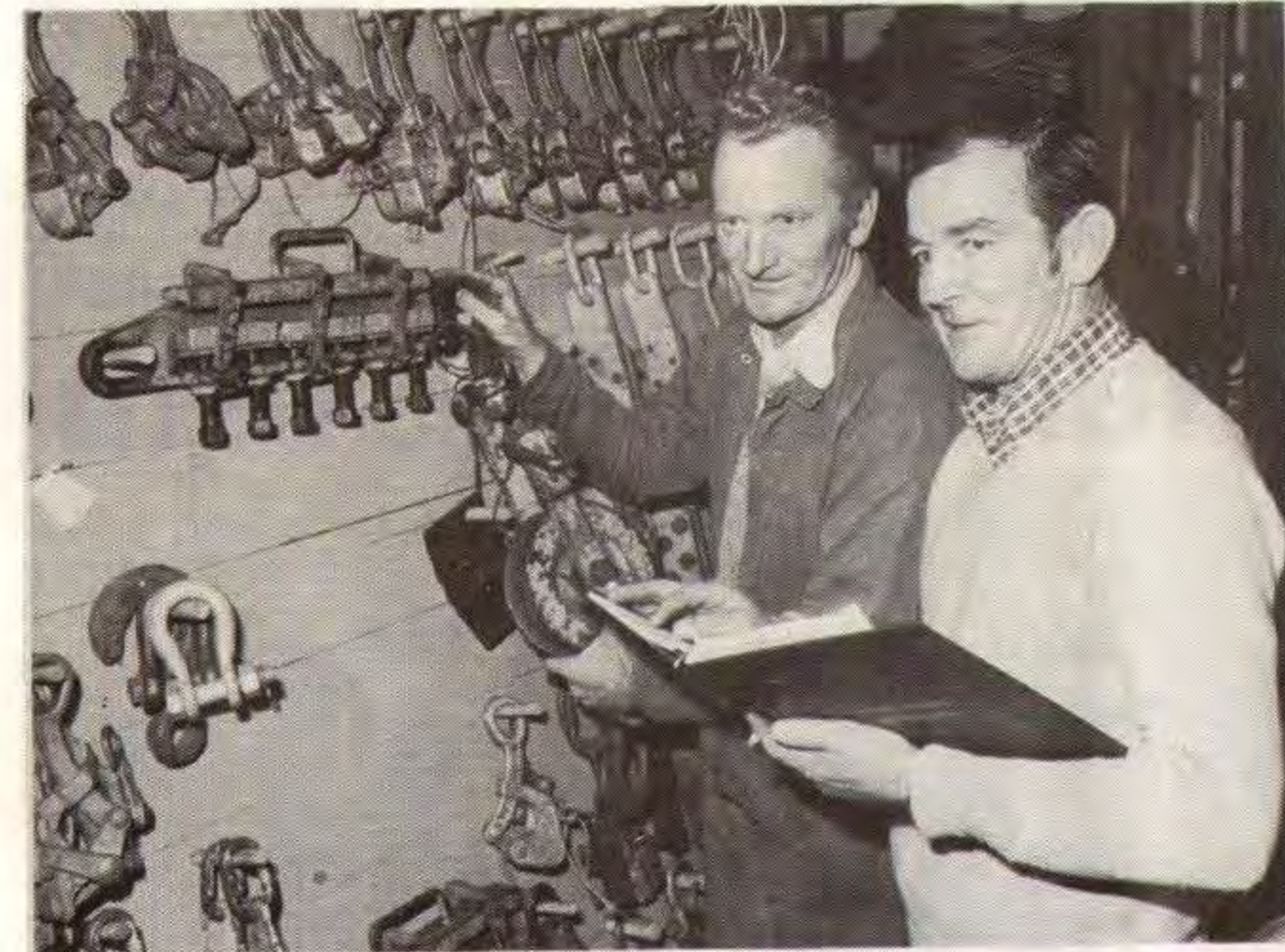
throughout the machine shop by the end of 1980 and extended into the fitting, steel construction and rolling stock workshops by 1981.

"There are also plans to extend it into the Morwell Workshops and Transport Workshops."

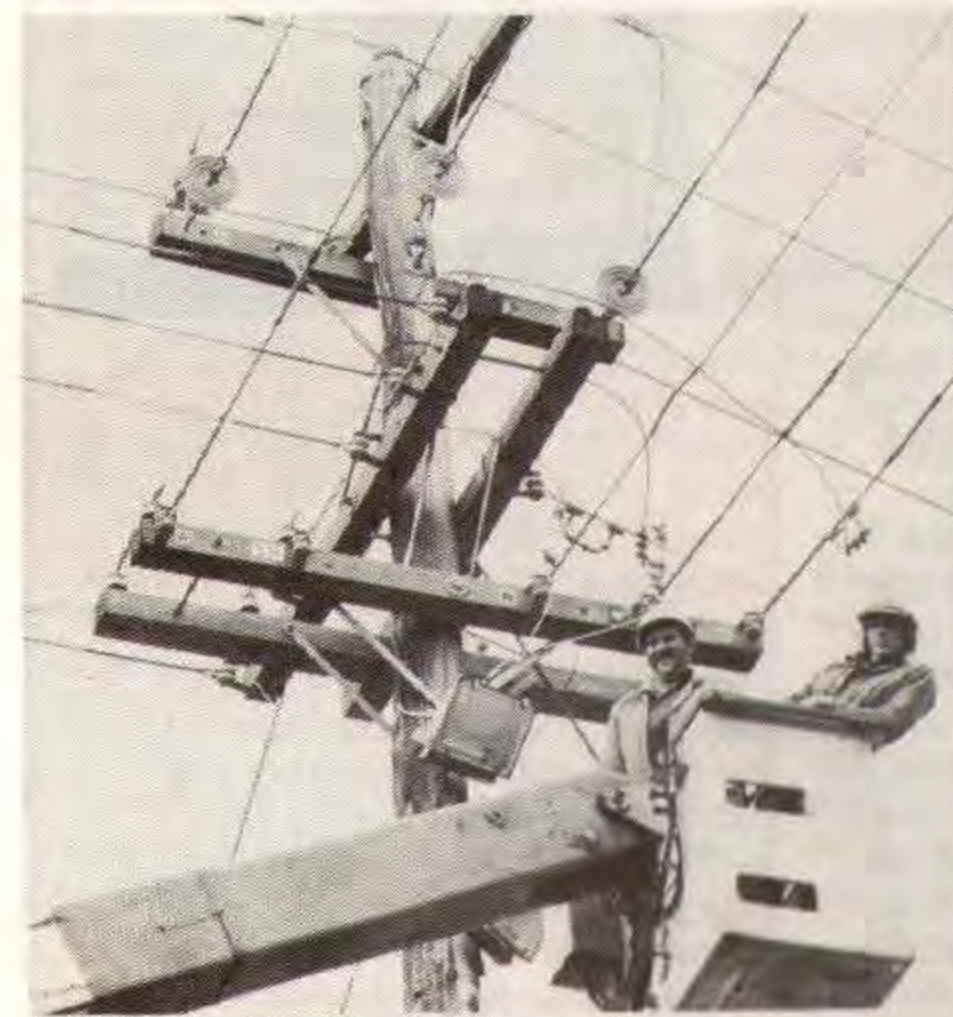
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*Pictured next to an equipment trailer early this month were (from left) John Hughes of Yarragon and Danny O'Brien of Moe.*



*Left: Checking stock in the Area Lines Store at Yallourn are (from left) Barry 'Kanga' Wright of Newborough and Jack O'Donnell of Moe.*



*Right: Preparing to carry out some maintenance work on a power pole at Yallourn from a cherry picker bucket are (from left) Barry Bouchier of Yallourn North and Andy Crabtree of Traralgon.*

# WORKING WITH ELECTRICITY IS THEIR BREAD AND BUTTER

Working with 66 000 volts of electricity is not everybody's cup of tea, but for the 44 members of the Commission's Latrobe Valley Area Lines Group, working on high voltage equipment is an everyday chore.

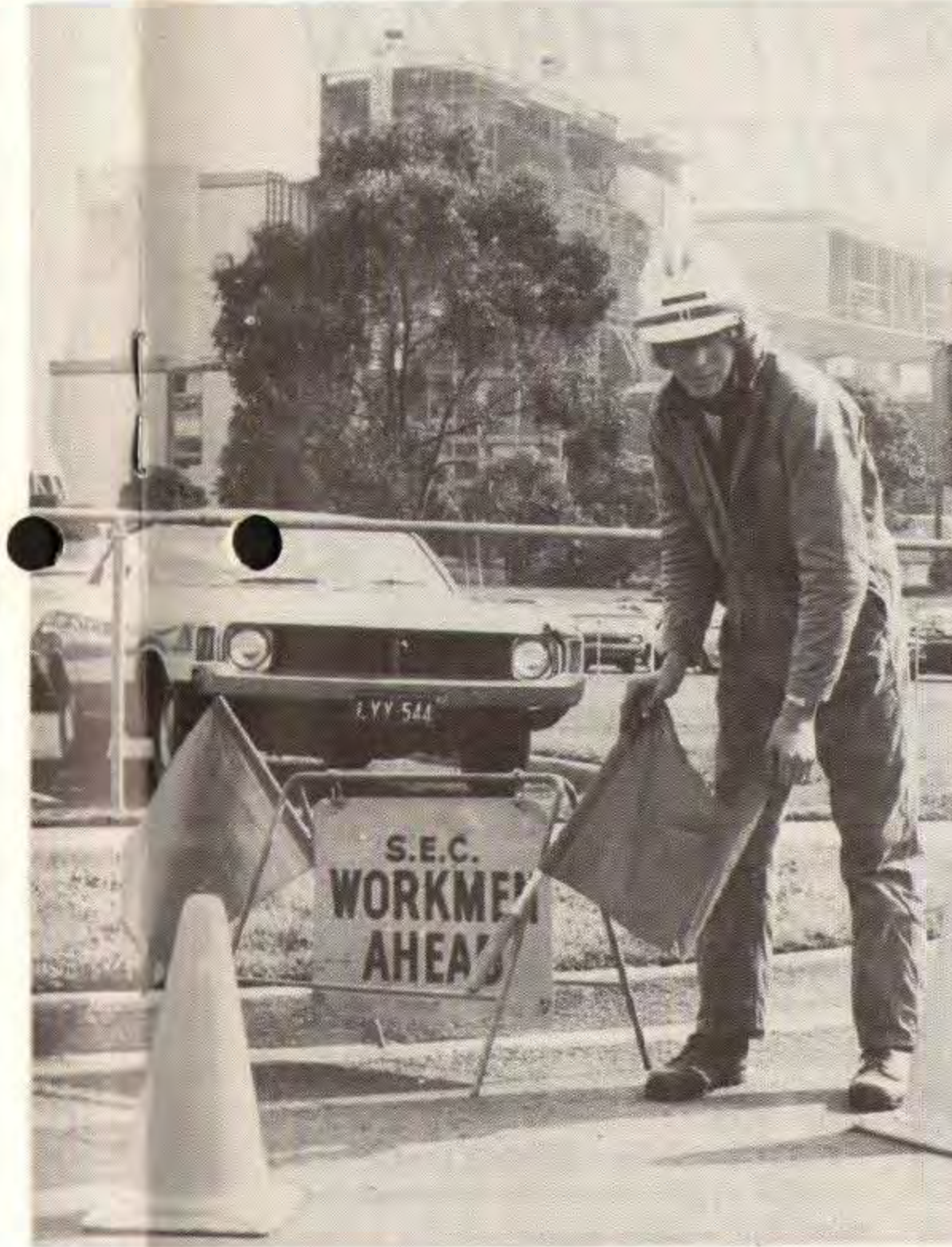
The linesmen, who service all power lines in the Latrobe Valley works areas, are a select band who give the systems coverage 24 hours a day — 365 days a year — in all types of weather — rain, hail or shine.

Electrical Services Engineer Keith Griffiths says linesmen have to be people who like the outdoors life, and who enjoy the challenge of physical work and working with modern equipment.

"They play a low key, but vital role in the everyday workings of the SEC, like erecting and maintaining power poles and lines which provide electricity supplies to the open cut machinery, workshops, stores, offices and a multitude of other important installations.

"The introduction of modern equipment, like the elevated platforms (cherry-pickers) and the auger erectors (for digging pole holes and positioning poles and other line components) have made light work of some of the heavy work, while at the same time making the job of a linesman interesting and requiring more skills," Mr. Griffiths said.

Keith said school leavers were showing greater interest in becoming linesmen. This year four apprentice linesmen were taken into Electrical Services. Twelve apprentices are currently working in the section.



*Andy Crabtree, an apprentice linesman of Traralgon, places a red flag in a traffic warning sign on East Road, Yallourn, prior to working on a power pole nearby.*



*Apprentice Linesman Gary Buckley of Traralgon, is pictured with Storeman John 'Jock' McConachie of Newborough.*



*Above Right: Discussing the daily works program are (from left) Technical Services Officer Ron McGregor of Churchill and Engineer Phil Taylor of Newborough.*



*Right: Linesman Glen Cowley of Traralgon affixes an extension ladder to the top of an area lines four wheel drive truck.*

*Left: Trevor Marshall of Morwell (left) and leading hand linesman Ron Jessup prepare to remove an old power pole.*







## An ode to CONTACT

*A roving spotlight, poised to fall,  
By will or chance, on one and all,  
To flash out news that's good and hot,  
With all the graphic skill we've got.*

*A snippet here, a snippet there,  
Show goings on for all to share,  
Introducing members of the team  
Who help produce our coal and steam.*

*The people who sweep out the drains,  
And others said to have the brains,  
Plus many more vocations wide,  
Each rich in special skill and pride.*

*We show the things that people do  
In recreation matters too,  
How in the hobbies of our lives,  
Contentment and enrichment thrives.*

*We give predictions of your fate  
As future planning we relate,  
Concerning our vast enterprise  
Which on the mighty coalfield lies.*

*We ring the bells to sound the call  
That, in this valley, one and all  
Have multitudes of friends who care  
And treasure chests of life to share.*

## YOU NAME IT - BRIAN CAN WRITE IT

Brian Gregory is a whiz at throwing a couple of lines together . . . and we don't mean fishing lines.

Brian is our very own bard and his amusing poems have brought a smile to many Commission people over the years.

Plant Manuals Officer at the Hazelwood Training Centre, Brian has churned out more than 300 poems since his early teens. Some



*Brian Gregory discusses one of his poems with Hazelwood Training Centre typist Anne Pederson.*

have been published in past issues of Contact including a tribute to fireman Bob Swift, formerly of Yallourn Power Station and now at Morwell Power Station.

Brian started with the Commission in 1950 as an apprentice fitter and turner and soon began composing his ditties about personalities in the old Yallourn Power Station.

He then departed for the high seas, spending eight years as a ship's engineer with the Merchant Marine and has subsequently travelled with the Naval Reserves.

### Tradition

In the true sailor tradition, he wrote some of his more 'colorful' verse during this period.

He rejoined the SEC in April, 1963, commencing as a boilerhouse engineer at Yallourn and progressing through the charge engineer. He was appointed to his current position in July 1978.

"My former section head Frank Tomlinson gave me much encouragement and would call upon me to write something appropriate for retiring workmates at their farewell functions," Brian explained.

He is still writing tributes for those retiring or transferring and is pleased to acknowledge through these poems the contribution these employees have made to the SEC and the friendship they extended to their workmates. Eventually he would like to publish a book of these poems.

It doesn't take Brian long to compose a few lines — his salute to Contact printed here took just an hour. He said writing poetry is something of a Gregory tradition.

"My father Fred Gregory, a former turbine driver with the Commission, is still writing at 76 and had one poem published in a recent issue of the Latrobe Valley Express."

Brian's daughter Marie, 18, has continued the tradition. A HSC student at Newborough High School, she has been involved with the school magazine.

Brian and his wife Galina also have two sons Robert, 14, and Nicholas, 10, who both enjoy creative writing.

## \$4000 for suggestion

Thanks to his great thinking, Richard Vella is now \$4000 richer.

Richard received the money through the Commission's Suggestion Scheme. It is the highest amount awarded in the Latrobe Valley.

A unit controller at Hazelwood Power Station, Richard suggested using auxiliary mills to provide extra air to the Babcock and Wilcox Radiant Boiler when one of the forced draft fans is out of service. It enabled the unit output to be increased from 130 to 170 megawatts.

He explained that the boiler requires a certain amount of air to operate at full load. It is fitted with two force draft fans and when one is out of service, which has happened on occasions, the load on the unit is reduced to about 120 MW.

"The auxiliary mills are designed

to burn briquettes for light up, stabilising and combustion. But in this instance the auxiliary mill exhausters were run supplying air to the furnace with no briquettes being fed in, giving an increase in the output up to about 160 MW."

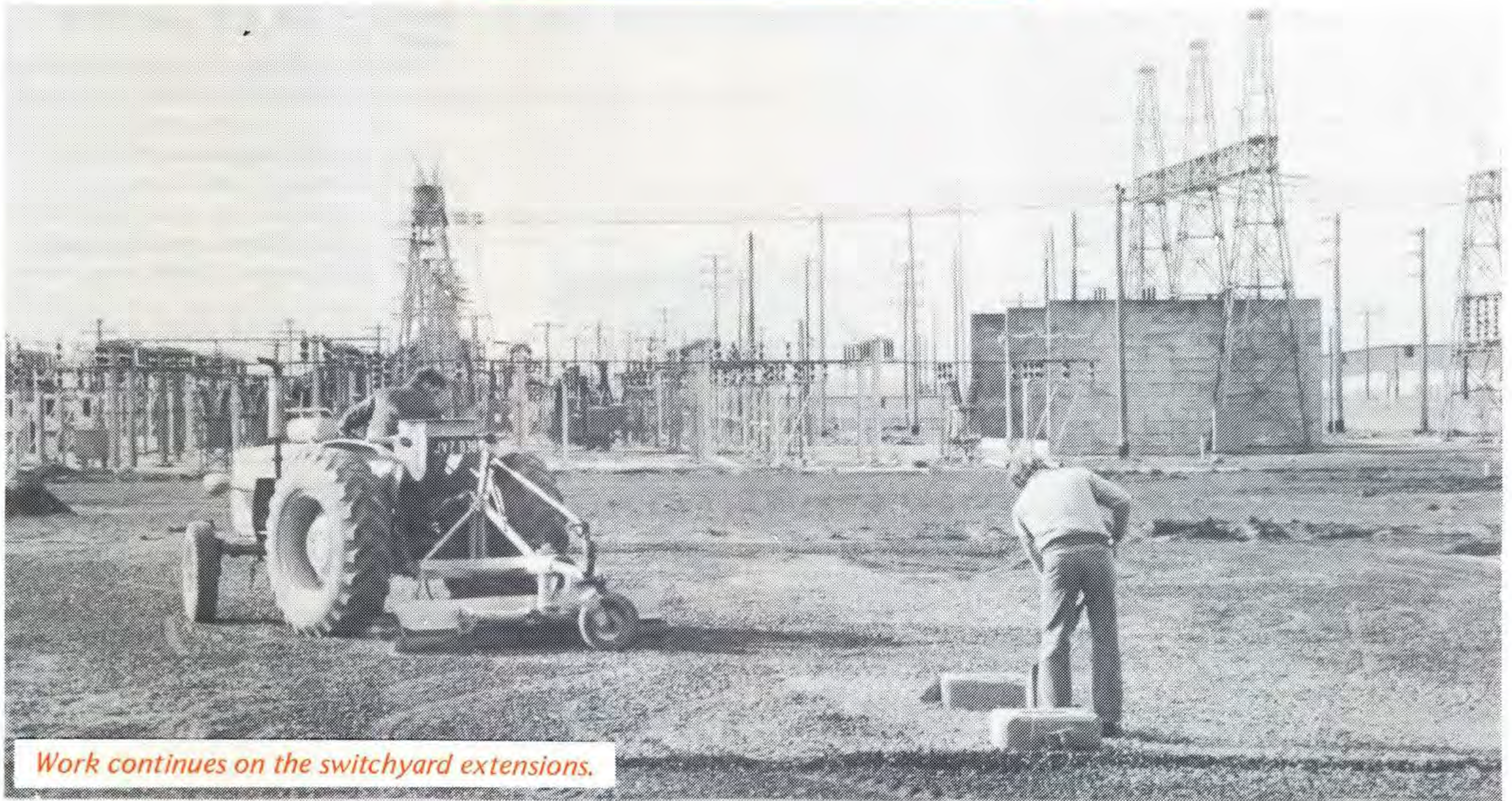
When presenting Richard with his cheque, acting Power Generation Manager Allan Castelow congratulated him on utilising existing plant and the great saving his suggestion had made.

Richard has been with the Commission for 13 years starting as an electrical operator for four years and then progressing to unit attendant, assistant unit controller and now unit controller.

He lives in Morwell with his wife Sandra and plans to spend the award money on items for his house.



## TRANSMISSION OPERATIONS



*Work continues on the switchyard extensions.*

# Extensions on time

The \$790 000 extensions to the Morwell Terminal Station's 66 kv switchyard are well under way and on schedule.

Extension of the existing switchyard off Tramway Road will facilitate 66 kv supply to the Loy Yang open cut via the Loy Yang South sub-station.

Work on the 3.3 hectare site includes foundation works, roads, new relay house, erection of steel-work, initially two circuit breakers and the installation of panels and wiring in the relay house.

Work began in February this year and all works are expected to be completed by December.

# Tennis club on the move

Yallourn Tennis Club's \$64 000 complex was officially opened this month by Area Administration Manager George Bates.

Club President Ralph Harvey (Transmission, Morwell) says, "The four court and pavilion complex is the most modern in Gippsland. The courts were used last year, but the pavilion wasn't completed until this month.

The pavilion which includes a large open room, toilets, change rooms and kitchen, is situated on the south-eastern corner of the complex, adjacent to Yallourn Golf Club and the Golf Club Estate.

The tennis development is part of the program of relocation of major Yallourn community facilities throughout the Latrobe Valley. More than \$2 million of the \$3.3 million allocation for the relocation of facilities has already been spent.

Yallourn tennis club has two teams competing in the Latrobe Valley Tennis Association.

People interested in playing with the club this year should contact Ralph Harvey ext. 3722.

## Coal is feature of new motel



Morwell open cut coal is a feature of Morwell's newest motel, 'The Coal Country Motel'.

A one tonne piece of coal graces the entrance to the motel and other small lumps have been added to the motel's gardens.



*Morwell open cut employees (from left) Phil Answer of Churchill, Leo O'Donnell of Yallourn and Frank Schessl of Moe took a look at the landscaped coal early this month.*

# TRIO WIN AWARDS

Three Commission apprentices have taken off top awards at the Sale Technical School.

Peter Weatherley of Newry, Ron Kipniak of Heyfield and Ian Hebbard of Traralgon won certificates awarded by the Sale Technical School's apprenticeship advisory committee.

All third year apprentices, Peter and Ron are fitters and machinists, while Ian is an electrical mechanic.

The awards were presented by the Victorian Employers' Federation Executive Director Mr. Ian Spicer.

*Proudly displaying their award certificates are (from left), Ian Hebbard of Traralgon, Apprenticeship Officer Peter Gracey, Peter Weatherley of Newry and Ron Kipniak of Heyfield.*



## Equipment stores days numbered

The days of the 28-year-old Morwell spare equipment stores are numbered.

The two 61 metre-long former aircraft hangars, constructed in 1952 are being wrecked, to make way for a new ash pond development, south of the Morwell power station.

Demolition work began in mid August and according to Morwell Storekeeper Allan Cameron should be completed by the end of October.

While the hangars were being erected in 1952 a violent storm blew the framework down causing extensive damage to the hangars and equipment working on the project.



## Computer planning system

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"At any one time we are processing in the order of 600 or 700 job requisitions in the machine shop and each of these may have several components. So keeping track of and knowing progress of all jobs is a mammoth task.

"The new computer will store all the necessary job information and give us access to information on previous jobs of a similar nature. The scheduling system will take account of resources, job requirements, and priorities and produce the most appropriate schedule for best utilisation of resources.

"Six machine shop employees have been specially trained in planning techniques including use of the new equipment. Training will be extended to the other workshops in due course.

"Foremen and leading hands are currently being trained in 'job feedback'," he said.

## NURSING HOME APPEAL

The Latrobe Valley Nursing Home Appeal has been extended for 12 months.

Employees who wish to continue donating to the appeal through payroll deductions should complete the deduction authority form below.

New donors should also complete the form and return it to the Payrolls Officer, Administration Building, Morwell. Continued from Page 6.

TO: Payrolls Officer  
Administrative Building  
MORWELL

### LATROBE VALLEY HOSPITAL: NURSING HOME APPEAL

I hereby authorise you to deduct from my weekly wages my subscription to fortnightly salary the Latrobe Valley Hospital Nursing Home Appeal for a period of 12 months.

NAME (BLOCK LETTERS) \_\_\_\_\_

IDENTITY or OFFICER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS OF \$2.00 OR MORE ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE

# Yallourn's award-winning foundry

One of the Commission's longest-established work locations is fast earning itself a reputation as the training ground for award-winning apprentices.

The Yallourn foundry, established in the early 1920s, has turned out Victoria's top moulding apprentice twice in recent years. Chris Elloy of Morwell was first to win the award and Neil Krutop of Traralgon was this year's winner.

The foundry, which has been located in the Yallourn Workshops since 1953, plays an important role in the Commission's Latrobe Valley operation.

Yallourn Workshops Superintendent Geoff Fullard says the items produced by the foundry (where you melt and cast metals) are essential to keep the Commission's coal trains running, the dredgers digging coal and the power station's feed pumps in operation.

"Numerous pieces of equipment are produced in the foundry, from nuts and bushes to an ash disposal cover 1.1 metre in diameter. The largest casting produced in the foundry weighed more than two tonnes," he said.

"The foundry has always been an important cog in the Commission's everyday workings and even with the

introduction of modern technology it is still important and its future is bright."

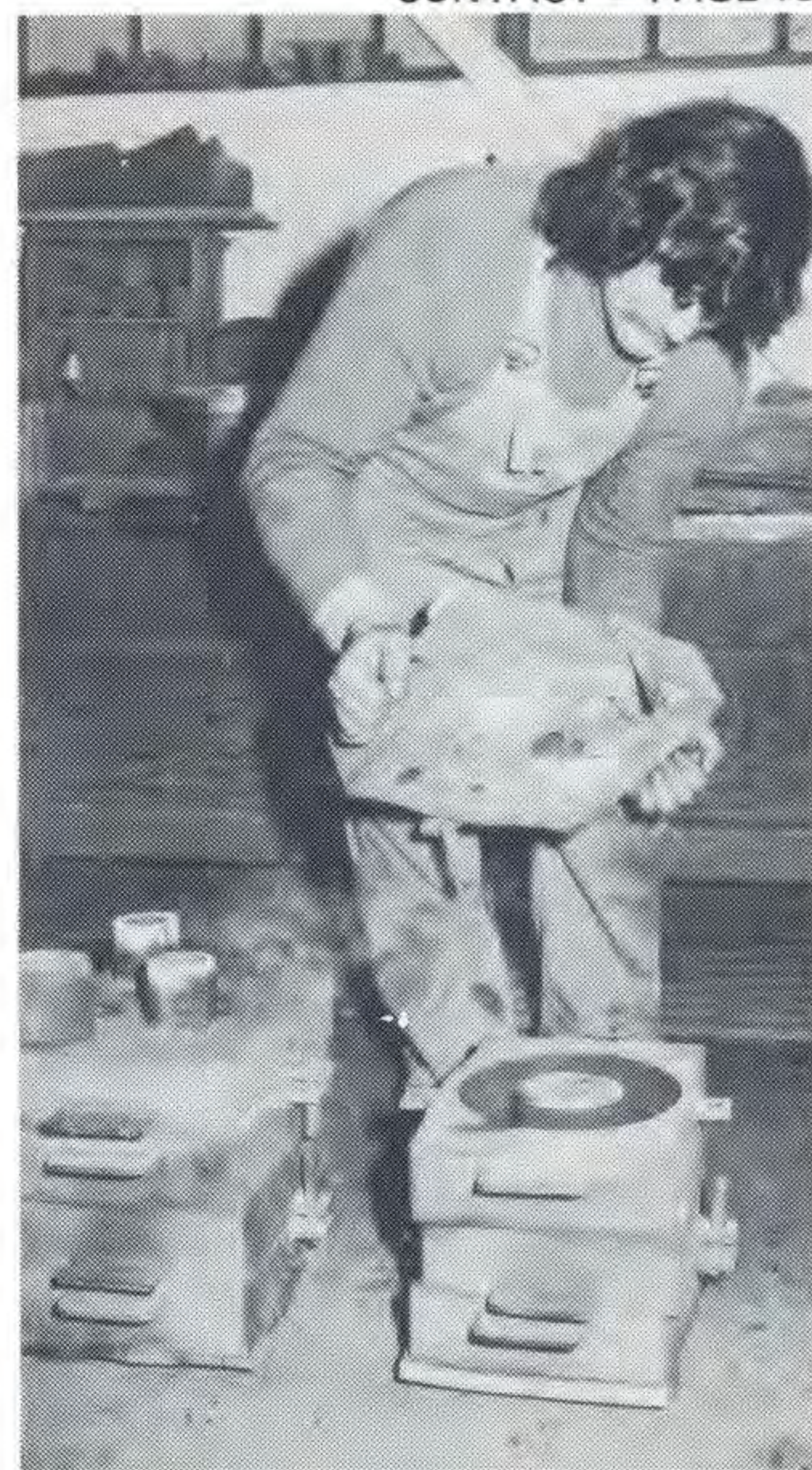
Under the expert eye of foreman Aub Zemek, the foundry has a team of 13 skilled and semi-skilled workers.

Those in the foundry team include moulders, dressers, a pattern-maker and a furnaceman.

Geoff said extensive improvements are planned for the foundry including the installation of new induction heating operated melting furnaces.

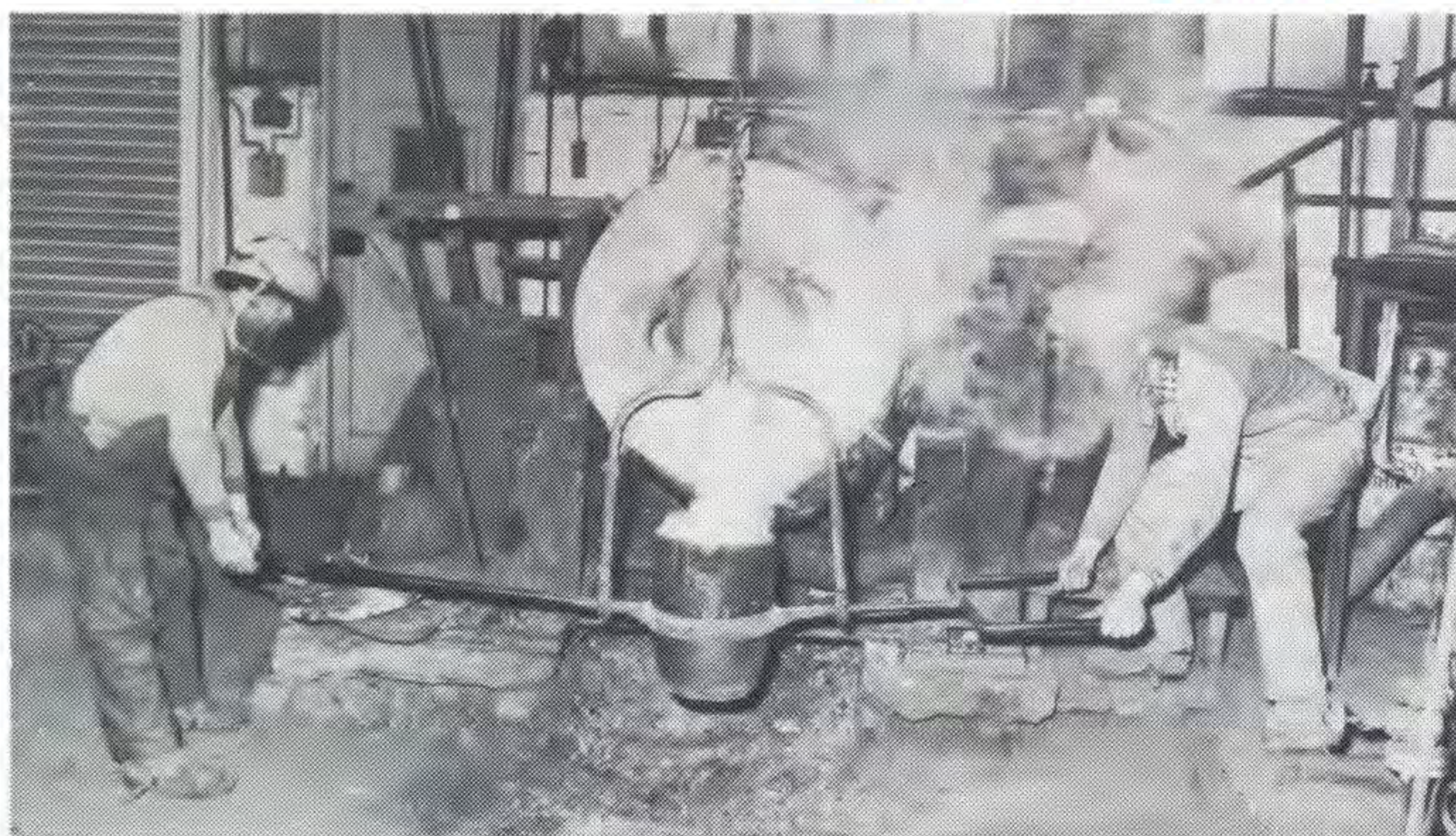
"Induction heating is a cleaner, quicker (by at least three hours) and more efficient process of melting both iron and non-ferrous metals," he said.

*Right: Moulder Robert Kudyrski places a top on a moulding box.*



*Right: Foundry foreman Aub Zemek (left) inspects a moulding box with moulder Rafe Pisani.*

*Below: Ken David (left) and Neil Krutop pour metal into a mould.*



*Above: Services Engineer (Mechanical) Geoff Thomas congratulates Neil Krutop on being named Victoria's top apprentice moulder.*



# “Jaws” appeal

The ‘Jaws of Life’ could save your life, according to Commission Transport driver Col Leviston.

Col, the Traralgon-Morwell State Emergency Services Controller, has launched an appeal to raise \$10,000 to purchase the much needed jaws – a hydraulic tool used to free trapped motor vehicle accident victims.

The SES unit, whose members include a number of Commission employees, urgently needs the jaws to add to its stock of rescue gear.

Col says that time is vital if the person trapped in an accident is suffering internal injuries.

“The SES wants to buy the jaws, but with no Government assistance, the \$10,000 is a little out of our reach. So it was decided to launch a public appeal – after all it is the public that will benefit from the Jaws.”

Donations can be made to Jaws of Life Appeal, Box 180, Traralgon or to Col Leviston ext. 3143 or at the Morwell or Traralgon municipal offices.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

*SES members Michael Huke, Yallourn W, (centre) and Paul Darby, Electrician, Morwell (right) operate the ‘Jaws of Life’ under the supervision of Henry Batchelder, the distributing company representative, at Morwell recently.*

## SERVICE REGISTER

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

### SEPTEMBER

#### 25 YEARS

William Kempster  
Clifford Ham

James Cane  
Hendrik Vancaem  
Angelo Grieco

John Duddington  
Anthony Mifsud  
Wladyslaw Szpond  
John Kolcze  
Slavko Ilic  
Daniel Barrons  
Clement Webb  
Donald Stewart  
Desmond Rea  
James Logan

Morwell Open Cut  
Drafting, Mechanical  
Services  
Materials, Yallourn  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Morwell Briquette and  
Power  
Morwell Open Cut  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Civil Works, Yallourn  
Civil Works, Yallourn  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Yallourn Power Station  
Yallourn Power Station  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Transmission, Yallourn  
Civil Works, Yallourn

#### 30 YEARS

Leon Dawson  
Frank Smith

Norman Casey  
Robert Howell  
Pandi Apostolou

Patrick Murphy  
Irene Savage  
Albert Ferguson  
Edward McClurkin

Property  
Morwell Briquette and  
Power  
Patrol  
Civil Works, Yallourn  
Morwell Briquette and  
Power  
Yallourn Power Station  
Administration, Morwell  
Civil Works, Morwell  
Coal, Yallourn

#### 31 YEARS

John Allan  
Raymond Ellis  
Martin Ryan  
Michael McDade  
Charles Webber  
Leslie Graham  
Leslie Cunliffe  
James Benson

Bryan Ware

Thomas Kennedy

William Aitken  
Robert Taffs

George Edmunds

Richard Gray

John Farrugia

Keith Taffs

Clarence French

Frank Smith

Patrol  
Yallourn W  
Morwell Open Cut  
Newport  
Yallourn W  
Civil Works  
Yallourn Power Station  
Yallourn Power Station

#### 32 YEARS

Morwell Open Cut

#### 33 YEARS

Material and Services,  
Yallourn  
Yallourn Power Station  
Central Workshops,  
Yallourn  
Transport Workshops,  
Yallourn

#### 35 YEARS

Patrol

#### 36 YEARS

Coal, Yallourn

#### 39 YEARS

Yallourn Power Station

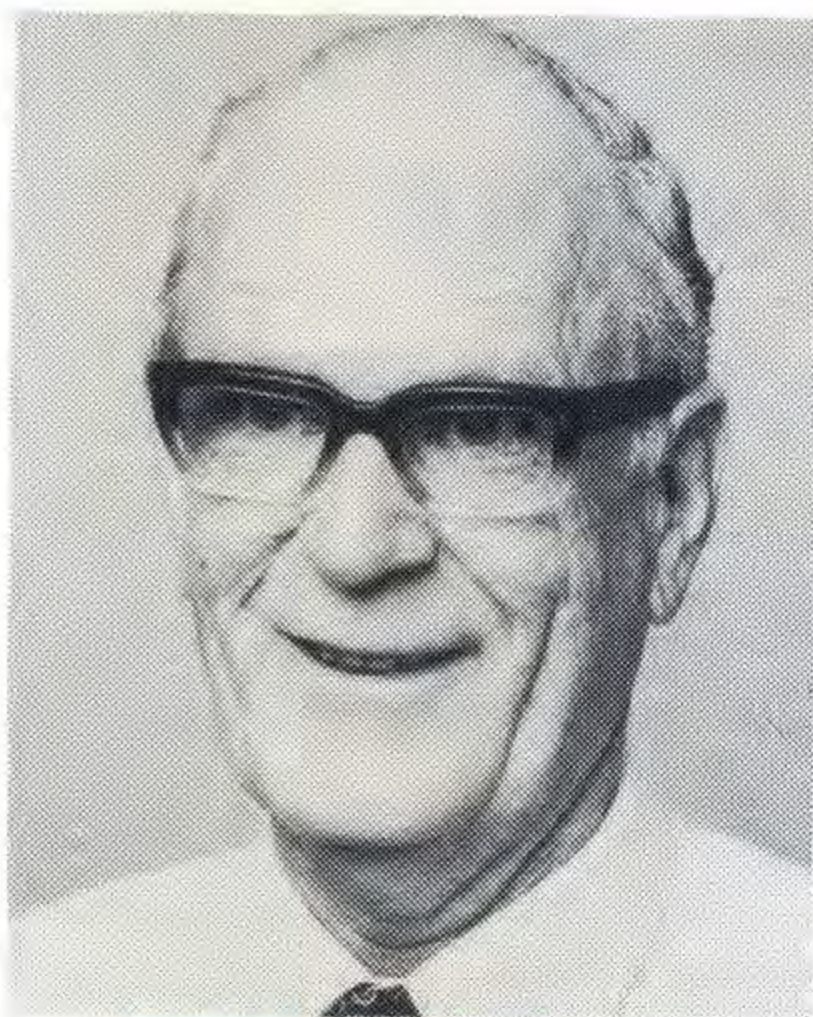
#### 40 YEARS

Transport, Morwell

#### 45 YEARS

Central Workshops,  
Yallourn

# retirements



**NEIL HUSTWAITE**

Cricket, fishing and handyman work around his new Morwell house will keep Neil Hustwaite busy in retirement.

Neil, who retired on August 18, from the position of Finance Officer with Area Administration Department, joined the Commission in June 1940 as a junior clerk at Ballarat. After serving with the Royal Australian Navy from 1941 to 1945, Neil returned to Ballarat before coming to Yallourn in 1949 as Labor Costs Clerk with Accounting Division.

In 1953 he resigned to take up a position with a Moe business but rejoined the Commission in 1958. He advanced through various accounting positions until in August 1971 he was appointed Departmental Accountant, Commercial Division, Latrobe Valley Department. Then in March 1975 he was appointed Finance Officer, Finance Division, the position from which he retired.

Neil and his wife Lesley have moved from their property at Yinnar to a new home in Morwell. They are planning to travel at some stage.

Neil will continue his work as treasurer of the Latrobe Valley Group of Melbourne Legacy.

He was farewelled at an informal function at the Yallourn Hotel.



**JACK PEACOCK**

Jack Peacock and his wife Connie are currently enjoying a six month touring holiday in sunny Queensland.

On returning from Queensland the Peacock's will continue to live in Yallourn North.

Jack retired from the Commission on July 24 after 29 years service.

He began with the SEC in April 1951 as an electrical mechanic with general electrical services in Yallourn working on telephone and radio systems.

In November 1955 Jack was appointed leading hand electrical fitter and then to a temporary foreman in August 1957. He was reclassified an engineering assistant in July 1960 with Transmission Division, Tests and Communications, Yallourn.

He was reclassified to Technical Officer with Radio and Carrier Groups in 1978, the position from which he retired.

At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn North Hotel Jack told a small gathering that he intended to take retirement from day to day and enjoy his hobbies of fishing and travelling. Transmission Engineer Services Allan Scott presented Jack with a wallet and notes on behalf of his workmates.



**EUGENE PRATT**

A keen fisherman and shooter, retired security patrolman Eugene Pratt now has plenty of time to pursue his interests.

Gene retired on August 12 after 29 years service with the Commission. An American, he joined the Commission on May 29, 1951, as a motor driver at Fisherman's Bend.

He transferred to Morwell in the same position on August 10, 1951, and held various appointments at Yallourn and Morwell until he gained the position as patrolman at the Morwell Project on April 4, 1955.

A farewell was held for him at No. 1 Gate patrol office at which workmates presented him with a wallet of notes and a toy pistol as promised. Among the 40 people present were Latrobe Valley Patrol Supervisor Ray Houghton, Morwell Supervisor Hugh Gunn, Yallourn Supervisor John O'Brien, Loy Yang Supervisor Norm Casey.

Gene will continue to live in Morwell with his wife Bobbie.

## CONTACT ... CONTACTS ... CONTACT ... CONTACTS ...

### TO SHARE

House to share in Churchill. 3 bedrooms. \$70 per week. Apply 16 Shaw Street, Churchill, or call Robin Krause on ext. 3564.

### WANTED TO BUY

Quantity of vertical weatherboards and aluminium roofing to suit Newborough SEC house. Contact Colin Nash, telephone 2402. A.H. 27 2118.

### FOR SALE

Viscount 4.8 m x 2.4 m six-berth caravan with floored annexe set up on shaded site in Rosebud Caravan Park. Caravan registered until December 1980. \$2000 ONO. Contact David Drane, Sales Section, Traralgon. Telephone 74 1201.

### FOR SALE

Suzuki TC 90 \$150, Honda XL 100 excellent condition, RWC \$300, Rambler Classic '69 needs some work \$200, twelve string guitar excellent condition \$80 and guitar and amp excellent condition \$220. Contact Dot Prokop ext. 2451.

# ... Boxing ..... Golf ..... Football ..



## KEVIN'S HIS NAME AND BOXING IS HIS GAME

Twenty seven year-old, Morwell open cut fire services operator Kevin Durea, of Churchill, is making a name for himself in amateur boxing.

Kevin who won the Victorian welter-weight title in 1978 was a winning member of a Victorian team which last month defeated Tasmania in the annual "Cascade Cup", in Hobart.

He won his fight on points to help Victoria clinch the title. Kevin, who has been boxing for only two years, is now in training for the Victorian titles in Melbourne at the end of this month.

Trained by well known boxing identity George Ellis of Traralgon, Kevin runs up to 30 kilometres a week and puts in many hours in the gymnasium in preparation for his fights.

Kevin said: "Most blokes either play football, soccer, cricket or tennis for sport. I box and I like it, it is good clean sport.

"Its popularity is booming at present, mainly due to the coverage given to it during the Moscow Olympics."

Kevin's immediate aim is to win the Victorian welter-weight title for the second time.

## Golfers hogging headlines

Commission golfers have been hogging the headlines in the past month.

First, Bob Goldie (Hazelwood Power Station), Terry Jones (Civil Works, Yallourn), Robert Gibson (Drawing Office, Yallourn) and Bob Dykstra (Morwell Workshops) were members of the West Gippsland Country Week team which won the coveted "Age Shield" in Melbourne late last month.

The nine-man team defeated South Gippsland 5-4 in the final at Royal Melbourne Golf Club, to notch up its second consecutive title and the 13th since 1924.

The West Gippsland team has won the title six times in the past decade.

In addition, Terry Jones and Robert Gibson (both Yallourn Golf Club members) took out the individual honors at the Gippsland championships contested at Leongatha.

Terry, the reigning Yallourn Golf Club champion, won both the Gippsland singles championship and the Champion of Champions title.



*Terry (left) and Robert are pictured with their trophies.*

Robert, a member of the Victorian junior team and a division one pennant player for Southern Golf Club, in Melbourne, won the Gippsland junior championship.

Yallourn Golf Club also won the teams' event.

## Yall. Workshops notch up another win

Yallourn Central Workshops comfortably defeated Yallourn 'W' Riggers by 52 points in a social football match on Yallourn No. 2 oval recently.

Final scores were: Yallourn Workshops 17-8-110 points to Yallourn 'W' Riggers 9-9-63.

Although Central Workshops had only 14 players they were too strong and experienced for the Riggers who tried hard all day.

According to a Yallourn Workshops spokesman, the match was well umpired by Garry Benson (Yallourn Workshops).

A successful barbecue was conducted after the match which will become an annual event.

The Workshops are putting their championship title on the line and will take on all challenges . . . next season.



*The big men fly for the football, in the goal square, during the match played on the Yallourn No. 2 oval.*