



CONTACT

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Dust study

The first results of a study of dust levels in various Commission Latrobe Valley works areas are expected to be available within the next few months.

The study, which began in March last year, is designed to clarify the extent of operator exposure to brown coal dust.

So far, the Commission's occupational health team conducting the study has concentrated on measurement of average dust levels in specific works areas.

This sampling will continue until the end of next month to provide measurements over a full year in all operating and weather conditions.

A further stage of the study, involving personal sampling of selected employees, will begin after the results of the static sampling are produced.

The hole truth?

We may not have solved our problem about that mystery hole unearthed last year at Civil Works, Yallourn, but at least we know we have some dedicated Contact readers out there.

After our story appeared in the December issue we received a number of calls from readers offering an explanation.

The consensus of opinion is that it isn't a bomb shelter or fire dam but, in fact, a railway siding off the former main rail line from Moe to Yallourn.

In chasing up the story through Survey, some Civil Works men obtained the original underground obstacles plan which showed the railway cutting marked in the spot unearthed.

However, former Yallourn resident J. W. McMahon, now of Melbourne, suggests it was an ammunition bunker. Other ideas tossed around suggest it was a fish pond or even one of the original guard boxes.



Perimeter road gets the boot

First Yallourn open cut had its "Battle of the Bulge".

Now, it has its very own "Boot Hill"!

Drivers using the open cut perimeter road in the past couple of months have been mystified by the appearance of old discarded safety boots on the white roadside marker posts about 200 metres from the Coal Production maintenance depot.

The boots run for about a kilometre and, as our picture shows, are introduced by a carefully prepared "Boot Hill" sign nailed to a roadside power pole.

No-one seems to know quite how the boots got there, or at least, no-one is saying.

One thing is certain, "Boot Hill" has caused quite a bit of comment and whether they go or stay, that hill seems destined to be known from now on as "Boot Hill".

New look SEC Credit Union

Extensive alterations to the SEC Credit Union Office in Commercial Road Morwell are complete.

The new look office now has an additional 260 square metres on the ground floor.

Manager John Hooper said: "The extensions were carried out so the Credit Union could cope with the greater volume of customers at peak hours and to ensure there is minimal inconvenience for members when carrying out their business."

The old car park at the rear of the Credit Union was taken up by the new extensions.

Included in the attractive alterations are three new staff offices, a lunch room for staff, SEC Credit Union travel consultant office, five teller stations and a larger inquiries desk.

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Cover

COVER: Murray River Canoe Marathon winner Rene Mol pictured training on the Hazelwood Pondage in his practice kayak. His \$2000 Danish-made Klever is reserved for racing and is one of only four in Australia.

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Driffield proposal on display

An extensive information program associated with the proposed Driffield power project is moving into full swing.

The Commission has established a developments inquiry centre and is using a display caravan in a program designed to ensure the public has a thorough understanding of the project proposal.

In a report to the State Government the Commission has proposed the construction of two 2000 MW power stations to be located on a new open cut in the Driffield area. The project involves a major diversion of the Morwell River.

The developments inquiry centre has been set up at 37 Tarwin Street in the heart of the Morwell commercial centre.

Public Liaison Officers Bob Bridle and Peter Leslie are manning the centre daily between 10 am and 3.30 pm. Display material concentrates on the proposed Driffield project — Morwell River diversion but includes information on current Commission developments and the possible siting of future power stations.

The display caravan has visited Latrobe Valley centres which could be affected by a major diversion of the Morwell River.

It provides information on the project location and lay-out. Drawings and aerial photographs have been used to illustrate the proposed river diversion route, possible flood retention storages and soil disposal areas.

Meanwhile, consultants working with the Commission to prepare an environment effects statement for the proposed project have been conducting interviews throughout the Latrobe Valley. Kinhill Planners Pty. Ltd. of Melbourne have met a wide range of Latrobe Valley Organisations and individuals, including representatives of municipalities, business, social welfare and community organisations.

Field studies of the physical and biological environments have been under way in the area since late last year.

The environment effects statement is expected to be completed and available for public comment in the second half of 1981.

The Government has referred the Commission's Driffield power project proposal to the all-party Parliamentary Public Works Committee for a two-stage public inquiry expected to begin in April.

The PPWC inspected the project area and Morwell River diversion route early this month.



New ash pond work under way

Work has begun on the new No. 4 ash pond to serve Morwell and Hazelwood power stations.

Thiess Bros. Pty. Ltd. has been awarded a \$12 million contract for the four million cubic metre ash pond and ancillary works.

Initial earthworks are under way on the pond site between Morwell power station and the Morwell overburden dump.

Thiess Bros. bring ash pond expertise to the Morwell contract, having constructed the Loy Yang ash pond.

Commission people directly involved with the project are project engineer, Rob Stewart, engineer Richard Davies, overseers John O'Garey and Harry Maxwell and foremen Graham Davidson and John Larkin. John O'Garey and Graham Davidson worked on the Loy Yang ash pond.

The new ash pond will incorporate some of its Loy Yang big brother's features.

The contract calls for the placement of 1.2 million cubic metres of fill to form a 20 metre-high 1100 metre-long L-shaped embankment. Sand filters will be built into the embankment to aid stability.

Some fill will be carted from an area south of Morwell overburden dump but the majority will be carted from a borrow area on the western side of Morwell open cut. A special haul road will be constructed.

Ash from Morwell power station will be placed in the pond from June this year. The contract is scheduled to be completed by May next year.

A contract is to be let to dig out the old No. 2 ash pond at Hazelwood to provide additional ashing facilities in the interim period.

Other works included in the Thiess Bros. contract include the construction of overburden run-off treatment works and a carbonation sludge pond. A range of heavy earthmoving equipment — including a huge D10 Caterpillar dozer and scrapers — will be used on the project.

A further contract is to be let for the pipeline to take ash from Hazelwood power station to the new ash pond.

The new ashing system will be connected to the integrated saline waste disposal system which will eventually take saline waste from all Latrobe Valley Commission works areas to Bass Strait.

ABOVE: The D10 dozer working with a scraper on the new ash pond earthworks.

Wider range of food available soon

Commission employees will soon be able to choose from a wider range of food at canteens throughout the Latrobe Valley.

A new chilled meal system is being introduced in the Valley with the first stage involving extensive alterations to the Central Kitchen at Yallourn.

While these alterations are being carried out from the beginning of March to mid-May the kitchen will temporarily operate from the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre in Morwell.

Area Services Officer, John Archibald said a more restricted menu would be available during this period, probably comprising one cold meal, main course and dessert.

"We hope employees will bear with us while this modern, new system is introduced," John said.

The chilled meal system has many advantages over the existing system for those who patronise the midday meal service. A wider range of food will be possible, including grills.

John said the food would better maintain its nutritional value, appearance and palatability by being chilled and rapidly reheated than it does when held constantly at a warm to hot temperature which applies under the present system.

By sending out individually plated meals from the central kitchen, catering staff are assisted in regulating the size of individual serves and standardising presentation.

Rapidly chilled

John said the new system entails meals being cooked and rapidly chilled by a blast chiller to a temperature of four degrees celsius.

Meals will be transported individually plated in the three new refrigerated food transport vehicles to the major canteens eventually including Loy Yang where they will be held in a refrigerated condition until shortly before they are needed.

The meals will be reheated by "Regethermic" ovens or hoods which use dark infra red rays to reheat

the food without further cooking and which can reheat up to 32 plated meals simultaneously.

Specially designed plates, stainless steel covers, and insulated under dishes are a feature of the heating process used with these ovens.

The central kitchen is being altered to house this new equipment and to create a more efficient and modern cooking and servery area.



Pictured working on the modifications to the central kitchen are electrician David Bertoli centre, apprentice electrician David Sheekey right, and acting foreman Joseph Titulaer. Field Services is carrying out all the work.

Dangers listed in new register

Development of a register of dangerous materials in use throughout the Commission is now well advanced.

Personnel Development and Services Department so far has listed about 350 items considered to have the potential to cause adverse health effects to employees using them.

Products which have been listed include paints, protective coatings, thinners, solders, fluxes and electrodes, lubricants, fuels, adhesives,

cleaners, pesticides, solvents, chemicals and gases.

A fact sheet is being prepared for each product, listing information on its composition, flammability and other properties, how it should be stored, what to do in case of spillage, precautions which should be taken, protective equipment required, and first aid procedures.

Departments and regions have been issued with information sheets on those products they indicate they use.



Getting down to some work

The new year has signalled the start of new careers for many young people with the Commission in the Latrobe Valley.

Apprentices, technical trainees, commercial officers, typists and others have joined the Commission in the past two months.

A record 205 apprentices signed on in 17 trades at Yallourn — more than 30 per cent up on the January 1980 intake.

Most of the new starters have been apprenticed to the mechanical trades — 71 fitters and turners, 36 boilermakers, 15 instrument makers and repairers, 12 mechanical machinists, six motor mechanics two copper-smiths and a panel beater. Forty-four apprentices were appointed to the electrical trades and 18 to civil trades.

The intake brought the number of apprentices being trained by the Commission in the Latrobe Valley to more than 850 in a total of 21 trades. The Commission is the Latrobe Valley and Victoria's biggest employer of apprentices.

This year's technical trainee intake also set a new high. Seventy-five trainees were selected from more than 200 applicants from all over Victoria.

Trainees include scientific assistants, draftsmen, survey assistants, communications officers, power plant operators, electrical operation officers and engineering assistants.

BLOW: Typing Services Co-ordinator, June Hayton (fourth from left) with the 1981 typist intake (from left) Carol Cook, Tania Van Tholen, Janice Auchterlonie, Maria Cianci, Gayle Marriott and Lynda Collins.



TOP: Apprentice Training Overseer (Electrical) Michael Meany (second from right) is pictured with first year electrical apprentices (from left) Peter Trembath (Morwell), Peter White (Morwell), Christine Simpson (Newborough) and Robert Hadley (Morwell).

ABOVE: A group of new technical trainees from Newborough (back) Michael Sheldon-Collins, Joanne Parker, Bernadette Broeren, Susan Coupe and Peter Boyes and (front) Bernd Sostak, Darryl Howard, Paul Bowles and Paul Koolen.


**COAL
PRODUCTION**


CONVEYOR BELT LIVES ON

Old conveyor belt never dies . . it just lives on as speedway fencing!

Who would have thought that discarded, damaged conveyor belt would eventually find its way to Rosedale Speedway. But that's the case for 500 metres of steel core scrap conveyor belt obtained through Yallourn Salvage by some enterprising speedway enthusiasts.

Led by Tony Moretti, a Morwell Open Cut shiftworker, they have used the belt to line the speedway fence in place of the existing timber fence.

He said the 20 tonnes of conveyor was transported from Yallourn to Rosedale with the help of a Highland Plant Hire crane and low loader.

"We then spent three months putting it around the fence, testing it out and painting it white in time for the first full race meeting for the season in early December," Tony explained.

The damaged belt measuring just over one metre high is ideal for the speedway fence. It's smooth but strong surface minimises the damage to any car which hits it, whereas the old paling fence could easily be broken and pierce the car or driver.

Wooden fences

Motor bikes will be racing also this year and apparently they don't like wooden fences.

"Apart from Moe Speedway I have never seen the belt used anywhere before. Concrete fencing is used but it is more expensive to erect and is harder on the cars."

Meetings are usually held once a month under lights at Rosedale

Speedway. The remainder of the month is divided between meetings at Bairnsdale, Morwell, Moe, Wattle Park Speedway at Drouin, Dandenong and Peninsula.

Rosedale has 96 members on its books of whom 30 have completed cars including a brand new Chev Monza. They race around the track in 27 seconds completing 25 laps for large race meetings and 8-12 laps for smaller meetings.

Rosedale Speed Association president is Barry Kennedy who works for the APM in Morwell and secretary is Tony's brother Bill Moretti, a transport supervisor with Australia Post.

Tony is pictured (top right) driving a Mini Minor belonging to Claude Ingram from Moe.



Safety record near

Morwell open cut employees are giving their all-time safety record something of a shake.

The 590 staff and wages employees had recorded more than 65 days or 201 500 lost time injury free manhours in January and they are still going strong.

They have some way to go to break the Division's record, set in 1971, when a LTI was not recorded for four months — 292 781 manhours.

Morwell Open Cut Superintendent Bob Lethlean said the effort by all employees towards safety during the past 12 months and in particular those 65 days had been excellent.

\$1000 RICHER

Lionel Briggs, an electrical TA at Yallourn, received an unexpected \$1000 Christmas present through the SEC Suggestion Scheme in December.

Lionel suggested an improved type of train derail alarm stick which will result in less false alarms and which will save money in manufacture, repair and replacement of alarm sticks on rail tracks in the Latrobe Valley open cuts. This much simplified piece of equipment is currently being installed.

He was presented with his cheque by acting Yallourn Coal Production Superintendent Bruce King, in the electrical coal production maintenance workshop. Some 50 workmates attended.



Lionel is pictured (right) with the new and old derail alarm sticks, with Yallourn open cut Assistant Superintendent Bruce King.



ENGINEERING
SERVICES

RETIRED EMPLOYEES FLOCK BACK

More than 70 former Yallourn SEC employees returned to the annual Yallourn Central Workshops Christmas luncheon.

Organised by the CWS Social and Welfare Committee, the luncheon has been conducted for more than 20 years.

Committee secretary/manager Joe Metcalf said this year's function was one of the best attended. Everyone received a free three course lunch and a box of chocolates.

Among those who returned were 88 year-old Bill Auger of Moe (transport workshops) and Sid Benson, 85 of Newborough. The only retired female to return was Pat Grant (stores).



ALL smiles at the retired workmates luncheon are back row: (from left) Jim Goldsmith, (former apprentice annex), Pattie Grant (stores), Ern Bolitho (boilermakers), Fred Jackson (mechanical workshop); front row: Bill Auger (transport workshop) and Syd Benson (boilermakers).



Dozer with a difference

You've all heard of Caterpillar bulldozers and heavy equipment but the Commission has one D8 dozer with a difference.

The dozer has a large two metre yellow caterpillar painted on its three metre wide blade.

Morwell workshops mechanic Wes Pump decided to put a permanent trade mark on the blade.

It's no Jackson Pollock or Rembrandt but it did attract a considerable amount of interest from many workshop employees.

Above: Looking at the Pump masterpiece are (from left) Graham Jones, Wes, and Robert Mann.

Suggestion to Wayne

Yallourn Workshops leading hand fitter Wayne Shaw is \$1000 richer thanks to the Commission's Suggestion Scheme.

Wayne's suggestion was to recondition, coal train trucks draft gear assemblies by welding and machining, giving them a longer life.

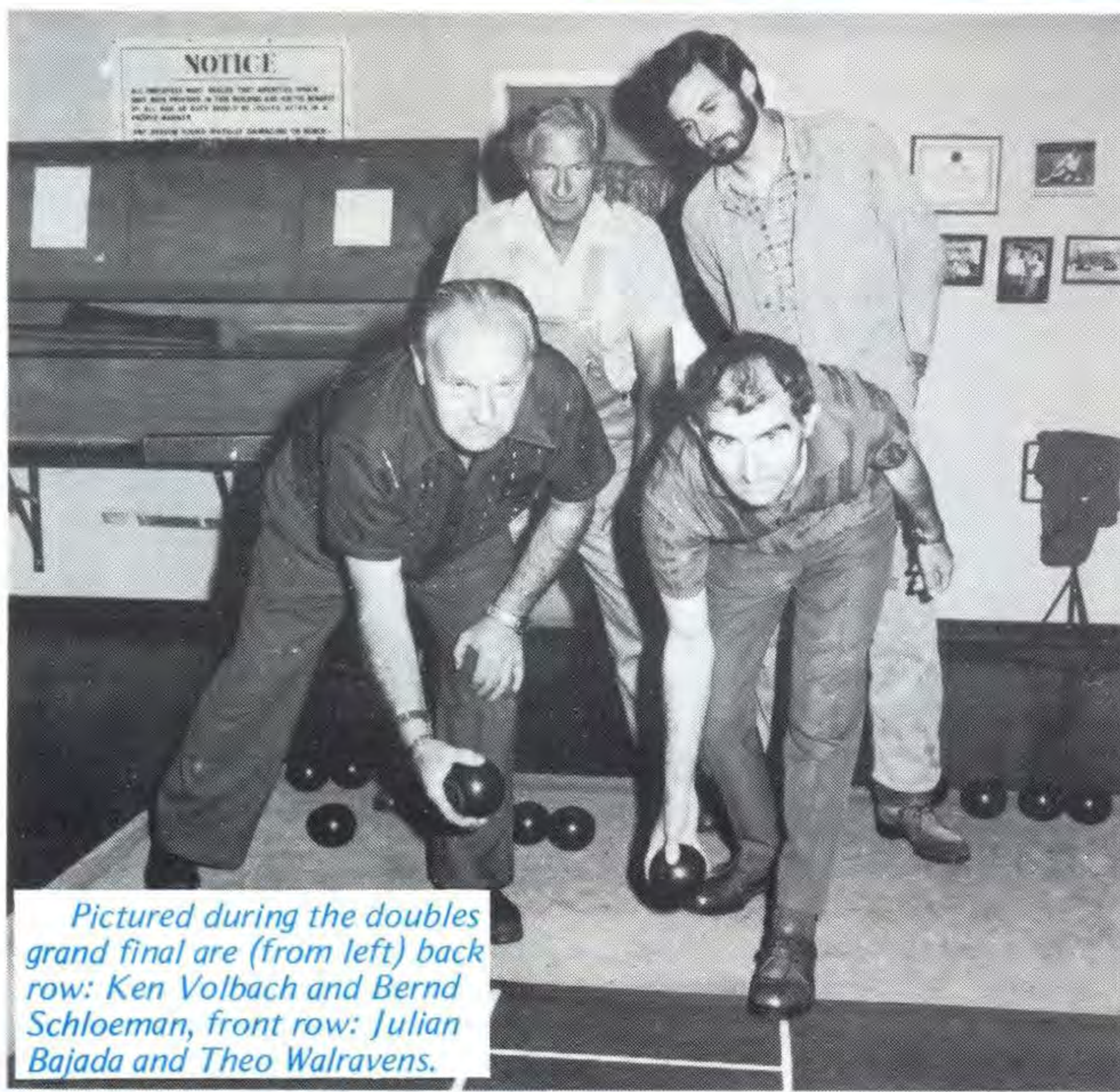
Wayne was presented with his Suggestion Scheme cheque by Yallourn Workshops Superintendent Geoff Fullard at an informal ceremony at Yallourn recently.



Yallourn Workshops Superintendent Geoff Fullard (left) presents the \$1000 suggestion award cheque to a smiling Wayne Shaw (right), while Supervisor Bernie Owers (centre) looks on.



POWER
GENERATION



Pictured during the doubles grand final are (from left) back row: Ken Volbach and Bernd Schloeman, front row: Julian Bajada and Theo Walravens.

Volbach is 'C' station bowls champ

Ken Volbach is the Yallourn power station's 'C' canteen bowls champion following a narrow victory in the annual championships in December.

He defeated Bob Rawlings 14-11 in a high standard final.

The doubles title went to Theo Walravens and Julian Bajada who defeated Ken Volbach and Bernd Schloeman 11-9.

More than 20 entries were received for the popular championship. The titles have been conducted for the past seven years.

Not everybody's cup of tea



Painting a 116 metre high chimney isn't everybody's cup of tea, but for eight Civil Works employees from Hazelwood it was just another job.

The men Ian Samson, Geoff Causon, Robby Burns, Rob Davidson, Eric Duve, Ned Scott, Norm Barnett and Steve Rooney took just three weeks to give the Morwell Briquette and Power Installation's No. 2 chimney three coats.

The final coat is a special grey non-corrosive paint. All chimneys are painted regularly.

Temporary foreman for the job was Jerry Ramselaar.

The next chimney to be painted is No. 4. Work is expected to begin this month and be completed by March.

Record smashing victory

HAZELWOOD power station fitter Rene Mol won his second consecutive Murray River Marathon in December — this time smashing a six year-old record!

Rene won the racing kayak single men's open section in 29 hours, 53 minutes and 48 seconds, smashing almost 16 minutes off the old record set in 1974. It was his fourth 400 km Murray River Marathon.



Rene, 29, beat the second place-getter by 14½ minutes — gaining 15 minutes on him on the last day.

However, it wasn't all smooth paddling for the Churchill canoeist. Early on the second day he put a hole in his 13 kg Danish-made Klever kayak which delayed him by 20 minutes while he taped the hole and swapped kayaks. This forced him to race in his practice craft for 1½ days while repairs were completed.

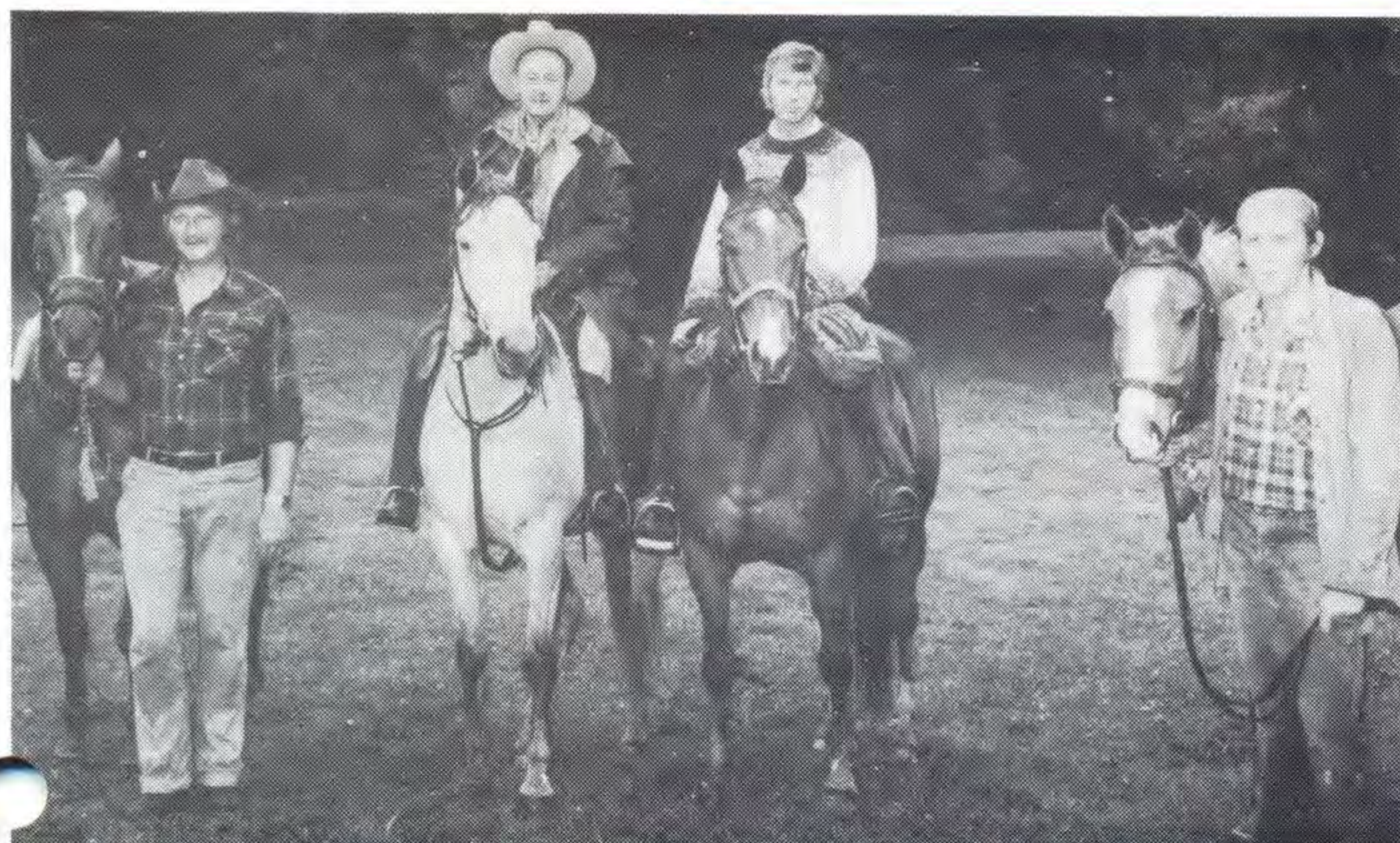
Rene has been in the sport for five years and is the current Victorian long distance kayak champion having won the State title at Cobram in September by 2½ minutes.

He is now training for the Australian titles to be held from Yarrawonga to Cobram in April. If he wins this 70 kilometre race he will be eligible to compete in the world championship in Nottingham, England, in October.

In recognition of his latest triumph Rene was named the December Gippstar. Gippstar is conducted by the Gippsland Times, Latrobe Valley Express, 3TR and GLV8 and is awarded to the top Gippsland sportsman of the month.



TRANSMISSION OPERATIONS



If you enjoy riding horses, Yinnar South Trail Horse Riding Club wants to hear from you.

President Joe Boulton (Hazelwood Terminal Station) says the club has 40 members, many of them Commission employees, and has been operating successfully for more than two years.

Affiliated with the Australian Trail Horse Riding Association, the club is trying to build up its membership. The only pre-requisite for membership is that you must have a horse. There is no age limit and annual membership costs only \$8.

Day rides are organised regularly

to scenic areas throughout the Yinnar South district, each outing taking about six to seven hours. Weekend camp-outs are also planned.

If you are a keen horseman and would like to join the club, contact Joe on extension 5916 or AH 691 638.

Riding club members pictured above before departing on a ride in the Yinnar South Area are, from left, Dennis Clough (Power Generation), Bob Bremner (Transmission Operations), Jack Best (Power Generation), Max Murray (Coal Production) and Joe Boulton (Transmission Ops).

Doug takes a dive in paradise

Two weeks scuba diving in, around and under the clear blue waters of the Queensland Barrier Reef is Doug Mooney's idea of the perfect holiday.

A special class electrician at Morwell, Doug spent the two weeks before Christmas in the northern paradise with members of the Bairnsdale Scuba Diving Club.

It was the second time Doug had been diving on the Barrier Reef.

"I'd do it again any day," says Doug.

A member of the Morwell Scuba Club, Doug has been diving for more than 10 years.

His diving excursion was based around the well known holiday resort Heron Island, however, daily dives were carried out around North Reef, Wilson Island, Wreck Island, Broomfield Reef, One Tree Island, Sykes Reef, Masthead Island, Wistari Reef, Irving Shoals and Polmaise Reef.

Doug said: "Apart from being bitten by a shark near Broomfield Reef, the highlights of the holiday were diving on the wreck of the Cooma, diving alongside a school of huge Manta Rays (four metres in width) and having a 2.5 metre sea-snake swim within a few centimetres of me.

"The beauty of the reef with its colorful coral and wide array of tropical fish is indescribable. You have to see it for yourself.



Doug is pictured all rigged out ready for one of the night dives in which he took part.

Transformer oil fill complete at "W"

Oil filling of units 3 and 4 generator transformers has been completed at Yallourn W station.

Erection sub-contractor T. A. Mellen began the oil filling operation late in November, with each of the four transformers taking 8028 gallons. The oil fill was a gradual 24 hour process with a limited amount of oil being pumped per hour under controlled high vacuum conditions.

SEC engineer on the job, John Keast, explained that the oil fill had to be delayed some days because the transformers can't be opened or exposed to the atmosphere if the humidity exceeds 48 per cent.

He said the major part of the erection program was now complete. The low voltage turret and phase isolated bus boxes have been fitted, along with the low voltage bushings, current transformers and high voltage bushings. The oil fill began after the internal connections were made.

The transformers were manufactured in Edinburgh by transformer contractor Parsons Peebles. The transformers are 20/220 KV and are rated at 222 MVA with an emergency rating of 330 MVA.

T. A. Mellen arrived on site a year ago with a crew of five. The company also had the erection sub-contract for the four Stage 1 transformers at W station.

Cyclists! Be seen, be safe

Pedal power is gaining popularity with Commission employees in the Latrobe Valley.

Rapidly rising petrol prices and increased awareness of the benefits of exercise have given bicycles a new lease on life in the transport stakes.

Employees are riding bikes to and from work and between locations in the works areas.

But it isn't just a matter of jumping on your 10-speed two-wheeler and heading off along the highway.

According to Accident Control Officer Rick Crookes it is essential that increased bicycle traffic is accompanied by a corresponding

"Statistics show that cyclists are the only road users to have a sharply rising accident rate," Rick said.

"Darkness and bad weather can create particularly hazardous conditions for cyclists unless appropriate precautions are taken.

"It has been shown that it is six times more dangerous to ride a push-bike at night than on a fine day, and 30 times more dangerous on a wet night than on a fine day.

"The message we must get across to all cyclists is that it is vital to be seen to be safe.

"With the approaching winter months and the foggy, wet and dark

conditions, it is even more important to take special care.

Rick said there is a range of bicycle safety equipment now available on the market, including cycling helmets and reflective products.

"Equipment available varies in effectiveness but what cyclists must do is ensure they are wearing adequate protective and reflective equipment at all times," he said.

Rick can provide cyclists with information on bicycle safety and the equipment available. He can be contacted on 3737.

A map, compass and a day in the bush

Fancy yourself as an intrepid explorer? Well we've just the activity for you.

Orienteering tests your skills in the wild and at the same time provides a healthy activity for the whole family to enjoy.

The Moe Orienteers formed late last year and attracted more than 100 participants to their first orienteering day held recently.

The club set out three courses at the Edward Hunter-Wirraway Forest Reserves, Moe.

Treasurer Dave Chamberlain, a Commission engineer at Yallourn W Construction, explained the courses ranged from very easy to difficult to cater for both novices and experienced orienteers. Tuition was available for beginners.

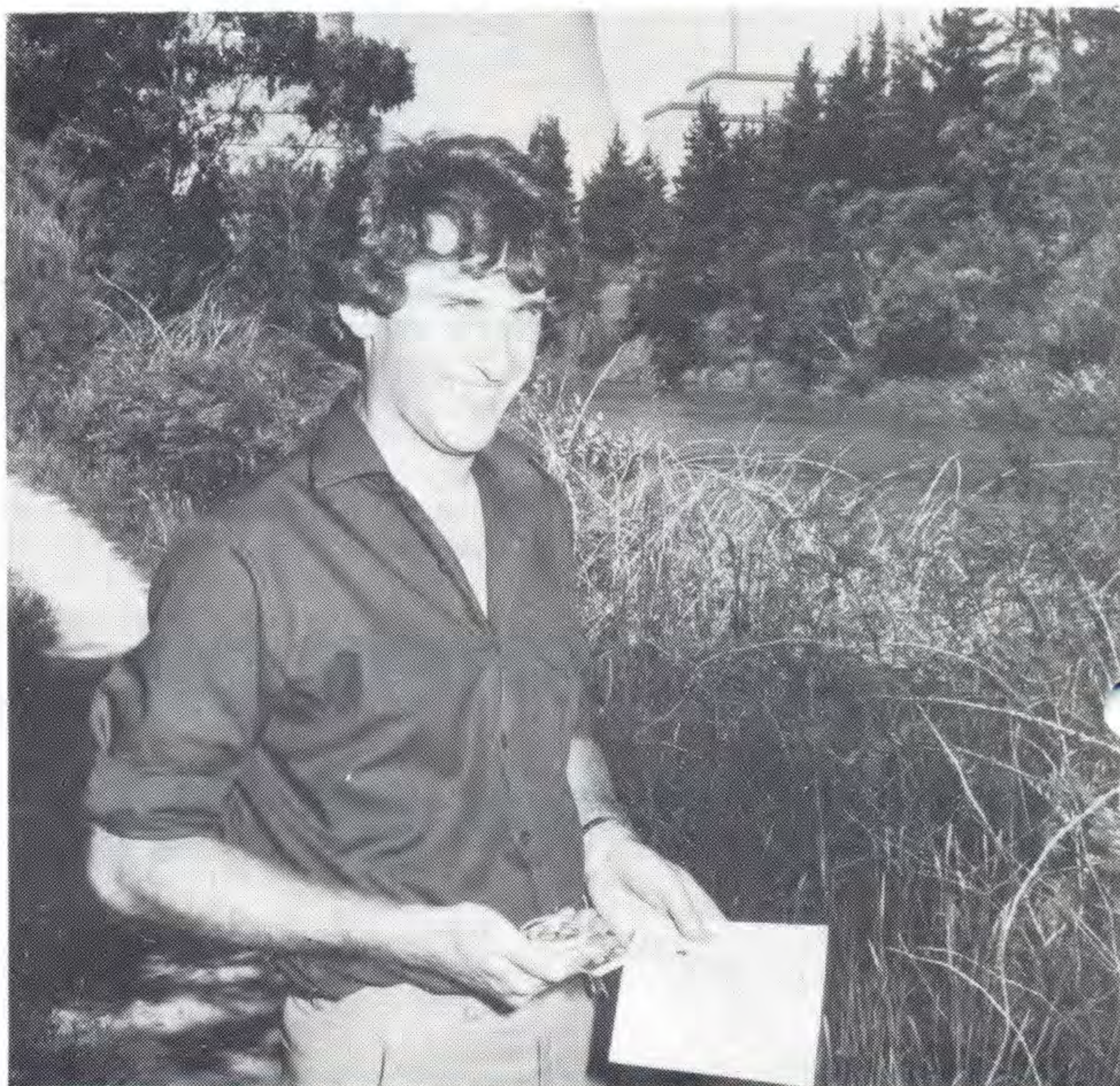
Rally on foot

He described orienteering as a car rally on foot. Participants are given a blank map on which they place the location of the markers laid out on the course.

They must find the markers as quickly as possible using their maps and a compass and when they get there their cards are stamped.

"We placed seven markers on the hardest course. The winner completed it in 36 minutes and the longest time was 1¾ hours, but the main thing was everyone enjoyed themselves."

Dave said people came from as far as Melbourne and all parts of Gippsland and that at least half were in family groups.



Dave is pictured doing some orienteering around the Yallourn Power Station with the aid of his compass and map.

This is the only orienteering club between Dandenong and Bairnsdale and, as well as more club days being planned, in the near future there will be visits to other clubs.

"Our day was held following an initial promotion of the Edward Hunter Reserve by the Moe City Council in August at which orienteering maps were drawn up and used by the 115 participants. The

Moe Orienteering Club was formed from that event," explained Dave.

Other office bearers are president Bob Teasdale, a lecturer at GIAE, vice president Ian Bray, Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Board, and secretary Ros Smith.

There club's 20 members attend monthly meetings at the Moe Indoor Recreation Centre. More members are most welcome and for further details phone Dave on ext. 4141.

Old bomb discovered at Yallourn



Latrobe Valley Patrol Supervisor Ray Houghton (left) and Warrant Officer Phillip Kopievsky inspect the practice mortar bomb.

Excavation work being carried out on the site of the old Yallourn tip has uncovered a 38 year old practice mortar bomb.

Immediately the bomb was found late last month Commission security patrol blocked off the area and notified the Army disposal unit in Melbourne.

Warrant Officer Phillip Kopievsky inspected the old 30 centimetre army green bomb and announced that it was "dead".

The 3.4 kilogram bomb was made in the early 1940s and the army used it extensively for practice in the Yallourn area.

Warrant Officer Kopievsky and his four man unit are called out to at least one bomb alert a day. His advice to anyone finding a suspected bomb is: don't touch it; isolate the area; and then call the police. The police will then contact the disposal unit.



Looking for blood!

They are after your blood.

No, not the vampires, but the local blood banks who are in urgent need of more supplies to cope with increased demand over the busy summer holiday period.

Unfortunately the holidays are the time when more accidents seem to occur.

A number of Commission employees already give blood, including Ron Hart, operator at Hazelwood power station. He is pictured here with Sister Marie Smith from the Latrobe Valley Hospital, Moe.

Nurses come once a month to Hazelwood and other sections of the SEC and would welcome new donors at the sessions.

Loy Yang access road duplication

The second stage of the duplication of Bartons Lane — the main access route into Loy Yang — is now well advanced.

This J. Jeffrey and Sons contract includes the duplication of 1600 metres of Bartons Lane from the main gatehouse through to the first overburden conveyor underpass; widening of the access road from Bartons Lane to car park number four; and the construction of a new access road from car park four to car park six on the eastern end of the A station switchyard bench.

It also includes construction of 1000 metres of 225 mm diameter water main along the switchyard bench and four lines of 200 metre long mild steel pipeline between 700 and 1000 mm in diameter.

Work began simultaneously on the duplication of Bartons Lane and construction of the new road. The contract is expected to take about eight months to complete.

A quarter of a million cubic metres of material is to be removed

from the eastern end of A station switchyard bench of which 60 000 cubic metres will be used as fill in Bartons Lane and 40 000 cubic metres as fill in the switchyard bench area. The remainder will go to spoil.

26 in team

Jeffrey's has 26 men working on the job led by project manager Neil Polwarth and foremen George Linnejar and Leo Noonan. C and A Department engineer is Peter Brown, overseer Len Crozier and foremen Snowy Schrank and Wally Oxley.

Work on this contract marks the third return to Loy Yang for Snowy Schrank. He recommenced on site on January 5 after several months with Civil Construction, Malvern Terminal.

Snowy first worked at Loy Yang from December 1977 to June 1978 on the conveyors in the open cut and again from November 1978 to June 1980 when he worked on the settling pond. At the completion of each contract he returns to Melbourne where he lives with his wife and family.

SERVICE

Commission staff and wages personnel who reached significant service milestones during January and February are included in this register.

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Richard Rye Ian Collins Walter Lennon Bernard Owers		Frank Vogel Allan Gorrie Frederick Bathurst Thomas Robinson George Beulke George Jamieson Charles Pearce Louis Williams	35 YEARS Finance, TRO Hazelwood Power Station Civil, Morwell Yallourn W Power Station Municipal, Yallourn Yallourn W Power Station Yallourn W Power Station Morwell Briquette and Power Coal, Yallourn Yallourn Power Station
William Raymond Russell Pettingill Hugh Moore Douglas Henry		Kelvin Bruce Allan Stepnell	
Alex Marino		John Gallagher Rick Crookes Greg Stuart Matthew Daly	36 YEARS Coal, Yallourn Personnel Coal, Morwell Central Workshops, Yallourn
James McEwan Albert Riches William Mathews		George Botten	37 YEARS Transport Workshops, Yallourn Coal, Yallourn Morwell Briquette and Power Transmission Services
Lancelot King		Robert Baxter Roger McMillan	38 YEARS Management, Coal Production Morwell Briquette and Power Central Workshops, Yallourn
Ian McDonald	32 YEARS Management, Trans- mission Operations LVCC Transmission Operations Management, Power Generation Materials, Morwell Property Headquarters, Coal Coal, Yallourn Yallourn Power Station Coal, Yallourn Transport Workshops, Yallourn	Stanley Brown	
Gavan Edmondson		Jack Embrey	
Don Clark		Arthur Hamilton	
Trevor Simberg Bill Adams John Brown Thomas Knox Douglas Spinner Hector Kennedy Leslie Hibbert		Lawrence Dalgleish	
Keith Taylor Bob Dunlop Arnold Siinmaa Roy Wardley	33 YEARS Loy Yang Coal, Yallourn Coal, Yallourn Morwell Briquette and Power Yallourn Power Station Coal, Yallourn Coal, Yallourn	Russell Humphries	39 YEARS Transport Workshops, Yallourn Electrical Services, Morwell Yallourn Power Station
Thomas McKendry Stasys Petrauskas Juozas Sestokas		Walter Andrews	40 YEARS Services Electrical Workshops, Yallourn Finance Coal, Morwell
Laurie Shipp	34 YEARS Morwell Briquette and Power Survey, Yallourn Yallourn Power Station	Brian Downey	41 YEARS Management, Transport Operations
Allan Jenner William Martin		John Watt Rex Frost	
		Max Madden Thomas O'Neill	
		Arthur Brogan	

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Sydney Squires	Hazelwood Power Station	Charles Manicola	Electrical Workshops, Morwell
Bert Forbes	42 YEARS Central Workshops, Morwell	Arthur Oxley	35 YEARS Management, Electrical Services Transportation Yallourn Power Station Morwell Briquette and Power
Cecil Metcalf	43 YEARS Central Workshops, Yallourn	Cecil Smith John Scully Bryan Moore	
Kevin Watts	44 YEARS Central Workshops, Yallourn	Jack Orr	36 YEARS Management, Power Generation Management, Coal Production Central Workshops, Yallourn
John Irving	Morwell Briquette and Power	Murray Merae	
		James Sagar	
Edward Jonston	32 YEARS Transport Workshops, Yallourn Central Workshops, Yallourn Yallourn Power Station Hazelwood Power Station Yallourn Power Station Generation Services, Yallourn Morwell Briquette and Power Yallourn Open Cut Transmission Services Morwell Open Cut Yallourn W Power Station Headquarters, Coal Production Survey, Morwell	Ian Hamilton Alan Daff Lawrence Porter William Johnson	37 YEARS Drafting Yallourn W Power Station Morwell Workshops Yallourn Open Cut
Leo Donovan		William Robinson	38 YEARS Accounting
Harold Stevens Trevor Whitmore Eric Hornsby Robert Young		Richard Sagar	39 YEARS Morwell Briquette and Power Yallourn W Power Station Morwell Open Cut Public Relations Civil Works, Morwell Yallourn Workshops, Yallourn Yallourn Open Cut
Stan Sowa		Les Kite Jacky Weir Kevin Noy James Dyer Edward Gannon	41 YEARS Central Workshops, Yallourn Management, Power Generation Mechanical Services
'Silver' Sabrinskas Charles Wells Bruce Johnstone William McKendry Bruce Akers		Leslie Potter	
Brian Hill	33 YEARS Investigation, Coal Production Morwell Briquette and Power Yallourn W Power Station Management, Area Administration Materials, Yallourn	Norman Spittall	
Christopher Laird		William Crossman	
Richard Hewat		Alan Walton	
Gold Young Jack Huxtable		McDonnell	42 YEARS Industrial Relations
Colin Glen		Alan Hemming	43 YEARS Morwell Briquette and Power
Cyril Morellato	34 YEARS Morwell Briquette and Power Central Workshops, Yallourn Yallourn Open Cut Yallourn Power Station Municipal Workshops, Morwell Municipal Workshops, Morwell Central Workshops, Morwell Yallourn Open Cut Central Workshops, Morwell	James Coyle	44 YEARS Central Workshops, Yallourn Municipal Workshops, Yallourn
Noel Church		Keith Lawrence	
Eric Hanson Stan Wright Geoff Hanson		Walter Melbourne	45 YEARS Services, Yallourn
Robert Meredith		Alex Howlett	49 YEARS Morwell Briquette and Power
Norman Boys			
Norman Harwood Robert Cole			

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GORDON COOK

Gordon Cook will have more time to spend on his interesting hobby of restoring vintage horse carriages following his retirement after 28 years service.

Gordon began with Construction, Yallourn, in March 1953 and was employed as a carpenter for most of the period up to January 1967 when he was appointed patrolman, Latrobe Valley, the position from which he retired.

At his farewell held at the Morwell patrol office, Gordon was presented with a pair of electrician's wire cutters and a wallet of notes by Morwell patrol supervisor, Hugh Gunn.

Gordon and his wife will continue to live in Yallourn North.

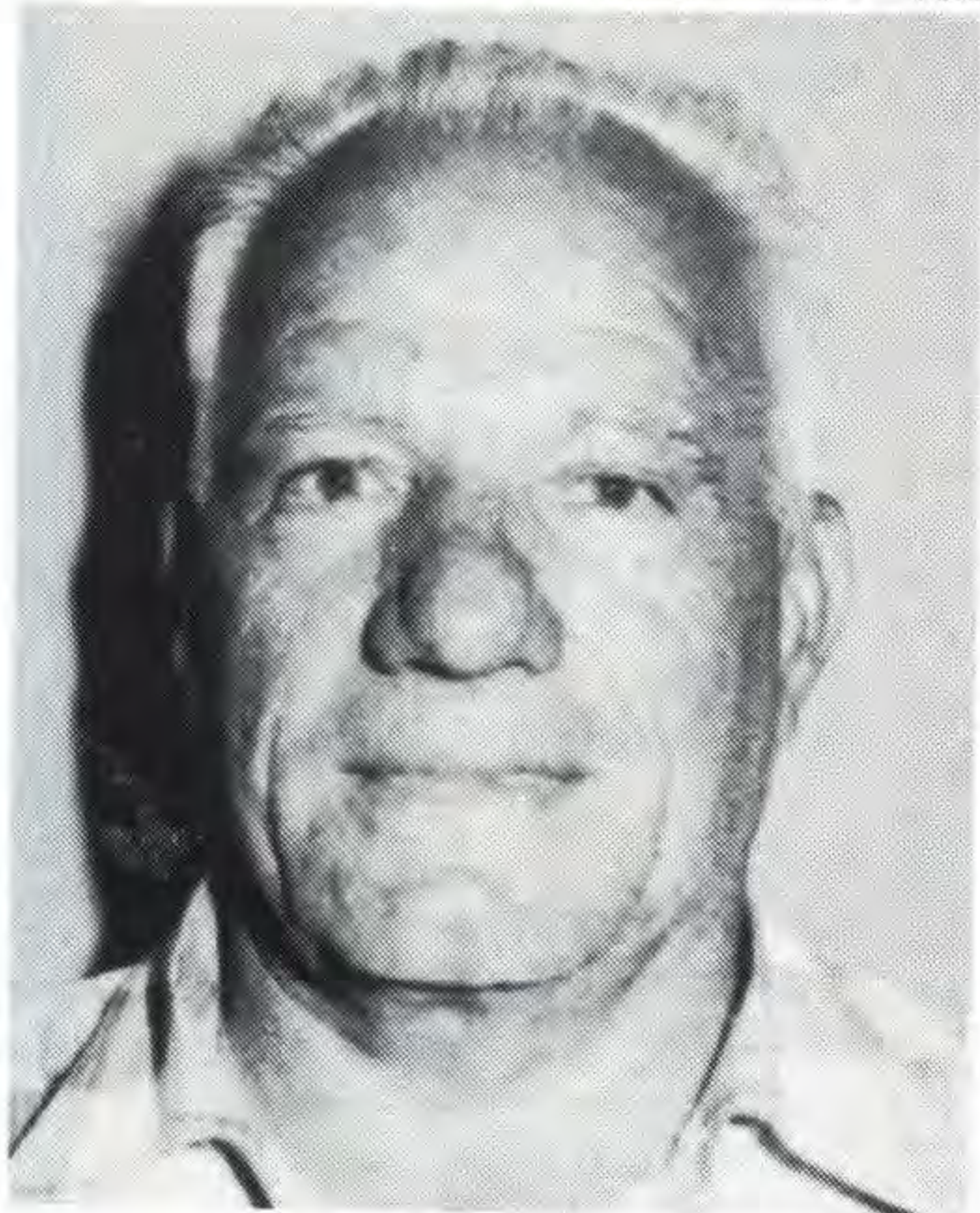


ALBERT BIGGS

Gardening and travelling will take up much of Albert Biggs' time following his retirement after 22 years' service.

Albert joined in August, 1958, as an assistant operator, Electrical Operations, Yallourn. In February, 1959, he was reclassified to operator grade 1B, to operator grade 2 in February, 1961, and in March, 1964, to operator grade 3. In September, 1965, he was seconded to Transformation and Hydro, Head Office, and spent 12 months as works operations officer with the Snowy Mountain Council.

On completion of this secondment Albert returned to Electrical Division where he was reclassified to an electrical operator grade 4 in March, 1969. In March, 1970, he was transferred to Power Division as a technical services officer grade 3 at Hazelwood Power Station and was reclassified to a technical services officer grade 4 in September, 1971. He was reclassified technical services officer grade 5 in February, 1979, the position from which he retired.



DIMOS AUGOUSTI

Dimos Augousti retired in January after seven and a half years as a trades assistant with the electrical section, Morwell open cut.

A farewell was held in the coal production maintenance canteen at which Dimos was presented with two travelling cases.

Dimos began with the Commission in 1972 as a trades assistant with day maintenance and for the past 5½ years worked in shift relief.

He will holiday in Sydney and later in the year enjoy a trip back home to Europe.



ARTHUR ROBBINS

Following his retirement after 21 years service Arthur Robbins will continue to live in Boolarra where he will concentrate on his involvement with the Boolarra Bowling Club.

Arthur joined the Commission in February 1960 as a cleaner at the Morwell Briquette Factory and soon after was reclassified to coal conveyor attendant. He then progressed through the shift positions of dry coal conveyor attendant, assistant steam plant attendant and steam plant attendant.

In August 1975 he was reclassified to operator grade 4, Operations, the position from which he retired.

WANTED

One or two girls to share house or flat in Morwell. Contact Virginia Thompson, Computer Services, extension 3674 or 22 1536.

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JACK BRADBURY

After 33 years' service Jack Bradbury is retiring to Paynesville where he will pursue his fishing and boating interests.

About 50 of his workmates attended a farewell at the Yallourn Civil Works Depot canteen. Acting Civil Works Engineer Barry Bickel presented Jack with a wallet of notes.

Jack joined in August 1947 as a carpenter with construction, Yallourn. In April 1951 he was reclassified as leading hand carpenter and in August 1958 was transferred to Municipal, Yallourn, where he progressed to leading hand carpenter, the position from which he retired.



JOHN O'BRIEN

An orbital sander and wallet of notes were presented to John O'Brien by Yallourn Patrol Supervisor Dick Gray in appreciation of his 30 years' service.

John's retirement farewell was attended by 20 workmates in the Yallourn patrol office.

John began with the Commission in October 1950 as a carpenter with Construction, Yallourn, and was promoted to leading hand carpenter in June 1955. In December that year he was appointed patrolman, gaining promotion to patrol supervisor, grade 1 in October 1969 and then being reclassified in January 1973 to patrol supervisor grade 2, the position from which he retired.



NORM MAXFIELD

Transport Engineer Peter Elliott presented Norm Maxfield with a wallet of notes at a farewell attended by 70 of his workmates.

Norm began with the Commission in July 1941 as a metal trades laborer at Yallourn. After service in the Australian Military Forces he rejoined the Commission in July 1946 as a motor mechanic, Plant Repair Section, Yallourn.

He progressed through the trade classifications to leading hand-in-charge, motor mechanic, on January 21, 1952. From October 1971 to December 1976 he served in different temporary staff positions and in January 1977 was appointed foreman, Transport Workshops Group, Engineering Services, the position from which he retired.

CONTACTS

FOR SALE

Four Hella QI headlights 5.75" 12v, 2 are 60/55 watts and 2 are 55 watts, new \$100. Sell \$60. G. Steer extension 34 87.

Two single bookend beds (one with light). No mattress. Could pass as pair. Good condition. \$40 the lot ONO. Contact Phil Watts LV 3535.

1975 Mazda 929 station wagon. Yellow. Good condition. 92 000 km. \$3800 ONO. Phone L. Caldow, ext. 5328, after hours 056 34 2236.

Jeeralang Junction. Solid log cabin home on 1 ha (2.5 acres). Five minutes from Churchill. House is eight months old. Insulated ceiling, beaten copper colonial fireplace and polished timber floor. Pine-lined throughout with cathedral-type ceiling. Large lounge/dining, kitchen/family, 3 bedrooms all BIRS. All electric with 11 000 gallons tank water (town supply available within 12 months). Land is slightly timbered and undeveloped with lovely outlook. Price \$56 500 ONO. Phone Graham Kipp, Monash House extension 3165. AH 03 878 0267.

Two-bedroom holiday cottage at Eagle Point. \$20 000. To let \$50 per week. Phone 27 2573.



WANTED TO BUY

Two wheels (rims only) to suit Series 2A Landrover. 1 each wheel to suit short wheelbase and 1 each wheel to suit long wheelbase. Contact Frank Carter 4190, after hours 27 1005.

Two doors to suit 1971 LC Torana 6 — driver's front and rear. Contact Colin Nash 2402 or 27 2118.

Wheel (rim only) to suit LWB Landrover. Also Holden motor 202. Contact Frank Carter 4190 or 27 1005.

Private collector wishes to purchase 1923 Australian half-penny in fine or better condition. Top price paid. Contact Frank O'Donnell ext. 3461. AH 67 1494.

Phil wins 1980 Yallourn pool title

PHIL Wilshire is the Yallourn Main Office Social Club's pool champion for 1981.

He won the title after defeating Les Rozvaczy in the grand final on January 14.

Phil comfortably won the final by three games to nil.

More than 40 entries were received for the successful tournament conducted in the Drawing Office canteen.

Yallourn Main office Social Club President Harold Bridge (left) presents Phil Wilshire with the winners prize.



Eyre performs well in N.Z.

Little aths have grabbed a lot of the sporting limelight in recent years.

Now those athletes at the other end of the age spectrum have had

a chance to demonstrate their ability at the World Veteran's Track and Field Championships held in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Competitors, whose ages ranged from 40 years to 75 plus, included

our own John Eyre, a metallurgist at Yallourn.

John was in Christchurch for the games from January 7 to January 14, competing on four of those days.

He ran in the 45-49 age group 800 metres and finished 7th in a field of 56 starters. He also competed in the 1500 metres.

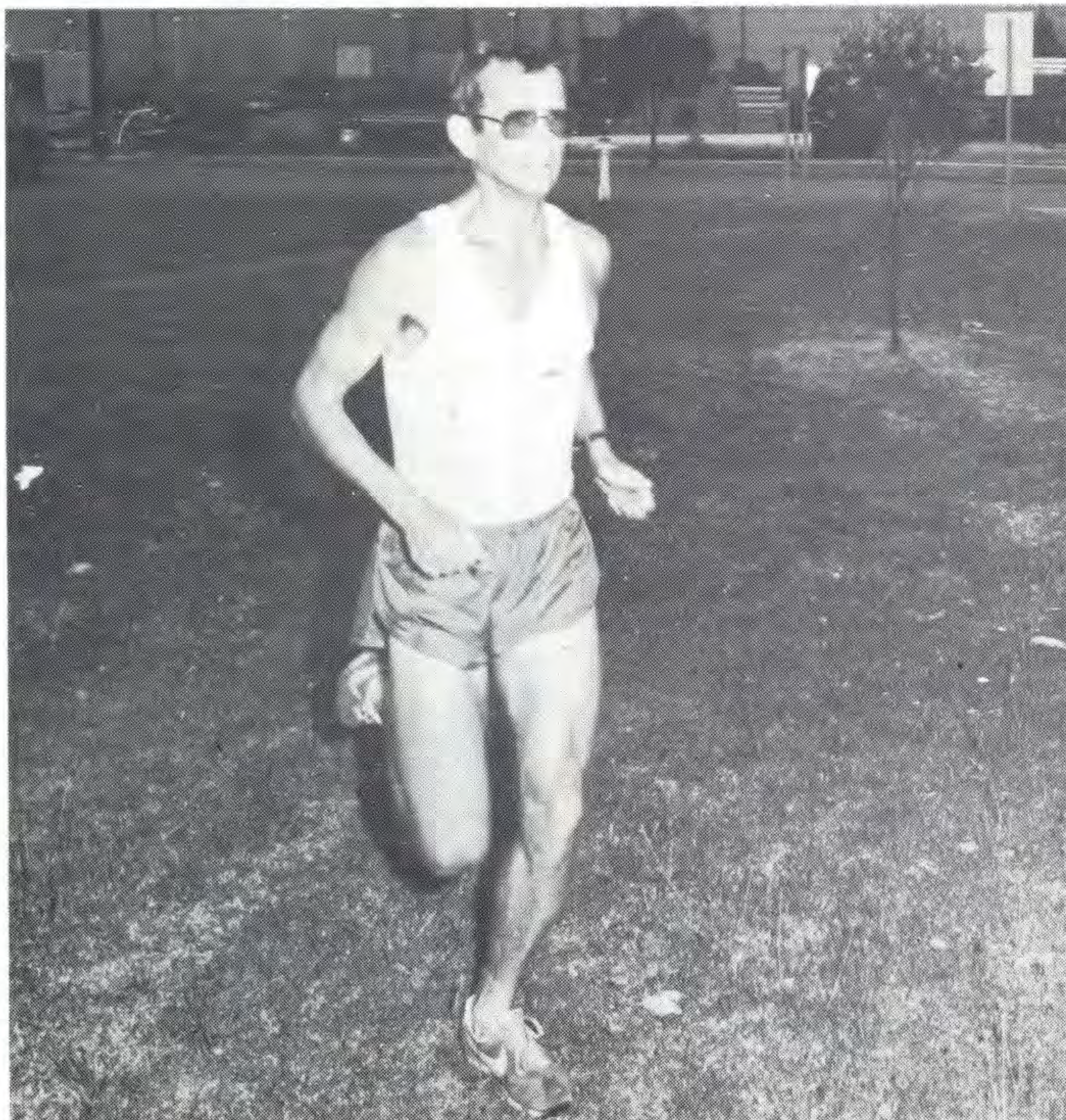
"My time in the 800 metres was equivalent on an age adjusted basis to my best ever performance," said John proudly.

He said this was the fourth bi-annual championship and that it attracted some 3000 professional and amateur veterans from all over the world — among them 500 Aussies. Puerto Rico is the venue for the next championships.

While in Christchurch John and many of the other competitors stayed at the University of Canterbury where they enjoyed the recreational facilities made available by the university union.

John is no stranger to Christchurch — every second year he goes speed-skating there on a frozen lake near Christchurch.

To keep in training for his sporting interests he runs an hour a day around Newborough. He has been an amateur runner for 25 years and is a member of the Yallourn/Newborough Amateur Athletic Club.



He is pictured left on a training run.